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SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE OPERATION
IN FAIRBANKS AND NORTH POLE

(Fairbanks-North Pole, AK) – On Monday, January 29, 2018 through Thursday, February 1, 2018, “Operation Frostbite” was conducted by the U.S. Marshals, Fairbanks Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, the Alaska Department of Corrections-Fairbanks Adult Probation & Parole, U.S. Probation and Pretrial and the Alaska Sex Offender Registry. This was a joint law enforcement effort to confirm that all convicted sex offenders are properly reporting to the Sex Offender Registry and to reduce the number of non-compliant sex offenders in Fairbanks and North Pole, Alaska.

The law enforcement teams conducted sex offender compliance checks, probation home visits, conducted interviews and searched for convicted sex-offenders who were not at the address they reported to the Alaska Sex Offender Registry. The intent was to verify that all of Fairbanks and North Pole’s sex offenders are living where they are reporting and to arrest anyone that was non-compliant or a fugitive for failing to register. In addition to the assigned mission, the teams responded to a shooting in Fairbanks that occurred in the Aurora neighborhood Tuesday morning and actively participated in the manhunt and arrest of the suspect.

The successful 4-day operation netted the following results:

- 158 Sex Offenders confirmed to be compliant and living where they reported to the Registry
- 24 Sex Offenders were found to be non-compliant with their registration requirements
  - 5 probable cause arrests made for State Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
  - 14 State Failure to Register as a Sex Offender warrants have been requested
  - 5 Federal Failure to Register as a Sex Offender cases to be investigated
- 1 probable cause arrest for State Probation Violation

Although this operation concluded February 1, 2018, efforts will continue to keep all convicted sex offenders current with their registration requirements while living within our community. The U.S. Marshals Service, Sex Offender Investigations Branch (SOIB) was created following the passage of the Adam Walsh Act on July 27, 2006. The mission of the USMS-SOIB is to protect the public from sex offenders through the coordinated enforcement of sex offender registration laws. Sex Offender Compliance Operations such as this one are being conducted nationwide by USMS and law enforcement partners.

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