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## City Attorney's Office Takes Action to Crack Down on Hot Spots for Criminal Activity in North Columbus

*Announces accountability measures in coordination with City, State partners to shut down drug house, hold business owners accountable for nuisance conditions*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Today, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced a number of actions to crack down on problem properties, improve safety for residents and business, and protect consumers on the City's north side, including shutting down a drug house and conducting compliance inspections at several businesses. All of this is a result of a partnership involving the City Attorney's Office, CPD, CFD, Columbus Public Health, State Fire, Licensing, and Code Enforcement.

The City obtained an emergency court order this week to shut down a property at 2025 Tupsfield Road, which has been the scene of drug trafficking, prostitution and violent crime.

According to court documents, CPD's Community Response Team for Zone 1 (CRT-1) has observed narcotics and prostitution traffic at the premises on numerous occasions, received 10 reports involving firearms at the premises, and recovered drug paraphernalia and evidence of meth and fentanyl from the property. Additionally, a City Code Enforcement inspection found multiple violations during a March 2022 inspection.

**"CPD shares our commitment to advancing safe neighborhoods by targeting violent crime and drug trafficking and connecting residents to critical resources,"** said City Attorney Zach Klein. **"Shutting down dangerous properties is the first step to opening up opportunity and new possibilities for residents and businesses in north Columbus."**

CPD executed an order to board up the Tupsfield Rd. property this week. The action came as a part of the CPD-led Operation Unity, a coordinated effort bringing together law enforcement and community partners to reduce violent crime and connect residents to community resources.

The court order on the Tupsfield Rd. property is attached.

Additionally, City Attorney Klein announced Hotel Nuisance Abatement Group (NAG) and Liquor NAG compliance inspections of several businesses in north Columbus. The inspections are part of a larger, coordinated consumer protection, public safety and compliance effort in

partnership with various groups, including CPD, CFD, Columbus Public Health, State Fire, Licensing, and Code Enforcement.

**“Public safety is our top priority. That’s why we’re working together to ensure businesses comply with safe business practices and take necessary steps to ensure Columbus residents and visitors don’t fear for their safety when trying to put gas in their car, run into the convenience store or reserve a hotel room in our City,”** City Attorney Klein said. **“These inspections are critical to ensuring businesses stay on the right track or be held accountable for endangering the public’s safety.”**

Properties with a history of nuisance activity in north Columbus were targeted in this NAG compliance operation. Businesses include the Baymont Inn located at 887 Morse Rd, the Ameristop/Circle A at 4432 Walford St., Speedway at 3974 Cleveland Ave., Sunoco at 5800 Cleveland Ave. and the Beechcroft Newstand at 1935 E. Dublin Granville Rd.

[Court documents are attached.](#)

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