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US Marshals, Hawaii Police, and ATF Make Multiple Arrests

KONA, HI – On Monday, November 02, 2015, members of the U.S. Marshals, Hawaii County Police Department (HCPD), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted a four-day operation in Kona targeting fugitives with outstanding state felony arrest warrants. The focus of the operation targeted fugitives wanted for crimes of violence to include homicide, assault, robbery, firearms and explosives, sex offenses, narcotics, and gang and organized crime affiliations. The four-day operation resulted in the arrest of 25 fugitives, the execution of 42 outstanding state arrest warrants, and generated a total bail amount of \$686,750 for all warrants executed. In addition 3.94 pounds of processed and packaged marijuana, 18 marijuana plants, and various amounts of acetaminophen with hydrocodone and hashish, with supplies for narcotics distribution was seized from a residence where a fugitive was located and arrested on a firearms and narcotics warrant. All seized narcotics were turned over to HCPD Officers for further investigation and prosecution of new charges.

The joint efforts of the U.S. Marshals, HCPD, and ATF in conjunction with the Hawaii High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) showcased the importance of multi-agency operations to maximize resources and make the biggest impact against crime in our communities. By doing so a large number of fugitives wanted for violent crimes and large amounts of narcotics were removed from the streets in a short amount of time making our communities safer.

The U.S. Marshals Hawaii Task Force is comprised of various federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies to include the Maui Police Department, Hawaii County Police Department, Kauai Police Department, Honolulu Police Department, State of Hawaii Attorney General's Office, Honolulu Prosecutor's Office, State of Hawaii Probation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Social Security Administration Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Enforcement and Removal Operations, and Hawaii HIDTA.

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