



NEWS RELEASE

Lieutenant Dean Sullivan, Spokesperson

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SUBJECT: SAFE CITIES "PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD" ROUND UP

Details:

At approximately 6 p.m. this evening, in a joint operation involving Fort Worth Police and agents from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) began a "Project Safe Neighborhood" warrant round up on the City's north side.

Titled "Operation R & R" (Ross Avenue and Roosevelt Street), this round up is the culmination of a four (4) month [September 2004 to January 2005] investigation targeting gangs and "open air" sales of crack cocaine. Just this week, the United States Attorney's Office handed down twenty-six (26) Federal, sealed indictments stemming from the investigation. The operation included the use of Confidential Informants, Undercover purchases of drugs and guns, and developing the suspect pool of volatile gang members and associates.

Since the round up began, police have attempted to serve several Arrest / Search warrants in response to these indictments.

Interviews:

We will hold off on any specific interviews until tomorrow as the arrest results data and other information from the detail are collected and are made available for dissemination. The ATF Spokesperson and myself will provide you with more information at the appropriate time.

Since these indictments are sealed, some of the information is very limited.