



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Deputies Arrest 48 During South Memphis Crime Sweep



Sheriff's Deputies teamed with federal agents for several hours last night to target crime in south Memphis neighborhoods.

"We received calls from residents who asked for our assistance. After meeting with them, we analyzed crime data and designed a specific plan to address gang activity, illegal drug sales and other crimes," said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Agents with the F.B.I. and United States Secret Service assisted Deputies in an area bounded by Brooks Road on the north, Shelby Drive on the south, Elvis Presley Boulevard on the east and Weaver Road on the west. The United States Marshal Service Task Force also worked alongside of Deputies to roundup fugitives.

Deputies with the Sheriff's A.L.E.R.T. Squad (Area Law Enforcement Retailers Team) seized counterfeit merchandise from area businesses and flea market vendors.

Other Deputies focused on traffic safety. Almost 200 traffic tickets were issued.

Many reserve Deputies took part in the crime sweep along with Corrections Deputies from the Shelby County Jail who processed and transported prisoners.

Volunteers from the Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau and an officer from the Memphis Animal Shelter also assisted in the crime suppression initiative.

Here are the results:

- **Total Arrests: 48**
 - 5 Felony**
 - 43 Misdemeanor**
- **Traffic Tickets: 181**
- **Narcotics Recovered: Marijuana 50.1 g**
- **Counterfeit Merchandise: \$133,285**
- **One (1) pistol seized**
- **Cash Seized: \$255.00**
- **Gang Members Identified: 6**

"We want to reassure citizens their concerns have been heard. We'll continue to address any crime complaints and work jointly with other agencies to keep neighborhoods throughout Shelby County as safe as possible," added Sheriff Luttrell.