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TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO RECOVERY OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS

On Sunday, December 3, 2023, shortly after 3:00 p.m., officers from the Ashland Police Division conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Cottage Street and Vine Street for failing to use a turn signal. As the investigation progressed, officers recovered containers of suspected gunpowder, cannon fuse, and handcrafted fireworks. The Ashland County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad responded and rendered the items safe.

Officers also recovered a firearm and suspected methamphetamine during the traffic stop.

On 12/06/2023, Kaden M. Arangelovich, 20, of Ashland, was charged with Aggravated Possession of Drugs, Tampering with Evidence and Probation Violation. Also charged as a result of the investigation is Jamey J. Conner, 43, of Ashland, with Unlicensed Fireworks Manufacturing and Possession of Criminal Tools.

The investigation is ongoing, and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.