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Interim Superintendent Johnson Orders Targeted Organized Crime Raid to Further Disrupt South Side Gang Violence

CHICAGO – The Chicago Police Department's Bureau of Organized Crime recently conducted a targeted mission to combat crime and violence in the 7th (Englewood), 8th (Chicago Lawn), and 9th (Deering) Districts. This mission was initiated at the behest of Interim Superintendent Johnson, due to the spike in violence in these targeted areas.

"The Chicago Police Department will continue to implement practices and missions aimed at reducing the crime and violence in our communities," stated Interim Superintendent Johnson. "Enforcement missions, such as this one, will be part of an ongoing initiative to help further reduce the ability of gangs to inflict harm in Chicago's neighborhoods."

As part of the overall operation, licensed premises believed to support and/or allow drug sales or gang activity on their premises were also targeted for inspections by the Vice and Asset Forfeiture Division. The operation yielded following results:

Narcotics:

64 arrests (50 Felony arrests, including 3 arrests UUW by Felon; 14 misdemeanor arrests)
35 Search Warrants executed
4 guns recovered
3 offenders charged with UUW by Felon arrests

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Prostitution:

4 arrests

License Inspections of Problem Businesses:

21 Licensed Premise Check Initiated13 ANOV's Issued for License Violations358 Packs of Un-Taxed Cigarettes recovered

Sale of Alcohol to Minors (SAM Team):

21 total bars tested (1 establishment cited for serving a minor)

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