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To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Mayor



Subject: Homicide Street Violence Task Force Bi-monthly Report
November – December 2015

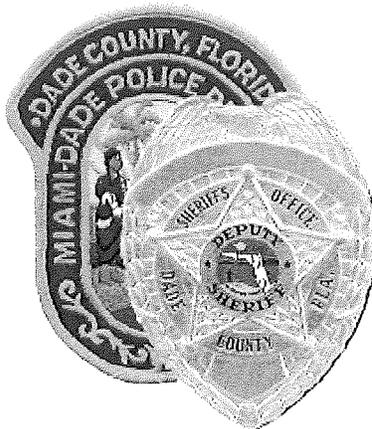
Attached is the bi-monthly report for the Board of County Commissioners outlining the activities and results of the Homicide Street Violence Task Force.

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MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT



HOMICIDE STREET VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Northside District and South District

BI-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

November 2015 – December 2015

Proactive Policing Initiatives

Northside District:

- During the period of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, the Northside District (ND) investigated a total of 155 contact shootings. This figure, compared to 143 contact shootings investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects an 8% increase.
- The ND General Investigations Unit (GIU) maintains a continuous partnership with the Homicide Street Violence Task Force (HSVTF). Detectives continue to meet on a weekly basis to discuss ongoing cases and share intelligence.
- The ND Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Unit continues to conduct weekly directed patrol and enforcement details during the afternoon shift to locate and arrest violent offenders in the area of the Lincoln Fields, Miami-Dade Housing/Washington Heights (commonly referred to as PSU), and Annie Coleman apartment complexes.
- The ND Crime Suppression Team (CST) and the Crime Prevention Team (CPT) have conducted several operations and directed patrols in high crime areas which include proactive enforcement, intelligence gathering, meetings, and surveillances which resulted in the following: 23 felony arrests, 34 misdemeanor arrests, 11 warrant arrests, 1 traffic arrest, and seizures of 250 grams of marijuana, 48 grams of cocaine, 21 grams of methylene, and 14 firearms.
- ND Gangs Unit also documented, per Florida Statute 874, 15 gang members and associates. The unit seized 8 of 14 firearms during this period from gang members.

South District:

- Year-to-date, the South District (SD) investigated a total of 57 contact shootings. This figure, compared to 51 contact shootings investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 12% increase.
- The SD GIU is in a continuous partnership with the HSVTF. Detectives meet on a weekly basis to discuss ongoing cases and share intelligence.
- The SD Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU) conducts weekly directed patrol and enforcement details during the afternoon shift to locate, document, and arrest violent offenders in the area of Perrine Gardens, Arthur Mays Village, and Cutler Manor Apartment complexes.

Homicide Street Violence Task Force:

The HSVTF continues to initiate and further both short-term state and federal investigations within the northern and southern communities of Miami-Dade County (MDC). These investigations are designed to have a positive and sustainable impact on reducing homicides and shootings within the ND and SD. The HSVTF continues to focus its investigations on specific violent offenders who are known to be involved in shootings, homicides, and other violent criminal activity.

- **During the period of November through December 2015, the Homicide Bureau (HB) investigated a total of 11 homicides within the ND.** This figure, compared to 5 homicides investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 60% increase. **Six of the aforementioned murder cases in 2015 were closed by arrest with the assistance of the HSVTF.**
- **In conclusion for the 2015 calendar year, the north-end of unincorporated MDC had a 27% decrease in homicides when compared to 2014 homicides.**
- **During the period of November through December 2015, the HB investigated a total of 8 homicides within the SD.** This figure, compared to four homicides investigated during the same period in 2014, reflects a 50% increase. **Three of the aforementioned cases in 2015 were closed by arrest with the assistance of the HSVTF.**
- **In conclusion for the 2015 calendar year, the south-end of unincorporated MDC had a 38% increase in homicides when compared to 2014 homicides.**
- **Also, clearance rates for homicides had a -3% change compared between calendar years 2014 and 2015.**
- HSVTF detectives continue to work in collaboration with the City of Miami Police Department, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, and Miami-Dade Police Department districts in the northern and southern part of MDC, as well as federal and state prosecutors in order to identify, apprehend, and prosecute the most violent offenders who have a nexus to violent crime.

Education/Prevention/Community Outreach

Northside District:

The following programs were administered by the ND's COPS during this reporting period:

- Weekly "Keeping it 100" mentoring sessions at the Lincoln Fields Apartment Complex
- Multiple home beautification projects conducted districtwide
- Brownsville Middle School dismissal detail to prevent after-school gang violence
- Brownsville "Your Life Matters" presentation
- Citizens Review Board forum on enhancing trust between residents and police
- The ND midnight platoon increased their directed patrol initiatives when policing the Lincoln Fields, Miami-Dade Housing/Washington Heights, and Annie Coleman apartment complexes to deter confrontations between neighboring rival gangs and/or violent offenders

South District:

The following programs were administered by the SD during this reporting period:

- The SD midnight platoon continues increasing their directed patrol initiatives when policing the specific apartment complexes to deter confrontations between neighboring rival gangs and/or violent offenders.

