



District of New Mexico Newsletter

A Message from the Marshal

“Crescit eundo”



With great enthusiasm the U.S. Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico welcomes its newest partners, the Wounded Warrior Project, newly established Chaplaincy Program for the District of New Mexico and New Mexico Aging and Long Term Services Department. The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to assist wounded United States military veteran’s transition back to civilian life. Justin Tauriainen is an Iraq War Veteran and I am deeply honored that Justin has volunteered to be a part of the Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico. Justin is assigned to the Marshals Service office in the Albuquerque Federal Courthouse and I anticipate this is the beginning of a longstanding partnership between the Marshals Service and the WWP.

With equal enthusiasm, the U.S. Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico also welcomes the establishment of a Chaplaincy Program that will provide volunteer services to Marshals Service employees. Maintaining and reinforcing the selfless dedication of employees is vital to our overall success. It is a distinct honor to welcome Chaplain Harrison, an ordained Methodist minister and law enforcement chaplain, and Chaplain Lindsay, a Catholic priest and New Mexico National Guard chaplain, who have graciously agreed to serve in this capacity. Chaplain Harrison will be assigned to the Albuquerque Office and Chaplain Lindsay will be assigned to the Las Cruces Office. Both join my Office to further promote the Marshals Service Mission of “Justice, Integrity and Service” by fostering an ethical work environment for the overall *esprit de corps* of all District USMS employees.

In a continual effort to identify cost saving measures, the District

has partnered with the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department. A volunteer program that provides job training opportunities to senior New Mexicans that intend to re-enter the workforce; mutually beneficial because the Marshals Service is providing job training opportunities while benefiting from the volunteer services, with no cost to the District. It is a distinct honor to welcome Ms. Ballew to the Las Cruces Office; her contribution to the Marshals Service Mission is highly valued.

Also important to the success of the USMS mission is the reliance on effective crime fighting tools. To encourage this awareness, I will briefly discuss the benefits of the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program (AFP) and Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund. The AFP and accompanying Fund were created with the passage of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act in 1984. This Program and Fund give federal prosecutors forfeiture provisions to combat crime. Assets seized and forfeited through this Program include: real estate, vehicles, commercial businesses, cash, financial instruments, jewelry, art, antiques, collectibles, vessels and aircraft.

Conventional law enforcement wisdom is to decrease the productivity of major criminal enterprises: "hit them where it counts, in the wallet". The Asset Forfeiture Program is an integral part of stripping criminals of their desired ill-gotten gain from promoting, facilitating, and engaging in major criminal activity. The U.S. Marshals Service plays a critical role by managing and selling the forfeited assets seized by federal law enforcement agencies. This nation-wide effort presently accounts for over 19,000 seized assets valued at 4.4 billion dollars in 2011. The Department of Justice

Equitable Sharing Program returns back to law enforcement agencies a portion of these monies generated by the seizure, forfeiture and sale of assets.

Results from the seizure and forfeiture efforts in the District of New Mexico are substantial. In 2011, the District managed over 260 assets with a value of 6.1 million. Most recently, due to the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program, \$110,000 generated through the May 31, 2012 auto auction that was organized by the District of New Mexico, 22 seized vehicles were auctioned and monies generated will be equitably shared with law enforcement agencies involved in the investigations. This process of seizure, forfeiture, sale and sharing of monies is repeated every couple of months, allowing for a continual contribution to New Mexico’s law enforcement agencies to assist in their crime stopping efforts.

In closing, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Chief Deputy Karen Thomas, who is temporarily assigned to the District due to the retirement of Chief Deputy Michael Ferstl. The transition was seamless as these two Chiefs are cut from the same cloth, each are equally committed, with a profound level of experience, knowledge and leadership that is fundamental to the many successes achieved in the District. My sincere gratitude to our many volunteers, Justin Tauriainen, Chaplain Harrison, Chaplain Lindsay and Ms. Ballew, each will add increasing value in maintaining the high level of excellent service provided to the federal judiciary and citizens of New Mexico by the U.S. Marshals Service, District of New Mexico.

