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OVER 1,100 SEXUAL PREDATORS ARRESTED DURING U.S. MARSHALS "OPERATION FALCON II"

Tucson, Ariz. – Just one year after the United States Marshals Service (USMS) announced the apprehension of more than 10,000 violent fugitives as part of "Operation FALCON" ("Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally"), the USMS has done it again. Earlier today, U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales and Marshals Service Director John F. Clark revealed that more than 9,000 fugitives, including 1,102 fugitives wanted for committing felony sex offenses, violent sexual assaults, and failure to register as sex offenders, had been arrested during Operation FALCON II, which took place from April 17 to April 23. Statewide, over 245 were arrested with 117 arrested in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Over the course of the seven-day operation, Deputy United States Marshals, in cooperation with hundreds of federal, state, and local law enforcement partners in 27 states, primarily west of the Mississippi, and the territories of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands arrested more than 9,000 violent fugitives. Here in Tucson, one of those fugitives was Jared Losey, wanted by U.S. Marshals for a Violation of Pretrial Release (original charge: Smuggling Aliens). A team of Deputy U.S. Marshals in Tucson along with state and local law enforcement officers arrested Losey on West Miracle Mile in Tucson on April 22nd. Losey was arrested in a van containing a mobile methamphetamine lab and various dangerous precursor chemicals used in the manufacture of this dangerous drug.

"Like the original FALCON, this operation was an enormous success," said David Gonzales, United States Marshal for the District of Arizona. "The capture of Losey and the hundreds of

others arrested across Arizona demonstrate the power of law enforcement when we partner up with our federal, state, and local counterparts."

Like last year, Operation FALCON II coincided with the Department of Justice's "National Crime Victims' Rights Week." In announcing the results of the fugitive initiative, Attorney General Gonzales praised the efforts of both the Marshals Service and the hundreds of participating agencies, noting that "the significance of holding it during this week was that it allows the victims and their families to find some element of closure. Just as we recognize the survivors for their courage, we applaud all of the law enforcement officers for their dedication."

In Tucson and Southern Arizona, 117 individuals were arrested. Four were wanted for sexual offenses, including child molestation, sexual assault, and public sexual indecency. Deputy Marshals and local task force officers also arrested 15 individuals on charges related to aggravated assault, assault, weapons violations, armed robbery, and domestic violence. 21 were wanted on narcotics charges, and 46 of those arrested were wanted for immigration related offenses, including alien smuggling and being an undocumented alien in the United States without proper documentation. The remaining fugitives were arrested for numerous charges including escape, robbery, mail theft, fraud, aggravated DUI, auto theft, and theft by control. Additionally, 2 soldiers were arrested for being absent without leave (AWOL) from their units at Fort Huachuca and turned over to the Army Criminal Investigation Division for further prosecution by the Army.

Director Clark reinforced the sentiments of both the Attorney General and Marshal Gonzales. "It is fitting that the theme of this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week is 'Strength in Unity,'" stated the Director. "Operation FALCON II does justice to this theme by honoring the victims and their families who have suffered indignities at the hands of violent criminals. The force-multiplier effect of the Marshals Service working together with thousands of our federal, state, and local partners has, once again, produced results that are unmatched in law enforcement."

Nationally, Deputy U.S. Marshals and their law enforcement partners arrested a total of 9,037 fugitives, and cleared more than 10,419 felony warrants during the seven-day operation. Task force members arrested 462 fugitives wanted for a variety of violent sex offenses, 311 fugitives for other felony sex crimes, 783 unregistered sex offenders, 73 homicide arrests with 87 warrants cleared, and 163 documented gang members. They also cleared 2,941 drug cases, and seized 111 guns, more than $120,265.00 in cash, and more than 91 kilograms of narcotics.

Fugitives whose cases were adopted by Operation FALCON II were wanted by the Marshals Service, other federal agencies, United States Attorneys, and courts at every level of government. Because the highest priority was given to sexual predators and unregistered convicted sex offenders, the USMS entered into a partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which provided high-profile cases and facilitated contacts with state agencies that maintain sex offender registries. The USMS also worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to ensure maximum support for cases involving narcotics and weapons.

Robert J. Finan II, the Marshals Service's Assistant Director for Investigative Services, expressed his deep appreciation to officers from every agency that participated in Operation FALCON. "I applaud the achievements of every Deputy Marshal, police officer, detective, trooper, investigator, deputy sheriff, and special agent who hit the street virtually around-the-clock for seven days," said Finan. "To many of these men and women, they were just doing their jobs. But for the communities across the country that benefited from this operation, 'just doing their jobs' made a world of difference."

