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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office Gang Unit recently conducted a targeted criminal street gang enforcement initiative titled **Operation Red Recoil**, aimed at disrupting gang-related criminal activity and reducing violent crime throughout Richmond County.

This five-day operation took place from May 12 through May 16, 2026, and involved coordinated enforcement efforts led by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Gang Unit, with assistance from multiple local, state, and federal law enforcement partners. The initiative focused on areas identified through crime analysis and intelligence as having elevated levels of gang activity, firearm-related offenses, narcotics trafficking, and violent crime.

As part of the operation, officers conducted targeted warrant services on validated gang members and associates with active arrest warrants. Law enforcement personnel also carried out concentrated patrol operations in areas experiencing recent violent criminal activity, lawful traffic enforcement, suspicious person investigations, and intelligence-driven enforcement activities within designated high-crime areas throughout Richmond County.

The objectives of Operation Red Recoil included:

- Reducing gang-related violence and retaliatory criminal activity
- Recovering illegally possessed firearms
- Disrupting narcotics trafficking operations
- Identifying and apprehending violent offenders
- Developing intelligence supporting ongoing state and federal investigations targeting organized criminal enterprises

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office emphasizes that all enforcement actions conducted during this initiative were carried out in accordance with state and federal law. The operation was intended to enhance public safety while strengthening long-term investigative efforts targeting criminal street gangs operating within the community.

Participating agencies and support resources included the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division, Traffic Division, Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Gang Task Force, the United States Marshals Service, and the Georgia Attorney General's Office.

Sheriff Eugene Brantley stated, "Violent crime, illegal drugs, and gang activity within our community will not be tolerated. I want to personally thank all of the agencies that partnered



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with us during this operation for their dedication and assistance in helping remove violent offenders from the streets of Augusta.”

The Sheriff's Office encourages residents to continue reporting suspicious or gang-related activity to local law enforcement. Community cooperation remains an essential component in reducing violent crime involving criminal street gangs and improving neighborhood safety throughout Richmond County.

Investigations related to this operation remain ongoing, and no further information will be released at this time.

Operation Red Recoil Totals

Suspected Gang Members Arrested: 24

Firearms Recovered: 29

US Currency Seized: \$33,520

Total Narcotic Seizures

Marijuana: 5,124 grams (11.18lbs)

Cocaine: 40 grams

Fentanyl: 676 grams (1.49lbs)

Methamphetamine: 3.3 grams

Oxycodone: 75 pills

Residential Search Warrants: 8

Stolen Vehicles Recovered: 2

Total Arrests: 74

DUI Arrests: 21

Citations: 81

Warnings: 126



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The following is some of the evidence that was collected during Operation Red Recoil.





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The following list are arrests and charges made. This list does not include traffic related arrests made during this operation

Joseph Green of Hephzibah, GA



Order To Show Cause Warrant (Felony)



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Clarence Rich Jr. of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the commission of a Crime

O.C.G.A. Possession of Cocaine

O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana

Devin Sheppard of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Cocaine

O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana



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Freddie Lee Jones Jr. of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Aggravated Assault Warrants (2 Counts)
O.C.G.A. Armed Robbery Warrant
O.C.G.A. Cruelty to Children 1st Degree Warrant (3 Counts)
O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime Warrant
Superior Court Bench Warrant

Travis Davis of Midville, GA



State Court Bench Warrant



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Guy Foreman of Augusta, GA



Felony Order To Show Cause Warrant
Other Authority Warrants
Federal Arrest Warrant
O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon

James Davis of Augusta, GA



Felony Order to Arrest Warrant
O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute
O.C.G.A. Violation of the Street Gang & Terrorism Act



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O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime

Chase Russaw of Augusta, GA



Felony Order to Arrest Warrant

Demetriauna Harris of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute



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Oyanna Ottley of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

Dziko Walton of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Giving False Name and Date of Birth
O.C.G.A. Arson in the 1st Degree Warrant (2 Counts)
Criminal Damage to Property in the 2nd Degree Warrant



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Letrone L. Tyler of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Aggravated Assault Warrant

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime Warrant

Michael A. Walker III of Grovetown, GA



O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Felony

O.C.G.A. Reckless Driving

O.C.G.A. Fleeing or Attempting to Elude



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Demarcus V. Wesby of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Aggravated Assault Warrant

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime Warrant

Rodney Crane of Augusta, GA



Superior Court Bench Warrant (3 Counts)



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Jevon R. Dority of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon (2 Counts)

Rico R. Ready of Augusta, GA



Superior Court Warrant (Felony)



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Erwin Cochran of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

Alexis Mitchell of Augusta, GA



Felony Other Authorities Warrant
Misdemeanor Other Authorities Warrant



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Thomas Jimperson of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime

O.C.G.A. Distribution of Marijuana within 1000 Feet of Public Housing

O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Misdemeanor

Anwar Green of Harlem, GA



Felony Order to Show Cause Warrant



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Darius Willis of Riverdale, GA



Other Authorities Warrant

Christopher Ciechan of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Cocaine



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Julius L. Staples of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Criminal Attempt – Armed Robbery

O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Misdemeanor

O.C.G.A. Giving False Name and Date of Birth

Richard L. Manders III of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Methamphetamine



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Tira Johnson of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Theft by Receiving – Motor Vehicle

Other Authorities Warrant

KeSean L. Hillary of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime



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Zion A. Walker of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime

O.C.G.A. Violation of the Street Gang & Terrorism Act

Gracy Walker of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime



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Naquan Reid of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Trafficking Fentanyl

O.C.G.A. Trafficking Cocaine

Travis Peterson of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Oxycodone with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime

O.C.G.A. Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon

Tavarus Peterson of Augusta, GA



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O.C.G.A. Trafficking Fentanyl

O.C.G.A. Trafficking Cocaine

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime

O.C.G.A. Possession Firearm by a Convicted Felon

O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

Zack Gordon of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Fentanyl



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Raphiel L. Harris of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Trafficking Fentanyl

Zeon K. Burke of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute



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Daniel J. Chisolm of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

Travale D. Sloans of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Possession of Firearm During the Commission of a Crime



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Quantrez Tanksley of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Giving False Name and Date of Birth

John Turner of Augusta, GA



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Antonio D. Williams (Augusta)



O.C.G.A. Reckless Conduct Warrant

Candice Pearson of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of MDMA

O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Misdemeanor



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Derrick Walden (Augusta)



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Michael Scott of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Methamphetamine

O.C.G.A. Giving False Name and Date of Birth



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Michael Dillion (Augusta)



O.C.G.A. Possession of Methamphetamine

Cleveland Greene of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana, Felony Warrant



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Rico Jackson of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon

O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Misdemeanor

Chrishawn Grimes of Graniteville, SC



O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon

O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Misdemeanor



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Fred Carswell of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana, Felony

Loyalty Autry of Conyers, GA



Other Authorities Warrant



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Chancey Albritton of Midville, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Cocaine

Other Authorities Warrant

Rodriqus Griffin of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute



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Deangelo McClinton of McCormick, SC



O.C.G.A. Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon

O.C.G.A. Possession of Fentanyl

O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana, Felony

O.C.G.A. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime

Taray Moore of Augusta, GA



O.C.G.A. Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer, Misdemeanor



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Isaiah D. Hamilton of Augusta, GA – **WANTED**



O.C.G.A. Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute

O.C.G.A. Distributing Marijuana within 1000 Feet of Public Housing

O.C.G.A. Violation of the Street Gang & Terrorism Act