

# Police: Men caught in Warren with 8 pounds of meth

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Two men stopped on Interstate 65 Tuesday were arrested after a traffic stop led to police finding more than eight pounds of suspected methamphetamine in their vehicle.

According to court records, a 2012 Nissan Rogue was stopped on I-65 around the 17-mile marker by Warren County Sheriff's

Office deputies for a traffic violation.

The vehicle was driven by Todd Dooley, 41, of Brooks, and was carrying Joshua Webster, 37, of Bowling Green.

According to an arrest citation, Webster was exhibiting nervous behavior while answering questions from law enforcement, and Webster and Dooley were asked to step out of the vehicle.

A Bowling Green-Warren County Drug Task Force detective arrived shortly after the stop occurred.

After both men refused to consent to officers performing a search of the vehicle, law enforcement used a drug-detecting dog around the outside of the car.

When the dog alerted to the rear passenger side door, police

detained Dooley and Webster, and a subsequent search of the vehicle led to the discovery of 8 pounds, six ounces of suspected meth in eight bundles, suspected marijuana, 22 clonazepam pills and two handguns, one of which was confirmed to have been stolen, according to an arrest citation.

Both men denied ownership of the drugs and the guns.

Webster and Dooley were each charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (meth, firearm enhanced), convicted felon in possession of a handgun, receiving stolen property (firearm), possession of marijuana and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

They appeared Wednesday in Warren District Court for arraignment.



Participants from January's BikeWalk BG Winter ride.

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# Arbor Day bike rodeo, ride scheduled for Saturday

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BikeWalk BG will join the Arbor Day festivities at Kereiakes Park on Saturday with a family-friendly event.

The annual Arbor Day Bike Rodeo will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. with a bike ride afterward.

Natasha Smith of BikeWalk BG said that each year, the organization will set up at the park in conjunction with Bowling Green Parks and Recreation's Arbor Day celebration, which includes free trees, tree care information and prizes.

Bikes and helmets will be provided at the rodeo, which will feature an obstacle course.

"We will teach kids hand signals and other bike safety information," Smith said.

After the rodeo, individuals, including children, can participate in the bike ride, but will need to bring their own bicycles and helmets.

Participants must sign a waiver for the ride and check-in will be at 11:45 a.m. by the main pavilion at the park. The ride will begin at noon.

The ride, which will move at a slower pace than some of the other rides, will have a three-mile and a five-mile option and should last less than an hour, depending on the speed of the riders.

They can stop at three miles if they like or choose to go on for five miles, Smith said.

"The ride is not some-

thing we have done in the past with the rodeo," Smith said. "It's a great opportunity for BikeWalkBG. We try to take advantage of any public event where there is an audience on-hand already."

She said that in the past, other cycling groups, including a group that does mountain biking with kids, have also taken part in the free event.

Riders can visit the BikeWalk BG Facebook page for more information and to view a map of greenway routes, which they can use to ride to the event.

BikeWalk BG is a community-wide effort to educate and encourage people to ride a bike, take a walk or go for a run to explore the community.

## From Page 1A SCHOOLS

Last week, the Education Department demanded records from Harvard over foreign financial ties spanning the past decade, accusing the school of filing "incomplete and inaccurate disclosures."

Trump's administration is sparring with Harvard over the university's refusal to accept a list of demands over its handling of pro-Palestinian protests as well as its diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

In the executive order, Trump calls on the Education Department and the attorney general to step up enforcement of the law and take action against colleges that violate it, including a cutoff of federal money.

The Trump administration intends to "end the secrecy surrounding foreign funds in American educational institutions" and protect against "foreign exploitation," the order said.

It was applauded by Republicans, including Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan, chair of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He accused China of exploiting academic ties to steal research and "indoctrinate students."

### ACCREDITORS ORDERED TO DROP DEI

Another order aims at accrediting bodies that set standards colleges must meet to accept federal financial aid from students.

Trump campaigned on a promise to overhaul the industry, saying it was "dominated by Marxist Maniacs and lunatics."

Often overlooked as an obscure branch of college oversight, accreditors play an important role in shaping colleges in many aspects, with standards that apply all the way from colleges' governing boards to classroom curriculum.

Trump's executive order is the opening salvo in what could be a lengthy battle to overhaul the accrediting industry. Chief among his priorities is to strip accreditors of DEI requirements imposed on colleges.

Some accreditors have already dropped or stopped enforcing such standards amid Trump's DEI crackdown.

Trump's order calls on the government to suspend or terminate accreditors that discriminate in the name of DEI. Instead, it calls on accreditors to focus more squarely on the student outcomes of colleges and programs they oversee.

The president wants to make it easier for new accreditors to compete with the 19 that are now authorized to work on behalf of the federal government. As it stands, new accreditors looking to be recognized by the government must undergo an arduous process that traditionally takes years.

Trump's order said it should be "transparent, efficient, and not unduly burdensome."

"Instead of pushing schools to adopt a

divisive DEI ideology, accreditors should be focused on helping schools improve graduation rates and graduates' performance in the labor market," Education Secretary Linda McMahon said in a statement.

### DE-EMPHASIZING EQUITY IN DISCIPLINE

Trump also invoked opposition to equity efforts in his order on school discipline.

