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### COUNTY WIDE POLICE SATURATION PATROLS CONTINUE

Large scale police operations continued for a fourth month under the direction of the Lycoming County District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt announced today. On August 5, 2015 thirteen local state and federal law enforcement agencies once again joined forces in a large scale, coordinated police action directed at the County's toughest neighborhoods.

First begun in April, the most recent operation resulted in 28 arrests. During the 8 hour County-wide crackdown, 10 individuals were arrested for drug violations, 5 were arrested for possession with intent to deliver controlled substances, 4 were arrested for DUI and released pending charges, and 9 fugitives were arrested on outstanding warrants. Additionally, 51 citations were issued, 2 search warrants were executed, 2 vehicles were seized pending applications for search warrants, and 13 warnings were issued.

The 13 participating agencies included officers from the Pennsylvania State Police, Williamsport City Police, Penn College Police, South Williamsport Police, Old Lycoming Police, Montoursville Police, Tiadaghton Police, the Lycoming County Sheriff's Office, the Lycoming County Detectives Unit, the Lycoming County Narcotics Unit, the Pennsylvania Police Vice Unit, Lycoming County Adult Probation, Pennsylvania State Parole, and the US Marshals Fugitive Unit.

The Lycoming County District Attorney's Office has been organizing these highly visible saturation patrols for the last eight years. "These types of pro-active, intensive operations allow us to pull our resources from across the County in ways individual police departments simply cannot do on their own," Linhardt said.

"Large scale patrols have proven effective in suppressing crime not only by deterring disorder, but by taking high rate offenders out of circulation," Linhardt added.

The multi-agency patrols will continue as long as they prove effective and funding remains available.