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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF VIOLENT CRIME SUPPRESSION DETAIL IN THE METRO EAST AREA

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on October 20 - 22, 2025, in St. Clair and Madison counties, focusing its efforts on East St. Louis and neighboring Metro East communities. The operation utilized intelligence and technology to focus enforcement efforts on known high crime areas, violent offenders, and structured criminal groups in the communities of the Metro East.

Detail Results	
Arrests	29
Felony Charges	31
Criminal Charges	53
Firearm Related Charges	15
Firearms Seized	6

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail:

On October 21, 2025, Troopers conducted a traffic stop for an Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violation near the intersection of 25th Street and Bellevue Drive. A probable cause search was conducted and a firearm, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, and suspected cannabis were recovered. The driver and passenger were taken into custody and charges are pending.

On October 21, 2025, Troopers conducted a traffic stop for an IVC violation on St. Louis Avenue near 12th Street. A probable cause search revealed a large amount of suspected cannabis. The driver was interviewed, and charges are pending.

On October 22, 2025, Troopers conducted a traffic stop for an IVC violation at the intersection of St. Paul Drive and St. Williams Drive in Cahokia Heights. A probable cause search revealed a handgun. The driver was taken into custody and charges are pending.

ISP officers from around the state, including patrol Troops 3, 7 and 8, Fatal 4 South, Zone 6 Firearms Investigations Unit (FIU), Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG), Crime Scene Services, and ISP Air Operations, assisted ISP Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) South with this multi-day operation. The Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois also provided additional support.

ISP will continue to use all available resources, including air operations, technology, forensic services, investigators, increase patrols, and information sharing to combat violent crime.

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