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## **OVER 1,100 SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED DURING U.S. MARSHALS "OPERATION FALCON II"**

**Portland, Oregon** – 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 nationally during Operation FALCON II, which took place from April 17 to April 23.

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 participated in this seven day operation.

Here in Oregon, Deputy United States Marshals, in cooperation with 5 other federal, 3 state, 19 county, and 28 local agencies, arrested 243 violent fugitives and cleared 282 warrants. "A fundamental obligation of the law enforcement community at any level is to actively pursue offenders and fugitives", said Dennis C. Merrill, United States Marshal for the District of Oregon.

“The capture of 243 fugitives during this operation demonstrates the power of law enforcement when we partner 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 the State of Oregon, of the 243 fugitives arrested, 76 were sex offenders convicted of a variety of offenses including rape, forcible sodomy, and sexual assault. Of these, 44 were wanted for failure to register as sex offenders. Other fugitives arrested included those either wanted for, or with underlying charges of: 1 kidnap; 12 assault; 3 robbery; 66 narcotics; 5 weapons; 18 burglary/larceny; 5 stolen vehicle; 1 arson; 20 financial fraud; and 36 other offenses.

U.S. Attorney Karin J. Immergut praised the efforts of all the law enforcement agencies that participated in this fugitive apprehension effort. “Capturing fugitives from justice, particularly those that are sexual predators, must continue to be a top priority for federal, state and local law enforcement in Oregon.”

Marshal Merrill also expressed his deep appreciation for all the law enforcement officers who participated. “The level of participation and cooperation we attained was unprecedented,” said Merrill. “How many innocent people we spared from becoming victims of sexual offenses or other violent crimes we will never know. But what we do know is that by removing these fugitives from our streets, it will make a very real difference in the lives of Oregonians by making our communities safer throughout the state.”

## **PHOTOS/VIDEO AVAILABLE**

The Marshals Service Office of Public Affairs has photos of actual arrests during Operation FALCON II available to press at [www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2](http://www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2), as well as fact sheets on arrests nationwide and in 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](http://www.usmarshals.gov/falcon2)

You may obtain additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service District of Oregon at the USMS website at <http://www.usmarshals.gov/district/or/index.html>

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Oregon Participating Agency List

Statistical Data Chart

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# U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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## Federal Agencies

ATF  
SAC Kelvin Crenshaw  
RAC Dave Lomax

DEA  
SAC Rodney Benson  
ASAC Kenneth Magee

ICE  
SAC Leigh Winchell  
Acting ASAC Anthony Ho

SSA  
SAC Ronald Legan  
RAC Elias Papoulias

USDA  
SAC Michael Janiga  
ASAC Lisa Sprague

USMS  
U.S. Marshal Dennis C. Merrill

## State Agencies

Oregon State Police  
Superintendent Ron Ruecker

Oregon State Department of Human  
Service Director Jason Walling

Oregon National Guard  
MG Raymond F. Rees

## County Agencies

Clackamas County Department of  
Community Corrections  
Mark K. Rasmussen

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Craig Roberts

Douglas County Parole and Probation  
Director Mark Cadotte

Douglas County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Chris Brown

Jackson County Parole and Probation  
Jim Boeckl

Josephine County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Dave Daniels

Klamath County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Timothy M. Evinger

Klamath County Community Corrections  
Director Steve Berger

Lane County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Russell Burger

Lane County Parole and Probation  
Linda Eaton

Marion County Sheriff's Parole &  
Probation Office  
Sheriff Raul Ramirez

Morrow County Sheriff's Department  
Sheriff Kenneth Matlack

Multnomah County Department of  
Community Justice  
Joanne Fuller, Director

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Bernie Giusto

Tillamook County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Todd Anderson

Umatilla County Community Corrections  
Mark Royal, Director

Umatilla County Sheriff's  
Sheriff John Trumbo

Washington County Parole and Probation  
John Hartner, Director

Washington County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Rob Gordon

## City Agencies

Beaverton Police Department  
David Bishop, Chief

Boardman Police Department  
John Zeiler, Chief

Coburg Police Department  
John Bosley, Chief

Cottage Grove Police Department  
Michael Grover, Chief

Forest Grove Police Department  
Glenn VanBlarcom, Chief

Gresham Police Department  
Carla Piluso, Chief

Hermiston Police Department  
Dan Coulombe, Chief

Hillsboro Police Department  
Ron Louie, Chief

Keizer Police Department  
H. Mark Adams, Chief

King City Police Department  
Chuck Fessler, Chief

Klamath Falls Police Department  
James Hunter, Chief

Milton-Freewater Police Department  
Mike Gallaher, Chief

Milwaukie Police Department  
Larry Kanzler, Chief

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Molalla Police Department  
Jerry Giger, Chief

D.I.N.T. (Douglas County Interagency  
Narcotics Team)

North Plains Police Department  
Scott Whitehead, Chief

Oakridge Police Department  
Louis Gomez, Chief

Oregon City Police Department  
Gordon Huiras, Chief

Pendleton Police Department  
Stuart Roberts, Chief

Portland Police Bureau  
Rosie Sizer, Chief

Roseburg Police Department  
Mark Nickel, Chief

Salem Police Department  
Jerry Moore, Chief

Stanfield Police Department  
Bryon Zumwalt, Chief

Sherwood Police Department  
Acting Police Chief Bryon Zumwalt

Springfield Police Department  
Jerry Smith, Chief

Tigard Police Department  
William Dickinson, Chief

Tualatin Police Department  
Kent Barker, Chief

Umatilla Police Department  
Darla Huxel, Chief

Umatilla Tribal Police Department  
Ron Harnden, Chief

## **Other**

B.E.N.T members (Blue Mountain  
Enforcement Narcotics Team)