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U.S. Marshals SWIFT Taskforce Arrest 20 Homicide Fugitives WANTED by Albuquerque and Bernalillo County in 2017

Albuquerque, NM- During the past year the U.S. Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico has conducted a high-impact State wide fugitive apprehension initiative focusing on the state of New Mexico's most violent offenders. This year long initiative led by the U.S. Marshals South West Investigative Fugitive Team (SWIFT) taskforce resulted in the arrests of 20 fugitives charged with Homicide that occurred within Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Currently, there are 58 outstanding felony warrants for Homicide or Murder in the county of Bernalillo according to the county's website.

The SWIFT taskforce applied a strategically focused approach to locate and apprehend some of New Mexico's most dangerous fugitives. The SWIFT taskforce success is credited to its multi-jurisdictional investigative authority and fugitive task force network which results in a force multiplier. The concept behind interagency law enforcement operations such as this evolved largely from regional and district taskforces.

Since the 1980s, the Marshals Service has combined their resources and expertise with local, state and federal agencies to find and apprehend some of the most dangerous violent fugitives.

U.S. Marshal for the District of New Mexico Conrad E. Candelaria stated, "The Marshals Service taskforce is a formidable and effective force when it comes to pursuing violent dangerous fugitives and especially against those that have committed the crime of homicide. Pivotal to our successes is the extraordinary partnerships that exist with state, local, tribal and county law enforcement agencies, working together so that individuals wanted for this heinous crime can be held accountable in a court of law."

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