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Traffic moves along Memorial Drive on Oct. 6. City police chief Nick Snyder said drivers sometimes drive 50 to 60 mph on the roadway with a speed limit of 35 mph. JEFF BARRON/EAGLE-GAZETTE

Why police target Memorial Drive traffic at certain times

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If you think Memorial Drive is sometimes frustrating to drive on, the Lancaster Police Department agrees with you.

Chief Nick Snyder said there are always traffic issues on Memorial Drive

because of its high traffic volume.

“We get targeted-speeding complaints, time-of-day complaints and when there’s high-accident-causing violations, we will put resources out, obviously, during those times,” he said. “But the biggest thing that we have to prioritize is what time of day our accidents are happening, what time of day is the unsafe driving happening, and then

dedicate the resources that way.”

Snyder, who will soon become the police chief in Largo, Florida, said it would be great to have 200 officers monitor Memorial Drive all the time.

But instead, the police must pick and choose when to monitor it. When the police receive a traffic complaint

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VINTON COUNTY

Child abuse case against grandfather dismissed

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The criminal case against the grandfather of 16 children found living in a Vinton County home will not move forward.

In an Oct. 6 entry, Vinton County Common Pleas Judge Laina Fetherolf Rogers said charges against Gary Siders Sr., 73, have been dismissed.

Siders appeared in court Sept. 9 to discuss a psychological evaluation done in his case. At that time, the attorneys agreed Siders was not mentally competent to stand trial.

Siders faced 10 felony and six misdemeanor charges of endangering children.

The Oct. 6 court record says the case is dismissed without prejudice, meaning it could be refiled at a later

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Gary Siders Sr. appears for a competency hearing in Vinton County Common Pleas Court Sept. 9 in McArthur. The hearing was held in Laina Featheroff Rogers courtroom.
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Ohioans will see a voter ID amendment on their November ballot

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Ohio voters will soon decide whether they support requiring a photo ID at the polls.

If that idea sounds familiar, it’s because it’s already state law.

Ohio’s GOP-controlled Legislature voted in June to place the proposed constitutional amendment, known as Issue 3, on the Nov. 3 ballot. It’s the only state-

Ohio requires voters who cast in-person ballots to present a photo ID, with exceptions for people who have a religious objection to being photographed.

wide issue before Ohioans in the upcoming election, along with key races for governor and U.S. Senate.

Here’s what you need to know about Issue 3.

What is Ohio Issue 3?

Simply put, Issue 3 would enshrine the state’s voter ID policy in the Ohio Constitution.

Ohio requires voters who cast in-person ballots to present a photo ID, with exceptions for people who have a religious objection to being photographed. It can be an unexpired Ohio driver’s license or state ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID, Ohio National Guard ID or an ID issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

University IDs and out-of-state driver’s licenses aren’t accepted.

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