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Columbus Division of Police and City Attorney Zach Klein Partner to Round-up Domestic Violence Abusers

City Attorney applauds CPD for first of its kind DV warrants round-up

COLUMBUS—Today, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein and the Columbus Division of Police announced the results of a domestic violence fugitive round-up which took place last week. The raid of domestic violence fugitives, which resulted in 11 arrests, was the first of its kind for these Columbus agencies.

The collaborative effort between the Columbus Division of Police and Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein stemmed from a shared interest in cracking down on domestic violence abusers in Columbus, especially those who are evading arrest.

The fugitive list was chosen by the Columbus City Attorney's Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit, who reviewed the facts of each case, occurring between August and December of 2018.

The 50 worst offenders were hand-picked based on a set of specific criteria, including but not limited to:

- A lethality assessment screen
- Evidence of strangulation
- A victim who is pregnant
- Whether a gun was used
- Any history of weapons charges
- Lengthy history of violence
- Multiple warrants at the same time

All warrants were served under the Columbus Division of Police, who executed the search from Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 through Monday, February 4th, 2019, during Super Bowl LIII weekend.

“This is an effective partnership between the Columbus Division of Police and the City Attorney’s Office to round-up violent and dangerous domestic violence abusers,” said City Attorney Zach Klein. **“These are the worst of the worst offenders who may be back in their previous living situations, which would be an obvious threat to their children and families. The Columbus City Attorney’s Office takes domestic violence very seriously, and we’ll keep doing everything we can to increase safety for all Columbus families.”**

Fugitives who are known domestic abusers are often the riskiest and dangerous warrants for officers to execute.

“Every member of the Division of Police takes to heart the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Victims of domestic violence deserve our best efforts to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of this heinous crime,” said Columbus Police Deputy Chief Kenneth Kuebler. **“Recently, we had the opportunity to work with the City Prosecutor to identify and focus on some of the most violent domestic violence offenders who had up to this point remained fugitives. Those efforts led to a week-long effort to locate the fugitives and serve the warrants. We are proud of these efforts and remain committed to finding and apprehending all suspects accused of domestic violence.”**

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