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U.S. MARSHAL-LED EFFORTS RESULT IN ALMOST TWO HUNDRED SHREVEPORT AREA ARRESTS

SHREVEPORT – 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 July 23-27. Led by the U.S. Marshal Service, Operation FALCON is an ongoing, multi-city, nationwide law enforcement effort. Since its onset this year, Operation FALCON 2007 has netted 1,355 arrests and cleared 1,529 warrants in six different targeted FALCON cities.

Operation FALCON 2007–Shreveport 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 crimes of violence. Over the course of the five-day operation, Deputy U.S. Marshals, teamed with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, arrested 170 fugitives- including thirteen sex offenders, eighty-six drug arrests, seven weapons arrests, and twenty other violent felonies such as assault and arson. Numerous firearms and various amounts of illegal drugs were seized during the week.

Keith Dempsey was a fugitive wanted by the Dallas Police Department for thirteen armed carjackings and three shootings. Dempsey is a documented Aryan Brotherhood gang member and is a suspect in many more crimes committed in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. The U.S. Marshals Task Force in Dallas contacted our Shreveport office with information that Dempsey may be hiding in our area. Marshals Service task force personnel worked the Dempsey case tirelessly for a week prior to Operation FALCON and developed leads resulting in his arrest late on the first day of the detail.

["This operation demonstrates how effective law enforcement can be when we combine our resources toward a shared purpose," said U.S. Marshal William R. "Rut" Whittington of the Western District of Louisiana. "Operation FALCON proves again that federal, state and local law enforcement can work as a team, and apprehend the worst criminal fugitives. The result is a safer, more secure community for all of us," said Marshal Whittington.](#)

Operation FALCON – Shreveport consisted of 5 arrest teams made up of up to ten task force members per team working over a period of five consecutive days. Each participating local officer was sworn in as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal immediately prior to the start of this operation. This special authority empowered them to cross traditional lines of jurisdiction to track down and arrest targeted fugitives throughout the week.

Agencies contributing to the U.S. Marshals Service Operation FALCON – Shreveport included Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Bossier City Marshals, Bossier City Fire Department (SWAT Paramedics), Bossier City Police, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, Bossier District Attorney's Office, Caddo District Attorney's Office, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Louisiana Probation and Parole, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Army National Guard, Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport Police Department, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Fifteen

different federal, state, and local agencies sacrificed valuable resources to make this operation a continuing success.

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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