

Chief Steven Long of the Wildwood Police Department and Prosecutor Robert Taylor of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office announce today the status of a special "street crimes unit" operating in the City of Wildwood. The unit consists of members of the Wildwood Police uniform and detective divisions along with detectives from the County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force. It is a temporary unit, which targets street level crimes affecting the quality of life for city residents and visitors.

This initiative, an extraordinary example of intra-agency cooperation, has been used with great success over the past several years, and this year is no exception. The unit has arrested twenty-two persons over the past several weeks, most involving the street level sale and purchase of narcotics. The unit targets areas of the City where illegal activity is observed and reported by citizens. Various methods are then used to make the arrests including covert surveillance, undercover police officers, and search warrants.

Prosecutor Taylor stated "this type of cooperation is a model for effective law enforcement operations."