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Treasure Valley Law Enforcement Operation Nets 91 Arrests

BOISE, Idaho – Beginning 05/17/2021, through 05/28/2021, the U.S. Marshals Service partnered with numerous Treasure Valley law enforcement entities to conduct Operation Washout, a U.S. Marshals Service national initiative focused on the investigation and arrest of violent fugitives and gang members. Operation Washout brought together state, local, and federal law enforcement officers to focus on specific areas impacted by gang violence and target those gang members for investigation and arrest.

During the operation, law enforcement officers arrested 91 fugitives, of those, 43 were gang members. Subsequent to the arrests, officers seized 9 firearms, ammunition, illegal drugs and currency. Officers impacted several Treasure Valley gangs by arresting members of the Aryan Knights (AK), a gang formed in the mid-1990s in the Idaho prison system, the Severely Violent Criminals (SVC), a gang formed in the early 2000s in the Idaho prison system, the Surenos and the Nortenos, both Hispanic street gangs.

U.S. Marshal Brent Bunn commended the officers supporting Operation Washout by stating, "Our investigators are relentless and will not stop looking for violent offenders until they are arrested and brought back to justice."

Operation Washout participating agencies included: Ada & Canyon County Sheriffs' Offices, Boise, Garden City, Nampa & Caldwell Police Departments, Idaho Department of Corrections Probation & Parole, U.S. Probation & Parole, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Deputy U.S. Marshals from across the U.S.

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