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Collaborative Effort Removes Violent Offender from Streets of Manchester; First Major Example of CompStat 360 Program Success

(Manchester, NH) – August 19, 2021 – In March of this year, the [CompStat 360 program](#) was announced as an initiative to focus on reducing violent crime and address public safety issues in Manchester. As part of CompStat 360, Manchester Police held community meetings and established a community-centered Problem Solving Team to discuss and develop additional responses, including non-law enforcement responses, to these issues. It is imperative to communicate the hard work all federal, state, and local agencies are engaged in to fight violent crime.

This problem solving team includes our law enforcement partners, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the County Attorney's Office, community leaders, public health officials, public works personnel, and community organizations. This team will announce community responses to violent crime in the near future.

CompStat 360 is a key part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, which is the centerpiece of the U.S. Attorney's Office's comprehensive strategy to reduce gun violence and violent crime. The work follows a framework of prevention, intervention, and strategic enforcement.

Law enforcement partners, including Manchester Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, State Police, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, New Hampshire Department of Corrections Probation and Parole, FBI, and ATF have enhanced coordination to focus on prolific and chronic offenders. These agencies also are using data-driven approaches to determine where resources should be deployed.

These partners have developed systems for increased information sharing and coordination through weekly meetings to review incidents, share intelligence, and work on plans of action to address violence. This collaborative effort has never been stronger.

Manchester Police, New Hampshire State Police, and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office have worked to increase officer presence and community engagement in the neighborhoods that need it most. Since the start of this initiative, these agencies have conducted over 4,000 directed patrols in furtherance of these goals. With the use of American Recovery Plan and Project Safe Neighborhoods grant funding, nearly 250 of these directed patrols have been officers conducting foot patrols.

The American Recovery Plan funds have been instrumental in adding resources targeting chronic, violent offenders in Manchester. The federal indictment of Michael Francis is the first example in how these added resources have assisted in a significant case. Court records showed the arrest of Francis resulted in the recovery of four firearms (two of which were stolen), 400 grams of suspected fentanyl and 400 grams of suspected methamphetamine. This enforcement effort is impactful and helps to improve public safety. "On behalf of the Department of Corrections, I commend everyone involved in the federal indictment of Mr. Francis but especially our Field Services team members, Probation Parole Officers William Duffy and Christopher Regan, for being integral members of this multi-agency collaborative effort to keep our communities safe." Says NHDOC Director of Field Services Robert Oxley.

While enforcement efforts are an important part of our overall strategy to fight violent crime, law enforcement cannot fight this battle alone. It is important for the entire community to get involved in the effort to keep Manchester safe. All Manchester residents are encouraged to join, embrace positive change and help make this community thrive.

“For most residents of Manchester, these efforts should be a message of hope for the future,” said Acting U.S. Attorney John J. Farley. “We hear the community concerns on these issues, we feel the same concerns, and we are responding.” Says Manchester Police Chief Allen Aldenberg. “There are significant ongoing efforts focusing on offenders and neighborhood safety and we will continue to address violent crime in Manchester. Anyone who thinks they can commit violence in this city should be on notice: We are putting all available resources into investigating, identifying, and arresting violent offenders.”

Partners in these initiatives hope to have in-person announcements in the future to discuss the progress of these initiatives and provide updates to the community about additional efforts as this work is developed.

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