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## **Columbus Division of Police Conducts “Operation Unity”** *Officers focused on Zone 5 neighborhoods in parts of south Columbus*

In response to violent crime trends and complaints, the Columbus Division of Police completed “Operation Unity,” a collaboration of law enforcement and social services working together in specific neighborhoods of the city. Focusing on Hungarian Village, Vassor Village, Deshler Park, South Side, Southern Orchards, Old Oaks, Livingston Park, Olde Towne East, and other areas within Zone 5, patrol officers, criminal intelligence units, major crimes detectives, SWAT, drug crimes units, traffic operations units, and other local and statewide partners served search warrants and initiated targeted enforcement designed to specifically address violent offenders, recover firearms, and confiscate illegal narcotics.

Officers worked strategically directed patrol operations in these neighborhoods on Thursday, August 31, 2023. The result of this collaborative operation resulted in the following:

- 16 Felony Arrests
- 48 Arrest Warrants Served
- 5 Firearms Recovered
- 2 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 87 Grams of Marijuana Seized
- 26 Grams of Crack Cocaine Seized
- 1 Gram of Cocaine Seized
- 17 Ecstasy Pills Seized
- 157 Traffic Stops
  - 148 Traffic Citations Issued
  - 73 Driving without a License
  - 3 Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence

A citywide ‘Junk Car Blitz’ was conducted in combination with Operation Unity with the goal of removing abandoned vehicles from neighborhood streets. 198 vehicles were impounded across the City of Columbus during this operational period; 47 of those vehicles were towed from Zone 5.

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