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## LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUES WAVES OF POLICE CRACKDOWNS

First initiated in April, District Attorney, Eric R. Linhardt announces that local law enforcement continues to join forces in conducting county wide crackdowns. Joint operations of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies including: the Pennsylvania State Police, Williamsport City Police, Penn College Police, South Williamsport Police, Old Lycoming Township Police, Hughesville Police, Montgomery Police, Muncy Police, Muncy Township Police, Montoursville Police, Duboistown Police, Tiadaghton Police, the Lycoming County Sheriff's Office, Lycoming County Detectives, the Lycoming County Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Lycoming County Adult Probation, Pennsylvania State Parole, and the US Marshals Fugitive Unit, persist in saturating city neighborhoods in a show of force designed to apprehend offenders and bring safety to the city's most troubled neighborhoods.

These well-coordinated and targeted enforcement efforts have proven extremely effective. In a joint operation conducted on June 3, 2015, more than 60 officers from 15 separate agencies spread across the County, in one of the largest joint law enforcement efforts that have been seen in several years.

The results were significant. Nineteen individuals were arrested for drug violations, six more were arrested for Possession with Intent to Deliver controlled substances, four were arrested for DUI and released pending charges, the US Marshal's Service apprehended 6 fugitives, two persons were taken into custody on probation violations, two more were arrested for misdemeanor offenses, one person was apprehended immediately following a robbery, 46 citations were issued, 1 search warrant was executed, three vehicles were seized pending applications for search warrants, 37 warnings were issued, and by the end of the evening, 32 individuals were booked into the Lycoming County Prison.

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year the District Attorney's Office has brought together our County's police agencies in a determined effort to bring results via our collective resources. These sudden and dramatic increases in police officer presence, sanctions and threats of apprehension; are expected to bring with them a reduction in crime and an increase in public safety as we take greater numbers of offenders out of circulation.

Linhardt adds, "These joint operations, along with the continued community policing efforts in our city parks and County Sheriff foot patrols in our downtown, will continue as long as they prove to be an effective tool against crime."