

NEWS RELEASE

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DATE: November 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Suspect / Touby's Run

NO: 28

On November 14, 2011 at 9:06 pm, an Afternoon Watch officer was on patrol and noticed a subject on a bicycle going eastbound behind the Ohio Brass, in the area of a closed business. This area has been subjected to multiple scrap metal theft incidents. As the officer attempted to make an investigative stop the subject dropped the bicycle and ran on foot towards the creek. As the officer approached the bicycle he heard the subject call for help once and then another time further down the creek, but he could not locate the individual.

Officers converged on the area and began to check the creek bank and bridge areas on foot and were posted along bridges to see if they could locate anyone being swept downstream. The Mansfield Fire Department responded to the scene. The Richland County Dive Team checked and advised that they could not search due to the high, fast-moving water conditions. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was unable to offer air support at the time due to severe weather conditions.

On the morning of November 15, 2011, the Ohio State Highway Patrol was able to check the river extensively using a helicopter, but did not locate anything suspicious. The Richland County Sheriff's Office Dive team representative checked and stated that the water was still too treacherous for a search.

The bicycle, a red Fuji, has been impounded. If anyone has any information about the subject on the bicycle, who is described as an individual wearing blue or black sweat pants and a dark coat and appeared to be a male, from the sound of the voice, we ask that you notify the Mansfield Police Department.

The Mansfield Police department will continue to monitor the river to determine if the area can be searched at some point and will follow-up on any reports of a missing person.

Captain Marijan Groggoza

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