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Operation "Times Up"

Paterson Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres, Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale, are proud to announce "**Operation Times-Up**"... a bold initiative designed to round up individuals throughout Passaic County with outstanding criminal warrants who have repeatedly failed to appear in Municipal Court to answer their charges.

During today's sweep, many of the individuals arrested had outstanding warrants and were wanted for a variety of offenses ranging from Driving Under the Influence, Domestic Violence Related Offenses such as Simple Assault, Terroristic Threats, and other quality of life related offenses such as Loitering For The Purpose of Committing a Drug Offense, Urinating in Public and Disorderly Conduct. Specifically, 14 individuals were arrested and pled guilty before Judge Joaquin Calcines, Jr., Paterson Municipal Court. The remaining warrants were executed against individuals at the Passaic County Jail. Further, as a result of the arrests, a firearm was recovered.

Paterson Mayor Jose “joey” Torres, Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale thank and acknowledge the cooperation of the Paterson Municipal Court and the Passaic County Superior Court for its efforts to support this important warrant sweep.

The individuals targeted were located throughout Passaic County, including but not limited to the cities of Paterson, Passaic and Clifton.

Today’s sweep is the first phase of law enforcement’s efforts to bring individuals to justice within Passaic County. The sweeps will continue until each warrant is executed and satisfied. Individuals with outstanding warrants may avoid arrest by voluntarily surrendering to the Paterson Police Department to satisfy outstanding disorderly person offenses. For further information about outstanding warrants, please contact the Paterson Police Department, (973) 321-1150.

For further information about the municipal warrant sweep, please contact Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, cvaldes@passaiccountynj.org or City of Paterson, Assistant Corporation Counsel, John Abdelhadi at (973) 754-1529, abdelhadi@msn.com