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MEDIA RELEASE

Narcotics Search Warrants Served in the City of Beloit

For Immediate Release

Date: February 25, 2022 Case #: SO2110686 Contact Person Capt. Curt Fell (608) 757-7906

On February 24, 2022, at 12:01 p.m., the City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations Unit and the Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team executed a search warrant secured by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) at 1849 Fayette Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511. Simultaneously, DCI, assisted by the City of Janesville Police Department Street Crimes Unit and the Rock County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and Special Investigations Unit, served a search warrant at 1950 Fairview Drive, Beloit, WI 53511.

During these searches, law enforcement located numerous items of narcotics trafficking including:

- 1 kilogram of suspected cocaine
- 3 pounds of suspected marijuana
- miscellaneous drug paraphernalia
- 3 handguns
- firearms magazines and ammunition
- a large amount of cash

These search warrants resulted in the detainment of several individuals. DCI will release a subsequent media release with further information on the arrested suspects and their charges.

This successful multi-agency operation showcased the value of partnerships amongst local and state law enforcement agencies.

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, <u>Trial Publicity</u>, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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