God Bless!
Conrad E. Candelaria
United States Marshal
District of New Mexico

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Karen Thomas
- Assistant Chief Deputy**
Denise Sanchez
- Administrative Officer**
Randy Rettinger
- Public Affairs Officers**
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Notable Arrests

U. S. Marshals, South West Investigative Fugitive Team (SWIFT) taskforce, arrested **Tommy Mitchell** for Murder. On April 3, 2012 Mitchell and Elijah Angin drove to Ignacio, Colorado in La Plata County, to collect money for a drug debt. The victim did not have the money and was shot by Anglin. Mitchell then shot the victim with a .22 caliber pistol resulting in the victim's death. U.S. Marshals developed information that Mitchell was in a residence in Farmington, NM where he was taken into custody without incident and booked into jail. La Plata County Sheriff's Department arrested Anglin in Colorado.

U. S. Marshals SWIFT taskforce arrested **Johnny Scott Sanchez** in a NE Albuquerque hotel. Sanchez was arrested on outstanding warrants for Robbery with a Deadly Weapon, Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Conspiracy. The SWIFT taskforce received a tip from the APD Metro Crime Stopper Unit. The tip described what hotel Sanchez was in and what he was driving. As soon as Sanchez drove in he was taken in to custody.

The U.S. Marshals SWIFT taskforce arrested **Ashley Grosso**. Grosso had a warrant for Aggravated Commercial Burglary out of Bernalillo County and was featured in March as one of Albuquerque's Most Wanted Property Crime Offenders. Grosso was booked into Metro Detention Center without incident.

DUSMs and Santa Fe County Sheriff's Deputies arrested **Leandro Anaya**. Anaya is the suspect of vehicular homicide killing a pedestrian in a hit and run committed earlier this year in Santa Fe, NM.

The U. S. Marshal Service in New Mexico arrested **Oscar Oropeza**, on an outstanding warrant charging him with Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Minor Under 13 in the first degree and Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor in the third degree. Oropeza was arrested at his home in Las Cruces without incident by Deputy United States Marshals

(DUSMs) and Task Force Officers (TFOs) with the Marshals Service SWIFT taskforce. Oropeza was booked into the Dona Ana County Detention Center pending criminal proceedings.

DUSMs and SWIFT TFOs arrested **Arnold Phillip Davis**. Davis had outstanding warrants from the state of Oklahoma. Davis was charged in 2009, with Possession of a Precursor with intent to Manufacture Narcotics, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Eluding a Police Officer (felony), and Presenting False Identification. Information was developed that Davis had been living in a makeshift tent camp along the Rio Grande River and the Bosque in Albuquerque's South Valley. US Marshals found Davis' camp fully outfitted with a camouflaged tent, solar panel to charge battery operated equipment, camping stoves, propane tanks, and tent heaters. Davis was booked into the Metropolitan Detention Center and is currently awaiting extradition back to Oklahoma.

The U. S. Marshal Service in New Mexico assisted the Las Cruces Police Department in reuniting a one year old child with her family in the United States. The young girl's mother, **Nicole Jauregui**, 19, and her boyfriend, 20-year-old **Jose Mendez**, are being charged with child abuse after the one year old tested positive for drugs. After being charged Jauregui and Mendez fled to Mexico with the child and were arrested as they tried to reenter the United States in El Paso, TX at the Port of Entry.

The U. S. Marshal Service, Albuquerque Police Department, and the New Mexico State Police arrested brothers **Zephaniah Martinez**, **James Martinez**, and their grandmother **Sally Gaut** after a 2 hour Standoff in Peralta, NM. Z. Martinez and James Martinez were allegedly involved in a shooting at a Walmart in Albuquerque earlier this month. Gaut is charged with conspiracy in the same crime.

The U. S. Marshal Service in Farmington arrested **Julian Marty Perea** in Dulce, NM. Perea was wanted by the State of Arizona on a Grand Jury

indictment charging Perea with (Count 1): intentionally or knowingly engaged in sexual intercourse or oral sexual contact with a victim under the age of 15 years. (Count 2): intentionally or knowingly engaged in sexual intercourse or oral sexual contact with a victim or oral sexual contact with a victim under the age of 15 years. (Count 3): intentionally or knowingly engaged in any direct touching, fondling, or manipulating any part of the victim under the age of 15. (Count 4): recklessly furnished, presented, provided, made available, gave, lent, showed, advertised, or distributed the victim under the age of 15 Marijuana.

On Monday, February 13, 2012, DUSMs in New Mexico located and arrested 62-year-old **Stanley James Pacheco, Sr** on an Indian Reservation located in Santa Clara, New Mexico. The Maui native was charged via Indictment with 11 felonies to include 6 counts of Sexual Assault in the 3rd Degree, 3 counts of Sexual Assault in the 1st Degree and 2 counts of Attempted Sexual Assault in the First Degree. The female victim is a minor under the age of 14 years-old.

