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Two-day initiative results in arrests of violent criminals, drug seizures

Kansas City Police and their partners have arrested some of the city's most violent and prolific offenders during a two-day warrant sweep yesterday and today.

As of 4 p.m. today, police have arrested 81 people, cleared 203 warrants, seized 10 firearms and recovered more than \$48,000 worth of illegal narcotics. Twenty-five new charges also were levied during the course of the operation.

Police sought suspects identified by the Kansas City No Violence Alliance (KC NoVA) as being at the center of violent criminal networks. Other suspects who were targeted included those wanted by KCPD's Narcotics and Vice Division and those who have been identified as the major source of violence in crime "hot spot" areas of the city.

Throughout the course of the operation, police were able to identify several people who have vital information about recent homicides.

This is the first time KC NoVA has been a part of KCPD's annual violent crime initiative. They have identified a network of 2,161 people who have been connected to the city's homicides and aggravated assaults over the past two years. The members of this group are more than 100 times more likely to be murdered than a normal citizen, based on their homicide rate compared to the national average homicide rate. The most central figures in this group were targeted for arrest and prosecution, and police were able to take many of them into custody.

KC NoVA also had client advocates on duty throughout the operation to assist those on the periphery of the violent crime group who want to change. Advocates helped connect numerous individuals (most of whom have not committed felony-level crimes) to community resources that can help them turn away from a life of crime.

Agencies assisting Kansas City Police in the operation included the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Independence, Mo., Police Department; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations; United States Marshals Service; Jackson County Prosecutor's Office; U.S. Attorney's Office; Missouri Probation and Parole; and Federal Probation and Parole.

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Statistics from the operation, as of 4 p.m. today, August 15:

Warrants cleared

158 City
43 State
2 Federal

New charges

3 City
22 State

Recoveries

7 handguns
3 shotguns
\$3,151 in cash

Narcotics seized: street value

67 grams of cocaine: \$6,700
704 grams of marijuana: \$10,560
16 grams of methamphetamines: \$2,400
19 grams of heroin: \$3,800
6 grams of hashish: \$300
1,893 grams of PCP: \$19,200
49 grams of bath salts: \$1,225
159 various prescription pills: \$3,975

Police Activity

201 knock-and-talks
19 search warrants
81 total arrests

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