



# Media Alert

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## **WCSO AND DPD WORK TO CURB DANGEROUS DRAG RACING IN DETROIT STREETS**

**Overnight operation at hotspot nets arrests, weapons and cars.**

**Detroit (September 15, 2012)** – In an aggressive overnight operation, **Sheriff Benny Napoleon and the WCSO teamed up with Detroit Police to end illegal drag racing in several Detroit neighborhoods.** For years, citizens have complained of the events that draw raucous crowds and souped up vehicles racing up and down neighborhood streets. In the past year alone there have been violent accidents and altercations, shots fired and several deaths. Last night's blitz near Epworth and Linsdale (Joy to Tireman Road) led to:

- 3 arrests (two for multiple traffic infractions and one for distribution of cocaine from Wisconsin)
- 30 cars impounded (three racing vehicles one of which was reported stolen)
- Confiscation of one gun and other weapons primarily knives
- Seizure of small amounts of marijuana and other drugs

At one point shots were fired in the vicinity as officers closed in to end the illegal activity and secure the location. One 17 year old female was briefly detained to ensure her safety. Sheriff Benny Napoleon credits the combined diligent effort of the WCSO and DPD to end the nuisance that has law abiding citizens fed up.

**“We are not going to tolerate individuals driving in from all over to terrorize citizens in their neighborhoods with these loud cars and lewd, drug fueled behavior. On most nights, shots are fired and people wind up shot or killed,”** said Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon. **“This puts everyone in harm’s way, not to mention innocent motorists just passing through—it will stop. We’re going to see to it.”**

The operation was manned by officers and investigators from the WCSO, Detroit Police Department and the Western Wayne Crime Response Team. **If you want to report drag racing in your area, call the WCSO tip line at 313-833-3190. The call is anonymous.**

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