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Montco Sheriff Russell J. Bono joins forces with other law enforcement agencies in national domestic violence sweep

**Norristown, Pa., (October 21, 2015)** – Montgomery County Sheriff J. Russell Bono's deputies arrested 17 offenders wanted for a variety of violent felonies, domestic violence charges and nonpayment of child support during an overnight raid, as part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Family Violence Apprehension Detail.

The national sweep is a collaborative effort, which includes approximately 250 law enforcement agencies in 26 states, who want to raise awareness of the problem of family and domestic violence and show offenders that they will be held accountable for their violence. Warrants that are included in the national sweep are domestic violence crimes such as harassment, assault, burglary, criminal mischief and criminal mistreatment. Also included on the list of crimes are child abuse, restraining and stalking order violations, interfering with making 911 calls, obstruction of telephone calls and non-payment of child support.

"Every day, distraught domestic violence victims come to our office to have their protection orders served by our deputies in an effort to stop the abuse," said Bono. "In some cases, our deputies are asked to escort the victims throughout the courthouse, or to their car out of fear of confronting their abusers during court hearings. It's a reminder of why we continue to serve these victims with compassion, and do anything else we can to support them."

Four teams of sheriff's deputies and command staff, including K9s, tracked across Norristown, Pottstown, Lansdale, Harleysville, Willow Grove, Abington, and other areas starting at 12:30 a.m. with a list of 56 offenders, some of which had multiple offenses. A few of the most noteworthy offenders that were arrested were:



Jerome Freeman of 221 Francis L. Cadden Pkwy., Apt. T-2, Harrisburg, Pa., had the highest number of charges and was picked up on the street by the Norristown Police Department. He had been charged with simple assault, abuse, stalking, probation violation, and was ordered to avoid contact with his victim.



Forced entry was used to capture Chad Gillespie of 6 Rail Road Ave., Bridgeport, Pa., who had been charged with robbery with bodily injury, and probation violation.



Forced entry was used to capture Levi Freeland of 449 Hamilton St., Norristown, Pa., who had been charged with simple assault and probation violation.

All defendants, including the ones listed below are being held in the Montgomery County Courthouse Detention Center.

- Douglas Benner of 136 Susquehanna Ave., Apt. C, Lansdale, Pa., was wanted by the Domestic Relations Office for nonpayment of child support and owes \$1,787.04 for one child.
- Gina Connelly of 62 Hillside Ave., Apt. 1, Souderton, Pa., had been charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Brett Gladden of 1309 Willow St., Norristown, Pa., had been charged with robbery taken by force and probation violation.
- Devonte Hampton of 50 W. Basin St., Norristown, Pa., had been charged with theft by unlawful taking.
- Eric Husser of 11 Park Ave., Apt. 47, Willow Grove, Pa., had been charged with simple assault and probation violation.
- Zachary Johnson of 1220 Arch St., Norristown, Pa., had been charged with simple assault and probation violation.
- Kemp Josey of 593 N. York St., Apt. 107, Pottstown, Pa., was wanted by the Domestic Relations Office for nonpayment of child support and owes \$6,788.68 for one child.
- Rebecca Kaplan of 7900 Old York Rd., Apt. 306 Elkins Park, Pa., had been charged with resisting arrest and failure to appear in court.
- Nicholas Kemp of 1073 Powell St., Norristown, Pa., had been charged with unlawful restraint.
- Germaine Kimber of N. Valley Forge Rd., Apt. B, Lansdale, Pa., had been charged with simple assault and probation violation.
- Joshua Ledford of 453 South St., Apt. 2, Pottstown, Pa., had been charged with aggravated assault and probation violation.

- Christopher Marion of 2403 Hunsberger Dr., Limerick, Pa., was wanted by the Domestic Relations Office for nonpayment of child support and owes \$5,935.51 for one child.
- William Radcliffe of 8 Libby Ct., Telford, Pa., had been charged with theft by deception, bad checks and failure to appear in court.
- Lisa Turtle of 1808 Twining Rd., Willow Grove, Pa., had been charged with retail theft and failure to appear in court.



Anonymous tips regarding wanted individuals may be reported by either calling the MCSO **TIP LINE** at **610-278-3340** or, by filling out the online "**Submit a Tip"** form on the MCSO webpage at <a href="www.montcopa.org/sheriff">www.montcopa.org/sheriff</a>, or by sending an email to <a href="sheriffwarrant@montcopa.org">sheriff</a> montcopa.org. Tips can also be submitted by posting a message on either **Facebook** at <a href="www.facebook.com/montcosheriff">www.facebook.com/montcosheriff</a> or <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> @MontCoPASheriff. The "**Domestic Relations Most Wanted for Child Support**" list is available at <a href="www.montcopa.org/sheriff">www.montcopa.org/sheriff</a> by clicking on the link "Wanted Persons."