



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



INMATES INDICTED AFTER ATTEMPTED ESCAPE

Hamilton County, Ohio, February 4, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil commented on the indictments by the Hamilton County Grand Jury today of inmates James Kirby and Tristian Herron for the offense of Escape in violation of 2921.34 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Both Kirby and Herron were being housed in the Hamilton County Justice Center facing Aggravated Murder and other serious charges. During routine shakedowns by Sheriff's Corrections Officers it was discovered these inmates had left their cell and attempted to escape. Immediately our jail personnel began a lengthy investigation which uncovered an elaborate scheme by these inmates to navigate out of the Justice Center.

Sheriff Neil said, "These are two extremely dangerous individuals with extensive criminal backgrounds who have been in our facility multiple times. I want to commend the Deputies who did an outstanding job discovering their plot and ensuring they stayed behind bars where they belong."

Sheriff Neil recently recognized Deputy Alexander Kramer and Deputy Chady Chahine with HCSO "Challenge Coins" for going above and beyond to discover and investigate this attempted escape which kept two dangerous criminals off our streets.

Tristian Herron recently pled to Involuntary Manslaughter with specifications and Aggravated Robbery and was sentenced to ten (10) years in the Ohio Department of Corrections where he is currently housed. James Kirby remains in our custody in the Justice Center on a \$1,200,000 bond and is scheduled for Jury Trial on March 21st for his Aggravated Murder, Aggravated Burglary and other charges.

The incident remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Jail Investigators.

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