The U. S. Marshals Service in Santa Fe along with the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Fe Police Department SWAT team arrested **Jairo Adair Contreras**. Contreras escaped Arizona State Custody and fled to New Mexico where he was attempting to avoid apprehension.

The U. S. Marshals SWIFT taskforce arrested **Keola Kaula**, 28, in Albuquerque, NM. Kaula had a warrant for Transferring/Receiving Stolen Vehicle. Albuquerque Police listed Kaula on the City's Most Wanted Fugitive Property Crime Offender list earlier this month.

U. S. Marshal Service in Las Cruces arrested **Amador Venegas-Diaz**. Diaz is charged with Criminal Sexual Penetration, Aggravated Assault with intent to commit a violent felony, Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, and Bribery of a witness. DUSMs and TFOs from the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office arrested Diaz in Vado, NM.

New Mexico's Most Wanted



Newest Additions

On April 17, 2012, United States Marshals for the District of New Mexico added **Fletcher Schaffer** to the New Mexico's Most Wanted list. Schaffer has a state warrant and is wanted for violating his probation. Schaffer is currently on the city of Santa Fe's Most Wanted. Schaffer's criminal history consists of unlawfully carrying a concealed deadly weapon, trafficking controlled substance, and assault and battery. Fletcher has ties to New Mexico, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

March 14, 2012, **Hugo Banda** attempted to kill his estranged wife, Melissa Banda in Southwest Albuquerque. It is believed that Banda is in the El Paso, TX area and maybe looking to flee to Mexico. Banda is believed to be in the victim's vehicle; a 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, white in color, with a New Mexico license plate of MCH-516. The United States Marshals Service has added Hugo Banda on the New Mexico's Most Wanted list.

Thursday March 22, 2012, the U. S. Marshals Service in New Mexico added **Jose Martinez**, 39, to their Most Wanted list. Martinez is wanted for charges involving first degree kidnapping and aggravated battery against a household member with a deadly weapon. Martinez has a criminal history involving arrests for Assault, Possession of Marijuana, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Robbery. Martinez is believed to be homeless and may still be in the Anthony, NM area.

Apprehended

On April 9, 2012, **Tommy Alvarado** was arrested in El Paso, Texas. Alvarado is a self-proclaimed member of the Barrio Azteca street gang and EPT prison gang. Alvarado was taken into custody by an El Paso County Constable and found in possession of a firearm and methamphetamine. Alvarado had a warrant for his arrest issued by New Mexico Probation and Parole Office for Absconding. Alvarado's initial charge was for Trafficking narcotics. Alvarado violated his probation by being in possession of a firearm, but was released from custody on bond on January 31, 2012, and immediately fled from justice.

On December 9, 2011, the U. S. Marshals Service placed **Juan Medina**, 23, and his brother Arturo Medina, 24, on the New Mexico's Most Wanted list. The Medina brothers are Sureno gang members both with violent criminal histories. March 7, Juan Medina called the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office and asked for the Sheriff's Office to dispatch a patrol officer to his home so he could turn himself in to custody. The Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office did just that. Juan Medina was taken into custody and booked into the Dona Ana County Detention Center. Arturo is still at large.

On Friday March 2, 2012 The U. S. Marshal Service and the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) arrested **Javier Mendez**. Mendez was listed on the New Mexico's Most Wanted program under the sexual offender category. Mendez has been wanted since May of 2011 and is charged with 3 counts of Criminal Sexual Penetration of a Minor and Intimidation of a Witness. Mendez also has a criminal history of multiple arrests involving assault and driving under the influence.

Special Programs

District of New Mexico Welcomes Chaplain Richard "Dick" Harrison

The District of New Mexico recently gained the services of Chaplain Richard "Dick" Harrison. Chaplain Harrison is an ordained Presbyterian minister. He has served in parishes in Wisconsin, Illinois, Tennessee, and Kentucky. He was a chaplain at Maryville College (TN) and Lees Junior College (KY) and the Director of Christian Nurture in the Presbyterian Home for Children in Farmington, Missouri. Chaplain Harrison and his wife, Anna, spent 2 years teaching in the Peoples' Republic of China.

Chaplain Harrison has been active through the years in working for peace and justice issues. He once marched with Dr. Martin Luther King from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery to help establish voting rights for African-Americans.

Chaplain Harrison is married with four children, seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. After retirement in 1996, the Chaplain and his wife moved to New Mexico.

