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### **CPD Conducts Another Successful Gang Raid Heading into the Holiday Weekend**

Continuing its work to fight crime and hold gang members accountable going into the 4th of July weekend, the Chicago Police Department concluded its second consecutive raid against violent criminal street gangs late Friday. 88 individuals were arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges. Of those, 55 were convicted felons and 16 of them were currently serving sentences on parole for earlier crimes. 8 firearms were seized during the operation and 20 search warrants were executed across the 11th and 15th Districts. Of the 88 offenders arrested, 76 are on CPD's Strategic Subject List.

Additionally, 7 of the arrestees were placed in CPD's Diversion Program, which offers rehabilitative services to first time, non-violent drug offenders as an alternative to arrest and incarceration.

Also on Friday, members of CPD's gang enforcement unit prevented a likely shooting after they were monitoring suspected gang activity in the 4900 block of West Crystal drive on the city's west side. During the investigation, officers attempted to stop a Chevy Impala on the 5500 blk of W Potomac Street when three offenders ran from the vehicle. Two of them were eventually apprehended and inside the vehicle police discovered one assault rifle, one handgun in slide lock and another loaded handgun. The offenders were taken into custody for questioning and it was later learned that they were documented gang members. (Photo Attached)

These operations follow CPD's enforcement initiative in the 19th Police District earlier this week where officers arrested more than 27 offenders on felony drug charges. 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.

“As we head into the Fourth of July weekend we are sending a clear signal to offenders that CPD will come at you with every tool we have to keep our communities safe,” said Superintendent Eddie Johnson. “These operations are just one piece of our overall strategy to prevent violent incidents. We're also making sure that officers are visible throughout the city this holiday weekend to promote peace.”

**CPD 1st Deputy Superintendent John Escalante will brief reporters on these raids tomorrow at a police roll call at 3:30 PM at Chicago Police Department Headquarters.**

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