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## Columbus Division of Police Conducts "Operation Unity"

Officers focused on Zone 6 neighborhoods in parts of northeast 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 Linden, King-Lincoln Bronzeville, Mt. Vernon, Eastgate, Milo-Grogan, and other areas within Zone 6, 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 3, 2023. The result of this collaborative operation resulted in the following:

- 28 Felony Arrests
- 43 Total Arrests
- 23 Vehicles Impounded
- 7 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 11 Illegal Guns Recovered
- 5 Search Warrants Served
- 164 Grams of Cocaine Seized
- 153 Grams of Fentanyl Seized
- 23 Grams of Heroin Seized
- 148 Grams of Marijuana Seized
- 53 Grams of Methamphetamine Seized
- \$7,137 Cash Seized
- 150 Traffic Stops
  - o 153 Citations Issued
  - o 25 Driving without a License
  - o 4 Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence

The Columbus Division of Police would like to thank the Columbus City Attorney's Office, City of Columbus Code Enforcement, Columbus Public Health, Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team, Ohio Investigative Unit, Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team, and many others for making this a successful joint operation.