In 1996, Chaplain Harrison became an Albuquerque Police Department Chaplain where he still continues to serve. Chaplain Harrison is on the Command Staff as secretary of the unit. In 2009, he was named Chaplain of the year by APD Police Chief Ray Schultz. Also in 2009, Chaplain Harrison became the voluntary chaplain to the workers in the Pre Trial and Probation offices in Albuquerque.

On March 20, 2012, Chaplain Harrison became the first voluntary chaplain to the U.S. Marshals Service in Albuquerque, NM. District of New Mexico, United States Marshal, Conrad Candelaria, said "on behalf of the Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico, we in the District are humbled and honored that Chaplain Harrison has joined our family; testament to his lifelong and steadfast commitment of selfless service for the general welfare of all is evident by his profound scope of knowledge and his depth of life experience, which will further promote the highest standards of personal and professional excellence for all personnel assigned to the District of New Mexico".



Chief Ferstl, Randy Rettinger and Marshal Candelaria welcome Chaplain Harrison

Getting the Word Out

DUSM Soto from the Las Cruces sub-office has been extremely busy providing the community, from veterans to students, with as much information as they could handle on the U.S. Marshals Service and law enforcement. Some of the events DUSM Soto has attended are the Southern New Mexico Veterans Job Fair hosted by Congressman Steve Pearce, a question answer forum about the Volunteer Student Internship Program, hosted by New Mexico State University at the Corbet Student Union Center, the Alamogordo Job Fair, also hosted by Steve Pearce, held at the White Sands Mall, an all-day class at Gadsden High School, speaking to the students of Mr. Sam Marquez's Criminal Justice classes, the 2012 Dona Ana Community College Job, and the Las Montanas Field trip tour of the courthouse.

DUSM Soto advocated that a career in law enforcement is as much of a viable option after a 20 year military career as it is to a current college student and introduced the Marshals Service as a possible career consideration for high school students.

It was also an opportunity for the community to understand what the

Marshals Service has to offer in terms of providing a safer New Mexico by getting criminals off the streets, in turn, creating a greater trust between law enforcement and the general public.

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, a group of 21 New Mexico African American law enforcement professionals were inaugurated as the 57th chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) in the United States. The District's own Sr. Inspector Boyden became a member and the Secretary of New Mexico's first and only NOBLE chapter and was joined by two other deputies. Marshal Candelaria and Chief Deputy Ferstl were in attendance to support their deputies for this historic event. Founded in 1976 to address crime in urban low income areas by the Police Foundation and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA), NOBLE's mission is "to ensure equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities, and to serve as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action".



Sr. Inspector Boyden (right) gets sworn in as Secretary of the 57th Chapter of NOBLE

Judicial Services Court Security

Judicial Services is a national program in the Judicial Security Division, led by a Deputy Director, which has oversight for programs funded by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) court security appropriation. The funding provides for the Court Security Officer (CSO) program, security equipment and systems for space occupied by the judiciary, and for U.S. Marshals Service employees to administer the daily functions of the program. Judicial Services is separated into four oversight areas: the Office of Court Security is responsible for the daily operations and personnel management of the CSO program; the Office of Security Contracts performs all services and equipment procurement and contract administrative activities; the Office of Security Systems is responsible for the design, installation, maintenance and monitoring of all electronic and physical security for judicial space; the Office of Financial Management and Administration has the daily oversight responsibility of a \$385,000,000 budget.

The basic mission of the Court Security Officer (CSO), who provide services under a national contract, is to prevent the unlawful introduction of weapons or other dangerous devices into judicial areas and disruption of judicial proceedings. CSOs perform a wide spectrum of duties. They subdue and detain/arrest unruly or disruptive court visitors, apprehend persons seeking to interfere with the court's proceedings or court personnel, and serve as a deterrence to potential threats to court operations - they are the first line of defense. Court Security Officers (CSO) are special deputized contract employees who serve as the first-line security force protecting the judiciary at 6 different court facilities in the District of New Mexico. Currently, there are 64 CSOs and one Site Supervisor who provide this vital service. The CSO work force is composed primarily of retired law enforcement professionals. Each facility has a Lead CSO who runs the security operation. The Site Supervisor oversees the Lead CSO's and serves as the liaison between the CSO Program and the U.S. Marshals Service. CSO duties include screening for weapons and other contraband from entering the courthouse. Items screened at the entrances of our court facilities during 2011 include 1,803 knives and 40 other types of contraband.

