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Subject:	Westerville Division of Police Search Massage Business		
Releasing Officer:	Lt. Charles Chandler		
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(Westerville, Ohio) – The Westerville Division of Police (WPD) today executed a search warrant at 407 W. Main St operating as Crystal Asian Massage as part of an ongoing investigation into massage parlor operations in the city. The business has been under investigation for several months while investigators looked into tips from anonymous sources.

Two females were detained for questioning. The search is part of an ongoing investigation.

Crystal Asian Massage received its certificate of occupancy November 16, 2016. It has operated on the north end of Westerview Plaza.

“Crystal Asian Massage and other businesses alleged to not be operating within the boundaries of all applicable laws and regulations are and have been on our radar,” said Lt. Charles Chandler. “Today is the result of a long-term investigation and strategy to gather sufficient information and evidence leading to a search warrant.”

The business remains under investigation.

WPD’s search was conducted in partnership with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation Crime Scene Unit, Franklin County Public Health, Westerville Code Enforcement, the Salvation Army and Asian American Services.

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