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BROCKTON, MA- Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Brockton Police Chief Robert Hayden announced that this morning at approximately 5:00 a.m. Brockton Police and State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office conducted a joint operation in the city of Brockton. The purpose of the operation was to execute over 50 arrest warrants stemming from recent narcotics investigations as well as 2 related search warrants.

Assisting in the operation were over 100 law enforcement personnel from the State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, State Police as part of the Southeastern Massachusetts Gang Task Force, the Brockton Police, State Police Gang Unit, State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Task Force, STOP Team, State Police K-9, State Police Air Wing, State Police Troop D CAT Team, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, FBI, ATF and Secret Service who conducted the warrant sweep and Saturation Patrols within the City of Brockton.

"There was unprecedented cooperation between many law enforcement agencies for one common goal," said Brockton police Chief Bob Hayden. "The city is much safer now than it was when we all woke up this morning. I want to thank all agencies who were involved and who helped make Brockton a safer place."

"This is yet another example of the relentless aggressive pursuit of criminals that has been taking place this year," said Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter. "At 5 a.m. over 100 law enforcement officials gathered at West Junior High to roundup criminals with outstanding warrants with an emphasis on street level and higher level drug dealers who are poisoning our neighborhoods."

Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz stated, "I am pleased with the results of today's joint operation. Guns and drugs are often the tools of those who commit violence in this city. As the result of the hard work of the State Police, the Brockton Police and our federal partners, a significant number of criminals have been removed from the streets of Brockton. In the course of the operation officers also recovered an illegal firearm and illegal narcotics."

The names of the those arrested will be released later today.

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