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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: OPSB Case No. 20-7-EL-BLN / Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Morgan Transmission Line  
Separation Project

Dear Ms. Troupe:

The Affidavit of Publications and proof of publication, relating to the above-referenced case, are attached for filing today.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily A. Olive, CP

Emily A. Olive  
Certified Paralegal



**Proof of Publication**

I, Joshua Park, do hereby attest that the Duke Energy Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Cincinnati Enquirer

01/08/2021

  
Joshua Park \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3/21  
Date

State of Ohio  
County of Franklin

On this day, the 3 day of February, 2021 before me, MELINDA M. REYNOLDS the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Joshua Park, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

  
Notary Public



**MELINDA M. REYNOLDS**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**My Commission Expires 8/23/2021**

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

**Men who trafficked fentanyl out of Millennium Hotel sentenced**

Both men who admitted trafficking fentanyl out of a room at Downtown's Millennium Hotel have been sentenced.

On Wednesday, Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Chris Wagner sentenced Keyonta Hicks, 31, to four years in prison, a term that had been agreed upon as part of his guilty plea.

Late last month, a man related to Hicks, 28-year-old Keron Hicks, also was sentenced to an agreed-upon four years in prison.

During a November 2019 raid of their hotel room, police found more than 360 grams of fentanyl, officials said. The drug had been prepared for sale, court documents say.

Police also found items including digital scales, a duffel bag with about \$2,700 in cash and "a large amount of jewelry," the documents say.

The street value of the fentanyl found in the hotel room was estimated to be more than \$500,000. An extremely small amount of the synthetic opioid can be lethal.

Keron and Keyonta Hicks pleaded guilty in September to drug trafficking charges. Court documents list the same East Price Hill address for both.

— Kevin Grasha

**Police: Beaten woman woke up at home with attacker still there**

She woke up to a pillow covered in blood and an aching head, police said. She didn't remember how she got home.

Lamar Flagg was in her apartment and denied harming her, according to investigators. But surveillance video shows a different story, according to court documents.

Flagg, 36, of Roselawn, was arrested this week after police said he knocked out the woman, then drove her home in her own car. He is charged with felonious assault and abduction.

The documents state Flagg and the victim were in the parking lot of a Westwood convenience store Dec. 6 when they began arguing. "(Flagg) appears to punch the victim, causing her to fall down onto the pavement and then she stops moving," police said after reviewing some surveillance footage. "(Flagg) then dragged the victim to the side of

her vehicle, opened the rear door, and loaded her into the backseat."

Flagg drove to her apartment nearby, police said. "The victim stated when she woke up some hours later, there was blood all over her pillow," investigators said. "She could not remember how she got home." She told police Flagg was inside her apartment and said he didn't harm her. Officers reported that the woman eventually went to an emergency room due to pain and was diagnosed with a head injury.

Flagg was arrested Monday. He was being held at the Hamilton County Justice Center on a \$75,000 bond.

— Cameron Knight

**Nothing found after bomb note, package at NKY warehouse**

Police were called to a Walton warehouse after an employee found a note inside a sealed pallet with the message "bomb diz place," the Boone County Sheriff's Office said.

Then, a package with the word "bomb" written on it was found, police said. No bomb was found. Cummins Filtration at 20 Logistics Blvd. in Walton was evacuated as a result of the report.

Police were called to the warehouse at about 11:55 a.m. Monday. The Cincinnati Fire Department's hazardous device unit was called to the warehouse off U.S. 25. The all-clear was given at 2:48 p.m., police said.

Police took the box for processing. The incident remains under investigation. Police ask anyone with information to call 859-334-2175 or submit a tip via email to crime@boonecountyky.org.

— Chris Mayhew

**Man lit home on fire with woman, 2 daughters sleeping, police say**

A Middletown man has been arrested after police said he lit a home on fire while a woman and her two young daughters were sleeping inside. No one was harmed, police said.

Maston Murphy, 36, is charged with four counts of aggravated arson and two counts of arson, according to Middletown Municipal Court records.

Police documents say officers responded to the 1900 block of Baltimore Street for a house fire in the early hours of Jan. 1. A woman and two girls, ages 7

and 8, were in the home at the time.

The woman said she was awakened by a neighbor banging on her door, alerting her to the fire. Documents say the woman found flames coming from the bathroom curtain into her home. The bathroom was next to the children's room.

Police said the woman and children were able to safely get out the back door.

The woman described a history of domestic violence between herself and Murphy, police said. She told police Murphy had sent "unusual" messages the night before.

Murphy was located at the Ranch Inn on Tytus Avenue and taken into custody. Murphy told police he started a fire under the car in the attached garage of the Middletown home, which eventually caught the house on fire.

— Madeline Mitchell

**Cincinnati customs finds meth in tortilla press from Mexico**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says its officers in Cincinnati seized a wooden tortilla press from Mexico after finding methamphetamine hidden in it.