- The SD continues working in an off-duty capacity patrolling the Cutler Manor Apartment complex to combat violent crimes.
- The SD continues to monitor and provide high visibility police presence on Busway (Route 38) to deter violent activities such as robbery and other related incidents.
- The SD implemented the Grinch Busters details to target robbery and burglary hotspots during the holiday season.
- The Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum continues to be taught in various schools throughout MDC.
- The SD NRU attends monthly meetings with multiple social and faith-based organizations.
- The SD NRU hosted several turkey giveaways in conjunction with Commissioner Moss and the Rotary Club.
- The SD NRU coordinated several community meetings regarding police relations and response within the community.
- The SD NRU hosted several toy giveaways, toy drives, and Christmas shopping sprees with numerous community organizations.

Homicide Street Violence Task Force:

- HSVTF detectives assigned to the Community Outreach Component (COC) continue to attend community meetings at local churches and community centers throughout the Liberty City, Miami Gardens, Intracoastal, and unincorporated north and south MDC communities in an effort to enhance community support and participation.
- During the captioned reporting period, the COC attended 13 local church community meetings. HSVTF Lieutenant Jorge Carreño attended the Perrine Community Outreach meeting, which was organized by Commissioner Dennis Moss.
- The COC continues to dedicate its efforts to meeting with public school officials to educate them on potential gang members and/or associates attending their schools.

Accomplishments

As a result of the aforementioned collaborative efforts, internal communication and cooperation between departmental elements and outside agencies have strengthened, investigative partnerships have been developed, the community has been engaged, and we are developing our personnel for future success.

Additionally, the HSVTF was responsible for the following during November – December 2015:

- Multiple probation sweeps were conducted, which targeted violent offenders in northern MDC, resulting in the arrest of 16 probationers for charges stemming from possession of a firearm(s) by a convicted felon, as well as narcotics charges.

- HSVTF detectives obtained 19 arrest warrants as a direct result of an ongoing violent crimes investigation within the housing complex, located on NW 62 Street and 19 Avenue, commonly referred to as PSU. Currently, 12 of the 19 subjects have been located and arrested.
- HSVTF detectives responded to a house near NW 24 Avenue and 57 Street, regarding two juveniles, who were shot. HSVTF detectives interviewed the victims and were able to ascertain the personal information of the subject shooter. The subject was in the 10th grade at Jackson Senior High School. The information was provided to the lead investigator, who advised that the victims positively identified the subject. A "Person Alert Message" for Attempted Murder was placed in the FCIC/NCIC system for the subject's arrest, and he surrendered the next day to the Northside District Police Station.
- HSVTF detectives conducted surveillance in the area of NW 182 Terrace and 6 Street, regarding locating and arresting Mstr. Deandre Charles, B/M, DOB: 06/22/2000, who was wanted for murder in the death investigation of Rabbi Joseph Raskin, who was shot and killed on Saturday, August 9, 2014, at NE 175 Street and 8 Court. On Tuesday, December 8, 2015, HSVTF located and arrested Mstr. Charles.
- HSVTF detectives, along with City of Miami Police Department's Fugitive Apprehension Team detectives located and apprehended Mr. Eric Duran, AKA: "Chippy," pursuant to an arrest warrant for second degree murder regarding the homicide investigation of Mr. Miguel Valdes, who was shot and killed at 35 NW 26 Avenue in Miami. As a result of the apprehension, Mr. Duran was found to be in possession of a stolen firearm and charged accordingly. HSVTF detectives also located and arrested Mr. Bryan Menese, AKA "Flash," for second degree murder regarding the same homicide and transported him to the City of Miami Homicide Unit.
- HSVTF detectives responded to the area of NW 103 Street and 7 Avenue in Miami, to distribute flyers to obtain information regarding a homicide investigation. Intelligence was obtained as a result of the HSVTF interaction with the community, which yielded the suspect's personal information.
- HSVTF detectives responded to the area of NW 64 Street and 18 Avenue in Miami, regarding a homicide investigation. During the course of the investigation, HSVTF detectives were able to determine the shooter's identity and were able to locate and impound the subject vehicle involved in the investigation.

During this period, the efforts of the HSVTF resulted in a total of 24 arrests, 4 apprehensions, 1 federal indictment, and 8 firearms seized.

The HSVTF also conducted nine federal operations, six Multi-agency Gang Task Force sweeps, and four Wolfpack operations.

We are encouraged by these results and are committed to continuing our efforts toward the Department's goal of providing a safe environment for all citizens and visitors to MDC.