PHOTOS/VIDEO AVAILABLE

The Marshals Service Office of Public Affairs has photos of actual arrests during Operation FALCON II available to the press at www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2, as well as fact sheets on arrests nationwide and on each of the agency's participating. A ten-minute B-roll video package for broadcasters will be available for satellite distribution on April 27 at 2:30 -2:45 pm EDT (11:30 – 11:45 am PDT) at C-Band coordinate IA 6 T-17 Downlink Frequency 4040 V 93 degrees WL, and at 6:30 – 6:45 pm EDT (3:30 – 3:45 pm PDT), and 10:00 – 10:15 pm EDT (7:00 – 7:15 pm PDT) at C-Band coordinate IA 6 T-16 Downlink Frequency 4020 H 93 degrees WL.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

A complete list of all of the federal, state, and local agencies that participated in Operation FALCON II is available at the USMS website at www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2

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ARREST HIGHLIGHTS:
TUCSON AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA

JARED DANIEL LOSEY:

U.S. Marshals arrested Jared Losey, 23, Saturday, April 22, 2006, on West Miracle Mile in Tucson on a federal warrant for a Violation of Pretrial Release (original charge: Smuggling Aliens). Upon his arrest investigators suspected the van Losey was driving contained a mobile methamphetamine lab. U.S. Marshals and Tucson Police immediately secured the scene and requested assistance from the Counter Narcotics Alliance. Once on the scene, officers of the Counter Narcotics Alliance evacuated the surrounding area and obtained a search warrant for the van. The subsequent search revealed an operating methamphetamine lab containing various dangerous precursor chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Additionally, LOSEY was in the possession of two (2) debit cards belonging to other individuals which were seized and turned over to Tucson Police for investigation. Losey was booked on the federal warrant and may face state charges in connection with the mobile methamphetamine lab and possession of the debit cards.

RUDY DANIEL MARTINEZ:

Rudy Martinez, 42, was wanted in the Pima County Superior Court for a Violation of Probation (original charge: Child Molestation in the 2nd Degree). Martinez was convicted in 1996 for the molestation of a 12 year old girl.

On April 19th, investigators followed leads to a home in the area of Congress and Mission just west of downtown. Surveillance was established on the home and soon thereafter Martinez was seen leaving in a car. Task Force officers followed the car to the area of Broadway and Anklam where it was stopped and Martinez was arrested without incident.

Martinez was booked at the Pima County Jail. Potentially, he faces charges for failure to register as a sex offender at the Congress and Mission address.

ARREST HIGHLIGHTS
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(continued)

MICHELLE PUELLA:

On 04/22/06 U. S. Marshals and Falcon II Task Force Members including the Tohono O'Odham Police Department and the U.S. Border Patrol went to a home in the Village of Topawa on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Nation to arrest Puella. Puella, 35, was wanted by U.S. Marshals on a warrant issued in U.S. District Court, Tucson for a Violation of Supervised Release (Original Charge: Alien Smuggling).

When investigators arrived at her home in Topawa, Puella was not located. However, 16 undocumented aliens were discovered hiding inside her home. Information developed in Topawa led to the description of a car Puella may be driving. Shortly thereafter, the car was seen arriving at another home nearby in Topawa. Investigators later arrested Puella inside the second location without incident. She was booked on the Violation of Supervised Release and faces new charges for Alien Smuggling in violation of federal law.

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PARTICIPATING AGENCIES IN TUCSON AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Arizona Department of Corrections

Arizona State Parole

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)

Douglas Police Department

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

HIDTA/Southwest Border Alliance

Housing and Urban Development – Office of Inspector General (HUD-OIG)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Oro Valley Police Department

Pima County Adult Probation

Pima County Sheriff's Department

Santa Cruz County Sheriffs Department

Tucson Police Department

Tohono O'Odham Police Department

United States Army – Criminal Investigation Division

United States Customs and Border Protection

United States Postal Service - Inspections

United States Probation - District of Arizona

United States Border Patrol (USBP)

United States Marshals Service

Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General (VA-OIG)

