

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION

FALCON
FEDERAL AND LOCAL COPS ORGANIZED NATIONALLY

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FACT SHEET Operation FALCON

The Marshals Service, in its first-ever national fugitive roundup, arrested 10,340 violent fugitives and cleared 13,851 warrants from April 4-10. Operation FALCON — Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally — teamed deputy marshals with other federal, state, county and city law enforcement officers to go after some of the country's most dangerous wanted criminals. The results were even greater than the Marshals Service expected.

- **162** murder suspects arrested
 - **553** rape/sexual assault suspects arrested
 - **154** documented gang members arrested
 - **68** kidnapping suspects arrested
 - **12** extortion suspects arrested
 - **38** arson suspects arrested
 - **638** armed robbery suspects arrested
 - **106** unregistered sex offenders arrested
 - **1,727** assault suspects arrested
 - **4,291** drug cases cleared, including OCDETF cases [Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force]
 - **201** drug seizures
 - **243** guns seized
- Operation FALCON is dedicated to the victims of crime. In their honor, FALCON was scheduled to coincide with National Crime Victims' Rights Week [April 10-16], 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 silver anniversary program is "Justice isn't served until crime victims are."
 - Operation FALCON honored the victims of crime by relentlessly pursuing and capturing 10,340 fugitives and bringing them to justice.
- Deputy marshals are recognized internationally 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. Every day during this seven-day initiative, over 3,100 law enforcement officers worked together — creating a force multiplier. Participating officers hailed from 25 federal agencies, 206 state agencies, 362 county sheriff's departments and 366 police departments.
 - During Operation FALCON, the Marshals Service used its existing network of 83 district fugitive task forces and five regional fugitive task forces. In each of these task forces, deputy marshals work hand in hand with skilled officers from numerous other agencies.
 - The Marshals Service has embraced such inter-agency teamwork since the early 1980s, when it first combined the legendary fugitive-hunting prowess of its deputy marshals with a penchant for working closely with other officers on the street level.

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