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## Columbus Shuts Down Business that Caused Hundreds of Calls for Service

*Livingston and Brice area convenience store boarded up after recent shootings, including two homicides*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus has shut down a troubled business located in a far-east side strip mall after securing a court order to board up the premises. The establishment plagued the area with crime, drugs and violence and adversely affected several other businesses located in the strip mall, including two hair salons, a child daycare center and a bank, as well as a church ministry.

Klein filed a complaint for preliminary and permanent injunctive relief in the Franklin County Environmental Court against *C-1 Market*, located just south of the intersection of Livingston and Brice at [6044 Channingway Boulevard](#). According to court documents, the Columbus Division of Police responded to the premises and surrounding area more than 350 times since 2019 for incidents ranging from multiple shootings and two homicides to narcotics complaints and 25 “gun runs.” Officers confiscated at least 12 illegal firearms.

**“The market we shut down today was a major source of the violence and crime that has afflicted this area for far too long,”** said Klein. **“Between the high number of calls for service and the illegal activity that prompted a months-long police investigation, this establishment was a danger to the community and a drain on public resources. The law-abiding small businesses nearby have endured enough challenges as it is with COVID-19. Their customers and employees shouldn’t also have to contend with open drug dealing and violence.”**

On June 22, 2020 police were dispatched to the premises on report of a shooting, which was subsequently determined to be a homicide.

On July 13, 2020 undercover detectives executed a covert purchase of illegal drugs outside *C-1 Market*. The detectives observed approximately 25 individuals loitering outside the store entrance at the time of the transaction.

On July 15, 2020 officers conducting video surveillance of the premises observed what appeared to be numerous drug transactions, including a man weighing presumed narcotics on a scale and approaching vehicles in the parking lot. Officers approached the man and found he was in possession of a handgun.

On August 7, 2020 officers responded to a report of a fight in progress. They detained at least one person of interest, recovering a large knife, a firearm and several different kinds of illegal drugs.

On August 10, 2020 police were dispatched to the premises on report of a homicide. The victim was pronounced dead at 2:05 a.m.

Officers also were called to the premises due to shootings on August 24, 2020 and August 31, 2020.

Investigators also documented a series of fire, health and building code violations. Agents obtained evidence of underage liquor sales as well.

**“The Livingston and Brice corridor is home to many responsible business owners and residents looking to make a difference,” said Assistant City Attorney Tiara Ross. “That’s why it is so important for us to root out the drug activity and violence that has been negatively impacting the safety of this important area of the city.”**

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