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South Fulton Police Making Great Strides to Reduce Illegal Activity in the City

(City of South Fulton, GA – April 16, 2021) – The South Fulton Police Department has made great strides within a span of a few months to end a series of illegal activity in the city including drug trafficking, murder, human trafficking and street racing.

Recently, the department used cell phone data to tie suspects to a nearly two-year old murder scene where police found a charred body in a burned car. South Fulton police recently charged the pair of men, who investigators say kidnapped, robbed and shot the victim. Anthony Goss, 31, and Roy Hill, 20, both remain in the Fulton County Jail, each charged with murder, aggravated assault, kidnapping, armed robbery, arson and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Both face charges from other agencies stemming from a shooting and three other homicides, including the rape and murder of a college student Te’a Liger student in 2019. The South Fulton murder case is the latest for a department that has a murder closure rate of 96 percent since the start of 2020. Out of 24 homicide cases since Jan. 1, 2020, 23 have been closed.

City of South Fulton police officers also helped uncover a significant methamphetamine lab, confiscating 77 pounds of the drug in an operation linked to a Mexican drug cartel. South Fulton investigators worked with others from state and federal agencies on the bust, which came after anonymous tips about the drug operation. Officers seized a stolen car, a stolen shotgun and \$1,245 in cash.

The meth was estimated to have a street value of about \$290,000. Investigators charged Isidoro Palacios, 59, with trafficking methamphetamine. With federal charges pending, police are working to seize both properties, which belong to Palacios, because of their drug-related histories and ties to the cartel.

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Similarly, the department busted a warehouse that was being used as a drug superstore. After a three-month investigation, officers confiscated 630 pounds of marijuana, 198 pounds of lean, 188 ecstasy pills, a pound and a half of mushrooms, a half a pound of wax and 12-thousand dollars. Officers also seized 13 guns and impounded several cars.

In a more recent drug bust, city and state police arrested more than 90 people, impounded 45 cars and seized six guns and 33 grams of marijuana. The South Fulton Police Department worked with multiple agencies early Sunday morning to make the arrests and shut down a racing event on Buffington Highway.

The department also was imperative in shutting down the Bodega Fish, Chicken and Shrimp on Old National Highway in November of last year after they investigated code and legal violations, including several violations selling alcohol without a license, illegal drug sales and human sex trafficking activity and a homicide. City officials eventually seized the club's business license.

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