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## **Fugitive Safe Surrender Total: 3,027 Voluntarily Turned Themselves In**

### ***New Jersey's FSS Record Total: 13,276 Voluntary Surrenders in Four FSS Events Ranks New Jersey Number One in the Country***

ATLANTIC CITY – 3,027 people voluntarily turned themselves in at Fugitive Safe Surrender, held April 21, 23, 24 & 25, 2012 at Grace Assembly of God Church in Atlantic City, NJ.

To put this event's numbers in perspective:

- ***New Jersey's Fugitive Safe Surrender total has now topped 13,200***. A total of 13,276 individuals have turned themselves in at the state's four Fugitive Safe Surrender events (including 2,245 at FSS-Camden in November 2008, 4,103 at FSS-Newark in November 2009, and 3,901 at FSS-Central Jersey in November 2010).
- Additionally, FSS-Newark, FSS-Central Jersey, FSS-NJ Southern Region, and FSS-Camden had the ***third, fourth, fifth and sixth highest turnouts*** among the approximately 25 FSS events held ***nationwide***. (The top two were held in two of America's largest cities: FSS-Cleveland, with 7,431 individuals surrendering in September 2010, and FSS-Detroit, with 6,500 in June 2008).
- With more than 13,200 surrenders, ***New Jersey now ranks number one for total numbers in the United States***.
- ***More than \$60,000 was collected during the four-day event*** (including \$45,560 in municipal income, \$12,970 in Superior Court/Child Support income, and \$2,031 in Superior Court/Probation income).
- ***Each person*** who voluntarily surrenders represents an ***estimated savings of \$420*** to local governments (counting the jail and police manpower costs involved in arresting and holding someone wanted on a traffic warrant or other municipal warrant) – resources that can now be dedicated to other public safety matters. This estimate ***does not include*** the collection of fines, court fees and driver's license restoration fees that would otherwise go unpaid, and other benefits realized when individuals are free to stop hiding from the law and begin contributing to their families and society.
- ***Each person*** who surrenders also removes the threat of ***potential to danger to law enforcement***, the individual's ***community and family***, and the individual ***him- or herself***.

Of the 3,027 individuals who turned themselves in at Fugitive Safe Surrender-Southern Jersey:

1. An estimated 73 percent had at least one warrant arising from **municipal courts** (including disorderly persons offenses, municipal ordinance violations or traffic violations)
2. An estimated 15 percent had at least one **superior court** warrant (including criminal matters, or family court matters/**child support**)
3. An estimated 12 percent had **no warrants**.
4. Additionally, half of one percent of the total (approximately **15 individuals**) were taken into custody. These individuals were wanted for violent crimes, had a history of violent crime, or had warrants from other states whose authorities demanded extradition.

Fugitive Safe Surrender represented an unprecedented, multi-agency collaboration in Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties. The opportunity to surrender was available to U.S. citizens and legal residents who had outstanding warrants from any state, county or municipal agency within New Jersey. Fugitive Safe Surrender is not an amnesty program, but offered favorable consideration to those who voluntarily turned themselves in. It was made possible through a partnership by the Office of the Attorney General, Rutgers University, the State Parole Board and a host of agencies and organizations at the Federal, state, county, municipal, community-based and faith-based levels.

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## FSS TOTALS NATIONWIDE

<b>FSS Site</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Surrendered Felons</b>		<b>Incarcerated % Felons</b>	
Cleveland, OH	August-05	838	266	6	31.7%
Phoenix, AZ	November-06	1,320	311	45	23.6%
Indianapolis, IN	April-07	531	165	42	31.1%
Akron, OH	July-07	1,125	96	5	8.5%
Nashville, TN	August-07	561	123	38	21.9%
Memphis, TN	September-07	1,570	211	45	13.4%
Washington DC	November-07	530	53	15	10.0%
Rochester, NY	April-08	209	13	4	6.2%
Detroit, MI	June-08	6,578	663	3	10.1%
Columbia, SC	July-08	382	38	15	9.9%
Philadelphia, PA	September-08	1,248	424	35	34.0%
<b>Camden, NJ</b>	<b>November-08</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
Wilmington, DE	April-09	1,073	101	6	9.4%
Harrisburg, PA	June-09	1,282	33	2	2.6%
Akron, OH	July-09	1,321	69	20	5.2%
Chester, PA	October-09	447	13	14	2.9%
<b>Newark, NJ</b>	<b>November-09</b>	<b>4,103</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
Baltimore, MD	June-10	986	46		4.7%
Las Cruce, NM	July-10	1,071	18		1.7%
Boston, MA	October-10	236	48		20.3%
Cleveland, OH	September-10	7,431	482		0.0%
<b>New Brunswick, NJ</b>	<b>November-10</b>	<b>3,901</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
Tallahasee, FL	December-10	163	17		10.4%
Columbus, OH	August-11	1,200			
<b>Atlantic City, NJ</b>	<b>April- 12</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15%</b>
Total		43,378	4,755	351	

**Highest State Total of Fugitives Surrendered in the United States: New Jersey  
13,276**

Fugitive Safe Surrender  
Totals as of Thursday 4/26/2012

\*Data as of 12:30 PM today. Cases are still being processed at this time.

<b>County</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Atlantic</b>	1089	42.14%
<b>Bergen</b>	12	0.46%
<b>Burlington</b>	48	1.86%
<b>Camden</b>	127	4.91%
<b>Cape May</b>	24	0.93%
<b>Cumberland</b>	241	9.33%
<b>Essex</b>	241	9.33%
<b>Gloucester</b>	71	2.75%
<b>Homeless</b>	3	0.12%
<b>Hudson</b>	72	2.79%
<b>Hunterdon</b>	2	0.08%
<b>Mercer</b>	137	5.30%
<b>Middlesex</b>	49	1.90%
<b>Monmouth</b>	57	2.21%
<b>Morris</b>	14	0.54%
<b>N/A Count</b>	1	0.04%
<b>Ocean</b>	38	1.47%
<b>Out of State</b>	137	5.30%
<b>Passaic</b>	39	1.51%
<b>Salem</b>	31	1.20%
<b>Somerset</b>	17	0.66%
<b>Sussex</b>	5	0.19%
<b>Union</b>	128	4.95%
<b>Warren</b>	1	0.04%
<b>Grand Total</b>	2584	100.00%