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City Shuts Down Fourth Hilltop Drug House This Year

City Attorney Zach Klein says taking out dangerous drug house restores opportunity for entire Hilltop community

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus obtained an emergency court order to shut down a drug house in the City's Hilltop neighborhood, located at 2226 Amherst Ave. CPD executed an order to board up the property Monday. This is the fourth Hilltop-area drug house the city has shut down since Jan. 1.

“Our Zone Team is working alongside CPD to build strong cases to shut down drug houses that threaten public health and safety,” said City Attorney Zach Klein. **“By taking this drug house out of play, we’re ensuring safety, promoting accountability and restoring opportunity for residents, businesses and the entire Hilltop community.”**

According to court documents, CPD first received notice of an anonymous tip regarding narcotics at the premises in Feb. 2019.

In March 2019, CPD received a report of an accidental overdose at the property. Later that month, CPD received an anonymous narcotics complaint regarding the premises. CPDINTAC then made multiple controlled purchases of crack cocaine and later executed a search warrant of the premises.

On March 18, 2019 property owners were notified and informed of their duty to abate any nuisance activity at the premises.

On April 6, 2019, officers were dispatched to the property on report of a burglary.

CPD again received notice from concerned neighbors in Oct. 2020 who reported narcotics activity had begun again at the property. Officers surveilled the premises and observed a vehicle associated with a known drug trafficker and member of a local street gang.

CPD responded to a number of calls for service between April and Nov. 2021, including reports of a fight, drug activity and multiple disturbances at the property.

In Nov. and Dec. 2021, CPDINTAC made multiple controlled purchases of crack cocaine at the premises. CPD executed a search warrant of the premises, recovering 36.7 grams of crack

cocaine along with money from an earlier covert narcotics purchase and other drug paraphernalia.

In March 2022, CPDINTAC made a controlled purchase of methamphetamine from the premises.

The City [shut down drug houses](#) on Wheatland Ave. and Columbian Ave. in February 2022 and a [property on Ogden Ave.](#) in March 2022.

[The court order on the Amherst Ave. property is attached.](#)

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