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## **Columbus Division of Police Conducts Part 7 of “Operation Unity”** *Officers focused on neighborhoods in the Hilltop, Franklinton, and southwest Columbus*

In response to violent crime trends and complaints, the Columbus Division of Police completed the seventh “Operation Unity,” a collaboration of law enforcement and social services working together in specific neighborhoods of the city. Focusing on the Hilltop, Franklinton, and neighborhoods in southwest Columbus, 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 from 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2023, to 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The result of this collaborative operation resulted in the following:

- 17 Felony Arrests
- 35 Total Arrests
- 13 Vehicles Impounded
- 14 Illegal Guns Recovered
- 6 Search Warrants Served
- 30 Arrest Warrants Served
- 204 Grams of Cocaine Seized
- 173 Grams of Fentanyl Seized
- 39 Grams of Methamphetamine Seized
- 7 Grams of Heroin Seized
- 2,726 Grams of Marijuana Seized
- \$95,497 Approximate Street Value of Suspected Drugs Recovered
- 170 Traffic Stops
  - 174 Citations Issued, 34 Driving without a License

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.

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