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## **Fugitive Safe Surrender Update: Including Project Alias Defendants, After Day Three, Almost 1700 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 almost 1700 individuals from across New Jersey and other states, including as far away as California and Florida, have surrendered safely as of Tuesday evening, the third day of Fugitive Safe Surrender – Southern New Jersey Region.

“Individuals who have not taken advantage of Fugitive Safe Surrender have only one more day 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.”

“I am extremely happy with today’s turnout,” State Parole Chairman – and former U.S. Marshall – James T. Plousis said. “Between the two components of the program, almost 800 people stepped up today to take responsibility for their crimes.”

Fugitive Safe Surrender-Southern New Jersey Region wraps up at the end of tomorrow, 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 safely at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Project Alias is an additional component of the Fugitive Safe Surrender program spearheaded by the New Jersey Department of Corrections, the Judiciary, and the Atlantic City Prosecutor’s Office. Project Alias defendants are presently incarcerated in halfway houses throughout New Jersey awaiting release. “The purpose of this component of the program is to vacate and execute open warrants, so that when these individuals are released they will not be arrested for matters that were not resolved prior to, or during their incarceration” Atlantic City Chief Prosecutor Jonathan Diego said. “With all previous matters resolved, there are fewer barriers to their successful reentry into society.”

Four Municipal Court Judges addressed over 200 defendants with an estimated 600 multi-count warrants at the Atlantic City Municipal Court via video teleconference on Tuesday, April 24. Another 200 defendants will have their matters adjudicated tomorrow, for a total of 409 defendants with almost 1500 open complaints.

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](http://www.FSSNJ.com) for more information.

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