The District of New Mexico congratulates Lead CSO J. Fisher who was recently nominated for the 2011 Harry Belluomini Memorial Court Security Officer of the Year Award. This award is presented in memory of Harry Belluomini, Court Security Officer in the Northern District of Illinois, who was killed in the line of duty in 1992. This award is to recognize a Court Security Officer who has projected and maintained a positive and professional image of the Marshals Service with the courts and general public.

CSO Fisher through his 9.5 years of service as a CSO, Lead CSO and Site Supervisor has clearly distinguished himself from their peers by demonstrating that he continually enforces the rules, regulations, and laws of the United States on behalf of the U.S. Marshals Service; demonstrated the highest professionalism in the performance of assigned duties including the ability to tactfully deal with the general public as well as the court family.



Special Deputy Marshal Harry Belluomini and Deputy Marshal Roy Frakes were shot and killed by a suspect who was attempting to escape from the federal courthouse in Chicago, Illinois. The suspect had removed his handcuffs with a smuggled key, assaulted a guard in the basement of the courthouse, and took her revolver. As he attempted to escape from the basement he encountered Deputy Marshal Frakes and shot him twice.

The suspect was then confronted by Special Deputy Marshal Belluomini and the two exchanged gunfire. Special Deputy Marshal Belluomini was mortally wounded and the suspect was seriously wounded. The man then committed suicide.

Special Deputy Marshal Belluomini had served with the Marshals Service for three years and had previously served with the Chicago Police Department for 32 years. He was survived by his wife, son and two daughters. His three children all went on to serve with the Chicago Police Department.

End of Watch: 20 July 1992



Community Outreach

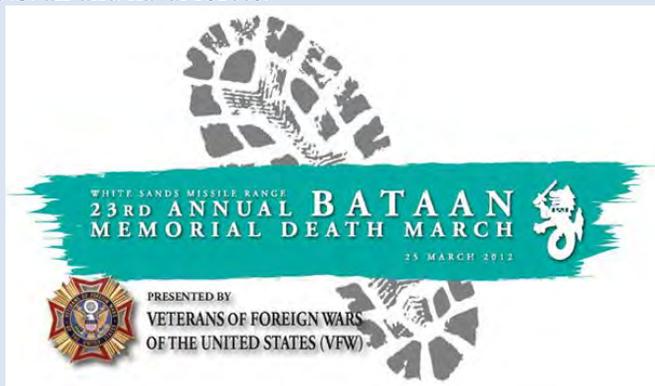


23rd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March

On Sunday, March 25, 2012, 12 deputy marshals and one administrative employee from the Albuquerque office participated in and completed the 23rd annual Bataan Memorial Death March. The 26.2 mile memorial march route starts on the White Sands main post, crosses dusty and hilly desert terrain, circles a small mountain and returns to the main post through sandy desert trails and washes. The elevation ranges from about 4,100 to 5,300 feet. This year's march had over 6,000 participants.

The Bataan Memorial Death March honors a special group of World War II heroes. These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines. On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corps, Navy and Marines. Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard.

They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died. Those who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.



(Above) Students and chaperones from Rio Grande High School gather with Marshal Candalaria and Chief Deputy Ferstl in front of the Pete V. Dominici Courthouse's prized statue "Justicia", by artist Michael Naranjo

Jobs for America's Graduates

On February 2, 2012, the Albuquerque office of the United States Marshals Service hosted 18 students from Rio Grande High School in conjunction with the Junior Achievement Worldwide. Junior Achievement Worldwide is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. Junior Achievement program helps prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Students put these lessons into action, and help strengthen their communities.

The students observed the personnel perform their normal daily activities like office work, prisoner productions in federal court and managerial activities. All of the students were given opportunities to ask questions and get a glimpse of the broad mission of the United States Marshals Service.

United States Marshal Conrad E. Candalaria stated "while visiting with students from Rio Grande High School today, I took a walk through memory lane reminiscing on the years when I was a Rio Grande High School student, a school that many years back paved the road for my academic achievements that would eventually become the foundation of my professional career; I was honored to share my experiences with students from "Rio" and to impress upon each of them that through determination, hard-work and self-respect any professional goal can be achieved".

Volunteers

Wounded Warrior Project

The United States Marshal Service in New Mexico is proud to announce its' new involvement with the Wounded Warrior program. The Warriors to Work program helps Wounded Warriors transition back into the civilian workforce by providing career counseling services and job placement assistance.

