

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **Collaborative initiative conducted to reduce violent crime**

**CLEVELAND** - The Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, Ohio Investigative Unit, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and the Ohio Department of Youth Services partnered with the Cleveland Division of Police and other local and federal authorities on a two-day violence reduction initiative focused on the city's 4<sup>th</sup> district.

Provisional data from the initiative, which was held on August 15 and 16, shows that partnering agencies made 52 felony arrests, seized 16 illegally possessed firearms, and recovered 12 stolen vehicles. Troopers, agents, and officers also seized varying amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, and ecstasy in addition to illegally possessed prescription pills.

This week's targeted saturation event is the first of several in Cleveland that the state will participate in at the direction of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. A number of OSHP resources were utilized to include Cleveland District troopers, Aviation, Investigative Services, Special Response Team, Vehicle Theft Unit, and the Ohio Investigative Unit in partnership with the Cleveland Division of Police Violent Crime Reduction Team.

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