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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 November 17-18, 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	**12**
Total Criminal Charges	**25**
Felony Charges	**19**
Firearm Related Charges	**7**
Firearms Seized/Recovered	**6**

There were some notable arrests during the detail:

On November 17, 2026, Troopers patrolling in Venice stopped a vehicle for an Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violation. During the stop, the passenger exited the vehicle and was quickly detained by officers. The passenger was found to have a loaded handgun concealed in his left armpit. Charges are pending.

On November 18, 2026, Troopers patrolling in East St. Louis stopped a vehicle for an IVC violation. As the vehicle came to a stop, the passenger immediately fled the vehicle on foot. The passenger was quickly apprehended by officers. A search of the vehicle yielded a stolen handgun in the center console. Charges are pending.

ISP officers from Troops 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9, Fatal 4 South, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB), Zone 6 Firearms Investigations Unit, Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG), ISP SWAT, Crime Scene Services, and ISP Air Operations, assisted ISP Southern Region Patrol and the Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) South with this operation. 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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