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OPERATION FALCON 2007 NETS 73 FUGITIVE ARRESTS

BOSTON -- On August 11, United States Marshals, along with state, local law enforcement, and other federal agencies completed a week-long fugitive roundup that took 73 violent fugitives and repeat offenders off the street. OPERATION FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) teamed federal law enforcement agents and top fugitive investigators from local police agencies in an effort to arrest individuals targeted for a variety of crimes.

This week-long effort stretched from August 6-11, and resulted in 73 arrests for crimes ranging from kidnapping, armed assault with intent to murder, aggravated assault with a weapon, robbery, a variety of narcotics violations, as well as indecent assault and battery, sex offenses, to a unique charge of witness intimidation. During the week four handguns, several knives, drugs and U.S. currency were seized. In addition to the 73 arrests, 111 warrants were cleared.

During FALCON, one fugitive Keon Simmons, alluded authorities on August 6th after jumping from a 3rd story apartment in Roxbury. Despite an immediate search of the area which was conducted with the assistance of a K-9, Simmons was able to remain on the lam. Simmons was eventually spotted and apprehended three days later by alert investigators and after a brief foot chase. Simmons was wanted for violation of state parole, his original charge was for assault and battery of a police officer.

“Easy access to cars, trains, and planes have made it easy for fugitives to cross jurisdictions. Police authorities can no longer work as independent agencies when attempting to locate and arrest fugitives. Cooperation is the name of the game and operations such as FALCON are a symbol of this philosophy. FALCON operations enable all of the participating agencies to cooperate in achieving mutual law enforcement goals.” said U.S. Marshal Yvonne Bonner.

Along with U.S. Marshals, Boston Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts State Parole, MBTA- Transit Police, Department of Youth Services, Bureau of Special Investigations, Plymouth County Sheriffs Department, as well as Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Drug Enforcement Administration and Immigration and Customs Enforcement all participated in OPERATION FALCON.

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