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Brockton, MA..... Brockton Police Chief Emanuel Gomes and Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced the second in a series of saturation patrols and enforcement actions designed to combat disorder in the city of Brockton. This operation resulted in a one day arrest total of 23 individuals. The charges include arrests for outstanding warrants issued from Brockton District Court as well as violations of drug and firearms laws. Seizures included one handgun, heroin, and crack cocaine. Some of the defendants are still being sought by authorities. Their names are not being released.

Over 100 law enforcement law enforcement personnel were deployed throughout the city in an initiative entitled: Operation Brockton Neighborhood Surge 2. The operation was a collaborative effort executed by members of the Brockton Police Major Crimes unit, Brockton Police gang unit, Brockton Police Narcotics, Brockton K-9, members of the Massachusetts State Police Detectives Unit assigned to the District Attorney's office, State Police gang unit, State Police Violent fugitive Apprehension section, State Police K-9, State Police Troop D Community Action Team, STOP team, State Police Air Wing, state parole officers, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. In addition, federal agents from the FBI, DEA, ATF, and HSI (Homeland Security Investigations) assisted in the operation.

District Attorney Timothy Cruz praised the efforts of law enforcement. Cruz stated, "Today's operation successfully removed dangerous weapons, drugs and individuals from the street of Brockton as we head into summer. I want to commend the work of the Brockton Police, State Police and our Federal partners. Today was just another example of their working together in an effort to protect the law abiding citizens of this city."

Police Chief Emanuel Gomes stated, "As summer approaches, we remain committed to curtailing violence and improving the quality of life for our residents. The security of our citizens continues to be our top priority. Today's arrests reflect an ongoing coordinated effort on a federal, state, and local level to making our community safer."