# HIGHLIGHTS QUARTERLY MAY 1, 2019 STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mission
The State Bureau of
Investigation serves to reduce
crime and increase security.
Our mission is to provide
professional investigative
services to all people by
investigating crime and
working with allied agencies
and the community.

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# Violent CRIME

Investigations







The Violent Crimes section of The Utah Department of Public Safety/ State Bureau of Investigation is committed to providing specialized resources to the public in an effort to stop violent offenders' criminal activity.

The Violent Crimes Section is primarily responsible for investigating crimes involving narcotics, illegal firearm possession, drug interdiction and illegal gang activity.

### Operation Rio Grande Narcotics Unit

During the months of January, February and March Violent Crime agents conducted investigations into narcotics traffickers and distributors, served numerous search warrants, located firearms and narcotics and made several arrests.

In January, agents located a drug stash house, executed a search warrant and located 1/2 pound of heroin, 1/4 pound of meth, 1/4 pound of marijuana and a handgun.

In January, agents arrested an individual who was in the process of selling two pounds of meth.

In February, agents conducted a traffic stop and located 7.5 pounds of meth and 1/4 pound of heroin.

In February agents located two stolen rifles that a felon was trying to sell from a hotel room in the Salt Lake Valley.



In March, agents executed a search warrant on a residence and located one kilo of heroin and a large amount of currency.

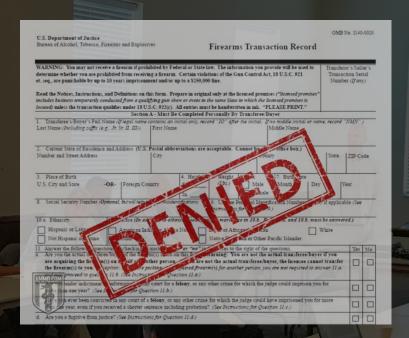
In March, agents executed a search warrant on a residence that resulted in the location of two pounds of meth, a stolen handgun and eleven arrests.

# National Integrated Information Network (NIBIN)



In an effort to reduce violent crime involving firearms, DPS, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives (ATF) have partnered to combat firearm-related violence in Utah through the implementation of ATF's National Integrated Information Network (NIBIN). The NIBIN Program automates ballistics evaluations and provides actionable investigative leads.

#### Gun Denial Investigations



In the fall of 2018, SBI began a pilot program

investigating firearm purchase denials committed by violent offenders. These investigations are generated when a firearm purchase must be denied due to a background check that indicates the applicant is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law. Reasons for these denials range from felony and domestic violence convictions to individuals who are the subject of a protective order or have been found mentally defective by the courts. SBI agents are currently collaborating with detectives from around the state to ensure these cases are being investigated.



