



# ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES APPREHEND OVER 90 FUGITIVES, ALMOST \$400K IN CHILD SUPPORT DURING A DUAL HOLIDAY OPERATION**

PITTSBURGH, PA –Sheriff Mullen announces the apprehension of ninety-five criminal and non-support fugitives during a three-week long saturation detail targeting the southern neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, specifically those with the largest opioid-related deaths; 15210.

In November, the Post-Gazette began reporting on the “OD Road” that runs through the southern neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, which is home to the majority of opioid-related deaths in Pittsburgh since 2015. After reading these articles, the Sheriff and staff began planning an initiative to contribute to the cause and assist these overdose-plagued neighborhoods of 15210 just in time for the holidays. Additionally, Sheriff Mullen wanted to ensure that children across Allegheny County, who count on child support would not miss out on Christmas due to non-support payments from delinquent parents.

On November 28th the holiday operation began with two fugitive squads comprised of detectives, task force officers and uniformed patrol officers. Over the course of these three weeks, members of the criminal squad spent the majority their time executing criminal warrants in Allentown, Beechview, Brookline, Carrick, Knoxville and Mt. Oliver neighborhoods. Non-Support detectives also spent time in the southern neighborhoods of Pittsburgh before moving to other areas of the county that have the most concentrated areas of non-support warrants.

When the dual operation came to a close yesterday evening, a total of 95 fugitives were apprehended, including a majority of which that were for criminal bench warrants and violations of probation stemming from drug-related offenses. Furthermore, nearly \$400,000.00 in child support arrearages were cleared during this initiative. In addition to the warrant executions, new arrests were made including charges filed for: person not to possess a firearm (felon), person not to possess a firearm (fugitive), endangering the welfare of a child, aggravated assault, simple assault, burglary, theft of a motor vehicle, flight to avoid apprehension, recklessly endangering another person, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest.

As a law enforcement agency, Sheriff Mullen's Office is willing to take any actions necessary, as well as collaborate with other organizations including, law enforcement, medical and community efforts to eradicate this epidemic from our region.

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