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Atlantic County Sheriff OPERATION LEAF VAC\$ Nets 72 arrests
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Mays Landing- On Thursday, September 22, 2016, the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office completed a three day arrest sweep of people wanted for failure to make their court ordered child support payments and those wanted on criminal warrants issued by Superior Court Judges according to Sheriff Frank X. Balles.

Operation LEAF VAC\$ (Law Enforcement Arresting Fugitives Vigilant Acquiring Child \$upport) was the Atlantic County component of the statewide arrest sweep targeting persons wanted on child support warrants conducted September 20-22, 2016. During the three day sweep in Atlantic County, a combined 207 house checks were conducted searching for individuals wanted on child support warrants.

In addition to all units of the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office, elements of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office, Atlantic City Task Force, the Atlantic City Police, United State Marshal Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force and the FBI Innocence Lost Task Force participated in the three day operation. The Atlantic County Probation Child Support Enforcement Team also contributed to the operation.

During the three day operation In Atlantic County 31 people were arrested on Child Support Warrants resulting in the collection of \$ 4,000.00 in back child support payments. 11 people wanted on Superior Court Criminal Warrants were also arrested in the sweep Balles reported.

30 other people originally targeted for this operation were arrested in the weeks prior to the actual three day sweep.

Linwood Police, Ocean City Police, Galloway Township Police, Ventnor Police, New Jersey State Police, Pleasantville Police and Atlantic City Police all contributed arrests of targeted individuals prior to the actual three day sweep. 29 municipal warrants were also cleared during this operation.

Sheriff Balles said, "This is a good example of how law enforcement working together in removing wanted people from our community streets contributes to a safer county and a better quality of life for all of our law abiding citizens.