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Pair of Drug Houses Boarded Up as City Cracks Down on Problem Properties in Columbus Neighborhoods

City Attorney Zach Klein says North Linden, Hungarian Village drug houses were threat to the safety of residents and families

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus obtained court orders to shut down a pair of drug houses that have threatened the health and safety of residents and families in two Columbus neighborhoods over the past year, as police have been called numerous times for reported narcotics sales, overdoses, an assault and shots fired. CPD recently executed orders to board up the properties located at 200 Woodrow Ave. in Hungarian Village and 1191 Loretta Ave. in the North Linden area.

“The City is committed to rooting out drug houses and other problem properties that make our neighborhoods less safe,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“By holding property owners accountable and prosecuting the criminals that terrorize our neighborhoods, we’re making our communities safer for residents and families.”**

According to court documents, there have been 17 calls for service and complaints from area neighbors concerned by activity at the 200 Woodrow Ave. property since the beginning of 2022. CPD has received reports of a fight at the property and numerous complaints related to narcotics sales, including fentanyl and heroin. One witness claimed to have seen more than 100 people coming and going at the premises, while another said patrons of the property had been harassing juveniles coming home from school.

In November 2022, CPD made multiple controlled purchases of narcotics from the premises. CPD then obtained and executed a search warrant, recovering 87 grams of cocaine, eight grams of heroin, 10 grams of crack cocaine, five grams of fentanyl, as well as three semi-automatic handguns. In January 2023, CPD made a controlled purchase of crack cocaine from the property.

“Working together with law enforcement and community members, the City Attorney’s Office has been able to take this hotbed of criminal activity out of play and provide neighbors with peace of mind and a greater sense of safety for them and their families,” said Assistant City Attorney Christopher Clark.

The North Linden property located at 1191 Loretta Ave. has seen approximately 20 calls for service from February 2022 to January 2023. There have been at least two overdoses at the premises in that time. Additionally, CPD responded to the premises on a report of 30 rounds of gunfire in September 2022 and executed a search warrant in December 2022 due to continued narcotics activity at the premises.

“We were able to work with law enforcement to build a case and shut down this problem property. Residents, families and local business owners are safer now because area neighbors stepped up to tell CPD when they knew something was wrong,” said Assistant City Attorney Chassidy Barham.

Orders on the properties are attached.

[Orders on the properties – 2023 EVH 060081](#)

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