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Operation Alpha and Omega Update

Albuquerque, NM- The United States Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico has been conducting Operation “Alpha and Omega,” in New Mexico. The Operation runs from May 15, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Operation Alpha and Omega partners the United States Marshals Service in NM with the New Mexico Department of Corrections (NMCD) and local law enforcement agencies across the state in conducting a statewide fugitive gang member operation. The two primary sources that these felony warrants will come from are, the NMCD – Probation Parole Security Threat Intelligence Unit and the District of New Mexico Federal Probation Office. These warrants will include, but are not specifically limited to; probation violators, parole retake warrants, and other gang-related fugitives with felony warrants.

Since starting the operation the United States Marshals Service along with its Task Force partners have arrested 85 fugitives with gang connections. The month of November marks the 11th month of the operation and means that the U.S. Marshals Service has arrested close to 8 violent Gang offenders a month or almost 2 offenders a week. This is no small task considering the broad scope of authority and the amount of Fugitives the U.S. Marshals Service in NM investigates and arrests annually. Brandon McCarty and Alonso Estrada are just two examples of the type of individual the program is finding.

Brandon McCarty, apprehended on charges of aggravated burglary with a deadly weapon, possession of a controlled substance, battery on a house hold member, aggravated battery against a household member, battery, battery on a household member out of Curry County, NM. McCarty has an extensive criminal history and is a known member of the Dirty Curry Gang in Roswell, NM.

Alonso Estrada, Apprehended on charges of violation of probation/supervised release violation on underlining charges of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence out of Bernalillo County, NM. Estrada has an extensive criminal history and is known to be a member of the Burqueno gang in Albuquerque, NM.

United States Marshal for The District of New Mexico Conrad E. Candelaria stated, "The Marshals task force is committed to achieving public safety and because many gang members are repeat, criminal offenders it is important that law enforcement and the community partner together to apprehend fugitives that are wanted for their criminal offenses."

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