



# NEWS RELEASE

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## SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SWEEP INITIATIVE

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Attorney General Paula T. Dow and Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes are proud to announce the success of the Passaic County Summer Warrant Effective Enforcement Program (SWEEP Initiative). The operation resulted in the arrests of 38 high-risk parole and probation absconders in Passaic County, as well as other fugitives, during the months of July and August when violent and property crimes tend to peak.

There were five objectives to the program which was initiated by the Attorney General's Office: incapacitate ongoing and persistent crime committed by previously convicted criminals; reduce the number of potential crime perpetrators; enhance special deterrence by discouraging parole and probation violations; provide new sources of intelligence, confidential information, and cooperators; and utilize intelligence-led policing strategies to supplement local law enforcement resources.

The success of the program is in large part attributable to the members of the Passaic County SWEEP Task Force which consisted of members of the State Parole Board, the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, the Paterson and Passaic Police Departments and the United States Marshals under the direction of Lieutenant Joseph Fulco of this office. The SWEEP Initiative is yet another demonstration of proactive, cooperative law enforcement efforts which are bringing individuals to justice in Passaic County.

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