



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



Police Sergeant Arrested

Hamilton County, Ohio, August 15, 2014 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports on August 14, 2014, the Southwest Ohio Violent Crime Task Force arrested LaRoy Smith at 1201 Steffen Ave in the Village of Lincoln Heights. Mr. Smith is 50 years of age.

LaRoy Smith at the time of his arrest was employed as a Police Sergeant with the Village of Lincoln Heights. The arrest came as a result of an investigation that has been ongoing for several months involving Sergeant Smith.

Members of the Southwest Ohio Violent Crime Task Force were made aware of allegations of irregularities by Lincoln Heights Police Chief Chance and the Village Administration. The irregularities date back to 2006.

The investigation revealed incidences of past theft and most recently a theft of currency on August 1, 2014. This particular theft of less than \$1000 rises to a felony of the 5th degree because of his employment as a law enforcement officer. (O.R.C. 2921.41)

This investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section at (513) 851-6000.

The Southwest Ohio Violent Crime Task Force is comprised of investigators from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations, the Cincinnati Police Department, the Woodlawn Police Department and the Lockland Police Department. Several other area law enforcement agencies are working cooperatively with this organization, which is sponsored by the Ohio Organized Crime Commission.

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