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Fugitive Safe Surrender Update: At Midway Point, More than 900 People Have Taken Advantage of Final NJ Fugitive Safe Surrender

ATLANTIC CITY – Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa and State Parole Chairman James T. Plousis announced today that more than 900 individuals from across New Jersey and other states, including as far away as California, have surrendered as of the yesterday evening, the midway point Fugitive Safe Surrender – Southern New Jersey Region.

“Individuals who have not taken advantage of Fugitive Safe Surrender have two more days to safely surrender to law enforcement,” Attorney General Chiesa said. “I continue to urge anyone running from the law in New Jersey to take advantage of this opportunity for a fresh start.”

“Each person who surrenders has an average of approximately three warrants,” State Parole Chairman – and former U.S. Marshall – James T. Plousis said. “So the 900 people that surrendered represent approximately 2,700 warrants being cleared from the system.”

Attorney General Chiesa and State Parole Board Chairman Plousis thanked the following people and their staff for their hard work and support of the program, many of whom were present for a walk-through of Fugitive Safe Surrender yesterday: Division of Criminal Justice Director Stephen J. Taylor, State Police Col. Rick Fuentes, Atlantic County Prosecutor Theodore F.L. Housel and Sheriff Frank X. Balles, Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Sheriff Gary G. Schaffer, Cumberland County Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McCrae and Sheriff Robert A. Austino, Gloucester County Prosecutor Sean F. Dalton and Sheriff Carmel M. Morina, Salem County Prosecutor John T. Lenahan and Sheriff Charles M. Miller, NJ Department of Corrections Commissioner Gary M. Lanigan, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Raymond Martinez, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Director Edward Dickson, New Jersey Transit Police Christopher Trucillo, Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo Langford, Dr. Wayne Fisher and Lori Scott Pickens of the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice.

Fugitive Safe Surrender-Southern New Jersey Region continues today, April 24, and Wednesday, April 25. Anyone wanted on non-violent New Jersey warrants can turn themselves in at the Grace Assembly of God Church, 201 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Individuals wanted on warrants issued by any New Jersey state, county or municipal law enforcement agency may voluntarily surrender at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on those days.

Fugitive Safe Surrender is not an amnesty program, but individuals wanted for non-violent offenses will be given favorable consideration for their decision to voluntarily and peacefully surrender, face the court and take responsibility for their offenses. Individuals wanted for violent crimes may also surrender, but they are very likely to be taken into custody. Members of the public may call **855-FSS-NJ12** or visit www.FSSNJ.com for more information.

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