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MPD Announces Charges in Drug Take-Down

(Washington, DC)- The Metropolitan Police Department's Third District Vice Unit along with detectives from the Narcotics and Special Investigations Division and agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced the arrest of nine individuals following a months-long investigation into violence and drug dealing in the Shaw community. Charges include firearms violations, drug distribution and robbery.

During the course of this investigation crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and other evidence associated with these crimes were seized. Police served search warrants in various sections of the District of Columbia including the Shaw area near 8th and R Streets NW, where the group was based. Investigations are ongoing as MPD continues to address citizens' complaints of loitering and drug dealing.

"This is significant for this community as many of the suspects who were charged did not reside in that neighborhood, but loitered there and committed violent crimes," said Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier. "This operation is part of the Metropolitan Police Department's continued commitment to reduce crime in our neighborhoods."

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