

**PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESS STORY**

# ShotSpotter Alert + Drone Response Help Cincinnati Police Apprehend Suspect

CITY	POPULATION	COVERAGE AREA	PRODUCT USED	CUSTOMER SINCE
CINCINNATI, OH	315,000	12 SQ. MI	 ShotSpotter®	2017

**SITUATION**

In January 2026, the Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) received a ShotSpotter alert indicating gunfire in a residential area. Within seconds of the alert, CPD's Drone Unit was deployed to the scene to assist officers on the ground. The drone captured real-time aerial footage showing two individuals fleeing from a vehicle through neighborhood streets following the shooting incident.

The drone operator maintained visual contact with one of the suspects, who appeared injured and was seen limping, while communicating updates to responding officers. This enabled ground units to rapidly converge on the suspect's location.

**RESULTS**

The coordinated response led to the successful detention of a suspect shortly after the ShotSpotter alert, with officers locating and arresting him using real-time tracking information from the responding drone. Following the arrest, the individual was charged with multiple felony offenses, including felonious assault, aggravated robbery, and improper discharge of a firearm into a habitation.

## How ShotSpotter Benefits the Cincinnati Police Department

 **FASTER RESPONSE TIMES**

ShotSpotter detects gunfire instantly, alerting officers before a 9-1-1 call is placed.

 **IMPROVED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

With ShotSpotter and drone response working in tandem, officers arrive at the scene informed and prepared — reducing risk for themselves and the larger community.

 **INVESTIGATION SUPPORT**

The integrated use of ShotSpotter and drone technology helps officers locate suspects who may otherwise be difficult to track.

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