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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 North Linden, South 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, September 21, 2023. This collaborative operation resulted in the following:

- 25 Felony Arrests
- 22 Arrest Warrants Served
- 10 Search Warrants Served
- 24 Firearms Recovered
- 6 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 45.7 Grams of Fentanyl Seized
- 30 Grams of Marijuana Seized
- 18.6 Grams of Cocaine Seized
- 14 Grams of Methamphetamine Seized
- 188 Traffic Stops
  - o 151 Traffic Citations Issued
  - 18 Driving without a License
  - 13 Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence
- 28 Juvenile Truancy

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.



