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IMPD Announces the Arrests of 116 Violent Offenders During Operation Guardian

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), working in collaboration with multiple local, state, and federal partners, today announced the arrest of 116 individuals as part of *Operation Guardian*, a multi-day effort aimed at capturing some of the most wanted violent offenders and enhancing community safety.

“These arrests represent not just enforcement, but a commitment to protecting families, reducing violence, and restoring peace in our neighborhoods,” said IMPD Chief Chris Bailey. “Operation Guardian demonstrates what is possible when agencies work together - violent offenders are removed from our streets and our community is safer,” he continued. “We are grateful for the dedication of our officers and the commitment of our partners who continue to stand with us in addressing violent crime.”

Led by the IMPD, *Operation Guardian* combined the resources and expertise from several IMPD specialty units and multiple partner agencies, including the Marion County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Indiana State Police (ISP), U.S. Marshals Service, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Marion County Prosecutor’s Office (MCPO), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Together, officers and agents focused on safely apprehending individuals responsible for driving violence in Indianapolis.

During the operation, **116 offenders** were taken into custody, and investigators recovered the following:

- 29 crime guns
- 3 machine gun conversion devices
- 436 grams of Methamphetamines
- 15 Fentanyl pills
- 5.09 pounds of cocaine
- \$59,866 in U.S. currency tied to criminal activity
- 1 stolen vehicle

Those arrested are accused of a variety of serious offenses, ranging from drug-related crimes and weapons violations to murder. The MCPO will make the final charging decisions.

IMPD extends its appreciation to all the agencies and community members who supported this effort. The collaboration highlights IMPD’s ongoing efforts to reduce violent crime, foster strong partnerships, and improve the quality of life across Indianapolis.

“The Indiana State Police fully supports IMPD and is always prepared to provide resources and leverage our investigative expertise to assist in their ongoing efforts to reduce violent crime and improve residents' quality of life across Indianapolis,” said ISP Investigative Support Section Commander Peter Glogoza.

“To the violent offenders who endanger our communities - take note: the FBI will find you and remove you from our streets,” said FBI Indianapolis Acting Special Agent in Charge Michael Ericks. “Together with our law enforcement partners, we are united in our resolve to take the most dangerous criminals off the streets and keep our neighborhoods safe places to live and work.”

“Homeland Security Investigations is proud to have collaborated with our state and local law enforcement partners in the successful apprehension of several outstanding fugitives wanted for serious crimes, including domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, injury to a child, and strangulation,” said Homeland Security Investigations Chicago Special Agent in Charge Matthew J. Scarpino. “This operation underscores our shared commitment to ensuring the safety of our communities and bringing justice to victims of violent crime. HSI remains dedicated to leveraging its resources and expertise to support our partners in safeguarding the public and holding offenders accountable,” he added.

“Thanks to our law enforcement partners, we have identified and located individuals who threaten our community's safety,” said Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears. “But the work does not stop here. Prosecutors and law enforcement will continue to collaborate to build cases and pursue violations. This reflects our shared commitment to keeping our community safe.”

“The US Marshals will continue to assist their local partners with apprehending violent fugitives in the state of Indiana and across the United States,” said Deputy Commander Michael Cundiff. “We look forward to a continued partnership with IMPD and assisting with operations in the future.”

Operation Guardian is a targeted enforcement effort driven in part by Mayor Joe Hogsett's Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS), a comprehensive approach to reducing gun violence in Indianapolis launched in January 2022. In addition to targeted enforcement from IMPD, the strategy includes Indy Peace and OPHS working to intensively engage those at highest risk of involvement in gun violence, as well as partnerships with community organizations.

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