



# ***Ashland Police Department***

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*Case no. 2021-0046*

*Attachments: Edwards mug shot*

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### **Ashland police arrest man for felony drug, weapon charges**

Ashland Police arrested Vershawn Edwards, of Kansas City, MO, following a traffic stop.

On Saturday, February 13, an officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the city of Ashland. During a traffic stop, the officer identified an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, the officer discovered more than 35 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia including plastic bags and a digital scale, consistent with the distribution of drugs. A defaced firearm was also recovered as part of the investigation. The driver, Edwards, is a convicted felon and is on federal parole for a drug distribution conviction. Edwards also has a prior robbery conviction.

Edwards was arrested on suspicion of felony delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a weapon and transported to the Boone County Jail, where he was made to post bond. As a result of APD's case, additional federal charges are expected.

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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