Looking back at year one of the Street Crimes Unit

As we start 2020, we want to take a moment to highlight the successes and growth of the Independence Police Department’s Street Crimes Unit (SCU) after its first year.

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During 2019 the SCU completed the following: seized 114 pounds of methamphetamine, recovered 157 firearms, executed 68 search warrants, and recovered 157 pounds of methamphetamine. The SCU has indicted 32 people on federal charges, made 51 federal warrant arrests, 140 felony arrests, and 825 city warrant arrests.

Our areas of focus included:

- Drugs
- Appeals
- Forgeries
- Motor vehicle theft
- Personal property theft

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Thank you for your support.

Through the SCU, residents and businesses get prompt service.

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