



## NEWS RELEASE

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## TASK FORCE ARREST CHILD ABUSE SUSPECT

**Marietta, Ohio** – United States Marshal Peter Tobin is pleased to announce Megan Wiggans was arrested on April 20, 2021 in Marietta, Ohio. The Washington County Common Pleas Court charged Wiggans with Failure to Appear for the charge of Permitting Child Abuse and Endangering Children. These charges stem from an incident occurring on July 23, 2020, where Wiggans allegedly did not prevent the abuse of a young child by her boyfriend Michael Dawson within her residence. After the young child succumbed to their injuries, Dawson was arrested for Murder and released on bond by the Washington County Court.

The Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST) adopted the fugitive investigation at the request of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. SOFAST and Washington County Sheriff's Office investigators believed Wiggans was still living in the Washington County, Ohio area. SOFAST and Washington County Sheriff's Office arrested Wiggans in the 100 Block of Longacre Road, Marietta, Ohio on April 20, 2021. Dawson was also arrested by investigators at the same address for Obstructing. Both Wiggans and Dawson were transported to the Washington County Jail.

Columbus SOFAST is a fugitive-focused, U.S. Marshals Service-led task force consisting of local, state and federal authorities including the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Division of Police, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Hocking County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster Police Department, Delaware County Probation, Ohio Attorney General Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Secret Service, U.S. Attorney's Office, Washington County Sheriff's Office and Zanesville Police Department.

Anyone with information on any fugitive may send an anonymous tip to the Marshals by texting the keyword SOFAST and their message to 847411 (tip411). Anonymous web tips can also be submitted through the U.S. Marshals' website at <https://www.usmarshals.gov/tips/index.html>.

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