

# CITY OF TOLEDO



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### **Joint Law Enforcement Effort Leads to Arrest in January Shooting Case**

Toledo, OH (April 30, 2020): This afternoon, members of the United States Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force apprehended a dangerous suspect wanted in relation to a January shooting. A Toledo Police Detective Sergeant assigned to the task force along with additional U.S. Marshals successfully apprehended Nate Smith after he attempted to elude law enforcement officials by fleeing in a vehicle.

In the early morning hours of January 17, 2020 Melvin Mack was shot inside of Crox Bar located at 1776 Arlington in Toledo. Mack was paralyzed in the incident. Toledo Police officers responded to the scene in January and immediately opened an investigation. Through additional police work, the task force identified Nate Smith as the suspect and began actively seeking him in connection with the shooting.

It was believed that Smith had fled to the state of Florida but later returned to Ohio. Surveillance was set up on several locations that Smith was known to frequent in Toledo. Today, members of the task force observed a vehicle being driven by Smith with Florida plates arrive at one of the locations. As law enforcement officials attempted to apprehend Smith, he fled in his vehicle, striking a car in the process. Smith's location was relayed to marked Toledo Police units in the area. Smith then struck several additional vehicles, but continued fleeing. Near Woodsdale and the Anthony Wayne Trail, Smith lost control of his car and crashed. He was immediately apprehended by officers on scene. Smith's girlfriend was also in the vehicle and was not arrested. No one was injured in the crashes.

There are multiple sections within the Toledo Police Department that have officers assigned to and working with outside law enforcement agencies. This arrest is another example of law enforcement's collaborative effort and team work to take violent felony offenders of the streets.

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