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Police raid blind pig in New Center area following complaints

(Sept. 9, 2012) –Early Sunday morning, Wayne County Sheriff’s officers raided a popular blind pig that also served as a house of prostitution in Detroit’s New Center area.

Approximately 130 people were inside the establishment at 29 East Baltimore in the area of Woodward and Grand Boulevard when police entered at about 4 a.m. The patrons were ticketed and released. Ten operators were arrested and are expected to be charged with felonies.

Police confiscated six guns, approximately 50 cars and about \$10,000 in cash during the raid.

Police said alcohol and drugs were being sold on the first floor of the establishment. On the second floor, there was a shower area and several rooms used for acts of prostitution, police said.

Wayne County Sheriff’s officers were assisted by the Wayne State University Police, Detroit Police Headquarters Surveillance and the Western Wayne Community Response Team. A 16-year-old girl was turned over to the Southeast Michigan Crimes Against Children Task Force, which also assisted.

Wayne State Chief Anthony Holt said the agency had received several complaints about the establishment in recent weeks from residents, students and business owners. Holt said an analysis of crime data also showed a rise in crime in the area, which is located on the outskirts of the Wayne State campus.

“This was one of the largest brothels operating in the City of Detroit,” said Chief Holt.

The raid was one of several conducted this year by the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office. Said Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon: “This kind of blatant lawlessness will not be tolerated. Criminal activity of this kind not only leads to other crimes but it detracts from an area that is trying to rebound.”

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