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

EAST ST. LOUIS – The Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on June 3-5, 2024, 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 target known high crime areas, violent offenders, and structured criminal groups in the communities of the Metro East.

Detail Results	
Arrests	26
Felony Charges	48
Criminal Charges	61
Firearm Related Charges	49
Firearms Seized	18
Cannabis Seized	184.9 grams
Controlled Substance Seized	22 grams
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1

There were several notable arrests made during the detail.

On June 3, 2024, troopers made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violation. A probable cause search was conducted, and a firearm, 5 grams of heroin, 6 grams of crack cocaine, 20 grams of cannabis and ecstasy pills were recovered.

On June 4, 2024, troopers made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an IVC violation. A probable cause search led to the recovery of a stolen handgun with an extended magazine.

On June 4, 2024, troopers observed four pedestrians commit an IVC violation. Troopers approached the four pedestrians, but they fled on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, two of them were apprehended. With the help of ISP K9's and their handlers, three firearms were recovered.

On June 5, 2024, troopers made a traffic stop on a vehicle for multiple IVC violations. A probable cause search was conducted, and a firearm was located along with ammunition. Both the driver and passenger were taken into custody for outstanding warrants.

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On June 5, 2024, troopers made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an IVC violation. A probable cause search was conducted, and a stolen firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

On June 5, 2024, troopers observed an occupied vehicle with an IVC violation that was parked near an abandoned house. Troopers approached the vehicle and observed evidence of criminal activity. One person was taken into custody and a loaded firearm with a machine gun conversion device, as well as an extended magazine, were recovered.

Nearly 40 officers from around the state, including ISP Troops 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, ISP South Fatal Four Team, ISP Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6, ISP Public Safety Enforcement Group, ISP Air Operations, and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois, joined forces with the ISP Special Operation Group Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement South Unit for the multi-day operation. The ISP Firearms Investigations Unit, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Madison and St. Clair County State's Attorneys' Offices provided additional support during the operational period.

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