



## **KENOSHA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**KDOG (KENOSHA DRUG OPERATIONS GROUP)**

**1000 – 55th Street**

**KENOSHA WISCONSIN 53143**

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## **SHERIFF DAVID G. BETH**

### ***MEDIA RELEASE***

**DATE: MAY 20, 2016**

**EVENT: KDOG TWO-DAY ROUNDUP "OPERATION SMACKDOWN"**

**LOCATION: KENOSHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**RELEASED BY: SERGEANT HORACE J. STAPLES- COMMANDER OF KENOSHA DRUG OPERATIONS GROUP**

### **NEWS RELEASE:**

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, members of the Kenosha Drug Operations Group (KDOG) executed six search warrants and fifteen arrest warrants in Kenosha County, WI.

This was conducted with the assistance from Kenosha Sheriff's Department Tactical Response Team, Kenosha Police Department, Racine County Sheriff's SWAT, Racine County Metro Drug Unit, DEA-MKE Group61, Kenosha County DA's Office, and Kenosha City/County Joint Services.

This event, named "Operation Smackdown", occurred over a two-day period. Seventeen out of twenty-five defendants sought were located and taken into custody during KDOG's two-day roundup. All seventeen defendants are currently being held in the Kenosha County Jail.

### **KDOG seized the following drugs:**

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Cocaine     | 262.43 grams              |
| Heroin      | 10 grams                  |
| Marijuana   | 1,225.82 grams            |
| THC – Wax   | 77.4 grams                |
| Mushrooms   | 4.1 grams                 |
| KDOG seized | seven firearms (1 stolen) |

Operation "Smack down" began on Monday, March 21, 2016, and concluded on Friday May 20, 2016. This was all part of a coordinated takedown and/or roundup and occurred during the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



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The operation consisted of multiple law enforcement agencies including drug units, Sheriff's departments, and Police departments in Southeastern Wisconsin, working together to significantly disrupt heroin and opiate sales. In addition, violent drug traffickers and gang members were targeted.

The goal of the operation was to coordinate numerous arrests over multiple geographical areas to impede the sale of heroin and opiates, reduce heroin overdose deaths, and reduce the violence associated with drug trafficking. Each arrest will not only affect the dealer, but will send waves to dealer's customers and the dealer's suppliers. The arrests were made, in a coordinated effort in numerous locations, to create a significant blow to the heroin and opiate trade in the region.

The agencies involved with operation "Smack down" put in countless hours, worked together, and coordinated their efforts to make "Smack down" a success. There were over 250 felony charges issued, mainly consisting of delivery of controlled substances, possession with intent to deliver controlled substances, and felon in possession of firearm.

### **The following agencies participated in operation "Smack down":**

**Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

Kenosha County Sheriff/  
Kenosha Drug Operations Group  
Racine County Metro Drug Unit  
Walworth County Sheriff  
Waukesha County MEG  
Washington County Sheriff  
Ozaukee County Sheriff/  
Ozaukee County Anti-Drug Task Force  
Kenosha PD  
West Allis PD  
Oak Creek PD  
Waukesha PD  
Greenfield PD  
Wauwatosa PD

Milwaukee PD  
Racine PD

### **The district attorney's office from the following areas also participated:**

Kenosha County  
Racine County  
Walworth County  
Waukesha County  
Washington County  
Ozaukee County  
Milwaukee County



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**In furtherance of this case, numerous Law Enforcement operations were conducted in multiple locations in Wisconsin to include:**

City of Milwaukee  
City of Kenosha  
City of West Allis  
City of Sheboygan  
City of Waukesha  
City of Greenfield  
City of Racine  
City of West Bend  
City of Brookfield  
City of Mequon  
City of Whitewater  
City of Lake Geneva

City of Elkhorn  
City of New Berlin  
Village of Menomonee Falls  
Village of Sussex  
Village of Sturtevant  
Village of Grafton  
Village of Paddock Lake  
Village of Pleasant Prairie  
Village of Kendall  
Village of Fontana  
Village of Germantown  
Town of Salem

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