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City Boards Up Third Drug House This Week

South side house used to traffic fentanyl into Columbus streets

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that the City of Columbus obtained emergency court order to shut down a property on the south side of Columbus used to sell narcotics.

Since Jan. 2020, there have been 20 calls for service to the premises, including narcotics complaints and reports of overdoses. CPD executed an order to board up the property at 488 East Hinman Ave. on Thursday.

This is the third drug house the City has shuttered this week and the sixth in two weeks.

"The health, safety and security of residents is our top priority. That's why we continue to target and take out drug houses that traffic dangerous narcotics like fentanyl into our streets," said City Attorney Zach Klein. "Our south side community is safer with this haven for criminal activity shut down."

According to court documents, CPD have responded to multiple complaints of drug sales and overdoses at the south side property, as well as multiple disturbance calls.

In Aug. 2021, CPD Narcotics Bureau executed a search warrant of the premises following reports of narcotics activity and previous investigations of the property conducted by Reynoldsburg Police. CPD recovered fentanyl at the premises.

In Nov. 2021, CPD made covert purchases of crack cocaine at the premises and then in Dec. 2021, CPD responded to an overdose at the residence.

In Feb. 2022, CPD executed a search warrant of the premises based on previous investigations by Whitehall Police, recovering fentanyl at the property.

The court order is attached.