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U.S. Marshals, Law Enforcement Partners Conduct *Operation Triple Beam* in Southern Florida to Reduce Violent Crime

Miami, FL – Operation Triple Beam, a U.S. Marshals-led 30-day operation to reduce gang and violent crime, concluded January 31, and resulted in 150 arrests.

In addition to the arrests, law enforcement officers seized 45 firearms, more than 6 kilograms of narcotics, and more than \$38,000 in cash.

“The success of Operation Triple Beam is directly attributed to the collaboration of the Miami Gardens & Miami-Dade Police Departments, along with the U.S. Marshals Service, HIDTA, ATF, Miami-Dade County State Attorney’s Office, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Southern District of Florida, all working together focusing on a common goal: targeting criminals and gang members throughout the greater Miami-Dade area,” said Gadyaces Serralta, U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Florida.

“The cooperative efforts by these law enforcement agencies shows the continued dedication to make South Florida a safer place to live and play for our residents and visitors, and to ensure they are not victimized by criminal gang members,” Serralta said.

Operation Triple Beam was designed to target and arrest gang-affiliated offenders & violent fugitives, wanted for crimes such as homicide, felony assault, sexual assault, illegal possession of firearms, illegal drug distribution, robbery, and arson. Participating agencies employed specialized enforcement techniques in order to disrupt the criminal operations of violent gangs and offenders throughout the Miami Gardens and Miami-Dade County areas.

The operation was conducted by the U.S. Marshals Service, along with the Miami Gardens Police Department, Miami-Dade Police Department, South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office, U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Southern District of Florida, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

“As the sponsor of this initiative, the U.S. Marshals Service of the Southern District of Florida recognizes all Operation Triple Beam law enforcement participants and their respective departments for a job well done during a time when the entire world had its eyes on Miami during Super Bowl week,” Serralta said.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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