



U.S. MARSHALS

Northern District of Texas

OPERATION RAIN

On March 31st, the United States Marshals Service Northern District of Texas (N/TX) completed the second phase of **Operation RAIN** (*Research, Arrest, Indict, Now*), a comprehensive effort targeting individuals wanted on sex-related offenses in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Managed by the USMS-led Dallas Fort Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (DFW FAST), **Operation RAIN** was divided into two enforcement phases. Phase I, which concluded in mid-December, targeted 150 subjects identified by investigators as high-priority cases, and resulted in the arrest of 30 subjects with a combined criminal history of 173 prior arrests.

During Phase II, the FAST focused on subjects who had committed particularly egregious offenses, those not apprehended during Phase I, those with lengthy sex offense criminal histories, and those who may have fled the area. This resulted in the creation of the so-called "Dirty Dozen," a list of the top 12 most wanted fugitives, which was repopulated as individuals were arrested. A total of 37 subjects were arrested during Phase II.

Operation RAIN resulted in the arrest of 67 subjects with a combined criminal history that included 244 prior arrests. The "Dirty Dozen" list accounted for 54 of the 244 prior arrests, and 22 prior sex offense arrests. Seventy-six (76) of those individuals were wanted for sex offenses. Individuals arrested for failure to register will be targeted for possible prosecution in federal court under the Adam Walsh Act.

Among those arrested during **Operation RAIN** were:

- Jose Pereira, who was wanted in Grand Prairie, Texas, for three counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact.
- William Owens, a Dallas County "Ten Most Wanted" fugitive, who was wanted for aggravated assault, failure to register, and probation violation on an original charge relating to sex offenses against a child. Task Force officers arrested Owens after identifying a Myspace account and tracking him to an address in Wylie, Texas.
- Dennis Matthews, who was wanted in Fort Worth for failure to register as a sex offender. He was arrested by USMS investigators in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Anthony Peace, who was wanted in Dallas for sexual assault.
- Luis Pabon, who was wanted in Rhode Island for failure to register as a sex offender. DFW FAST investigators located Pabon in Arlington, Texas.
- Telesforo Esparza, who at the age of 79 was a wanted sex offender. Esparza was wanted for failure to register by the Dallas County Sheriff with an original charge of raping a child.