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## **FLORIDA PAROLE COMMISSION PARTNERS WITH UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE TO PROTECT FLORIDIANS**

**TALLAHASSEE, FLA.** – The Florida Parole Commission, in partnership with the United States Marshals Service (USMS), Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force, conducted a statewide warrant sweep of more than 400 outstanding warrants on April 14-18, 2014 resulting in the disposition of 85 warrants.

The Florida Parole Commission (FPC) is responsible for holding offenders accountable for successful completion of their post prison release supervision period through swift and certain responses to any violations thereof. Parole Commissioners review violations, issue warrants, and revocation hearings are conducted, which ultimately lead to the Commissioners determining whether or not to restore a releasee to supervision or return an offender to prison for the remainder of their court imposed sentence. While the Commission has several offender supervision types under their jurisdiction, only the most violent offenders - parolees and mandatory conditional release cases - were a part of this operation.

“Offenders that abscond from supervision are a matter of public safety for Florida’s citizens and visitors,” stated Tena Pate, Florida Parole Commission Chair. “The Commission takes our responsibility of holding offenders accountable very seriously and we made locating these individuals a high priority. By partnering with the United States Marshals Service, Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force, we have been able to locate many of them in the safest and most effective manner possible.”

"The new partnership with the Florida Parole Commission is a valuable service to the law abiding citizens of the State of Florida and throughout the United States. Our task force regularly targets the worst of the worst criminals and taking violent offenders off the streets who have victimized citizens ensures a safer community for all of us," stated Regional Fugitive Task Force Chief Inspector Frank Chiumento. "The success of this four-day initiative is only the beginning of our partnership which will continue throughout the year and beyond. With the assistance of 86 sheriff's offices and police departments throughout the state, and U.S. Marshal task forces nationwide, many more offenders are sure to be apprehended here in Florida and throughout the country."

The Commission also received critical assistance with the investigative phase of the operation from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Department of Financial Services and the Florida Department of Health.

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### **About Florida Parole Commission**

*The Parole Commission is a constitutionally authorized decision-making body. The Commission administers parole, conditional release, conditional medical release, control release, and addiction recovery. The Commission also acts as the investigative arm of the Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Board of Executive Clemency in clemency matters.*