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Press Conference –

Clifton Heights Undercover Drug Investigation – Operation Tailgate
Clifton Height War Memorial, Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights, PA

Today, I am here to commend the members of the Clifton Heights Police Department for their tremendous success in Operation Tailgate, an extended undercover drug interdiction effort in the Clifton Heights community.

For nearly 4 months, two undercover officers, working under the leadership of Chief Walter Senkow and Sgt. Timothy Rockenbach, posed as drug users in various taverns in Clifton Heights to identify drug dealers in the community. Operation Tailgate concluded yesterday with the filing of 39 Criminal Complaints charging drug delivery and related offenses for 23 individuals. As of this morning, 13 of the individuals have been arrested and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge John Perfetti, and more arrests are expected this afternoon and tomorrow.

Nearly all of the drug deals leading to the arrest warrants in Operation Tailgate arose out of conduct that occurred within local taverns, with 23 of the transactions being related to Tailgators Bar, located across the street here on Baltimore Pike. The types of drugs that were sold by individuals in these taverns included prescription pills, marijuana, cocaine, and LSD.

The criminal activity uncovered in Operation Tailgate mirrors a disturbing pattern evident across the county wherein drug dealers are plying their illegal trade in local bars. I am pleased to know that Chief Senkow, the Clifton Heights Police Department, and the other fine law enforcement agencies around the county, are aggressively pursuing these drug dealers to remove them from our community. I promise you that I will do my part in prosecuting these individuals for the crimes they are accused of committing.

As I have said before, I will not tolerate illegal drug activity in our community. It has a devastating effect on the quality of life we lead and must be eradicated as aggressively and quickly as possible. Undercover operations like this one are an important, cost effective means of keeping our communities peaceful and safe. I am grateful that the members of the Clifton Heights Borough Council dedicated the financial resources necessary to engage in Operation Tailgate. This operation, and ones like it recently completed in other communities here in Delaware County, should serve as a

model of how good government and a vigilant police department can help maintain a safe environment for us to live, work, and raise our families.

The investigation into the illegal activity of those arrested is still ongoing. Anyone with information concerning any of the defendants, including their whereabouts or other potentially illicit activity, should call the Clifton Heights Police Department at 610-623-3242. A complete list of the individuals wanted and/or arrested follows this release.

As in all criminal cases, the charges against any criminal defendant are merely accusations and the individual is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

OPERATION TAILGATE Defendants and Number of Complaints Filed

Defendant	Number of Complaints
Christa Brown	1
Juhu Brown	1
Jamie Buonadonna	3
Christopher Canard Malone	1
Stacy Cavaliere	3
Carol Dougherty	2
Peter Filios	1
Christopher French	1
Kelly Fries	2
Kelly Gray	1
Matthew Hartnet	2
Patrick Hayden	1
Yervant Edward Jilozian	1
Alex Johnson	4
Edward Kelly III	1
Laura Koenig	3
Joseph Lannutti Jr.	1
Rick Moore	1
Steven D Spicer	2
Jason Stafford	1
William Strauss	2
Robert Williams	3
Anthony Michael Zecca	1