

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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FACT SHEET Operation FALCON II

Deputy U.S. marshals, teaming up with their state, local and federal colleagues in the largest roundup to ever focus on violent sex offenders, arrested **9,037** fugitives and cleared **10,419** warrants. Operation FALCON II — Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally — was a massive fugitive dragnet that covered the western half of the country from April 17-23. As a lead-in to National Crime Victims' Rights Week, this cooperative effort took some of the country's most dangerous wanted criminals off the streets and made America's communities safer.

- **462** violent sex crime arrests
- **311** other sex crime arrests
- **783** unregistered sex offenders arrested
- **111** guns seized
- **139** drug seizures, in which more than **91** kilograms of narcotics were confiscated
- **\$120,265.00** in cash seized
- **14** vehicles seized
- **163** documented gang members arrested
- **87** homicide warrants cleared
- **2,941** narcotics/OCDETF cases cleared [Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force]
- Deputy marshals are world renowned 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. Teamwork was the key during this seven-day initiative. A total of **793** different agencies participated — 25 federal agencies, 120 state agencies, 330 county sheriff's offices/departments, 312 police departments and six foreign agencies. Within the Marshals Service, 46 districts were involved in this operation — including the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam. All told, more than **2,100** law enforcement officers worked arm in arm in this very special show of force.
- The Marshals Service has embraced such productive interagency teamwork since the early 1980s, when it first combined the legendary fugitive-hunting prowess of its deputy U.S. marshals with a penchant for working closely with other law enforcement officers on the street level.
- Operation FALCON II is dedicated to the victims of crime. In their honor, FALCON II was scheduled the week before National Crime Victims' Rights Week [April 23-29], 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 program is "*Victims' Rights: Strength In Unity.*"
- Operation FALCON II honored the victims of crime by relentlessly pursuing and capturing **9,037** fugitives and bringing them to justice.

— United States Marshals Service —