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FOURTH AND FINAL NEW JERSEY FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER BEGINS THIS SATURDAY

Since Program's Inception, More Than 10,000 People Have Successfully Surrendered in NJ

ATLANTIC CITY – Beginning this Saturday, April 21, fugitives hiding from the law have the opportunity to surrender safely at a neutral location in Atlantic City, take responsibility for their crimes and receive favorable consideration from the court.

The initiative, called *Fugitive Safe Surrender–New Jersey Southern Region*, will operate on **Saturday, April 21, 2012** and **Monday, April 23, 2012** through **Wednesday, April 25, 2012** at **Grace Assembly of God Church, 201 Atlantic Avenue, in Atlantic City**. Individuals will be able to turn themselves in at the church from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** each day. Their cases will be adjudicated at temporary courtrooms a few blocks away. ****Fugitive Safe Surrender–New Jersey Southern Region will NOT operate on Sunday, April 22, 2012. ****

Fugitive Safe Surrender–New Jersey Southern Region is open to individuals wanted on warrants by New Jersey law enforcement officials for non-violent crimes or disorderly person offenses, including family matters and child support. The program is also open to those who live out of state but have open warrants in New Jersey. **The program cannot process out-of-state court matters.**

“Fugitive Safe Surrender–New Jersey Southern Region offers individuals wanted on New Jersey warrants for non-violent offenses a final opportunity to resolve their matters,” Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa said. “I encourage anyone who is eligible to participate in Fugitive Safe Surrender to take this opportunity for a fresh start.”

“Fugitive Safe Surrender is not an amnesty program, but does offer favorable consideration from the court, often in the form of reduced fines or probation requirements instead of incarceration,” State Parole Chairman James Plousis said. “Individuals wanted for violent crimes, or with previous convictions for violent crimes, may also surrender; however, those wanted for violent crimes are more likely to be taken into custody.”

At Fugitive Safe Surrender sites nationwide, only two percent of people who surrendered were taken into custody because the vast majority of those who turn themselves in are wanted for non-violent offenses and have no history of violence.

The initiative is only open to U.S. citizens, legal residents or those who are lawfully in the United States. Individuals who are not in the United States lawfully are not eligible to participate.

More information about **Fugitive Safe Surrender–New Jersey Southern Region** can be found at <http://www.FSSNJ.com>. Information can also be found on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/FSSNJ>.

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