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Chief Jacobs Requests Assistance of FBI Task Force to Investigate CPD Vice

The Columbus Division of Police has requested the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Public Corruption Task Force as evidence has developed in the investigations of the Columbus Police Vice Section. The Task Force includes the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Ohio Auditor of State, and the FBI. A formal request was made by Chief Kim Jacobs to transfer the investigations and the Task Force accepted.

The Division previously reported that operations of the Vice Section have been temporarily paused while administrative issues are resolved, and this pause remains in effect. The Division will notify the public before regular operations resume.

Recent high profile incidents have brought forward a variety of allegations against the Vice Section via social media postings and other sources. Persons who have knowledge of criminal activity by members of the Columbus Police Vice personnel are asked to call a tip line set up by the FBI to investigate these claims. The tip line number is:

(614) 849-1777

The Division will not be releasing further details of the ongoing criminal investigations at this time in order to insure that the Task Force members have an opportunity to independently evaluate the evidence.

As always, allegations of misconduct not related to these investigations should be reported to the Columbus Police Internal Affairs Bureau at (614) 645-4745.

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