

METRICH raids suspected meth lab

Members of the METRICH Enforcement unit located several ingredients used to manufacture methamphetamine during a raid Wednesday morning at 173 1/2 Gordon Place during a search of the residence. One arrest was made.

METRICH searched the residence at 12:45 a.m. Wednesday with the assistance of ASORT, the Richland County Sheriff's Office and the Mansfield Fire. Some of the items collected from the scene were disposed at the hazmat facility in Canton, Ohio, according to the police report. Other evidence was submitted to the Mansfield Police Department Crime Lab.

During the search detectives located several ingredients commonly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine: containers of liquid used from the one pot/shake and bake methamphetamine cook, rubber tubing, aluminum foil, lithium battery packs and decongestant packages.

Police arrested Wayne Vance, 41, at the address. He was charged with illegal assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, a felony of the third degree; and illegal manufacture of drugs, a felony of the second degree, and taken to the Richland County Jail, according to the police report.

Vance was sentenced last year to two years probation and a \$1,250 fine for breaking and entering and possessing criminal tools, according to felony records from Richland County Common Pleas Court published in the News Journal in October 2013.

In September of 2013, Vance and another suspect were featured in the News Journal after he and another breaking and entering suspect injured their foreheads when they struck a steel I-beam while attempting to jump into a hole in a crawl space at a Park Avenue East business and flee from authorities, according to a Mansfield police report.

In last year's incident, Vance, 40, and Timothy J. Sadzewicz, 40, were arrested on felony warrants and charged with breaking and entering, according to the police and sheriff's reports. The men apparently were attempting to strip wiring from various electrical boxes, according to authorities.

Wednesday, methamphetamine specialists Mansfield police Det. Perry Wheeler, Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Nicholson and technician Shelby police Det. Aaron Bushey processed the lab.

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METRICH Enforcement Unit with the assistance of various other agencies, located several ingredients commonly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine at 173 1/2 Gordon Place Tuesday night.