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Columbus City Attorney and Columbus Division of Police Announce Legal Action Filed Against Downtown Greyhound Bus Station

City Filed Complaint for Permanent Injunctive Relief Following Shooting, Stabbing, Assaults, Hundreds of Calls for Police Service

COLUMBUS, OH –Today, City Attorney Zach Klein and the Columbus Division of Police announced the City of Columbus is taking legal action against the crime-plagued Greyhound bus station in downtown Columbus that has been the site of stabbings, assault, overdoses, another recent shooting, and more.

After a collaborative effort with the Columbus Division of Police, Klein filed a complaint for preliminary and permanent injunctive relief today in the Franklin County Environmental Court against Greyhound Bus Lines, LLC, located at 111 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio, declaring the property a public nuisance.

"The continued violence occurring at this property has plagued our city's downtown residents, businesses, and visitors for too long," said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. "The partnership between our team and the Columbus Division of Police is critical as we continue working together to bring down crime rates in our community."

In 2021 alone, the Columbus Division of Police have responded to over 300 calls for service to the premises, including concerns about guns, knives, narcotics, stabbings, overdoses, 20 fights and assaults, and a shooting last month. Over a period of four months, there have been approximately four overdoses at the station, in addition to around eleven narcotics complaints.

"The Columbus Division of Police has worked in collaboration with the City Attorney's Office Zone Initiative team to shut down violence and criminal activity in Columbus," said Columbus Division of Police Deputy Chief Gregory Bodker. "The City Attorney's Office, the Columbus Division of Police, and the community will continue to work as one team to decrease criminal activity to make all of Columbus a safer place."

The property has been on CPD's radar for several years. Located in a highly-populated area in downtown Columbus, near a daycare center, restaurants, and hotels, the bus station has been the site of increasing criminal activity and remains a consistent threat to the community's safety.

A copy of the complaint is attached.

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