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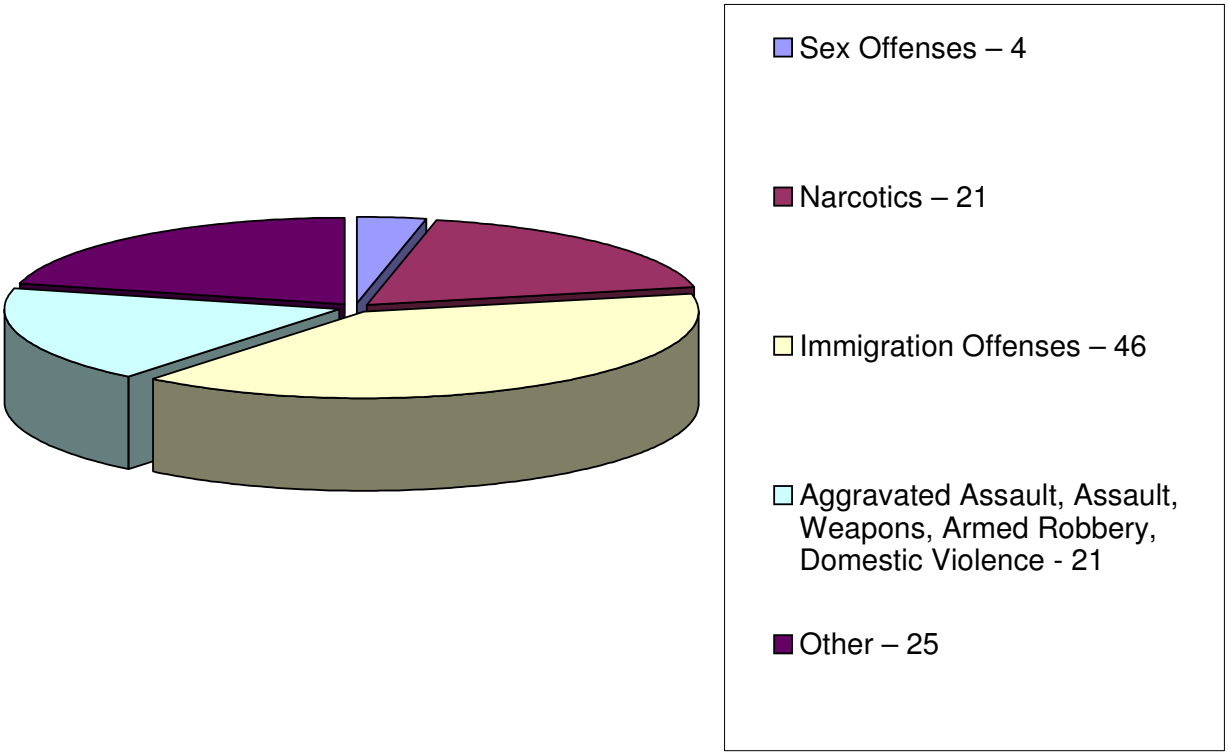
TUCSON AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA
Breakdown of FALCON II Arrests



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	Nationally	Locally
Warrants Cleared:	**10,419**	**118**
Fugitives Arrested:	**9,037**	**117**

- Violent Sex Crime Arrests **462**
- Other Sex Crime Arrests **311**
- Unregistered Sex Offenders Arrested **783**
- Guns Seized **111**
- Drug Seizures **139**
- Documented Gang Members Arrested **163**
- Homicide Warrants Cleared **87**
- Narcotics/OCDETF Cases Cleared **2,941**

A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY:
25 Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
120 State Law Enforcement Agencies
312 Local Police Departments
330 County Sheriffs Departments
6 Foreign Law Enforcement Agencies

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- **Fugitives Arrested 9,037**
- **Warrants Cleared 10,419**
- **Local, State & Federal Officers Working as a Team 2,126**

For one week in April 2006, Deputy U.S. Marshals joined forces with state, local and other federal agencies to conduct the largest violent sex offender fugitive apprehension operation in history. Operation FALCON II resulted in the arrest of thousands of fugitives throughout the U.S., its territories and internationally. The operation targeted violent sex offenders and other criminals providing justice for victims of crimes and ensuring greater safety in our communities.

SEIZED:

- **Guns**
- **Ammunition**
- **Meth Labs**
- **Drugs**
- **Cash**
- **Vehicles**
- **Body Armor**

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FACT SHEET

Operation FALCON II

Deputy U.S. marshals, teaming up with their state, local and federal colleagues in the largest roundup to ever focus on violent sex offenders, arrested **9,037** fugitives and cleared **10,419** warrants. Operation FALCON II — Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally — was a massive fugitive dragnet that covered the western half of the country from April 17-23. As a lead-in to National Crime Victims' Rights Week, this cooperative effort took some of the country's most dangerous wanted criminals off the streets and made America's communities safer.

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- **311** other sex crime arrests
- **783** unregistered sex offenders arrested
- **111** guns seized
- **139** drug seizures, in which more than **91** kilograms of narcotics were confiscated
- **$120,265.00** in cash seized
- **14** vehicles seized
- **163** documented gang members arrested
- **87** homicide warrants cleared
- **2,941** narcotics/OCDETF cases cleared [Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force]

• Operation FALCON II is dedicated to the victims of crime. In their honor, FALCON II was scheduled the week before National Crime Victims' Rights Week [April 23-29], an annual program first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. This program promotes crime victims' rights through such resources as public service announcements and victim advocacy. The theme of this year's program is *"Victims' Rights: Strength In Unity."*

• Operation FALCON II honored the victims of crime by relentlessly pursuing and capturing **9,037** fugitives and bringing them to justice.

• Deputy marshals are world renowned for their skills in locating and arresting wanted criminals, but it is the assistance they receive from their colleagues at the local, state and federal levels that often seals the deal and leaves fugitives with no place to run or hide.

• The citizens of the United States are always best served when law enforcement agencies work together for the common good. Teamwork was the key during this seven-day initiative. A total of **793** different agencies participated — 25 federal agencies, 120 state agencies, 330 county sheriff's offices/departments, 312 police departments and six foreign agencies. Within the Marshals Service, 46 districts were involved in this operation — including the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam. All told, more than **2,100** law enforcement officers worked arm in arm in this very special show of force.

• The Marshals Service has embraced such productive interagency teamwork since the early 1980s, when it first combined the legendary fugitive-hunting prowess of its deputy U.S. marshals with a penchant for working closely with other law enforcement officers on the street level.

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