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City Attorney's Property Action Team Obtains Order to Shut Down Driving Park Property Tied to Drug Sales, Sex Trafficking and Violence

City Attorney Zach Klein says City will continue its aggressive approach to shut down drug houses and address nuisance and dangerous properties

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced that the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down and board up a drug house located 888 Miller Ave. in the Driving Park neighborhood following dozens of calls for police service for violent crime, drugs, and sex trafficking. From August 2023 to June 2025, CPD was called to the premises 36 times, including calls for robbery, shots fired, multiple overdoses, stolen vehicles and violence.

“Properties that attract violence and criminal activity degrade the quality of life in our neighborhoods, which is why my office has been aggressive in taking action to shut these properties down and hold owners accountable,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“We will continue this aggressive approach and encourage neighbors who see problem properties or criminal activity to report it. It’s how we build our cases and improve public safety.”**

CPD began receiving complaints about narcotics sales and prostitution at the property earlier this year, but other criminal activity had been reported at the premises for some time. During the course of the investigation, CPD officers were approached by a neighbor who indicated that the criminal activity had reached a point to where she feared for the lives and safety of her and her family.

In November 2023, CPD received a ShotSpotter alert that 10 gunshots had been fired near the premises, as well as calls from concerned neighbors reporting the shots fired.

CPD also responded to a stolen vehicle located outside the premises, reports of a woman being attacked at the property, and multiple other ShotSpotter alerts for shots fired.

In addition to the numerous reported criminal incidents, CPD surveilled the premises on multiple occasions, noting heavy foot traffic to the rear entrance to the house and other activity

consistent with narcotics sales and prostitution. In addition, CPD obtained evidence from a man arrested at the premises who acknowledged that illegal narcotics sales and sex trafficking were occurring at the premises.

“This was a particularly egregious case that came together quickly with the help of the Division of Police and community tips. Now that this property is under a court order, we can monitor it closely and take further action should any more criminal activity occur,” said Property Action Team Lead Attorney Steve Dunbar.

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