The edict signed Wednesday seeks a return to "common sense school discipline," allowing decisions to be based solely on students' behavior and actions, McMahon said.

Another executive order instructs government agencies and departments to no longer rely on "disparate impact theories."

Under the disparate impact standard, policies and practices that disproportionately impact minorities and other protected groups could be challenged regardless of their intent.

In many schools around the country, Black students have been more likely to receive punishments that remove them from the classroom, including suspensions, expulsions and being transferred to alternative schools. A decade ago, those differences became the target of a reform movement spurred by the same reckoning that gave rise to Black Lives Matter.

The movement elevated the concept of the "school-to-prison pipeline" – the notion that being kicked out of school, or dropping out, increases the chance of arrest and imprisonment years later.

Federal guidelines to address racial disparities in school discipline first came from President Barack Obama's administration in 2014. Federal officials urged schools not to suspend, expel or refer students to law enforcement except as a last resort, and encouraged restorative justice practices that did not push students out of the classroom. Those rules were rolled back by Trump's first administration, but civil rights regulations at federal and state levels still mandate the collection of data on discipline.

On Wednesday, Trump directed McMahon to issue new school discipline guidance within 60 days. The order also calls for a review of nonprofit organizations that have promoted discipline policies rooted in equity and ensure they don't receive federal money.

Another order creates a federal task force focused on giving America's students training on artificial intelligence as early as kindergarten. It would work to develop new online learning resources.

Trump is also establishing a White House initiative to empower Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Among other efforts, it would seek to promote private-sector partnerships with HBCUs and schools' workforce preparation in industries like technology and finance.



A sign hangs on a wall welcoming visitors to Bowling Green's senior center on Wednesday.

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## From Page 1A CENTERS

"Metcalf (County's) senior center has already transitioned," Brown said. "(BRADD) took over operations on (April) 21st, and then the Simpson County and Allen County locations will transition on May 1."

Staffers who work for Community Action have been encouraged to apply with BRADD and Brown said interviews are currently ongoing. No interruptions in service are anticipated during the transition.

Brown said the senior center transition is "just a financial decision."

"We do care about our senior population," she said. "We just want to make sure that our seniors, volunteers, staff and the clients are taken care of."

While Community Action operates the centers, almost all of them are owned by municipal governments. Community

Action owns the buildings in Allen and Hart Counties that house those senior centers.

Primarily, the centers focus on providing home-delivered meals to seniors as well as congregation services, BRADD stated. The centers also provide outreach services and fill needs with transportation and recreation.

Community Action received around \$515,000 in fiscal year 2024, BRADD stated, much of which went toward the nutrition program.

"We are committed to transitioning each senior center as they are currently operating, in conjunction with discussions with local elected officials in each community," according to BRADD's statement.

The organization stated that while costs were a factor in going ahead with the transition, there were others at play.

"The delivery of services should encompass indicators such as quality and the ability to serve more seniors," the organization stated. "BRADD's vision is to revitalize and innovate the services that senior citizens receive in our ten county footprint."

# Poll shows concern about prices, economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' trust in President Donald Trump to bolster the U.S. economy appears to be faltering, with a new poll showing that many people fear the country is being steered into a recession and that the president's broad and haphazardly enforced tariffs will cause prices to rise.

Roughly half of U.S. adults say that Trump's trade policies will increase prices "a lot" and another 3 in 10 think prices could go up "somewhat," according to the poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

About half of Americans are "extremely" or "very" concerned about the possibility of the U.S. economy going into a recession in the next few months.

While skepticism about tariffs is increasing modestly, that doesn't mean the public is automatically rejecting Trump or his approach to trade. However, the wariness could cause problems for a president who promised voters he could quickly fix inflation.

Matthew Wood, 41, said he's waiting to see how the tariffs play out, but he's feeling anxious.

"I'm not a huge fan of it, especially considering China and going back and forth with adjustments on both ends," said Wood, who lives in West Liberty, Kentucky, and is unemployed. "Personally, it hasn't affected me as of yet. But, generally, I don't know how this is going to come to an end, especially with the big countries involved."

Still, Wood said he changed his registration from Republican to independent, having been turned off by Trump's attitude and deference to billionaire adviser Elon Musk.

Wood voted for Trump last year and said he's willing to give the president until the end of the year to deliver positive results on tariffs.

About half of U.S. adults, 52%, are against imposing tariffs on all goods brought

into the U.S. from other countries. That's up slightly from January, when a poll found that 46% were against tariffs. Driving that small shift largely appears to be adults under age 30 who didn't previously have an opinion on tariffs.

Trump supporter Janice Manis, 63, said her only criticism of Trump on tariffs is that he put in a partial 90-day pause for trade negotiations with other countries.

"Actually, I think he shouldn't have suspended it," said Manis, a retired sheriff's deputy from Del Rio, Texas. "Because now China is trying to manipulate all of these other countries to go against us, whereas if he would have left all the tariffs in play then these countries would be hit hard. But, oh, well, things happen."

Not quite 100 days into Trump's second term in the White House, people around the country are bracing for possible disruptions in how they spend, work and live. The U.S. economy remains solid for the moment with moderating inflation and a healthy 4.2% unemployment rate, yet measures such as consumer confidence have dropped sharply.

### VULNERABILITY ON THE ECONOMY

Three months into his second term, Trump's han-