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MILWAUKEE POLICE GUN SEIZURES INCREASE IN 2007

Milwaukee Police have seized 9.8 percent more guns in 2007 over the previous year. In 2007, Milwaukee Police seized 2,733 guns; in 2006, that number was 2,490.

A search warrant executed this morning in the 2700 block of N. 46th Street highlights the work the Department is doing to stem the violent crime that often follows illegal drug activity and the illegal possession of firearms in the City of Milwaukee.

The suspect, a 29-year-old male, was arrested at his home where his wife and four children, ages 6, 4, 2 and 2 months old, also were living. Officers from the Milwaukee Police Department Intelligence Division obtained information that the suspect was armed and was dealing drugs out of the home. The officers conducted an investigation and later obtained a search warrant and executed that warrant early this morning.

Officers recovered three firearms, including an SKS-style assault rifle along with narcotics and cash from drug proceeds.

“The Milwaukee Police Department remains committed to ferreting out drug dealers large and small who illegally possess firearms and destroy the quality of life for all residents of the city of Milwaukee,” said Acting Police Chief Dale Schunk.

Mayor Tom Barrett added, “In Milwaukee, we do a good job of catching the bad guys. Our numbers and the good work of the MPD this morning show that. I need everyone in this city to work together to find out where these guns are, where they are coming from, and get them off our streets and out of the hands of those who can not legally possess them.”

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