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Fremont man shoots himself

Bullet also hit a juvenile; charges filed against him

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FREMONT – Charges have been filed against a Fremont man for accidentally shooting himself and another person with the same bullet while intoxicated.

Draydynn Adams, 18, was charged May 14 for a first-degree misdemeanor of using a weapon while intoxicated and

a third-degree misdemeanor of negligent assault. Adams and his victim were treated at the ProMedica Fremont emergency room and taken to Toledo Hospital for further treatment.

“I am thankful that someone was not more seriously hurt. I hope this is a point in time where people involved in this event will realize how lucky they are and change their lives,” Fremont Police Chief Derek Wensinger said. “Teenagers, alcohol and guns have no business being together.”

Police received a call about a gunshot victim at 1:38 a.m. May 13. The victim

and a group of teens were having a party at 1360 Fleetwood Drive, which included underage drinking, the police report noted.

Adams was at the address and may have been attempting to sell a black handgun, the report noted. According to witness accounts, he was “playing with the gun by removing the magazine and pulling the trigger several times.”

Adams was said to have accidentally shot himself in the leg, with the bullet

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‘ALL COVERED WITH MAYFLIES’



Mayflies look like a snowstorm under the streetlights in this photo from the summer of 2019 in Port Clinton.

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Marblehead to turn off streetlights before the swarm of bugs hits

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MARBLEHEAD – In anticipation of possible swarms of mayflies, the Marblehead Village Council voted to shut off the streetlights, except in the new MORA district.

“We decided, because we are starting a MORA, which is like a DORA, but it’s a Mainstreet Outdoor Refreshment Area, where people can walk down a main street from bar to bar with alcohol,” Village Council President Pro Tempore

Dean Dorko said. “We’re trying to get that started; we decided we weren’t going to shut off the streetlights from inside the MORA.”

The village turns off the lights because they attract mayflies. Dorko said that there was a time when the village could turn off the lights, but now the village is required to coordinate that with Ohio Edison.

The mayflies can be much worse in some years than others. Dorko’s dad told him stories of the mayflies being removed at intersections with a front-end loader. That situation can make driving

difficult.

The village is about two weeks away from starting its MORA. State rules require signs specifying the geographical limits and that a specific MORA cup be used. The village is still waiting for the new signs and cups to arrive.

The MORA boundary runs along Main Street (OH 163) from Clemons Street to Gilbert Street.

“In that section, we won’t turn those lights off, but in the rest of the village, the lights will be turned off,” Dorko

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MEDICAID FRAUD

Ohio House speaker says ‘buck stops’ with DeWine

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A top state lawmaker laid the blame for Medicaid fraud at the feet of Gov. Mike DeWine and his administration. Shortly after, DeWine announced a slew of proposed fixes.

On May 13, Ohio House Speaker Matt Huffman, R-Lima, accused DeWine’s Department of Medicaid of putting up hurdles to solving problems within the home health care program, which allows patients to receive nursing and other services in their homes rather than a nursing facility.

Huffman’s comments came after the conservative Daily Wire published a series of articles accusing Ohio of allowing widespread fraud, particularly in Columbus’ Franklin County. The articles have prompted state and federal investigations into the allegations.

Later on May 13, DeWine called Ohio “a national leader in fighting Medicaid fraud” and rolled out a slew of proposals to tackle allegations. They include:

- Asking President Donald Trump’s administration for a six-month moratorium on new home-healthcare and hospice businesses becoming Medicaid providers.
- Removing and suspending payments to providers whose billing

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