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ICYMI: Arrests, gun seizures up: Governor’s public health order on gun violence yielding real results

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced during a [press conference](#) on Monday the significant results of crime-fighting efforts that have been made since declaring gun violence a public health emergency in September.

“The data tells us that the public health order is working, but we are not out of the woods yet. Until our families, businesses and communities are safer, we will continue this momentum to drive down violent crime in Albuquerque and around the state,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**.

ARRESTS UP

As part of a concerted and ongoing operation since the public health order was implemented, **arrests in Albuquerque have doubled** from 502 to 1,006. Of those arrests, 36% were for violent and/or gun-related crimes.

Among those arrested is Jordan Barwinas (pictured at left), a repeat violent offender who is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, failing to register as a sex offender and receiving/transferring a stolen motor vehicle. Freddy Valenzuela (pictured at right) was arrested on November 10 and is charged with criminal sexual penetration of a child under 13 and has a lengthy violent criminal history. Both men remain in custody.



HUNDREDS OF GUNS SEIZED AND SURRENDERED

Getting guns off the streets is critical as part of efforts to reduce gun violence. Law enforcement partners have seized 219 guns since the implementation of the public health order, with a 275% increase from September to November.

Pictured below are firearms seized from one suspect during the operation.



State Police collected 439 guns at gun buyback events in Albuquerque, Espanola and Las Cruces. Additional events are being planned for Jan. 6, 2024, in Albuquerque, Española, Farmington and Las Cruces.

SAFER STORAGE

The state Department of Health continues to offer free gun locks to New Mexicans. Since July 1, nearly 16,000 locks have been distributed. Locks are available at safestoragenm.org.

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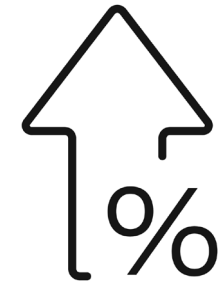
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ARRESTS

Since PHO, **2,490 total arrests** made in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County*. **40% of those are drug-related.**

	Sep	Oct	Nov
State Police	65	69	95
APD	221	598	687
BCSO	216	225	224
Totals	502	892	1,006



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Increase in total arrests from September to November

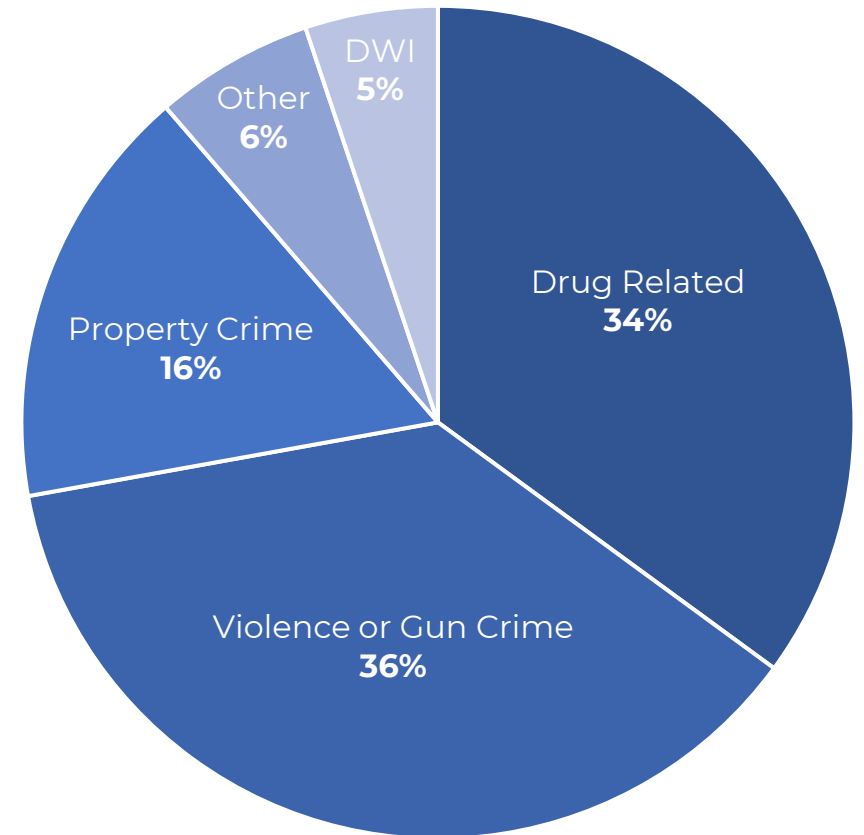
* Including 90 arrests by Probation and Parole and Second Judicial Attorneys Office

ARREST BREAKDOWN

Arrest Category	Oct	Nov
Drug Related	41%	34%
Violence or Gun Crime	29%	36%
Property Crime	15%	16%
Other	5%	6%
DWI	5%	5%

* Remainder of arrests are traffic violations and incomplete information.

NOVEMBER 2023 ARREST BREAKDOWN





JORDAN BARWINAS

Arrested 11/28

- Felon in possession of a firearm
- Failure to register as sex offender
- Receiving/transferring stolen motor vehicle





FREDDY VALENZUELA

Arrested 11/10

- Criminal sexual penetration of child under 13
- Convicted violent offender

ARRESTED





ADDITIONAL HIGH-PROFILE ARRESTS

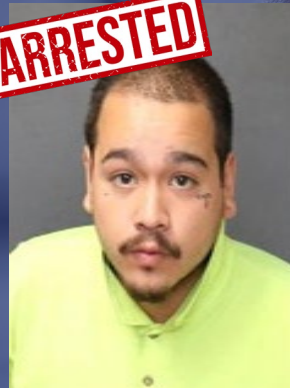
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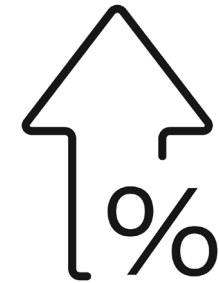


GUNS SEIZED

219 guns seized since PHO*

	Sep	Oct	Nov
State Police	2	11	21
APD	2	14	36
BCSO	20	32	33
Totals	24	57	90

* Including 48 guns seized by Probation and Parole



275%

Increase in guns
seized from
September to
November



GUNS SEIZED

13 guns were seized from one repeat, violent offender arrested as part of the PHO efforts; the suspect remains in custody.

Recovered items include

- Assault Rifles
- High-Capacity Ammunition Device
- Handguns
- Ballistic Vest



GUN BUY BACK EVENTS

439 guns were surrendered at the Gun Buy Back event organized by State Police. Recovered items include:

- **179 Handguns**
- **260 Rifles**



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Additional events are scheduled on **January 6th** in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Farmington, and Espanola.



SAFE STORAGE

15,951 gun locks have been distributed since July 1.

To order a free gun lock visit SafeStorageNM.org.



Creating a **safe future**
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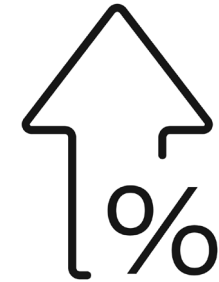
Gun Violence In New Mex

Gun-related deaths are a serious public health concern in New Mexico. As in the rest of the United Sta

JUVENILE DETENTIONS

Since PHO **87 juveniles involved in gun-related crimes** have been detained.

24 of the juveniles detained would have been released prior to the public health order mandate.



27%

Of the juveniles detained were the direct result of the PHO mandate



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS