

## NEWS RELEASE — Chicago Police Department

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## CPD Conducts Successful Narcotics Raid in 19<sup>th</sup> District to Disrupt Gang Activity

Continuing its work to fight crime and hold gang members accountable, the Chicago Police Department conducted on Wednesday its latest raid against violent criminal street gangs – this time striking at three gangs, and arresting 27 offenders on felony drug charges.

Each offender arrested in the raid was listed on Chicago Police Department's Strategic Subject List.

Conducted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Police District, detectives say these gangs have been associated with the recent spike in violence.

This operation follows CPD's "Operation Bee Sting" earlier this month where officers arrested more than 24 offenders on gun and drug charges, and confiscated 7 guns. Last month, CPD also conducted one of the largest drug and violence missions in its history – arresting a total of 140 individuals, with 95 of the offenders being documented gang members.

"We are making clear to anyone who contributes to the violence in Chicago that the police department will hold you accountable for your actions -- period," said Superintendent Eddie Johnson. "We have been taking a number of steps this summer to demonstrate that violence this summer will not be tolerated, and we will continue this important work to ensure that every residents enjoys the same sense of safety."

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