



**SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
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SPRINGFIELD POLICE CONTINUE ANTI VIOLENCE CRACKDOWN

The Springfield Police Department has completed phase's 2 & 3 of a three pronged detail to help curb violent crime in the City. The first element was Operation Summer Sweep conducted in June.

The second and third phase's include

- **Operation Compliance** a parole compliance check
- **Operation Verify** a sex offender registration compliance check

On 07-20-11 Representatives from the US Marshals Service, Illinois State Police, Attorney General's office, Department of Corrections and the Springfield Police Department conducted a Sex Offender registration check within the city of Springfield. The detail was entitled Operation Verify. This detail resulted in the following:

- 255 sex offenders checked
- 174 sex offenders were compliant (68%)
- 26 sex offenders were non compliant (10%)
- 54 sex offenders did not answer the door and door hangers were left indicating a return phone call (21%)

The 26 non compliant cases have been assigned to detectives and will be presented to the States Attorney's office for prosecution. There was 1 additional arrest for a warrant.

On 7/19/11 a Parole Compliance Check was conducted in the city of Springfield. Participating agencies were the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Springfield Police Department, the U. S. Marshals Service and FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. A total of 49 parolees were targeted with 24 parolees being brought into the Springfield Police Department for a compliance check. A total of 19 parolees tested positive for illegal drug use. 4 parolees received additional criminal changes and 3 were charged with city ordinance violations. 4 IDOC warrants were issued. There was 1 collateral arrest of a civilian for an active warrant.

Breon Bennett, (M/B 05-21-83, 900 blk E. Division) – found with 6 grams of crack cocaine in his pocket. Arrested and taken to Sangamon County Jail. IDOC warrant issued.

Donzell Middleton, (M/B 11-28-82, 3200 blk E. Sangamon) – .22 rifle (dismantled) found at host site in his bedroom closet. Also found various drug paraphernalia items and under 2.5 grams of marijuana. Charged with UUW/Possession of a Weapon by a Felon. IDOC warrant issued.

Thomas Zepp, , (M/W 12-19-86, 1200 blk N. Milton) – Found in possession of needle, syringe and crack pipe. Charged with ordinance violation.

Eddie Greer, (M/W 08-18-60, 300 blk N. Wesley) – did not answering door at first attempt. Agents went back a couple of hours later an he was on front porch, ran inside and bolted the door. He finally opened the door for agents. Agents found (8) dime bags of marijuana that appear to be laced with another substance and it is believed that he was flushing other contraband. Also found was a one-hitter and an unknown white powdery substance. Charged with Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Springfield Police are attempting to retrieve items from plugged sewer lines. IDOC warrant issued.

Travon Fairlee, (M/B 03-05-91, 2800 blk Taylor) –collateral arrest of civilian at host site for warrant.

Brandon McKinney, (M/W 01-23-85, 500 blk S. Grand W) - Drug paraphernalia (pipe) and powdery substance found in his bedroom. Arrested for Possession of Paraphernalia and PCS. IDOC warrant issued.

Charity Tomizolli, (F/W 02-10-74, 2300 blk W. Lawrence) – Drug paraphernalia (pipes) found at host site. Charged with city ordinance violation.

A juvenile, (Gettysburg) – found at host site of Christopher Howell . Found marijuana pipe under his bed. Charged with ordinance violation.