

HUDSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NABS 50 FUGITIVES IN OPERATION TALON STING

JERSEY CITY, NJ - Hudson County Sheriff Frank Schillari announced the arrests of fifty fugitives from justice in an Operation Talon sting conducted in conjunction with his office and the Hudson County Department of Family Services.

Webster's dictionary defines "talon" as the claw of a bird of prey and this operation has ruffled the feathers of fugitives from justice receiving benefits from the Food Stamp Program. Schillari stated "Operation Talon has been a win, win situation in Hudson County and as a result the community is safer and the integrity of the Food Stamp Program has been given a boost. The benefits for those individuals with open arrest warrant are held and when the offenders appear in the welfare office to find out why the benefits are on hold, the arrest warrant is served and the fugitive is taken into custody."

Schillari stated that the effort netted those deadbeat parents who owed a total of \$379,537 in child support arrearages.

"Every child who is brought into this world is entitled to the proper support from their parents and those who fail to fulfill this obligation will be brought to justice," added Schillari.

Darrell Hargrove, age 51, Jersey City topped the charts with child support arrearages of \$117,504, Timothy Beckett, age 46, Jersey City \$51,080 Darrell Bates, age 34, Jersey City \$31,789, Haraldgin Coopers, age 31, Jersey City \$24,028, Anthony Delgado, age 41, Union City \$18, 006.

Others arrested listed their residences at Hoboken, West New York, Kearny, Guttenberg, North Bergen and East Orange. The charges in addition to the child support matters included conspiracy, theft by deception, violation of probation and failure to pay fines.

"This operation will continue and will continue to take a significant number of offenders off the streets while saving the taxpayer dollars," stated Schillari.