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Metropolitan Police Department Releases Incident Totals, Lauds Officers and Supporting Agencies for Safe All-Star Event

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis, ("the Department"), was the lead agency in developing plans to ensure the safety of those in Downtown St. Louis during Major League Baseball's All-Star festivities July 10th-July 14th. The Department is pleased to announce there were no major criminal incidents, and no serious acts of violence. Further, while hundreds of thousands of people descended upon downtown St. Louis over the five-day period, there were few arrests or reports of problems.

Law enforcement officers assigned to the All-Star security detail made 29 arrests in the downtown area for the following violations: operating without a vendor license; drug possession; drinking in public; felon in possession of a weapon; parole violation; general peace disturbance; aggressive begging; bench warrants; domestic assault; theft of a credit card; vehicle break-ins. 1 of the 29 arrests was for selling counterfeit tickets.

In addition, officers assigned to the All-Star security detail initiated 8 investigations that are ongoing, that have not yet resulted in arrests. The 8 cases involve the following violations: vehicle break-ins; destruction of property/vandalism; stealing.

Despite tens of thousands of vehicles being parked in the downtown area for five straight days, fewer than 10 vehicle break-ins were reported in total.

Chief Dan Isom said, "I'm very proud of the effectiveness of our officers. We received countless compliments from St. Louis residents and those visiting our city. They were extremely pleased with the presence and professionalism of our officers. We have officers who truly care about the community they serve and their commitment to ensuring that everyone was safe during these events is proof."

The Department also wishes to extend gratitude to the following local, state and federal agencies that assisted the Department by providing personnel and/or equipment: St. Louis County Police, Florissant Police, Lambert International Airport Police, Arnold Police, Sikeston Police, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Transportation Security Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

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