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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – BALTIMORE MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BURGLARY

[Lancaster, Ohio, August 28, 2012] Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, JOSEPH C. SMITH, 30, of 330 E. Monroe St., Baltimore, Ohio was arrested and charged with one count of aggravated burglary (F1), punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

At 2:49 a.m. Deputies were patrolling Leibs Island in the Millersport area and found a suspicious vehicle parked in a parking lot belonging to Joseph Smith. The car was impounded due to the license tag not matching the vehicle. The Deputies then searched the area for the registered owner of the vehicle.

At 3:46 a.m. Deputies received a call of a prowler on Terrace Street in Millersport. Upon arrival they were advised that a white male dressed in black had just attempted to break into their residence. There were two other residences in the area that had also been burglarized.

A short time later, Joseph C. Smith, matching the description of the burglar, was apprehended in the area of Lecrone St. and Railroad St. in Millersport.

Additional charges are pending investigation.