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East Side Initiative Proves Successful After “Operation Triple Beam”

Violent Gang Members Arrested... Drugs, Guns and Money Seized

SAN ANTONIO – More than 200 arrests were made during Operation Triple Beam, a 90-day operation that concluded December 15, 2017.

The operation was conducted by the San Antonio Police Department Street Crimes Unit along with the U.S. Marshals Service Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Operation Triple Beam is an initiative developed to reduce violent gang crime by targeting and arresting violent fugitives and criminal offenders who committed high-profile crimes such as homicide, felony assault and sexual assault, illegal possession of firearms, illegal drug distribution, robbery and arson. Each local, state and federal agency utilized enforcement techniques and statutory authority in order to disrupt the criminal operations of violent gangs on San Antonio's east side.

The operation resulted in 215 arrests to include 40 federal fugitives, 70 firearms seized, over \$176,000 in drugs seized to include marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin, over \$233,000 in currency seized and 51 sex offender compliance checks completed.

Danthy Dixon, 22, was arrested at his residence in San Antonio without incident on a felony warrant for allegations involving possession of marijuana. Officers obtained a search warrant for Dixon's residence and seized over 9,000 grams of marijuana, over \$11,000 in cash and two guns. Dixon was additionally charged on allegations involving possession of marijuana. Dixon was later identified as a documented member of the "Blood" street gang.

Jeremy Burks, 29, and Michael Davis, 35, were arrested without incident as a result of a search warrant that was executed at their residence. Officers seized 23 grams of marijuana, 52 grams of synthetic marijuana, 3 grams of cocaine, 1 gram of methamphetamine and 4 weapons. Burks and Davis were both arrested and charged on allegations involving possession of illegal drugs and felon in possession of a firearm. Burks and Davis were later identified as documented members of the "Blood" street gang.

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Ronald Robinson, 17, was arrested at his residence in San Antonio without incident on a felony warrant for allegations involving aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Robinson was allegedly involved in a shooting that caused injury to a 3-year-old and a 7-year-old child. Officers obtained a search warrant for Robinson's residence and seized two guns. Robinson was later identified as a documented member of the "Crockett Block" street gang. Robinson was also identified as a person of interest in several other shootings in San Antonio.

Other significant arrests during this operation include:

- Tasha Bailey, 30, arson.
- Vincent Hinojosa, 44, possession of marijuana and unlawful carry of a weapon.
- Bryan Jenkins, 27, possession of controlled substance and felon in possession of a firearm.
- Nathan Knowles, 34, homicide.
- James Mayfield, 33, unlawful carry of a weapon.
- Davoen Mathis, 25, possession of controlled substance.
- Raymond McKinney, 36, felon in possession of firearm.
- Chris Slack, 33, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Miles Staggs, 30, possession with Intent to deliver methamphetamine.
- Darlene Vasquez, 32, 5 felony warrants including possession of a controlled substance.

"Operation Triple Beam proved successful due to the collaborative efforts and persistent hard work of our law enforcement officers," said Melesio Hernandez, Acting U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Texas. "We heard the request from the citizens to help reduce the violence on the city's east side and we responded with multiple arrests along with seizures of drugs and guns. This effort is far from over and we will continue to make arrests, seize illegal drugs, seize guns, and seize money until we finally put these violent gangs out of business."

This operation was a continued effort that proved to be successful similar to "Operation Triple Beam - Orejon" in 2011, "Operation Triple Beam - Alliance" in 2012, and "Operation Hog Trap" in 2013.

Additional informational about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov> or <http://www.usmarshals.gov/district/tx-w/index.html>.

For photos and B-roll operational footage, please visit <https://www.flickr.com/gp/usmarshals/ELyu61> and <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5bm06o1oahv22b1/Operation%20Triple%20Beam%20SA%202017%20v2.mp4?dl=0>

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- Bexar County District Attorney's Office
- Bexar County Sheriff's Office
- Comal County Sheriff's Office
- Immigration & Customs Enforcement – Office of Detention & Removal
- New Braunfels Police Department
- San Antonio Police Department
- Texas Office of The Attorney General
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Office of the Inspector General
- U.S. Marshals Service

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