

## SHOOTINGS NEAR A WEST END CARRY OUT -PIVOT UNIT-

### The Team:

Cincinnati Police PIVOT Unit, District One NLU and VCS, the Port Authority, City Law, Economic Development, Health, and Buildings departments

### Scan:

During the West End PIVOT project, open air drug market activity and shootings in the vicinity of Findlay and Linn Streets were identified as some of the most severe crime concerns in the neighborhood. A small carry out, known as Amir Market, was at the center of this hot spot.

### Analysis:

This location was the most significant hotspot of shootings in the West End, averaging two violent offenses at this address each year since 2018. In 2023, there were two shooting incidents here, with three total gunshot victims. An aggravated robbery also occurred within 100 feet of the location in 2023.

169 total calls for service were handled by CPD by late 2023, which was more than double 2022.

Since 2021, 8 people were arrested for a combination of violent, weapons, and drug offenses. 60 individuals were stopped for field investigations.



### Responses:

District One and PIVOT team investigators engaged with the property manager in June of 2023, which led to an agreement to implement several changes to the physical space (replacing window coverings, which were damaged by bullets and reduced visibility, covering exposed wiring and ensuring building code compliance, calling police to report suspicious activities and crime, and removing excessive products that obstructed view and prevented safe egress).

Officers increased proactive patrolling and agreed to work closely to address drug related issues at the property.



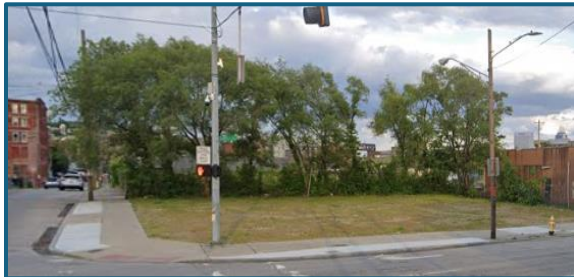
Despite repeated efforts to work with the property manager to create positive changes, conditions did not substantively improve here.

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In October of 2024, the Hamilton County Land Bank, in partnership with the City of Cincinnati, purchased the property containing the Amir Mart. The City became aware of the property owner's willingness to sell and the tenant's willingness to terminate its lease during discussions about violence mitigation. In response, the City agreed to provide funding in support of the property purchase, as well as facilitate the Land Bank's involvement as the City's agent and property holder.

The eventual goal is to have the site returned to productive use providing a benefit to the community and residents.

Shortly after the purchase of the property, the structure was demolished and the property was cleared to remove opportunities for blight and crime, and to position it for positive future development opportunities.



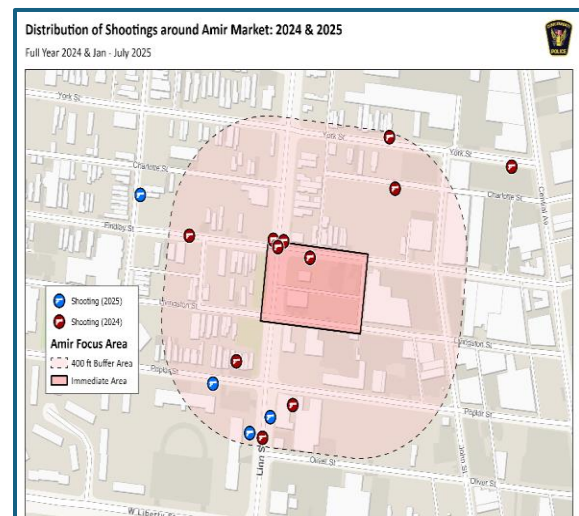
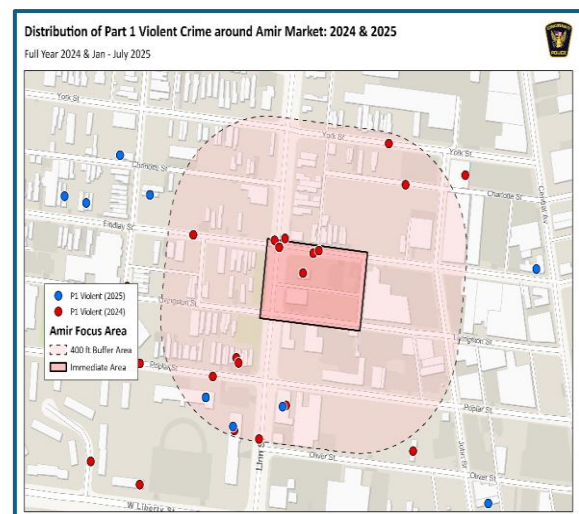
### Assessment:

In the first 7 months of 2025 the following occurred in the immediate area (the parcel and adjacent street of Amir Mart):

- 13 calls for police service from a citizen (31 in same period of 2024),
- 77 calls (32 total hours) related to proactive officer activity, (234 calls or 85 total hours in the same period of 2024)
- 0 violent offenses (4 in 2024, and 2 just outside the boundary),

- 0 shootings (2 in 2024, and 2 just outside the boundary)

Outside the immediate area within 400 feet buffer ring, there were fewer violent offenses (7 in 2025 and 13 in 2024) and shootings (3 in 2025 and 8 in 2024), when comparing the same January – July period. Notably, this buffer area includes a second chronically criminogenic place (Stanley Rowe Towers) in the West End.



**Outcome:** Violent Crime Reduced