The Albuquerque Office of the United States Marshals Service has recently taken on a new volunteer from the wounded warrior program and incorporated him into the everyday administrative workings of the office. The goal of the Wounded Warrior Program partnering with the United States Marshals Service in Albuquerque is to give returning service men and women who were injured or have psychological related injuries a chance to transition from the military life to the civilian sector by offering them an opportunity to either work or volunteer so that they can learn the needed skills to start working as a civilian. Qualified candidates of the Wounded Warrior Program can earn money through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the VA Vocational Rehab section as part of the work pay experience.

The District of New Mexico is proud to welcome Justin Tauriainen as the first Wounded Warrior Volunteer. Justin was enlisted in the United States Army from 2005 to 2009 and was based out of Fort Richardson in Alaska. He served in Iraq from October 2006 until he was injured by an Improvised Explosive Device in May of 2007. Justin left the Army in 2009 as an E-5 Sergeant. Justin currently balances his time between attending college and volunteering through the Wounded Warrior Program with the Marshals Service in Albuquerque.

"In one of its proudest moments, the Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico is honored to participate in the Wounded Warrior Program; I am grateful for the selfless service of many that serve in our Nation's Armed Services and I am truly honored that Justin and the Wounded Warrior Program is now a part of the Marshals Service Family" said United States Marshal Conrad E. Candelaria.

New Mexico Senior Employment Program

The District of New Mexico is happy to work in conjunction with the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department to assist New Mexico's seniors. The Aging and Long-Term Services Department providers create a safety net for the vast majority of New Mexico's elders, those who don't qualify for Medicaid but whose resources are limited, those whose families are stretched to capacity caring for loved ones at home. Employment and volunteer opportunities enable older adults to remain active, vital members of their communities. Financial subsidies offered by the employment programs and by some of the volunteer programs help seniors maintain their economic independence. The Aging Network is the only resource for many senior New Mexicans.

We are happy to welcome Ms. Shellon Bellew to our Las Cruces office. Ms. Bellew was born in Fort Worth, Texas and moved to Las Cruces in 2005 by way of Southern California after 37 years and Maine after 6 years. She was previously employed as a Federal employee and a defense contractor. Shellon retired in 1994 and re-entered the workforce last fall through the New Mexico Senior Employment Program. Her first work assignment was with the Las Cruces Police Department Victim's Assistance Unit as a Crime Report's Analyst. Welcome, Shellon!



Justin Tauriainen (center) is welcomed by USM Candelaria, AO Rettinger, and district employees.

Sex Offender Investigations Branch (SOIB)

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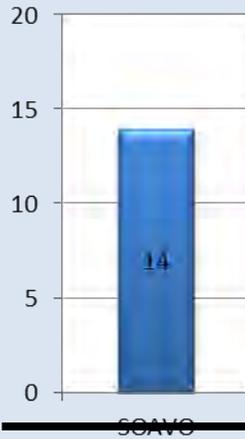
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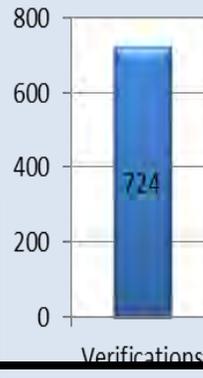
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Operations

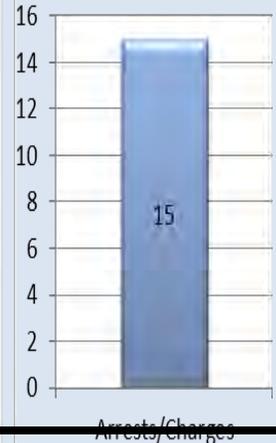


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Arrests



Auto Auction

On February 14, 2012 and May 31, 2012, the United States Marshals Service in Albuquerque, New Mexico auctioned a total of over 40 government surplus and seized vehicles. The vehicles were seized by local and federal agencies and the proceeds will help support law enforcement activities in the Albuquerque area.

Over 250 private citizens registered for the auctions and a total of \$255,450 dollars was raised. The highlights of the auctions were a 2006 Infinity QX56 SUV, a 2005 Hummer H2 and 2004 Kenworth Construct W900 tractor. The Infinity sold for \$15,200.00, the Hummer sold for \$17,700.00 and the tractor sold for \$27,200.



The district would like to announce the following:

Welcome! to Sheryl M., our newest Asset Forfeiture Contractor who moved here from the District of Wyoming. Glad to have you!

