

The Downriver Auto Theft Team (as part of an ongoing joint FBI/MSP investigation of organized vehicle theft by a motorcycle club) assisted in the execution of a federal search warrant at their Detroit club house. The search warrant was executed during one of their major events (bike inspection) where member attendance was suspected to be high. Entry was made and the area secured by the FBI SRT Team and the MSP ES Team. Once the 200+ members were secured, DRATT (assisted by the Western Wayne Auto Theft Team and NICB) inspected 162 motorcycles. Seventeen motorcycles were seized after being identified as either stolen or having altered vehicle identification numbers. Ten firearms and a small quantity of illegal narcotics were also seized. The search warrant required the shutting down of a major roadway in the city of Detroit, and thus the media quickly knew of the large scale operation. Once the scene was cleared and the club members released, they informed the media that police had raided their "family fun day".