



## **Springfield Police Department City of Springfield, Illinois**

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### **NEARLY FIVE DOZEN VIOLENT CRIMINALS APPREHENDED DURING OPERATION SUMMER SWEEP**

Springfield Police (SPD), along with County, State and Federal law enforcement officers, have apprehended more than 56 individuals during a sweep of the city aimed at arresting the most violent offenders. Dubbed "Operation Summer Sweep," the effort, which was carefully coordinated with John Milhiser, Sangamon County State's Attorney, occurred over a two-day period. Included in the sweep was the issuance of four search warrants, which resulted in the additional confiscation of cannabis, suspected cocaine, drug paraphernalia, cash, guns and ammunition.

"It is important that we let criminals know that we are not going to tolerate this kind of activity," said Mayor Mike Houston. "When we recognize a need to take decisive action, we will not hesitate for a moment."

"This operation clearly demonstrates how various law enforcement agencies can work together to have a significant impact on criminal activity," said Robert Williams, Chief of the Springfield Police Department. "We could not have enjoyed this level of success without everyone working together in a well-coordinated fashion."

"When we conduct operations like this, we want to be sure that we do everything by the book," said State's Attorney John Milhiser. "Success means not only arresting our most violent criminals, but having solid enough cases so that we can permanently get these individuals off our streets. Making our neighborhoods safe is our number one goal."

Operation "Summer Sweep" was made up of the following individuals:

- 10 - Detectives, 2 Detective Sergeants, 8 Patrol Officers - SPD
- 4 - Narcotics Offices, 1 Sergeant - SPD
- 4 - Street Crimes Officers, 1 Sergeant - SPD

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- 11 - Members of the U.S. Marshall's Violent Fugitive task Force
- 8 - DEA Task Force Officers
- 6 - CIEG Task Force Officers -(Central Illinois Enforcement Group)

Search Warrants issued for the following addresses:

**1300 E. Cedar** - the warrant resulted in the seizure of 22 grams of cannabis and \$392. Arrested was Carl Blanche MB 8-28-73 and Rahshawn Carter MB 10-21-75 charged with Manufacture and Delivery of Cannabis.

**1005 S 25<sup>th</sup>** - the warrant resulted in the seizure of 9 grams of cannabis and \$30. Arrested was Dion C. Birgans MB 2-13-77 charged with Manufacture and Delivery of Cannabis.

**1305 E Laurel** - the warrant resulted in the seizure of cocaine residue, digital scales and \$807. Arrested was Christin Pogue MB 7-29-91 charged with Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance.

**1925 S 8<sup>th</sup>** - the warrant resulted in the seizure of a .44 cal Desert Eagle and two magazines, plastic baggies with cocaine residue and \$26. Officers also seized a 1995 Lexus. Arrested was Rodney Carter MB 2-17-72 charged with Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance and no FOID card.

\*A fifth Warrant was obtained later in the day from information received during the detail.

**916 Diane Ct** - the warrant resulted in the seizure of a 9mm handgun, ammunition, numerous baggies with cocaine residue, trace amounts of cocaine and documents. The target was not at the residence.

In all, 49 individuals were arrested on felony warrants, 3 arrested on misdemeanor warrants, and 5 arrested on search warrants. All subjects taken into custody were brought to the Springfield Police Department to be interviewed by detectives. More arrests are ongoing.

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