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Operation Gunplay

During the past six months the Springfield Police Department in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Greene County Prosecutors Office and the U. S. Attorney's Office has focused enforcement and investigative efforts toward suspects involved in numerous violent crimes in the city. Operation Gunplay identified 68 individuals involved in crimes such as robbery, felony assaults and possession/distribution of controlled substances. The operation began when investigators noticed a developing trend of violent crimes in July involving persistent repeat offenders.

To date, 41 of the 68 suspects (60%) targeted during the operation have been arrested, have charges pending, or their cases have been presented to prosecutors. 20 of the 68 (29%) are currently in jail or Federal custody.

Operation Gunplay is on-going. The SPD will evaluate criminal activity every 6 months and update the target list as needed to continually ensure the safety of the public.

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