

# Waukegan Police Department

## Operation “Smack That”

### Press Release

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Chief William Biang and the Waukegan Police Department’s Neighborhood Enforcement Team (N.E.T) in conjunction the United States Department of Justice’s Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Lake County State’s Attorney’s Office are pleased to announce the conclusion of a seven-month investigation labeled, Operation “Smack That.”

The Operation centered on Heroin sales that led to the Black P-Stone Nation Street Gang and their street level heroin sales.

The N.E.T was tasked with the investigation of deaths that were related to heroin overdoses inside the City and finding out the origin of that heroin.

The P-Stone Street Gang was found to have a sophisticated “phone tree” for their heroin sales. A phone call would be placed to one of the Gang’s leaders and the drugs would be ordered. Then the Gang leaders would tell the individual who to call to buy the heroin.

Once the second phone call was made another individual from the gang fulfilled the “order” for the heroin by directing the buyer to one of multiple locations for the purchase. Many of the purchases were made within 1000’ of Waukegan Public Schools and Churches thereby enhancing the charges.

In total the investigation resulted in the indictments of nine members of the P-Stone Nation Street Gang. The ages of the offenders ranged from 17 years old to individuals in their late 30’s. One of the arrestee’s was also a Registered Sexual Predator. Charges on all suspects range from Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance to Unlawful Possession of a Controlled with Intent to Deliver. Sentences could range from 4-30 years in the Department of Corrections.

Confiscated from the Gang was almost 25 g of Heroin, worth approximately \$19,000, a firearm, which incidentally was possessed by a felon, and body armor.

The Gang was selling the heroin on the street at \$40 for every tenth of a gram.

One of the organizations’ members Jimmy Lewis, aka “Bernie Mac,” who was also under investigation in conjunction with this operation, was killed as a result of a shooting in late October on Waukegan’s South West Side prior to the conclusion of this Operation. An arrest has been made in the Lewis homicide.