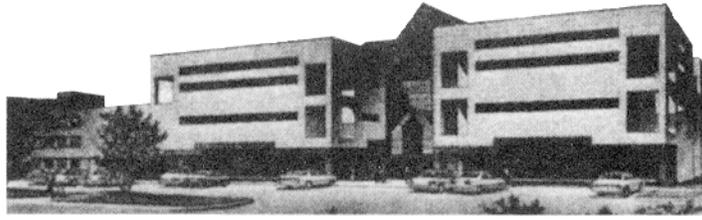




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OPERATION SMACKDOWN

The Waukesha Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Unit recently participated in Operation Smackdown, a coordinated Southeastern Wisconsin enforcement initiative targeting heroin/opiate sales, violent drug traffickers, and gang members. This initiative started in March 2016 and concluded on May 16, 2016 with a coordinated takedown of known investigative targets in the Waukesha County area.

Throughout this operation, Waukesha County Metro investigators utilized surveillance, the purchase of controlled substances, detailed interviews, search warrants, buy/bust operations, as well as the use of undercover agents to develop heroin and/or opiate related drug cases. As a result of these efforts, approximately 20 suspects were arrested in Waukesha County or are currently subject to arrest.

The arrests were focused on reducing heroin, opiates, and violence in Waukesha County communities. Waukesha County Metro investigators recovered approximately 52.9 grams of heroin, 1.9 grams of Fentanyl, 12.8 grams of marijuana, several hundred prescription medication (Suboxone, Oxycodone, and Adderall), and two loaded firearms.

As part of Operation Smackdown, Waukesha County Metro investigators worked cooperatively with the following agencies; US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and Police Departments from Waukesha, Brookfield, New Berlin, Greenfield and Menomonee Falls.

The arrests made by the Waukesha County Metro investigators resulted in dozens of felony charges issued by the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, consisting of delivery of controlled substances, maintaining a drug trafficking vehicle/place, and possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance. Several cases are still subject to review by the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office and will likely result in additional felony charges being issued.

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