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U.S. MARSHALS LED EFFORT RESULTS IN 201 FUGITIVE ARRESTS

LAS VEGAS – Following a two-year tradition of success in its national efforts, the U.S. Marshals Service locally conducted another successful Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) from August 20 - 24. Led by the U.S. Marshals Service, Operation FALCON is an ongoing, multi-city, nationwide law enforcement effort. Since July, Operation FALCON 2007 has netted 4,320 arrests and cleared 4,869 warrants in twenty-two (22) operations.

Operation FALCON 2007–Las Vegas combined the collective efforts of multiple law enforcement agencies in one of the area’s largest-ever fugitive initiatives, focusing on capturing individuals wanted on felony charges including sexual predators and fugitives wanted for gang related violence. Over the course of the five-day operation, Deputy U.S. Marshals, teamed with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, arrested 201 fugitives – including 17 sex offenders and 27 gang members – and cleared 345 warrants. Eleven (11) firearms, 1.3 pounds of methamphetamine, and \$7,053 in cash were seized.

Raul Jacquez was a fugitive wanted by authorities in Sinaloa, Mexico, for the March 2005 homicide of his mother-in-law. Jacquez has a criminal history in the United States which includes arrests for narcotics, burglary, weapons offense, grand theft, and immigration violations. Operation FALCON participants arrested Jacquez in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 23rd while he was working out at a Las Vegas Athletic Club located near Maryland Parkway and Sahara Avenue. Jacquez is pending deportation to Mexico. “This operation is a clear indication of how effective law enforcement can be apprehending local, federal, and foreign fugitives when we combine our resources toward a shared purpose,” said U.S. Marshal Gary Orton of the District of Nevada.

Operation FALCON – Las Vegas consisted of 60 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, making up seven separate arrest teams working throughout the five-day period. “Operation FALCON was another example of state, local and federal law enforcement working collaboratively to serve our community. The community was well served by the removal of these 201 fugitives from the street. Unfortunately, there is a lot of work to be done. Fortunately, there is a dedicated cadre of law enforcement professionals serving this community,” stated Fidencio Rivera, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the District of Nevada. Captain Al Salinas, LVMPD Gang Crimes Bureau stated, “Operation FALCON is a great example of the strong working relationships that all local and federal law enforcement agencies have in the Las Vegas valley. We all have many different responsibilities, but share one common mission which is to ensure that our community is safe for all of its citizens.”

Agencies contributing to Operation FALCON – Las Vegas included the Boulder City Police Department; DHS –Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement; Henderson Police Department; Las Vegas Detention and Enforcement; Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; Nevada Attorney General's Office; Nevada Department of Corrections; Nevada Department of Public Safety; North Las Vegas Police Department; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Marshals Service; U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; U.S. Probation; and U.S. Secret Service.

Since its inception in 2005, Operation FALCON has made over 30,000 arrests and cleared over 38,000 warrants. It continues to be the largest and most successful fugitive apprehension effort in U.S. Marshals history.

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