#### Alcohol

#### Enforcement

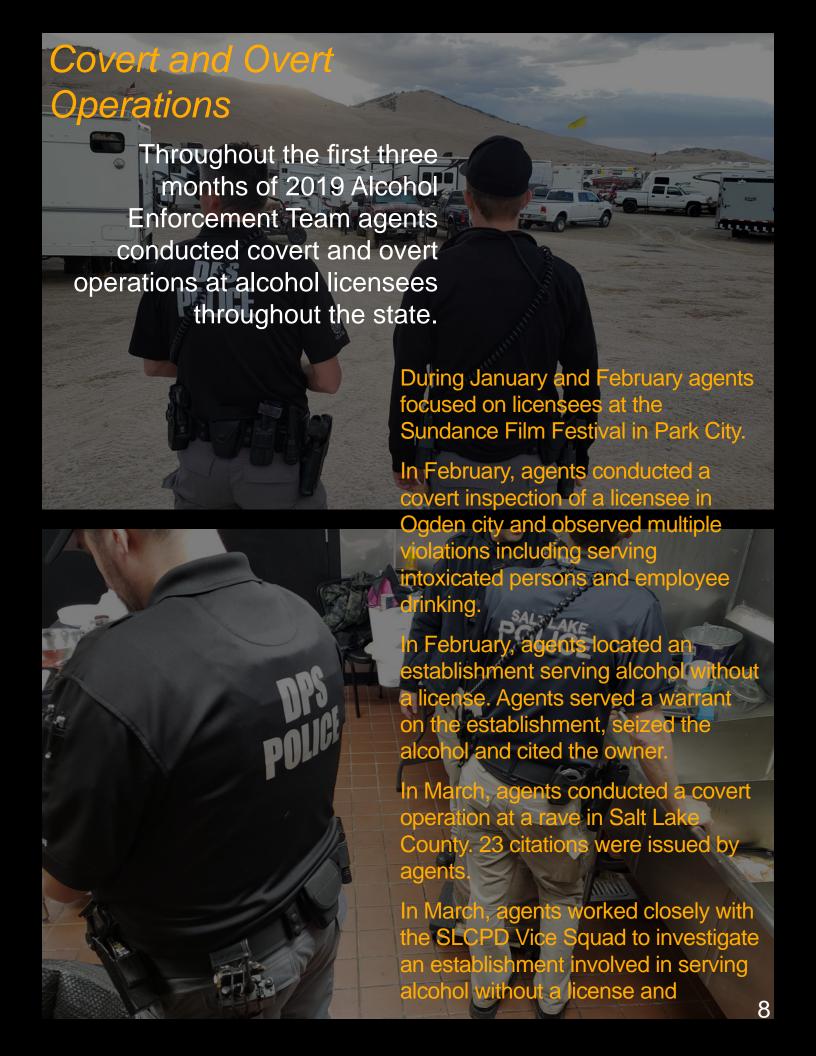
Team



The mission of the Department of Public Safety/State Bureau of Investigation Alcohol Enforcement Section is to enforce the state laws and regulations governing the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in a manner that provides a safe and secure environment for all people in Utah.

The Alcohol Enforcement Section is committed to enhancing the quality of life and safety of the people of Utah by eliminating the incentives and opportunity to commit liquor offenses through apprehension and prosecution.

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# MAJOR CRIME Investigations







The Major Crimes Section of The Utah Department of Public Safety/State Bureau of Investigation is committed to providing specialized investigations and assistance to law enforcement and the public.

The Major Crimes section is primarily responsible for investigations involving homicide and violent crime, violent extremism, cyber crime, sexually motivated crime, and complex financial frauds.

## SBI Evidence Response Team

Pebruary and March, SBI agents responded to several death investigations to assist agencies process crime scenes of possible homicides. At each of the scenes SBI agents used the Faro 3D Scanner hardware to document the scene and then worked closely with the Utah State Crime Lab to create a 3D digital reconstruction of the scene with analysis of ballistics, bullet trajectory and blood patterns.

On February 1, agents responded to a deceased man with a stab wound in Cache County.

On February 1, agents responded to Logan City to assist in a death investigation involving a firearm.

On February 22, agents responded to Layton City to assist in a death investigation involving a firearm.

On March 3, agents responded to Box Elder County to assist officers investigate a death involving a stab wound.

On March 20, an agent responded to Utah County to assist in an



According to a United States Secret Service study, between January and December 2017, 28 incidents of mass attacks, during which three or more persons were harmed, were carried out in public places within the United States. These acts violated the safety of the places Americans work, learn, shop, relax, and otherwise conduct our day-to-day lives. As the uncertainty they caused continues to ripple through our country's communities, those charged with ensuring public safety strive to identify methods to prevent these types of attacks. The Utah Department of Public Safety has created the Threat Management Unit in a effort to identify and implement the best prevention, intervention, response and recovery methods used from around the county to address the threat mass attacks pose within Utah's communities.

For more information about the Threat Management Unit or to find additional resources refer to <u>SBI.utah.gov</u> Threat Management Unit

#### SBI School Safety Liaison Agent

House Bill 120 of the 2019 legislative session directed the State Bureau of Investigation to employ an agent as the State's Public Safety Liaison to be housed at the Utah State Board of Education.







Over the last several months SBI Agents have been working closely with State Board of Education personnel and mental health experts from the Department of Human Services to create school safety and support programs and critical incident response training that includes protocols for conducting threat assessments, and ensuring building security during an incident.

Learn more about Utah's school safety and support programs @ https://www.schools.utah.gov/scep/safeschools

