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Bowling Green "Operation Shield" Detail Combats Criminal Activity

Bowling Green – The Bowling Green City Police Department, Bowling Green State University Police Department, Perrysburg Township Police Department, Wood County Sheriff Department, Ohio Investigative Unit, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration and Federal Bureau of Investigations – Northwest Ohio Crimes Against Children Task Force coordinated efforts during a two day operation on Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th aimed at removing criminals from the community and alcohol and drug impaired drivers from the roadways.

The Highway Patrol's mission is focused on "Contributing to a Safer Ohio" and in conjunction with that mission joined area law enforcement agencies during this enforcement blitz called "Operation Shield." The agencies pooled their resources and brought additional investigators, detectives and drug sniffing canines to the area in order to supplement patrol officers and conduct covert operations.

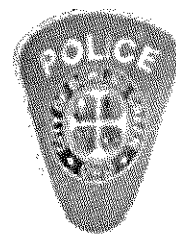
Operation Shield Officers made a total of 649 traffic stops, issued 104 traffic citations, 3 impaired driving arrests, 17 driving under suspension arrests and 15 seat belt arrests. They also issued 429 warnings and 42 vehicle defect notifications. Officers made 5 felony drug arrests, 12 misdemeanor drug arrests and 15 prostitution related arrests. Liquor Agents and City Police visited 23 liquor premises where they cited 10 individuals and 3 businesses for liquor violations. Also, 5 wanted persons were apprehended.

The following contraband, with a street value of \$19,350.00, was seized by officers:

- 1 Gram of Cocaine
- 2 Grams of Heroin
- 91 Grams of Marijuana
- 422 Prescription Pills
- \$8,040.00 US Currency

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2013 BOWLING GREEN SHIELD DETAIL SYNOPSIS OF SIGNFICANT ARRESTS

Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Ohio Investigative Unit Agents visited 15 liquor permit premises' within the City of Bowling Green and Northwood. Agents made two arrests outside of South Side 6 Carry Out located at 737 S. Main Street, Bowling Green. One person was arrested for Underage Possession of Beer and a second person was charged with Furnishing Beer to a Person Under 21 Years of Age.

The Wood County Sheriff's Office, Bowling Green Police Department and FBI Human Trafficking Task Force conducted a sting operation at a local hotel. During the operation 15 criminal arrests, with two being felonies, were made for various solicitation and drug charges. *The Sheriff's Office has additional details.*

Perrysburg Township Officers stopped a Kentucky plated Dodge Charger on IS 75 northbound in Wood County for a traffic violation. Numerous indicators of criminal activity were present and a Canine was requested. A Township Canine responded and gave a positive indication on the vehicle. During a probable cause search officer's located approximately 1 gram of Cocaine in the driver's purse and approximately 2 grams of Marijuana on her person. One of the passengers was also found have approximately \$4,000.00 on her person.

Troopers stopped a rented 2013 Dodge Grand Caravan bearing a Michigan registration for no license plate light and defective tail lights on IS 75 southbound in Wood County. The odor of raw marijuana was present, criminal indicators were detected and the driver and passenger were both found to be known drug violators. Both occupants were removed from the vehicle and the passenger surrendered a baggy containing 3 grams of marijuana. During a probable cause search of the vehicle a coffee can containing 238 Oxycodin, 76 Loratabs, and 33 Percocets was located under the drivers front seat. Also, 3 Hydrocodone pills were located in the drivers purse. The driver attempted to discard a baggy containing 50 Xanax pills. The driver was identified as Niketa J. Williams, age 41, of Detroit, MI. She was charged with 2 Counts M1 Possession and 1 Count F5 Trafficking. The passenger was identified as Bernard P. Williams, age 31, of Detroit, MI. He was charged with 1 Count of F2 Possession and Trafficking, 1 Count of F3 possession and Trafficking and 1 Count of F4 Possession and Trafficking. Both Suspects were incarcerated at the Wood County Jail pending arraignment in Perrysburg Municipal Court. The street value of the pills is approximately \$7,500.00.

Troopers stopped a vehicle on IS 75 for a traffic violation. The odor of burnt marijuana was detected while at the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed two baggies of marijuana. Subsequent investigation revealed that the validation sticker displayed on the Ohio License Plate was stolen. The suspect was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Receiving

Stolen Property.

Friday, November 15, 2013

Ohio Investigative Units Agents worked the city of Bowling Green for underage drinking violations resulting in three arrests. One subject was criminally charged with furnishing beer to a person under 21 and two subjects were criminally charged with underage possession of beer. With the assistance of the Bowling Green Police Department, Agents conducted an Alcohol Compliance Checks. A total of 18 liquor permit premises' were checked and two were found in violation. The two locations were cited administratively for Selling Beer to a Person Under 21 Years. Bowling Green Police are filing criminal charges against the two clerks who sold beer to the underage confidential informant. Additionally, Agents conducted several bar checks in downtown Bowling Green. One location was cited administratively for Selling Intoxicating Liquor to a Person Under 21 Years. The barmaid was charged criminally with Selling Intoxicating Liquor to a Person Under 21 Years. A 19 year old subject was charged criminally with Underage Purchase of Alcohol and Misrepresentation.

Perrysburg Township Officers stopped an Ohio plated Dodge Charger on IS 75 southbound in Wood County. The odor of marijuana was emitting from within the vehicle and other indicators of criminal activity were present. During a probable cause search officer's located 2 rubber banded folds of U.S. Currency under the carpet under the driver's seat along with a small bag of Marijuana. Officer's also located a fake "Squirt" pop can on the rear seat floorboard which contained another small bag of marijuana. Due to a history of narcotics on both occupants and a positive indication by a Canine on the U.S. Currency DEA Toledo was contacted. The U.S. Currency totaling \$7,670.00 was seized and turned over to the DEA for possible Federal forfeiture. The owner of the vehicle was charged with Possession of Drugs and Criminal Tools.

Troopers stopped a rental vehicle from Georgia on IS 75 southbound in Wood County for a traffic violation. The driver presented a fraudulent Michigan Driver's License. The license was confirmed fraudulent with the assistance of the Michigan State Police. The suspect admitted the license was forged; however, he refused to properly identify himself. He was arrested for Forgery and Obstructing and was incarcerated at the Wood County Jail.

Troopers stopped a vehicle on IS 75 for a traffic violation. A Canine indicated to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed a syringe loaded with Heroin in the vehicle. Charges are pending lab results and a Grand Jury indictment.

Troopers stopped a vehicle on IS 75 for a traffic violation. The odor of marijuana was detected and a probable cause search was conducted. During the search 60 grams of marijuana were located inside of the vehicle. The suspect was cited for Possession of Marijuana and released.