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Major drug trafficking case results in maximum sentence

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ZANESVILLE – The case ended with a Dresden man receiving a maximum 29-year prison sentence and forfeiting a war chest of treasures, including more than \$7,000 in cash, around 13 guns, gold and silver bars and antique quarters.

Rylan Burrie, 40, appeared in Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas

on Feb. 9, where he was sentenced on four, newly merged first- or third-degree felonies, including trafficking of methamphetamine, cocaine, psilocin mushrooms and hydrocodone pills.

He was initially found guilty Dec. 17 of eight felonies and 18 specifications for forfeitures, possessing firearms and egregious quantities of narcotics. They included:

- Aggravated trafficking of methamphetamine, first degree

- Aggravated possession of methamphetamine, first degree
- Cocaine trafficking, first degree
- Cocaine possession, first degree
- Aggravated trafficking of psilocin (mushrooms), third degree
- Aggravated possession of psilocin, third degree
- Aggravated trafficking of hydrocodone, third degree

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Sgt. Ron Welch III stands behind Rylan Burrie in Court of Common Pleas on Feb. 9, prior to Burrie's sentencing. He was found guilty of eight charges in a December trial and received the maximum term of 29 years in prison.

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Alan Cottrill stands next to his work during the early phases to create a 15-foot-tall bronze statue of President Donald Trump. It started in August 2024 and was completed in January 2025. The statue, now gilded in gold leaf, is still in Zanesville waiting to be installed at Trump National Doral Miami.

Gold Trump statue stuck in town amid payment dispute

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ZANESVILLE – All that glitters is gold – or maybe more the opposite could be true – as a 15-foot-tall statue of President Donald Trump completed in January 2025 slumbers in an Old Coopermill Road foundry.

The statue, now newly gilded with gold leaf, lies in the midst of an eight-

month payment impasse and copyright infringement rift between Zanesville sculptor Alan Cottrill and an upstart cryptocurrency group heading \$PATRIOT, a memecoin honoring Trump.

The Patriot group still owes a little more than \$90,000 for the \$300,000 undertaking, Cottrill told the Times Recorder. Around \$75,000 of that comes from 15 months' worth of copyright mis-

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“I felt that they tried to take advantage of me and the statue that I made. That statue isn't leaving Zanesville until they pay.”

Alan Cottrill
Sculptor

New regional tourism brand launches

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A new regional tourism brand has launched to promote a multi-county area of east-central Ohio as a unified travel destination.

The Ohio Foothills region encompasses 10 counties in Appalachian Ohio: Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum and Tuscarawas, according to a community announcement.

Grant funding from the Governor's Office of Appalachia and the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) helped create the Ohio Foothills project. The new brand is designed to showcase the region's rolling landscapes, history, outdoor recreation and small-town charm. It's goal is to increase visitor awareness, encourage longer stays and strengthen tourism-driven economic development.

Ohio Foothills will be used across digital marketing, social media,

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Ohio Foothills, a new regional tourism brand, will be used to market 10 counties in Appalachian Ohio as a tourist destination and an attractive place to live. PROVIDED BY TUSCARAWAS COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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