



January 2 Man Allegedly Beaten With a Rock in East Wheeling; Suspect Arrested

WHEELING, WV - A Wheeling man spent the first night of 2019 in jail after police responded to a report of a fight with a weapon. According to Wheeling police, officers were dispatched around 8 p.m. on Tuesday to 15th St. in East Wheeling. Upon arrival, they found a person injured on the street, who reportedly stated that another man had beaten him with a rock before fleeing. Police say the victim required medical attention. Not long after speaking with the victim, the officers located and arrested the suspect. Thomas Edward Kenny, 58 of Wheeling, was brought into custody and charged with one count of malicious assault. He was taken to the NRJ, and is awaiting arraignment.

January 2 Weirton PD Asking for Help Identifying Robbery Suspect

WEIRTON, WV - Weirton police are asking for help in identifying a suspect in a series of robberies over the past several weeks. The robberies have mainly occurred in the Colliers and Marland Heights areas. The suspect appears to arrive on foot, and has been caught on several private surveillance cameras getting into unlocked vehicles on the street and in driveways. Officials believe the suspect to be a white male but are unsure. The Weirton Police Department reminds people to lock their cars and remove valuables from vehicles. If you have any information, you're asked to call the Weirton PD at 304-797-8555 or our anonymous Crime Busters tipline at 1-800-862-BUST.

January 3 Belmont County Child Porn Suspect and Wife Are Indicted by Grand Jury

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH - Here are new details on what Belmont County officials are calling an unprecedented case of child pornography. The Flushing, Ohio, parents who allegedly took their two small children away and hid with them for a month, have been indicted by the Belmont County Grand Jury. Officials say Wesley Burdge, the father, is indicted on two counts of pandering child pornography and two counts of possession of child pornography. If convicted, he could face 18 years in prison. The mother, Tabitha Gallagher, is indicted on one count of obstructing justice. She could get three years behind bars. The prosecutor says the sheer volume of alleged pornographic images found in their home was staggering. "The computers themselves had two or three hard drives that we had to send to BCI to take a look at," said Belmont County Prosecutor Dan Fry. "They have two to three terabytes of information on there. Now they've indicated to us that the volume that we've given them to look at in this one case is essentially what they look at in any given year. That's how much information we have for them to go through." Tabitha Gallagher and Wesley Burdge are in the Belmont County Jail. And so is another man who lived with them -- John Garwon. Garwon is also charged the pandering child porn, but additionally charged with the rape of a child. And Prosecutor Dan Fry says Burdge could also face a rape charge, as the investigation progresses.

January 6 Marshall County: Man Arrested in Drug Raid, 14yr Old Son Tests Positive for Drugs

MARSHALL COUNTY, WV - A Marshall County man is facing multiple charges after the home where he was staying, was raided by police, Friday. According to police, 41-year-old Robert Suarez was arrested for possession and child endangerment after police discovered meth and other drugs inside the home. Suarez has a 14-year-old son who was inside the home. Police say his son tested positive for meth. The boy was taken to Lincoln Juvenile Center. Robert Suarez is currently being housed at the Northern Regional Jail on 15 thousand dollar bond. Police say, other arrests were made during the raid as well: Including the home owner, a female who has not been identified.

January 7 Police Respond to Domestic Call, Discover 83 Marijuana Plants in Neighbor's House

WHEELING, WV - Wheeling Police discovered 83 marijuana plants at a Wheeling home after responding to a possible domestic call at a neighbor's home on Pierce Street in Wheeling. After clearing the call, officers noticed a strong smell of marijuana coming from a home down the street. After knocking on the door, they spoke with the resident, Derek Schultz. Describing the odor they smelled, officers allegedly asked Schultz if there was any marijuana inside the house, and he said he had around an eighth of an ounce. Police say that officers then asked the man if they could perform a voluntary search of the home to retrieve that marijuana, but Schultz reportedly denied that request. He was then asked to step outside of his residence to speak with officers. While outside, police again asked Schultz how much marijuana was in his home, to which he reportedly responded that he had around 40-50 marijuana plants. Officers then detained Schultz and obtained a search warrant. In the residence, police found 83 marijuana plants, as well as several bags containing marijuana, a scale, a notebook detailing instructions on how to grow the plants, and other paraphernalia.

Schultz, 47 of Wheeling, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. He was arraigned in Ohio County Court, and is being held in the Northern Regional Jail on \$20,000 bond.

January 7 Wheeling Man Arrested After Fleeing Scene of Crash

WHEELING, WV - A Wheeling man was arrested early Monday morning after attempting to flee the scene of a vehicle crash, according to Wheeling Police. At around 3 a.m., Wheeling Police officers were dispatched to 16th Street in East Wheeling for a vehicle crash. When they arrived, the driver was allegedly on foot attempting to leave the scene through an alley on 14th Street. Police then say that officers were able to catch up to and arrest the suspect. Arrested was Gary Michael Wade, 44 of Wheeling. He is charged with DUI, marijuana possession, leaving the scene of an accident and fleeing. This is his first DUI charge. After being taken to a local hospital, he was transported to the NRJ.

