



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

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Press Release

The Mount Vernon Police Department Detective Division, assisted by the Patrol Division, executed a search warrant at a Martinsburg Road residence. The warrant stemmed from an ongoing investigation for possession of child pornography.

During the search of the residence evidence of child pornography, Detectives also located over 100 grams of cocaine, LSD, psilocybin mushrooms, prescription pills, and marijuana were located and seized. Additionally, Detectives seized a firearm and over \$10,000 in cash along with multiple items of drug paraphernalia that would be used for the trafficking of drugs.

The suspect, Aaron K. Eldridge (66), was placed under arrest and transported to the Knox County Jail without incident. Eldridge has been initially charged with Pandering Sexually Orientated Material Involving a Minor (F-2) and Trafficking in Drugs (F-1). Further charges may be forthcoming.

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

Robert K. Morgan  
Chief of Police

