



# *Ashland Police Department*

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*Case no. 2021-0276*

*Attachments: Koehler Mug Shot*

July 23, 2021

### **Ashland man arrested for violating protection order, drugs, and attempting to escape custody**

On Sunday, July 18, 2021, an Ashland officer investigated an allegation of a violation of an order of protection. The officer developed probable cause to believe Christopher Koehler, of Ashland, violated an order of protection.

On Thursday, July 22, Ashland officers contacted Koehler at his residence in the 800 block of S. Henry Clay Blvd. The officers arrested Koehler. After Koehler was in custody, an officer located a glass smoking device in Koehler's pocket. In the pipe, the officer located a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine. Koehler was transported to the Boone County Jail and made to post bond.

During a review of in-car video from the arrest, it was discovered Koehler spent about five minutes attempting to free himself from his handcuffs, move his hands from behind his back to the front of his person, and escape the confinement of the patrol car by unbuckling his seatbelt, trying the door handle, and kicking the prisoner partition. This occurred while officers were speaking with Koehler's parents, which he had requested.

On Friday, July 23, an Ashland officer observed Koehler operating a motor vehicle. Upon stopping the vehicle, Ashland officers arrested Koehler on suspicion of attempting to escape custody while under arrest for a felony. Koehler was transported to the Boone County Jail and 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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