January 8 Three Ohio County School's Teacher's File Lawsuit Against School Officials

Wheeling, WV - Three teachers have filed a lawsuit against the Bridge Street Middle School principal, the Ohio County School's superintendent and assistant superintendent. The lawsuit claims Principal Joe Kolb sexually harassed and verbally abused them that the superintendent and assistant superintendent were repeatedly made aware of it, but failed to protect the three women from harassment and a hostile work environment. According to the lawsuit, Kolb tried to enter the women's restroom when they were in there. It also says Kolb used vulgar sexual language, and that he later targeted them with screams and threats, after they reported his behavior to the board. The threats and targeting continued, according to the lawsuit. The teachers are asking for unspecified damages. One has taken a leave of absence, another transferred to another school and the third is actively seeking employment elsewhere.

January 8 Neffs Woman Pleads Guilty to Child Endangerment of the 4-Year-Old She Was Watching

BELMONT COUNTY, OH - It was a Belmont County criminal case that shocked the public. Two women who offered to babysit a four-year-old girl for several weeks were arrested after the mother returned and discovered the child with severe bruises and burns all over her body. Now, as one of the two women pleads guilty, it turns out there could be even more to this case. 25-year-old Devan Redman was to go to trial next week, but she suddenly decided to enter a plea. "How do you plead?" asked Judge Frank Fregiato. "Guilty," Redman replied. The charge is child endangerment, and there is a recently-revealed list of the child's injuries. "There were bruises extensively over her body, burn marks on her body, scratch marks around her vaginal area," disclosed Belmont County Prosecutor Dan Fry. That prompted investigators to look into whether this abuse was also sexual, so they seized electronics from the women's home in Neffs. "Those items are still being looked at forensically," said Dan Fry. "If it turns out that there was something on there indicating some type of sexual abuse, then obviously those charges would come later." In the meantime, Redman will soon be sentenced for one count of child endangerment. For that alone, she could get eight years in prison.

For the prosecutor, it's still a troubling case. But fortunately the mom did come home, got the child medical care, and she's doing fine now, as I understand it." Redman will be sentenced January 28. In the plea agreement, the prosecution dropped one count of drug possession Redman was facing.

January 9 Oklahoma Man Arrested on Wheeling Island

WHEELING, WV - Wheeling police say an Oklahoma man faces several charges after an incident on Interstate 70 early Wednesday. Armando Sanchez-Pedro, of Ponteau, Oklahoma, is facing charges of brandishing a weapon, obstruction and unlawful assault on an officer. Police said they were told of a vehicle that may have struck a barrier at exit zero on I-70. The driver was not in the vehicle when police arrived. On investigation, police said they found Sanchez-Pedro in a business off South Penn Street. They said he displayed and tried to conceal a firearm. Officers said it took multiple orders for him to put the weapon on the ground.

January 9 Officers Find Crack Cocaine and Money During Traffic Stop in Bellaire

BELMONT COUNTY, OH - Katlyn Heath, 19, was arrested after a traffic stop on 34th St. in Bellaire Wednesday. An officer from the Belmont County Sheriff's Office noticed a strong odor of marijuana during the initial stop. Crack cocaine and over \$1,400 was found during the subsequent search of Heath and her vehicle. She faces drug trafficking, possession, and obstructing official business charges, and is in jail on a \$16,000 bond.

January 10 Two Facing Trouble After Fight Over Xbox Controller Leads to Knifing in Jefferson County

JEFFERSON COUNTY, OH - After a stabbing incident in Jefferson County in December, two people have been bound over to the grand jury on assault charges. On Dec. 29 police responded to the scene at 1517 Foster Place to find one male victim with a laceration in his stomach, deep enough to expose his organs. The night of the incident, the alleged suspects fled the scene, but since then have been taken into custody after voluntarily turning themselves in to police. Robert Banks Jr., and Davee Wallace faced Judge John Mascio on Thursday for a preliminary trial. According to Det. Regis Holzworth with the Steubenville Police Department, the suspects and victim were arguing over Xbox controllers when the fight became violent. "(Wallace) confirmed that the fight was over Xbox controllers, and she confirmed that and that Mr. Banks did, in fact, cut the victim, Mr. Travis," Holzworth said. Bond was set at \$500,000 for Banks and \$100,000 for Wallace.

January 14 Wheeling Man Charged with Breaking and Entering into CVS WHEELING, WV

WHEELING, WV - Wheeling Police responded to a call late Sunday at the CVS on Market Street. Officers were dispatched around 10:20 p.m. to CVS Pharmacy for an alarm call. When they arrived, the front glass door was broken, and further investigation led to the discovery of a man hiding inside the store. Darin Browning, 31 of Wheeling, was arrested and taken to the Northern Regional Jail. He is charged with breaking and entering.

