



November 1

Mysterious Pill Found in Candy Bag in St. Clairsville

BELMONT COUNTY, OH - One parent in Belmont County has questions after finding a mysterious pill in her child's Halloween candy. A mother went to the St. Clairsville Police Department on Thursday morning, saying she found a black pill capsule in her 7-year-old's Halloween candy bag. She says they were trick-or-treating on North Sugar Street after the laundry mat, then on Belleview Street and Overbaugh Avenue. The pill was not in the candy, just the bottom of the bag. The pill is going to be turned over to BCI to investigate. The investigation could take weeks, but in the meantime, police want to warn the public to check their candy thoroughly.

November 4

New Martinsville Burglary Suspect in Custody

NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV - New Martinsville Police have arrested a suspect they say could be responsible for a series of commercial burglaries in the area. Brian Wade, 55, New Martinsville, was taken into custody around 5:00a.m. Sunday morning. Police Chief, Tim Cecil said he was patrolling the area when he spotted a vehicle matching the description of Wade's near Nationwide Insurance in New Martinsville. When Cecil approached the building, he said he saw Wade rummaging through the cash register inside. Wade allegedly ran off through the back of the building, leading police on a foot chase for several blocks until he was apprehended and taken into police custody. The suspect was charged with burglary but police say those charges will more than likely stack up once they account for the other places he has allegedly burglarized. Police say Wade has an MO for breaking into tire shops, insurance companies, anywhere that could assumingly have a petty cash drawer. Wade is suspected of burglary in multiple areas across the Ohio Valley including St. Mary's, Wetzel County and possibly Monroe County.

November 5

Man Still on Loose From Marshall County Pursuit Marshall County, WV - Saturday night the Sheriff's Office and Moundsville Police were involved in a pursuit after they received a reckless driving call. The chase started as a traffic stop but the vehicle took off and started swerving in and out of traffic. The driver eventually wrecked on Irish Ridge and the driver, Nathan Anderson, 21, of Cameron, escaped on foot. There were three people in the car. Skylar Stanley, 21, of Cameron was arrested on possession of Crystal Meth. Police are urging the driver to turn himself in.

UPDATE: Nathan Anderson, 21 of Cameron, turned himself in to Moundsville Police and is now in custody, Police Chief Tom Mitchell says.

November 5

Five Arrested After Altercation in Martins Ferry MARTINS FERRY, OH - Five people were arrested Friday night into Saturday afternoon in Martins Ferry. Chief John McFarland says an incident took place on Terrace Street that turned dangerous.

"Two males were in possession, one with a knife, one with a brick, an altercation occurred, one guy took off running trying to avoid it, the one guy with a knife threw the knife at him attempting to hit him with it," McFarland said. "As a result, we took five people into custody." Arrested were Isaac LeMasters Jr., Austin LeMasters and Tina Smith, of Salineville, Ashley Lindsay of Toronto, and Austin Humes of Wheeling. All but Austin LeMasters face disorderly conduct charges. He faces a felonious assault charge.

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Hitchhikers Allegedly Turn to Violence in Martins Ferry

BELMONT COUNTY, OH - Two women were allegedly kidnapped at gunpoint in Belmont County. It started in Dillonvale and crossed over into Martins Ferry. Police said the women picked up two hitchhikers and took them to McDonald's in Martins Ferry, but it did not end there. Once they reached the restaurant, Chief John McFarland says the hitchhikers had another request --to take them to a relative's house. "The male hitchhiker grabbed the female driver from the backseat and put a handgun to her head, ordered her to drive a little bit further," McFarland said. "Once they got to a dark, secluded area, they made the two females exit the vehicle, opened up the trunk, put both of them inside the trunk." McFarland says the hitchhikers then took control of the vehicle, driving a short distance and then stopping. And then the victims in the trunk took action. "After a period of time, where they didn't hear them, noticed the car wasn't running, they hit the emergency release button from inside the trunk, they got out and fled and notified authorities," McFarland said. The victims are safe and doing OK. Meanwhile, the alleged hitchhikers were found near Pacoma Road - 23-year-old Jordan Baker of Indianapolis, Ind., and 29-year-old Tia Benson of Steubenville. They face abduction, kidnapping, robbery, theft and aggravated robbery charges. Baker and Benson are in the Belmont County Jail.

November 7

Man Arrested After Wheeling Drug Bust WHEELING, WV - One man was arrested after the Wheeling Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence in East Wheeling. The WPD's SWAT Team and Drug Task Force entered the residence on 16th Street and found evidence of methamphetamine inside. Randy Lee Donahue, Jr., 37 of Wheeling, was arrested and will face charges of possession with intent to deliver. Donahue will also be charged with possession of a firearm as a felon due to prior convictions.

UPDATE: A second person has been arrested in connection to a drug raid on 16th Street in East Wheeling on Wednesday. 21-year-old Lauren Hedges has been charged with possession with intent deliver, operating a drug lab and drug involved premises. Hedges was also wanted on a warrant out of Berkeley County.

