



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



MEDIA RELEASE

LOADED HANDGUN DUSGUISED AS TOY GUN

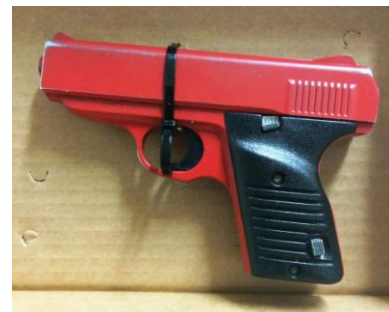
Village of Lincoln Heights, December 12, 2014 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports an arrest and the recovery of a handgun resembling a toy gun.

On December 12, 2014, at approximately 1:25 A.M., Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to the 9500 block of Wayne Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215, for reports of an individual with a gun.

Deputies responded and located a suspect who matched the physical description given. As a result of their investigation, the suspect was found in possession of a loaded .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun. The handgun was painted red to resemble a toy gun. The suspect was also found in possession of 9 grams of Crack Cocaine. The suspect was arrested and identified as Orlando Lowery, Male Black, 23 years of age. Mr. Lowery was charged with Carrying Concealed Weapons (Felony of the Third Degree) and Possession of Drugs (Felony of the Fourth Degree).

Sheriff Jim Neil issued the following statement:

“There is a national debate going on regarding toy guns vs. real firearms. We’re not here to debate that issue. What we’re here to do is share facts, and the fact is right here in Hamilton County we arrested a dangerous individual who we believe purposefully painted a loaded handgun red to mislead law enforcement into thinking this was a toy gun. That is a scary thought, and it brings up obvious concerns for the safety of our deputies, and the safety of the public at large.”



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