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Illinois State Police Announces Results of Crime Suppression Detail in the Metro East Area

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail in Madison and St. Clair counties on October 21-22, 2026, 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	**18**
Total Criminal Charges	**33**
Felony Charges	**24**
Firearm Related Charges	**18**
Firearms Seized/Recovered	**11**

There were some notable arrests during the detail:

On October 21, 2026, Troopers patrolling in Washington Park observed several subjects illegally walking in the roadway. Before initiating a stop, the subjects took off running. After a short foot pursuit, all suspects were taken into custody. A police K9 conducted an article search and two firearms were recovered. One firearm was equipped with a conversion device making it fully automatic. The second was found to be stolen out of St. Louis, Missouri. Charges are pending.

On October 21, 2026, Troopers were patrolling in Cahokia Heights when they observed a vehicle commit multiple Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violations. Troopers initiated a traffic stop and discovered the driver had a felony warrant for his arrest. A search of the vehicle yielded a loaded firearm. Charges are pending.

ISP officers from Troops 3, 6, 8, 9, and 10, Fatal 4 South, Zone 6 Firearms Investigations Unit, Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG), Crime Scene Services, ISP SWAT, and ISP Air Operations, assisted ISP Southern Region Patrol and the Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) South with this operation. Further assistance was provided by Collinsville Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Missouri Highway Patrol, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. 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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