



Media Release *Tri-Cities Regional Strike Force*

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UPDATE

**** 26 Fugitives rounded-up during Operation Summer Splash ****

The newly formed Tri-Cities Regional Strike Force concluded their first initiative, Operation Summer Splash, a two-day joint operation to round-up fugitives within the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Petersburg, and the counties of Prince George and Dinwiddie.

This first initiative of the Strike Force was spearheaded by the U.S. Marshals Service. Other Strike Force Agency partners in this operation are Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Prince George County Police, Dinwiddie Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police (VSP), Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The Strike Force also includes the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), United States Attorney's Office, Commonwealth's Attorneys from the cities of Colonial Heights, Petersburg, and Hopewell and the counties of Prince George and Dinwiddie, Virginia Attorney General's Office, Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice.

Twenty-six (26) fugitives were rounded up during the two-day operation. Below is a breakdown of the original charges on these individuals:

- 8 – Felony Drug Charges
- 2 – Malicious Wounding
- 2 – Firearm Charges
- 1 – Sexual Assault
- 11 – Burglary/Grand Larceny
- 1 – Obstruction of Justice
- 1 – Felony traffic charge

The Tri-Cities Regional Strike Force highly encourages other wanted fugitives from our Operation to turn themselves in immediately. "These fugitives know we are looking for them and we will continue to search for them until they are off the streets." said Chief John Keohane

The Tri-Cities Regional Strike Force is a pilot program that serves as a new element of the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety's business model. This model uses the platform to regionally convene State, Federal, and local public safety resources to collectively work to further improve the safety and quality of life of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Secretary of Public Safety Marla Graff Decker chose the tri-cities area for this model partnership and the Strike Force will be launching more initiatives and operations as they move forward working collaboratively.

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