January 16 Meth, Cash Seized in Weirton Drug Bust HANCOCK COUNTY, WV - On Tuesday, members of the Hancock-Brooke-Weirton Drug Task Force, and the Weirton Police Department conducted a search warrant on Orchard Street in Weirton. They had evidence of trafficking of meth at that residence. Seized was \$2,500 worth of meth, as well as cash and other drugs. Three people were arrested and taken into custody.

THIS MONTH RECALLS

FDA

January 2 - Aurobindo Pharma recalls blood pressure medication

The Food and Drug Administration says Aurobindo Pharma has recalled 80 lots of Amlodipine Valsartan Tablets USP, Valsartan HCTZ Tablets, USP and Valsartan Tablets USP due to trace amounts of an unexpected impurity found in the product. The medication is used to control high blood pressure and for the treatment of heart failure. Per the FDA, the impurity detected in the finished drug product is N-nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA), which is a substance that occurs naturally in certain foods, drinking water, air pollution, and industrial processes, and has been classified as a probable human carcinogen as per International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classification. The FDA says those who take the drug should continue to take it as the risk of harm to the patient's health may be higher if the treatment is stopped immediately without any alternative treatment. Those affected should contact their pharmacist or physician who can advise them about an alternative treatment prior to returning their medication. Consumers with medical questions regarding this recall or to report an adverse event can contact Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc. at: 1-866-850-2876 or pvg@aurobindousa.com.

January 2 - More blood pressure medication recalled: Company recalls 80 lots of valsartan over cancer concerns - Teva Pharmaceuticals has launched a voluntary recall into two drugs used to treat high blood pressure as more medications face concerns over a possible cancer risk. Another company is recalling its blood pressure medication valsartan over concerns that tablets might contain trace amounts of a cancer-causing ingredient. Patients who are taking the recalled medication should contact their pharmacist or doctor to find an alternative medication, but should not stop using the tablets until they find a suitable substitute, according to the recall notice. Immediately stopping medication without an alternative could be dangerous. Consumers can contact the company at 1-866-850-2876 or pvg@aurobindousa.com. Teva Pharmaceuticals voluntarily recalled two of its drugs in November over the same concerns. In August, the FDA announced an expanded recall of valsartan because products might contain the impurity.

January 4 - Olde York Potato Chips Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Milk in One Lot of Clancy's Wavy Potato Chips 10 Oz - Olde York Potato Chips of Brampton, Ontario is recalling Clancy's Wavy Potato Chips 10 oz (UPC 0 41498 16306 8) with the specific lot code BEST If Used By FEB 22 19 1A6 because they may contain undeclared milk. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. No other lot codes and no other products are involved in this action.

January 9 - Happy Together, Inc. Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Product Due to Presence of Undeclared Sildenafil and Tadalafil

Happy Together, Inc. Boynton Beach, FL is voluntarily recalling all lots within expiry of the Rhino 5k capsules to the consumer level. FDA analysis finds these products to be tainted with sildenafil and Tadalafil. Sildenafil/Tadalafil is an FDA approved drug for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, the presence of sildenafil in the Rhino 5k products renders them unapproved drugs for which safety and efficacy have not been established, therefore subject to recall. Risk Statements: Men with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or heart disease, may be on medications that if taken with these products could lower blood pressure to dangerous levels that could be life threatening. The products affected are men with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or heart disease. To date, Happy Together Inc. has not received any reports of adverse events related to this recall. The product is marketed as dietary supplements for male sexual enhancement and is packaged in a blister card. 30 count box. Rhino 5k was distributed to consumers nationwide via the Internet. We are notifying the public through this public announcement due to lack of ability to identify customers who may have received the product. Happy Together, Inc. is notifying its customers that have the Rhino 5k products to stop use and properly discard the product.

January 10 - Recalled candies could be contaminated with hepatitis A

The FDA is alerting consumers to possible hepatitis A contamination of Bauer's Candies Modjeskas, an individually wrapped marshmallow candy dipped in chocolate or caramel. We are advising consumers not to eat and to throw away any Bauer's Candies Chocolate or Caramel Modjeskas, purchased after November 14, 2018 because a worker in the facility tested positive for hepatitis A. The FDA recommends anyone who ate the candy, bought after November 14, 2018, to contact their healthcare provider if they don't have the hepatitis A vaccine. These products are available at retail locations and can also be purchased through QVC and BauersCandy.com. We are currently working with Bauer's Candies, located in Kentucky, on a voluntary recall of affected products. This posting will be updated with recall and retail information as it becomes available.

ALERT: Government Shutdown Curtails F.D.A. Food Inspections

CPSC ALERT: Due to the lapse in Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is closed.