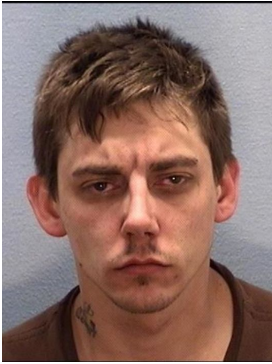


# Man arrested for having 400 grams of meth



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NEWARK - A Newark man was arrested Monday for reportedly having about 400 grams of methamphetamine in his possession.

Kyle B. Poole, 31, last known address 102 Orchard St., Newark, was charged with aggravated possession of drugs, a first-degree felony.

According to court records, an informant contacted the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force on Monday and arranged a control buy of two ounces of methamphetamine.

After the buy reportedly took place, Poole's vehicle was stopped and a thermos in the rear of the truck bed was found to contain a large amount of methamphetamine, according to a statement of facts.

Assistant Licking County Prosecutor Brian Waltz said the amount of methamphetamine weighed around 400 grams.

Because of the amount, Poole has been charged with a mandatory drug offense, meaning he would be required to serve prison time if convicted, Waltz said.

Common Pleas Court Magistrate Mattie Klein set Poole's bond at \$100,000.

Licking County court records show Poole has prior convictions for aggravated possession of drugs, all of which were fifth-degree felonies.

Poole could also face additional charges when the case is reviewed by a grand jury in the coming weeks.

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