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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**October 17, 2025**

**Knox County Sheriff's Office**

**Subject: Arrest of Shawn Barrett Following Vehicle Pursuit and Drug Seizure**

On October 16, 2025, Detectives from the Knox County Sheriff's Office, acting on investigative information, located Shawn Barrett in the area of Clutter Road. Barrett was confirmed to be operating a stolen vehicle reported out of Licking County, Ohio. He also had multiple outstanding warrants, including:

- Possession of a dangerous ordinance
- Weapons under disability
- Illegal manufacture or processing of explosives
- Fleeing and eluding law enforcement

Deputies attempted to stop Barrett, who fled in the stolen vehicle, initiating a brief pursuit. The chase ended when Barrett attempted to flee off-road and crashed the vehicle. He then attempted to escape on foot but was quickly apprehended by officers.

During the arrest, detectives recovered a bag containing a large quantity of suspected narcotics and a sum of U.S. currency.

Barrett was transported to Knox Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained in the crash and subsequently booked into the Knox County Jail.

Charges will be presented to the upcoming Knox County Grand Jury.

No further information is available at this time as the investigation remains ongoing.