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City Attorney Zach Klein Announces Property Action Team Secures Order to Shut Down Violent Linden Area Drug House *Says criminals used the property to push drugs and terrorize the neighborhood*

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the Property Action Team secured a court order to shut down a violent drug house in the Linden neighborhood that Columbus Police had been called to some 60 times in the past three years for various violent crimes and reports of drug activity. The property also has a history of unaddressed health and safety code violations. Klein noted that CPD executed an order to board up the property located at 2801 Atwood Terrace.

“Criminals used this property to terrorize the neighborhood and push drugs into our streets. That’s simply unacceptable, and now, thanks to the help of concerned neighbors, CPD and Code Enforcement, we’ve stopped the flow of drugs and crime emanating from this property, and made this pocket of our city safer for residents and families,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein.

According to court documents, the property has an extensive criminal history, with Columbus Police being called to the premises approximately 60 times since March 2021. Calls include reports of assault, burglary, robbery, shots fired, multiple overdoses, arson and an unknown number of individuals breaking into the home to run drugs out of the house.

In September 2023, CPD received a narcotics complaint at the premises, with a concerned neighbor reporting that there were individuals entering and leaving the premises at all hours.

In December 2023, CPD officers executed a search warrant of the premises, and in August 2024, CPD narcotics detectives conducted an operation to covertly purchase crack/cocaine at the premises.

In addition to the extensive criminal activity, the property also has a history of health and safety code violations that have stretched for a number of years without being addressed.

“Neighbors stepped up to say ‘enough is enough,’ and because of that and the great work of the Division of Police and Code Enforcement, this dangerous property is shut down and folks can live without the fear of the violence and criminal activity we saw at that property,” said Assistant City Attorney Kenyatta Wilder, a member of the City Attorney’s Property Action Team.