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Dodge County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Marshals Service
Conduct Operation Dodgeball

Sheriff Pat Ninmann reports that in an ongoing effort to keep registered sex offenders accountable, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office along with the U.S. Marshals Service conducted compliance checks that began on July 7, 2014.

Members of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Marshals Service conducted in-person compliance checks of 149 sex offenders within Dodge County.

Offenders are required to provide current, up-to-date, personal information to include an accurate address and place of employment. Failing to comply with the guidelines of the sex offender registry is a criminal offense.

During this joint initiative, officers attempted to contact all 149 registered sex offenders living in Dodge County. Of those individuals, 138 were located and found to be in compliance. The remaining 11 sex offenders are being investigated for possible failure to register as a sex offender.

Sheriff Ninmann states, "It is the mission of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office to keep our citizens and children safe. Operation Dodgeball is just one way the Sheriff's Office is working to hold sex offenders accountable with strict compliance enforcement. Deputies will continue to conduct random registered sex offender sweeps throughout the year to ensure they are abiding the agreed terms of their sex registration."

See attached press release from U.S. Marshals Service.

For additional information please contact Sheriff Pat Ninmann.

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Operation Dodgeball

Milwaukee, WI – Kevin A. Carr, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced the completion of Operation Dodgeball, a focused effort of compliance checks to verify the residences of registered sex offenders in Dodge County. Operation Dodgeball was a coordinated effort between the U.S. Marshals Service, Dodge County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Sex Offender Registry.

From July 7th through July 11th, investigators endeavored to verify the residences of 149 sex offenders in Dodge County. Investigators were able to verify the residences of 138 of those sex offenders. The U.S. Marshals will continue to work with the Sex Offender Registry to verify the residences of those offenders who were unable to be verified during the operation. Following additional investigation by the Sex Offender Registry any offenders who were found to be non-compliant will be evaluated by the Sex Offender Registry and the Dodge County District Attorney's Office for potential criminal charges and issuance of arrest warrants for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Any potential federal violations would be further investigated by the Marshals Service and prosecution sought with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Marshal Carr stated, "This effort was only possible through the extraordinary cooperation and close coordination of all the agencies involved. Through our consolidated efforts we continue to make our communities and children safer."

The U.S. Marshals Service is the lead law enforcement agency responsible for investigating sex offender registration violations and related offenses in connection with violations of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. Enacted on July 27, 2006, this Act directed the United States Marshals to assist state, local, tribal and territorial authorities in conducting compliance checks of registered sex offenders as well as locating and apprehending non-compliant and fugitive sex offenders. To ensure the safety of children across the country, the U.S. Marshals implemented an aggressive nationwide enforcement strategy. Since the law was enacted, the United States Marshals have coordinated over 234,000 compliance checks and have arrested over 75,000 fugitives for sex offense based warrants, resulting in the closure of more than 97,000 warrants.

To search for sex offenders in the State of Wisconsin, please visit http://doc.wi.gov/community-resources/offender-registry. To search for sex offenders nationwide please visit the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website at http://www.nsopw.gov/. Searches can be done for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and Indian Country.

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