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DOZENS OF CHARGES IN “OPERATION STREET SWEEPER”

An almost six month investigation targeting street level narcotics dealing culminated today with the arrests of multiple individuals who allegedly sold drugs and/or guns to undercover police officers.

Over 50 Aurora Police Officers, assisted by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Illinois State Police North Central Narcotics Task Force (NCNTF), participated in a pre-dawn sweep targeting 12 individuals. An additional nine suspects were either already in custody or were arrested earlier as part of the operation and will be served with warrants today. According to officials, most of those charged are either gang members or associates.

Dubbed “Operation Street Sweeper”, the detail resulted in the seizure of street level quantities of cocaine and heroin. Three guns were also taken by authorities. It consisted of undercover officers purchasing narcotics and/or weapons, many in multiple transactions, most of which occurred near schools, churches, and parks which qualify for enhanced charges under state statutes. Many of the transactions were captured on videotape.

“Street Sweeper” is an off-shoot of annual operations conducted in the early spring months over most of the last decade by Aurora Police which targeted street level drug dealing. Officials say the earlier operations were so successful that dealers changed their methods of selling narcotics resulting in fewer arrests in recent years. “They changed their methods so we changed ours”, said Aurora’s Chief of Police William Powell. “The results obviously speak for themselves”. To protect the integrity of future investigations, Chief Powell cannot elaborate on how either the drug dealers’ or law enforcement’s methods were modified.

Chief Powell credited the Aurora Police Department’s Narcotics Investigators for the success of the operation. “Our investigators stayed one step ahead of the drug dealers by modifying plans we had used in the past. They developed the intelligence, executed the undercover buys, and followed up with arrest procedures. They are truly dedicated to removing these poisons from our streets.” Chief Powell also acknowledged the assistance of the federal, state, and county agencies saying their additional resources added to “Street Sweeper’s” impact.

Kane County State’s Attorney John Barsanti said, “I hope this sweep emphasizes to gang members that law enforcement will not stop with aggressive actions to make our communities safe and law abiding”.

All of the suspects are Aurora residents. Those arrested today include:

Juan Cotts Arroyo, 43, of the 200 Block of Hill Avenue, charged with two counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Jessie Lee Falkner, 46, of the 200 Block of West New York Street, charged with three counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

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Carl Deshawn Harris, 23, of the 1100 Block of Gates Street, charged with five counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance; and three counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school.

Most of the suspects were arrested at their homes. All were taken into custody without incident. They will appear for bond call tomorrow morning (May 17) at Aurora Branch Court.

Those suspects already in custody and who will be served with warrants resulting from “Operation Street Sweeper” are:

Cecil Jarques Hubbard, 20, of the 500 Block of Florida Avenue, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school or church, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Eric Gene Tinsley, 38, of the 900 Block of South River Street, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a park, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful transfer of a firearm, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, and no FOID card. Tinsley was arrested after a search warrant that resulted from “Operation Street Sweeper” was executed yesterday (May 15) at his home.

Tiffany Rochelle Lloyd, 35, of the 900 Block of Oliver Street, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a park, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

James Parnell Spivey, 27, of the 1200 Block of West Indian Trail Road, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and church, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Lamar Davidson, 25, of the 200 Block of North Locust Street, charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, no FOID card, and unlawful transfer of a weapon.

Calvin Brown, 48, of the 0-99 Block of North Madison Street, charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, no FOID card, and unlawful transfer of a firearm.

Michael Taylor, 27, of the 500 Block of North Edgelawn Drive, charged with three counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Jamarian Tuggles, 26, of the 700 Block of East Downer Place, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Adrian Martin, 22, of the 2400 Block of Marigold Court, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Authorities are looking for the following individuals who have been charged as part of the operation but are not in custody:

Tyrone Michael Thomas, 19, of the 500 Block of Loucks Street, charged with two counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Joshua Jermaine McKinney, 26, of the 1100 Block of Second Avenue, charged with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a church.

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Kenneth Isaiah Foster, 24, of the 2400 Block of Deerfield Drive, charged with two counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance and a single count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and church.

Rashun Jermaine Wright, 29, of the 1300 Block of Garfield Avenue, charged with two counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and church, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Frederick Walton, 35, whose last known address is in the 100 Block of East Downer Place, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and church, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Derrick Derell McKinney, 22, whose last known address is in the 1100 Block of Second Avenue, charged with six counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and church.

Alvis Battle, 40, whose last known address is in the 500 Block of North View Street, charged with two counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school and church, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Wendell Craig Thompson, 40, whose last known address is in the 500 Block of Charles Street, charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Lazarus Lamir Scott, 27, of the 1200 Block of Front Street, charged with three counts each of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance; and a single count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a school.

Anyone with information on their whereabouts is asked to call Aurora Police at (630) 859-1700 or Aurora Area Crime Stoppers at (630) 892-1000. Crime Stoppers callers are anonymous and qualify for a cash reward of up to \$1000.00 for information that leads to their arrests.

Officials say they are trying to locate one other unnamed suspect who will also face charges. His identity will be released in the near future.

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