

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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At approximately 7:15 pm this date Jeremiah C. Searles was taken into custody by Fayette County Sheriff's deputies. Fayette County Deputies, acting on intelligence provided to them by Fairfield County Detectives, located and stopped a vehicle in which Searles was travelling in the area of Interstate 71 and State Route 38. All three occupants, including Searles, were taken into custody and charges are pending.

Searles escaped from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office jail annex on February 20, 2012 and will have an extradition hearing in Fayette County on Thursday.