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City Attorney Zach Klein Announces Property Action Team Secures Order to Shut Down Hilltop Drug House

Says CPD, community tips played critical role in building case to get Hilltop drug house shut down

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down a west side drug house where Police and the City received numerous complaints about drug activity. In recent months, CPD observed heavy foot traffic in and out of the Hilltop property and conducted several stops of individuals leaving the premises who had drugs in their possession. CPD executed an order to board up the property located at 94 Orel Ave.

“While it’s a new year, our priorities remain the same—to go after drug houses and any property owners whose negligence and lawlessness degrade the quality of life in our neighborhoods,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“Thanks to CPD, the Property Action Team, and concerned neighbors, this drug house is boarded up and this area of the Hilltop is safer. I encourage anyone who sees nuisance or criminal activity to report it to the Division of Police or 311 so we can take similar actions to hold property owners accountable in your neighborhood.”**

According to Court documents, Columbus Police gathered significant evidence of drug sales at the premises in recent months, including nine occasions where officers stopped vehicles leaving the property and found drugs or drug paraphernalia inside. On at least four occasions over the past two months, police directly observed heavy foot traffic indicative of drug sales.

Just last week, a community member reported to Police that this activity remained ongoing.

CPD’s investigation came on the heels of an overdose at the property in 2023, and City officials directly observing drug paraphernalia inside the property’s garage in May of 2024. Also, by May of 2024, CPD and City staff had received a number of community complaints of nuisance activity occurring at the property.

The property is located [directly across the street from another drug house](#) the Property Action Team filed against in June 2024, which was also boarded up by CPD.

“Taking out a drug house directly across the street from one boarded up just six months ago goes to show that when the City takes action against a problem property, we don’t just walk away, we stay engaged with the Division of Police and neighbors. Now, the Hilltop is safer because our partners and the community worked together to make a difference,” said Property Action Team Attorney Rob Doersam.