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## Property Action Team Secures Order to Board Up Linden Property Plagued by Crime and Deadly Violence

Court grants City's motion to hold property owners in contempt following continued nuisance activity and a homicide at the premises

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down a Linden area property located at 1298 E. Hudson Street following a recent homicide and numerous calls for police service. The property has a history of drug activity and violent crime, and was under multiple court orders that limited property access and sought to mitigate crime and nuisance activity. CPD executed an order to board up the property.

"Property owners who flagrantly disregard court orders and threaten public safety will be held accountable in the City of Columbus," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. "Neighbors were rightly fed up with the crime and violence associated with this property, and now, thanks to the work of the Property Action Team, the Division of Police, and tips from concerned residents, this property is shut down and boarded up—and the residents and families of Linden are safer for it."

Since a second court order on the property was issued in 2022, there have been numerous calls for service to the property, including a fatal shooting CPD responded to earlier this year.

In addition, neighbors reported shots fired, fights, assaults, disturbances, theft, suspicious persons and illegal prostitution at the premises.

"When the City secures a court order on a property, we don't walk away, we continue to monitor activity alongside the Division of Police to see if owners are complying, if crime and violence are still occurring, and if public safety is improving. If the order is being violated, we will take further action, as we did in this case to get this property shut down," said Property Action Team Attorney Kenyatta Wilder.

The property will remain boarded up for one year, and anyone found on the premises without the Court's permission will be held in contempt and subject to removal and arrest.