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City Attorney Zach Klein: City Shuts Down Dangerous North Linden Drug House

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COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the City shut down a drug house located at 2804 Grasmere Ave. in the North Linden neighborhood. The property had seen numerous calls for police service, violent assaults and narcotics activity for more than a year. The property is located just blocks away from numerous small businesses, a church, public parks and the Columbus Alternative High School. CPD obtained and executed an order to board up the property this week.

“If you bring drugs and violence into our neighborhoods, the City will go after you, shut you down and hold you accountable,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“Residents and families living in Linden care about their community and having a safe place to live and raise a family. That’s why we continue to work with neighbors and law enforcement to take action to get these dangerous properties shut down.”**

According to court documents, the property came to the attention of CPD in September 2022, when a victim reported he was severely beaten and assaulted at the premises.

In November 2022, CPD INTAC Detectives facilitated a controlled purchase of fentanyl from the premises. Later that month, CPD obtained and executed a search warrant at the premises. Individuals with felony related offenses were identified during the search and arrested.

In December 2022, CPD detectives sent property owners notice of illegal narcotics activity at the premises, and later that month, CPD responded to a ShotSpotter alert. Officers arrived and found seven rounds of ammunition in the front yard.

In July 2023, the Columbus Fire Department responded to the premises on report of an assault on the premises, where the victim alleged that her assailant and others living at the premises used drugs.

In September 2023, INTAC detectives conducted a controlled purchase of crack cocaine from the premises, and later that month, INTAC obtained and executed a search warrant, where detectives uncovered narcotics, including crack cocaine.

“Building successful cases often begin with community tips and the hard work of law enforcement to obtain the evidence needed to shut these properties down and make neighborhoods safer for residents and families. North Linden is safer with this drug house shuttered,” said Assistant City Attorney Kenyatta Wilder, the lead attorney on the case.

Earlier this week, property owners reached a preliminary agreement with the City to declare the property a public nuisance, vacate any tenants or unlawful occupants within 24 hours, and have CPD board up the property.

Editor’s note: The City’s court filings are attached.