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Case no. 2021-0166

Attachments: Rivera Velasquez Mug Shot

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Jefferson City man arrested for drug possession

Ashland Police arrested Lester Rivera Velasquez, of Jefferson City, following a traffic stop.

On Friday, April 30, 2021, an Ashland officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the 600 block of E. Broadway. During a traffic stop, the officer identified the driver as Rivera Velasquez and developed probable cause to search the vehicle. The officer located multiple controlled substances, including marijuana, codeine, and ecstasy. The officer also discovered an active warrant for Rivera Velasquez.

Rivera Velasquez was arrested for the warrant and two counts of possessing a controlled substance. He was transported to the Boone County Jail, where he was made to post bond.

The Ashland Police Department remains committed to working with other law enforcement agencies and community partners to curb criminal activity within the city and surrounding area. Citizens are reminded they can contact APD via Boone County Joint Communications (911, or 311 for non-emergencies) or anonymously report criminal activity and tips to CrimeStoppers at 573-875-8477.

All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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