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PRESS RELEASE

Operation Brockton Neighborhood Surge

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Brockton, MA..... Brockton Police Chief Emanuel Gomes and Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced the first 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 27 individuals. The charges include arrests for outstanding warrants issued from Brockton District Court as well as violations of drug and firearm laws. Seizures included two handguns, heroin, and cocaine. Some of the defendants are still being sought by authorities. Their names are not being released.

Over 100 law enforcement personnel were deployed throughout the city in an initiative entitled: Operation Brockton Neighborhood Surge. 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 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 ICE assisted in the operation.

District Attorney Timothy Cruz stated, "Today's arrests and high visibility patrols send the strong message to criminals that we will use every resource to keep this city safe. This joint state, local, and federal law enforcement operation demonstrates our firm commitment to

make the streets of Brockton secure for our families and community. I would like to thank the State Police for their continued support during this important operation."

Police Chief Emanuel Gomes stated, "This operation is part of our unwavering commitment to the citizens of Brockton. We are sending a clear message that keeping our neighborhoods safe is our top priority. The collaboration with federal and state law enforcement agencies is a vital component in that strategy".