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Chicago Police Department Seizes More Than 30 Illegal Guns Friday Morning as Part of its Crime Fight

*Including Semi-Automatic Weapons, CPD has Confiscated More than 4,230 Guns so far in 2016 *

In its continued fight against illegal guns and gang members who use them, the Chicago Police Department is announcing today it executed a search warrant on Friday that resulted in the seizure of more than 30 illegal guns and a supply of drugs.

The raid occurred at a residence in the 16th District as part of an ongoing investigation early Friday morning. Officers identified a target who sold them drugs, and had stashed guns and drugs in a residence at Newcastle and Gunnison Street. CPD is working with its counterparts at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives on this investigation.

Weapons like those confiscated today are responsible for fueling violence on Chicago's streets this summer.

"The Chicago Police Department continues to demonstrate that gun violence will not be tolerated this summer, and today's raid is one of many that we've conducted in recent weeks to keep our streets safe," said Anthony Riccio, Chief of Organized Crime. "While we are leaving no stone unturned in our efforts to target repeat criminals who drive the violence in our city, the confiscation of guns like these demonstrates the need for stricter gun laws. For every gun we take off the street, we have the potential to save another life and make our neighborhoods safer."

Since January 2016, CPD has worked with community partners to take more than 4,230 guns off Chicago's streets – that is one gun every hour.

Today's announcement follows news earlier this week that CPD arrested more than 24 offenders on gun and drug charges as part of a raid against gang members called "Operation Bee Sting". A total of 7 illegal guns were seized during search warrants related to the operation, and detectives believe the targeted gang faction may be linked to several murders and as many as 30 shooting incidents.

Pictures of the guns and drugs from today's seizure are attached.

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