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## Columbus Division of Police Conducts "Operation Unity"

Officers focused on Wedgewood Village Apartments in west Columbus

In response to violent crime trends and community 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 the Wedgewood Village Apartments neighborhood, located in west 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 this neighborhoods on for a 27-hour period, which began on Thursday, October 19, 2023. The result of this collaborative operation resulted in the following:

- 9 Felony Arrests
- 25 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 17 Arrest Warrants Served
- 1 Firearm Recovered
- 6 Vehicles Impounded