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Since January 1, 2022 the Owensboro Police Department has seized over 120 firearms related to criminal investigations, resulting in numerous charges. Our officers and detectives work tirelessly to make our community a safer place, and these seizures are a clear indication of this.

Officers and detectives with the Owensboro Police Department have charged more than 20 juveniles and 30 adults this year in criminal cases involving firearms. These charges include:

- Murder (4 counts)
- Attempted Murder of Police Officer (2 counts)
- Possession of Handgun by Minor (20 counts)
- Possession of Handgun/Firearm by Convicted Felon (32 counts)
- Receiving Stolen Property – Firearm (20 counts)
- Possession of a Defaced Firearm (4 counts)
- Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree (10 counts)
- Robbery 1st Degree (1 count)
- Assault 2nd Degree (1 count)
- Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon (1 count)

In addition to these charges involving firearms, over 180 additional criminal charges were generated as a result of these investigations. Some of these charges include:

- Burglary 1st Degree
- Endangering the Welfare of a Minor

- **Escape 3rd Degree**
- **Fleeing or Evading Police 1st and 2nd Degree**
- **Resisting Arrest**
- **Tampering with Physical Evidence**
- **Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st Degree**
- **Unlawful Imprisonment**

We have also seen a noticeable increase in firearms being stolen, many times from unlocked vehicles. From January 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022 there were a total of 64 guns stolen, which is a 36% increase from 2021, 60% increase from 2020, and 94% increase from 2019. Securing firearms and preventing them from ending up in the wrong hands is an easy step our citizens can take to help make our community much safer.

The photograph below represents a portion of the firearms that have been seized by members of the Owensboro Police Department so far in 2022.

