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**January 29, 2024.**

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## **Shots Fired During Road Rage Incident**

**Saint Albans, WV-** Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Roadside Park in Saint Albans early Saturday morning after Saint Albans Police Department stopped a motorcycle for excessive speeds. SAPD Officers learned the motorcycle driver was involved in a road rage incident in the Jefferson area just moments before where several gunshots were fired at another motorist.

Michael Tyler Hassie, 25 years old of Cabell County was operating the motorcycle and deputies have charged him with two counts of Wanton Endangerment because of the incident.

Deputy A.D. Moles and Corporal A.C. Miller investigated and said that Mr. Hassie was traveling west on MacCorkle Avenue in Jefferson when he became involved in a confrontation with another motorist. During the confrontation, Mr. Hassie produced a 9-millimeter handgun and fired several rounds at the other motorist before dropping the pistol on the roadway and leaving it.

Deputies recovered the handgun and found evidence of four shots being fired, likely while the vehicles were moving. Two of the shots struck the other vehicle; however, the other motorist was not struck or injured.

Mr. Hassie was arrested and arraigned before a Kanawha County Magistrate. He is currently released on a \$1000 surety bond and will await trial. As always, Mr. Hassie is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Should you have any additional information or were a witness to this incident, please contact Deputy A.D. Moles with the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office at 304-357-0169 or submit a tip at [www.kanawhasheriff.us](http://www.kanawhasheriff.us).



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