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**MCSO AND DRO conduct unannounced raid on deadbeat parents**

Norristown, Pa., (November 12, 2013) – The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department (MCSO) and Domestic Relations Office (DRO) collaborated in an unannounced early morning raid on deadbeat parents with bench warrants. The defendants represent \$180,000 in unpaid support for 25 children. The roundup, which began at 1:00 a.m., ended with a press conference held in Courtroom A at the Courthouse at 8:00 a.m.

“Because of your efforts, 18 offenders were put into custody within five hours and some children will get needed money to buy clothing, food and other necessities,” said Sheriff Eileen Whalon Behr addressing the deputies involved in the roundup. “Thank you for acting officially and professionally.”

The MCSO and DRO ran an amnesty program followed by a sweep in June 2013, but decided this time that these defendants had already had a chance to resolve their issues. Some had turned themselves in at that time or called to say they would appear but ended up on the sweep list again.

Deputies covering Lansdale, Hatfield, Collegeville, Pottstown, Norristown, Lower Merion and Willow Grove took 4 females and 14 male offenders into custody from a list of 37 bench warrants holders that were sought.

“This round-up was pretty impressive,” said County Warrants Division Dep. Joanne Plasterer. “We were able to capture fifty percent of our target.”

Sheriff Behr asked for the community's continued support in tracking down the remaining defendants.

“There are approximately 15,000 child support cases in the county and 275 of them have warrants for failure to appear at court hearings,” said DRO Enforcement Unit Assistant Director Rebecca Colantuno. “Without the collaboration with the MCSD, we wouldn’t be able to collect these arrears,”

According to the Director of Domestic Relations Office Gary Kline Montgomery County was the first Class 2A county to surpass the federally mandated performance measures, which rates the office’s effectiveness in collecting court ordered support and arrears. It also serves as a warning for those who don’t want to deal with the possibility of being shown in the media as not having paid child support.

Eight of the most targeted offenders are still at large due to the amount of money they owe:

- Francis McLaughlin - \$54,788
- Daniel Darden - \$67,828
- Jamar Baird - \$20,335
- Alphonse Defrancesco - \$37,191
- Daryl Postell - \$14,481
- Londun Ricketts - \$24,935
- Juan Contreras - \$6,603
- Anthony Garrity - \$25,140

Anonymous tips may be reported by calling the Sheriff Department’s TIP LINE at 610-278-3340 or by filling out the online “Submit a Tip” form at [www.montcopa.org/FormCenter/Sheriffs-department-8/Submit-a-Tip-45](http://www.montcopa.org/FormCenter/Sheriffs-department-8/Submit-a-Tip-45), or by sending an email to [sheriffwarrant@montcopa.org](mailto:sheriffwarrant@montcopa.org).

The “Domestic Relations Most Wanted for Child Support” list is available at [www.montcopa.org/sheriff](http://www.montcopa.org/sheriff) by clicking on the link “Wanted Persons.”

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