

## **CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**

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# Man Indicted for Participating in September 28-29 Street Takeover; Participated in Seven Different Takeover Locations

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Jordan McDonald, 25, for participating in seven different street takeovers on September 28 and September 29 in Cleveland.

"These street takeovers are unacceptable, and my office will continue to vigorously prosecute all participants whose cases are referred to us," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "We anticipate more indictments coming."

On September 28, 2024, around 11:10 p.m., Jordan McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near East 55th Street and Woodland Avenue. Several vehicles engaged in blocking intersections and participating in burnouts and donuts in the middle of the intersections. The Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority Police (CMHA) and the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) responded to the scene.

Later that night around 11:36 p.m., McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near Lee Road and Miles Avenue in Cleveland. Several vehicles engaged in blocking intersections and participating in burnouts and donuts in the middle of the intersections. CDP responded to the scene. Multiple people jumped on top of a City of Cleveland vehicle and on the hoods of CDP vehicles – banging on the windows with closed fists.

Later that same night around 11:58 p.m., McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near East 105th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Cleveland. Several vehicles engaged in blocking intersections, participating in burnouts and donuts in the middle of the intersections, and slowed down an ambulance from passing through the intersection. University Circle Police and CDP responded to the scene. While CDP assisted the ambulance from passing through the intersection, one of the participants shot an officer with an airsoft gun twice.

On September 29 around 12:46 a.m., McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near East 93rd Street and Opportunity Corridor in Cleveland. Several vehicles engaged in blocking intersections, participating in burnouts and donuts in the middle of the intersections, and slowed down an ambulance from proceeding to the hospital.

That same night around 1:17 a.m., McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover near West 25th Street and Lorain Avenue in Cleveland. Several vehicles engaged in drag racing, blocking intersections, participating in burnouts and donuts in the middle of the intersections, setting off fireworks, and stopped an RTA bus from proceeding through. There were approximately 80-100 vehicles purposely parked to block all four sides of the intersection. CDP responded to the scene.



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Later the same night around 3 a.m., McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover at the Broadway Shopping Plaza on Broadway Avenue in Cleveland. Several vehicles engaged in performing donuts. Several shots were then fired – striking three males. CDP responded to the scene.

Additionally, the same night around 4 a.m., McDonald attended and participated in an illegal street takeover on I-90 near West 14th Street in Cleveland. Several vehicles participated in performing donuts, blocking the interstate with construction cones, approaching people wearing masks and brandishing firearms, setting off fireworks, and pouring gasoline on the highway – lighting it on fire. CDP responded to the scene. When officers arrived, several people then jumped on top of the CDP vehicles. A fire engine was also blocked and unable to proceed through during the street takeover.

Further investigation conducted by CDP revealed Jordan McDonald's gray 2023 Dodge Charger was observed performing burnouts and donuts in all seven incidents. Afterward, McDonald threw away his gray Dodge Charger's license plate, made physical alterations to his vehicle, and took down his social media accounts. On October 15, 2024, McDonald was arrested.

You can view videos of the incidents <u>here.</u>

Please note the video and audio are from personal social media accounts.

On October 23, 2024, Jordan McDonald was indicted on the following charges:

- Seven counts of Aggravated Riot
- Six counts of Riot
- Three counts of Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer
- Two counts of Obstructing Official Business
- Three counts of Disrupting Public Service
- One count of Possessing Criminal Tools
- One count of Tampering With Evidence

You can view the indictment here.

He will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center on October 28 at 8:30 a.m.