

Livingston County man arrested after "cemetery incidents"

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A 37 year old man has been charged in Livingston County with second degree assault and possession of controlled substances following incidents at an area cemetery. Donald Walker is being held in custody on \$50,000 cash bond. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department said other charges may be pending.

Court records list Walker's address as "Nevada", but Sheriff Steve Cox said Walker described himself as homeless. Authorities in Livingston County were contacted on Wednesday afternoon about an assault "in progress" at the Catholic Cemetery on Livingston County Road 232.

Further investigation alleges that Walker was driving a car with his girlfriend as a passenger, and stopped at the cemetery during an argument with her. Witnesses reported hearing the female screaming for help. One witness reported seeing Walker on top of the female, who was on the ground. A female witness who did not know either person went to help and was allegedly punched in the face by the man.

A male witness who did not know the people ran to assist. Walker is accused of "yelling" at him that he had a gun, and he appeared to be "reaching for a weapon". The male witness would then retreat due to the presence of two children. It is then claimed that Walker quickly drove out of the cemetery and drove directly at the man, who was forced to jump out of the way to avoid being struck by the vehicle.

Over 130 feet of "acceleration marks" were found on the gravel road leaving the cemetery and further westbound on LIV 232. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of Webster Street in Chillicothe, with Walker then taken into custody.

Sheriff Cox said no one was seriously hurt in Wednesday night's incident, and an investigation is continuing.