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City Shuts Down Third Hilltop Drug House in Past Month

West side property known for fentanyl, crack cocaine trafficking and dangerous criminal activity

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus obtained an emergency court order to shut down a drug house in the City's Hilltop neighborhood, the third such property in the area in the past month. The City [shut down drug houses](#) on Wheatland Ave. and Columbian Ave. in February.

CPD executed an order to board up the property located at 634 South Ogden Ave. Wednesday. The property is located just blocks from an elementary school, multiple community churches and the Columbus Metropolitan Library Hilltop Branch.

“Today’s action to take out another dangerous drug house and haven for criminal activity provides relief to those who live, work and worship in the Hilltop neighborhood. No community should have to worry about this level of criminal activity right on their doorstep,” said City Attorney Zach Klein.

According to court documents, CPD received a complaint of narcotics activity at the premises in Feb. 2021, and proceeded to surveil the property and attempt to make covert narcotics purchases.

In April 2021, CPD advised property management of the narcotics complaints at the residence.

During a traffic stop outside the premises in May 2021, CPD identified occupants of the vehicle as known narcotics dealers.

In Sept. 2021, CPD responded to the premises on a report of a man being held against his will at the property. That same month, CPD made controlled purchases of crack cocaine at the premises on multiple occasions, and CPD INTAC executed a search warrant of the property, recovering fentanyl and a notebook ledger.

Later in Sept. 2021, CPD responded to a reported assault and CPD and CFD were dispatched to the premises on report of an overdose.

In Nov. 2021, CPD again notified property management of felony narcotics activity at the premises and their duty to abate the nuisance. However, CPD continued to receive multiple complaints of drug activity at the premises in Nov. and Dec. 2021.

In Jan. 2022, CPD made a controlled purchase of crack cocaine at the premises.

Officers conducted a traffic stop in Feb. 2022, and the driver of the vehicle reported purchasing fentanyl at the premises two hours prior.

[The order on the South Ogden Ave. property is attached.](#)

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