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City Attorney Zach Klein Announces Property Action Team Secures Court Order to Shutter Franklinton Drug House

Says case highlights importance of community tips in helping build cases to present to court to shut down these properties and improve public safety

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down a Franklinton area drug house and board up the property following numerous community complaints and an extensive police investigation into the criminal activity at the premises. Columbus Police (CPD) recently executed an order to board up the property located at 1043 Bellows Ave.

“Residents and families shouldn’t have to live with drug trafficking in their neighborhood or used needles in the streets just steps away from where their kids play or wait for the school bus,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“I’m grateful to the community who spoke up and CPD who helped the Property Action Team build this case to take out another drug house and make this area of Franklinton safer.”**

According to Court documents, CPD received a tip in July 2024 of frequent foot traffic and drugs being sold at the premises. That same month, CPD was notified of an altercation at the premises between several individuals.

In September 2024, a caller reported a fentanyl overdose at the premises, and medics responded to the scene, reviving the unconscious patient using naloxone.

In recent months, CPD obtained surveillance footage of the exterior of the property, which depicted heavy foot traffic in and out of the house consistent with narcotics trafficking, conducted five surveillance operations to observe activity, and made three controlled purchases of crack cocaine at the premises.

In January 2025, a concerned neighbor contacted CPD about finding needles and drug paraphernalia near the property and reported that drug activity and prostitution continued at the premises.

“Properties where criminals push deadly narcotics out into our streets need to be addressed, so if you see something, say something—report it to 311 or the Division of Police so we can build a case to get these drug houses shut down and criminals behind bars. Thanks to CPD and concerned neighbors who reported this activity, there’s now one less drug house threatening our neighborhoods,” said Property Action Team attorney Rob Doersam.