



## **Police, task forces make drug and gun arrests**

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The Dayton Police Department continues to take steps in fighting the opioid epidemic. The Department is pleased to announce that three recent investigations led to numerous arrests, some significant in the fight against gun and drug crimes.

On June 28, a joint operation (West Patrol Operations Division units, DPD detectives, CIRGV, and the Safe Streets Task Force) arrested Julian Valentine and Dashawn Smedley. Valentine had felony warrants and was found to be in possession of a stolen firearm and fentanyl. Smedley was arrested on a federal warrant for multiple drug and weapons charges.

On June 29, a joint operation (Heroin Eradication Apprehension Team, CIRGV, Drug Enforcement, and the Street Crimes Unit of the East Patrol Operations Division) ended with the arrest of Paris Foster for various drug charges and a weapons charge. Foster was found to be in possession of a significant amount of heroin, fentanyl and oxycodone, along with several weapons and cash. Foster is also suspected of manufacturing drugs.

The Dayton Police Department plans to seek federal charges against these three subjects.

"Two of the biggest risks to our citizens today are the presence of armed violent offenders and deadly fentanyl on our streets," said Major Brian Johns, Commander of the Investigations and Administrative Services Bureau. "The Dayton Police Department will continue to work vigorously to reduce both, so as to protect the safety of our citizens and neighborhoods. We will also, to the best of our ability, seek maximum sentences for those who sell deadly drugs and victimize others through violence."