November 8

Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of Drugs, Firearms, Cash

BELLAIRE, OH - Two people were arrested Wednesday after officers discovered drugs, guns, and cash during a traffic stop in Bellaire. After stopping the vehicle in the area of 41st Street, a deputy sheriff conducted an investigation into the vehicle and its occupants. A discovery of drugs and guns led to the arrest of both occupants, and led deputies to a motel. At the motel, another gun was recovered, as well as drug paraphernalia. Brandon Warren, 27, and Michelle Randall, 25, were both arrested and will face multiple gun and drug charges. Both suspects are from Bellaire.

November 9

Wheeling Man Gets Jail Time for Wire Fraud

WHEELING, WV - A Wheeling man was sentenced Thursday after he pled guilty to one count of wire fraud in July. Eugene Robert LeClear, 47 of Wheeling, was sentenced today to 30 months incarceration. He was also ordered to pay \$130,405 in restitution for the victims. LeClear admitted to defrauding others out of more than \$100,000 over a 17-month period from 2016 to 2017.

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FDA

November 2 - Nutrisca Issues Recall of Dry Dog Food Due to Elevated Levels of Vitamin D Nutrisca, of Saint Louis, Missouri is voluntarily recalling one formula of Nutrisca® dry dog food (described below) due to it containing elevated levels of vitamin D. 4 lbs Nutrisca® Chicken and Chickpea Dry Dog Food Bag UPC: 8-84244-12495-7 15 lbs Nutrisca® Chicken and Chickpea Dry Dog Food Bag UPC: 8-84244-12795-8

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Bags affected have a Best By Date code of February 25, 2020 through September 13, 2020. The Best By Date code can be found on the back or bottom of each bag. The products were distributed to retail stores nationwide. Nutrisca became aware of the elevated levels of vitamin D after receiving complaints from three pet owners of vitamin D toxicity after consuming the product. An investigation revealed a formulation error led to the elevated vitamin D in the product. Consumers should stop feeding the products listed above. Dogs ingesting elevated levels of Vitamin D may exhibit symptoms such as vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, excessive drooling, and weight loss. Vitamin D when consumed at very high levels can lead to serious health issues in dogs including renal dysfunction. Consumers with dogs who have consumed any of the products listed above and are exhibiting these symptoms, should contact their veterinarian.

November 2 - Frito-Lay Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in Select Smartfood Delight Sea Salt Flavored Popcorn - Frito-Lay announced a voluntary recall of select 1/2 oz. bags of Smartfood Delight Sea Salt Flavored popcorn because they were inadvertently filled with cheese flavored tortilla chips that contain undeclared milk ingredients. The recalled bags were sold only in the two variety packs listed below. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume the product contained inside the recalled Smartfood Delight Sea Salt Flavored popcorn bags. The recalled products are: **16 count Smartfood Delight Variety Pack Sack** - "use by" dates of 4 Dec 2018 or 18 Dec 2018, and 11-digit manufacturing code that will include the letter combination AM in the second and third position). **16 count Crunch & Pop Mix Variety Pack Sack** - "use by" dates of 18 Dec 2018 or 1 Jan 2019, and 11-digit manufacturing code that will include the letter combination AM in the 2nd and 3rd position.

November 5 - Duncan Hines Classic White, Classic Butter Golden, Signature Confetti and Classic Yellow Cake Mixes Recalled Due to Potential Presence of Salmonella

Conagra Brands is collaborating with health officials in connection with a positive finding of Salmonella in a retail sample of Duncan Hines Classic White cake mix that may be linked to a Salmonella outbreak that is currently being investigated by CDC and FDA. While it has not been definitively concluded that this product is linked to the outbreak and the investigation is still ongoing, Conagra has decided to voluntarily recall the specific Duncan Hines variety identified (Classic White) and three other varieties (Classic Butter Golden, Signature Confetti and Classic Yellow) made during the same time period out of an abundance of caution. Five occurrences of illnesses due to Salmonella are being researched by CDC and FDA as part of this investigation. Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

CPSC

November 1 - Black & Decker Recalls Hammer Drills Due to Injury Hazard

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., of Towson, Md., today announced a voluntary recall of Black & Decker, Bostitch and Porter-Cable Hammer Drills and Drill Driver. The side handle sold with the drill can slip or break, leading to a loss of control of the tool, posing an injury hazard.

November 1 - Pain Relief Naturally Recalls Pain and Itch Relief Creams, Sprays and Gels Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Closure Requirement; Risk of Poisoning

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Ridge Properties, DBA Pain Relief Naturally, of Salem, Ore., today announced a voluntary recall of Numbify, Extra Strength Numbify, Pre-TAT Tattoo, Superior Pain & Itch Relief & Soothing Sore Relief creams, sprays and gels

The packaging is not child resistant as required by the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The pain and itch relief creams, sprays and gels contain lidocaine, posing a risk of poisoning to young children if they put it on their skin or ingest it.

November 8 - A. O. Smith Recalls 30-Gallon Gas Water Heaters Due to Fire Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Lowe's - The US Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with A. O. Smith Corp., of Milwaukee, Wis., today announced a voluntary recall of A. O. Smith 30 gallon gas water heaters with model number G6-UT3030N. The water heater's flame arrestor can fail to work properly, posing a fire hazard.