



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**  
**Mount Vernon Police Department**

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Press Release

On Sunday evening 6/23/2024 Officers of the Mount Vernon Police Department Patrol Division conducted a traffic stop in the area of Mount Vernon Avenue and Clay Street. During the stop, a K9 Unit was utilized and positively alerted to the odor of narcotics in the vehicle. The driver, Judy McCloskey and passenger, Steven Garrad, were at this time detained and removed from the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, well over 300 grams (almost  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of a pound) of suspected Methamphetamine was located along with cash and drug paraphernalia.

The approximate street value of this amount of Methamphetamine is well over \$11,000.00. Both McCloskey and Garrad were arrested at the scene and charged with aggravated trafficking in drugs.

On 7/1/2024 both suspects were indicted by the Knox County Prosecutors Office during a regularly scheduled monthly Grand Jury. The suspects were both charged with Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs which, in this case, is a First Degree Felony (F-1). The charges also included a Major Drug Offender Specification due to the quantity of drugs seized.

At this time both suspects are incarcerated in the Knox County Jail. Their bond has been set at \$100,000 cash no 10%.

The Mount Vernon Police Department is a Member of the METRICH Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chief Robert K. Morgan".

Robert K. Morgan  
Chief of Police