Officers discovered the white, powdery stimulant Jan. 1 when their drug-sniffing dog named Bruno alerted to the press in a shipment of handicrafts bound for a home in Houston, customs officials said in a news release.

The release said the press and the methamphetamine inside it together weighed 26 pounds.

The release said overdose deaths from methamphetamine and cocaine have been increasing at an alarming pace since 2009. Provisional data by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 2020 overdose death rates from stimulants have increased by 18% over 2019, the release said.

— Jeanne Houck

**Man arrested in home robbery, shooting, Norwood police say**

Norwood police have arrested a suspect in a shooting that occurred during a home robbery in late October.

Nathan Helton, 35, was arrested Wednesday and was being held at the Hamilton County Justice Center, according to jail records.

Helton has been charged with aggravated robbery, felonious assault and

having weapons while under disability, according to court documents.

Helton was previously named as a suspect in the Oct. 18 shooting that occurred during a robbery at a residence on Maple Avenue.

— Quinlan Bentley

**Sheriff: One hospitalized after stabbing in Columbia Township**

A 41-year-old man was hospitalized after the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says he was stabbed multiple times in the chest in Columbia Township.

Officers responded to the 6000 block of Vinewood Avenue at 11:35 p.m. Tuesday, according to a release. They found a man suffering from stab wounds to his chest. The man was transported to University of Cincinnati Medical Center and was in fair condition.

Garrett Monroe, 29, was identified by witnesses and located shortly afterward by deputies who took him into custody without incident on Grace Avenue in Silverton. The release states Monroe was evaluated for injuries related to the felonious assault and interviewed by detectives from the sheriff's Criminal Investigative Section.

Monroe is charged with one count of felonious assault and one count of burglary. Jail records say he was being held at the Justice Center without bond.

— Madeline Mitchell

**Kroger store in Delhi Twp. cleared after bomb threat**

The Delhi Township Kroger was evacuated after a bomb threat was called into the building, police said.

Around 7:30 a.m. Thursday, a Kroger employee notified police the business had received a suspicious phone call, according to Delhi police investigators.

"Officers responded and evacuated both employees and customers," police said in a statement. Police said several bomb dogs from the Cincinnati Police Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office were used to search the building.

Police ask if anyone has information about this crime, please contact the police department at 513-922-0060 or Crime Stoppers at 513-352-3040.

— Cameron Knight, Alexander Coolidge



Generally Healthy Women

Medspace is seeking generally healthy women age 40-65 for a research study of an investigational medication.

**Eligibility Requirements Include:**

- Females age 40-65
- Non-smoker
- Not taking prescription medication (Birth control & HRT are OK)
- Pass drug screen

Compensation up to \$3,930 for participation and travel. This study includes 9 overnight stays and 1 outpatient visit.

For more information, call 513.366.3222 or visit [www.medspace.com](http://www.medspace.com).



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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY**

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or the Company) proposes to separate the F1689 and F5783 circuits and relocate the F5783 circuit to a new transmission corridor north of the existing double-circuit corridor, from the Morgan Substation, located in Whitewater Township within Hamilton County, Ohio. The relocation equipment includes seven self-supporting engineered steel poles, along with approximately 1.14 miles (6,000 feet) of new conductor. The project also includes work on steel lattice towers to the east of the Morgan Substation. This work will improve electric service reliability by providing an additional option for routing power in the event that other transmission lines are damaged or require routine maintenance.

A map of the project area is included below. Construction will begin in January of 2021, pending approval of this Letter of Notification.

Duke Energy Ohio has filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board), under Case No. 20-0007-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to the Project. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate, and maintain this facility is now pending before the Board. Comments and/or petitions to intervene will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rules 4906-2-12 and 4906-6-08. Petitions or comments should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, and must reference Case No. 20-0007-EL-BLN.

The following public officials, agencies, and library have been served with a link to the Application, as required by Ohio Power Siting Board regulations:

- Hamilton County Commissioners**  
Denise Driehaus, President  
Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Vice President  
Victoria Parks, Commissioner
- Hamilton County Administration**  
Todd Gadbury, Director of Planning & Development  
Jeff Aluotto, County Administrator

- Steve Johns, Planning Services Administrator
- Bryan Snyder, Development Services Administrator
- Joy Pierson, Community Development Administrator
- Brad Miller, Environmental Services
- Scott Huber, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors, Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District
- John Nelson, Executive Director
- Whitewater Township:**  
Guy Schaible, Trustee  
Doug King, Trustee  
Willie Pope, Trustee  
Peggy Westefeld, Administrator
- The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County-Miami Township Branch**  
Carrie Hughes, Miami Twp Branch Manager  
8 North Miami Ave., Cleves, Ohio 45002

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the main office of Duke Energy Ohio at 139 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 and at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is also available on the Duke Energy Ohio website, at: <http://www.duke-energy.com/Morgan>, and on the Ohio Power Siting Board's website, at: [www.opsb.ohio.gov](http://www.opsb.ohio.gov).

