



# SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

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## NEWS RELEASE

### *1,020 DELINQUENT PARENTS APPREHENDED*

#### *Sheriffs' Officers In 21 Counties Nab Deadbeat Parents In Three-day Statewide Child Support Sweep-\$297,868.79 Collected*

June 13, 2008- Statewide-Sheriff's Association of New Jersey (SANJ) President, Sheriff Edward V. Rochford announces today the apprehension of 1,020 delinquent parents in a bi-annual Child Support Warrant Sweep for the fiscal year 2008. Culminating this afternoon, the three-day intensive Non Support Sweep began at 4:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the bi-annual Non Support Sweep is to apprehend non-custodial parents who have failed to pay their court-ordered child support. Additional targets include parents who have failed to appear at court hearings to establish a child support order or order for medical support.

All 21 New Jersey Sheriff's Offices participated in the Sweep, which is hosted in cooperation with the New Jersey Office of Child Support Services (OCSS). The Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey (SANJ) is the lead agency in this event as per the Sheriff IV-D Cooperative Agreement between OCSS and the Sheriff's Association, as authorized under Federal Regulation 45 CFR 302.34. The OCSS has commended both the Sheriffs' Association and the Judiciary for collaboratively supporting the Sheriffs' final procedures and data report for the Sheriff Child support Warrant Sweep.

Sheriff's Officers from the 21 Sheriffs' Offices, with assistance from other agencies, canvassed the state in search of offenders over the course of the three-day Child Support Sweep. A total of 1,020 warrants were served and out of an outstanding \$12,625,095.25 owed, \$297,868.79 was collected.

"The Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey is '21 Strong' and I thank and congratulate the sheriff's officers for their steadfast efforts and skills supporting hundreds of New Jersey children," SANJ President Sheriff Rochford said. "This Sweep is just one example of the Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey's continued commitment to New Jersey citizens."

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