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## City Shuts Down South Side Property Known for Drug Trafficking and Criminal Activity

*City Attorney Klein applauds area residents, law enforcement for working together to take out criminal hub on City's south side, make neighborhood safer for residents and children*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Today, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced the City obtained a court order to shut down a drug house in Reeb-Hosack neighborhood on the City's south side. The property is located near multiple residential homes, local businesses and places of worship, and has long been known to area residents as a hub of criminal activity, including the sale of narcotics and the stockpiling of firearms. Concerned neighbors began working with Columbus Police in 2021 to report the alleged criminal activity.

**“No one should have to put up with a revolving door of criminal activity on their street, and thanks to concerned neighbors and the investigative work of CPD, we were able to shut down this dangerous operation, disrupt the flow of drugs into our streets, and make our south side neighborhoods safer for residents and families alike,”** said City Attorney Zach Klein.

According to court documents, CPD received multiple community complaints regarding the premises beginning in July 2021, with concerned neighbors reporting the sale of narcotics and firearms at the home.

In July 2021, CPD officers surveilled the premises on multiple occasions and witnesses traffic consistent with narcotics sales. They later conducted a controlled purchase of narcotics at the premises. CPD then executed a search warrant at the premises and recovered handguns, ammunition, suspected narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

In Aug. 2021, CPD received a tip that fentanyl and cocaine were being sold at the premises. CPD surveilled the premises on multiple occasions between Aug. and Dec. 2021, and observed activity consistent with the sale of narcotics.

In Dec. 2021, law enforcement conducted a controlled purchase of crack-cocaine at the premises, and later that month obtained and executed a search warrant, recovering cash, various types of drugs, multiple firearms and a number of high capacity gun magazines.

Since Jan. 2022, CPD has responded to multiple calls for service to the premises and complaints from neighbors about continued drug sales.

The court ordered that the tenants be evicted from the property. Failure to abate the nuisance would result in the court finding property owners in contempt of the order.

[The court order on the S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. property is attached.](#)

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