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## **Public Information Office**

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## **Operation Wheels Down Part "II"**

On Saturday, June 4, 2022, between the hours of 3pm – 12 am, officers with the Columbus Division of Police and deputies with the Franklin County Sherriff's Office conducted "Operation Wheels Down Part II."

The operation covered multiple areas within the City of Columbus and Franklin County.

Below are the statistics from Operation Wheels Down Part II.

## June 4, 2022

- 14 vehicles were Impounded (10 from the City of Columbus & 4 from Franklin County)
- 4 individuals were arrested and slated
- 1 individual arrested had a felony warrant and 2 individuals arrested had misdemeanor warrants
- 18 individuals were issued a Summons and/or Citations (10 from the City of Columbus & 8 from Franklin County)
- 2 stolen vehicles (dirt bikes) were recovered
- 2 individuals were charged with "Felony Fleeing"
- 1 individual was charged with OVI
- 1 of the individuals arrested was in possession of a Narcotic (Methamphetamine)
- Officer made contact with an 8 year old on a dirt bike. Officers took advantage of this opportunity and made this a positive encounter by educating the child and the parents.

Throughout these operations, we will continue to address complaints and also gather video evidence of individuals engaging in criminal offenses. We will be investigating these offenses and will ask the community to help us identify those individuals that have been lawlessly putting everyone at risk on the road and in our neighborhoods.

We will release videos and photos of those we need to identify at a later date.