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News Release

"FALL LEAF SWEEP" In Anne Arundel County Nets 40 Arrests

Annapolis, MD. (November 21, 2009) – Sheriff Ron Bateman, true to his word, is continuing his efforts to reduce the backlog of outstanding arrest warrants in Anne Arundel County. Concerned that criminals left on the street will continue to perpetrate crimes against the citizenry of the county, Sheriff Bateman and his deputies conducted a "Pre-Thanksgiving" county-wide warrant sweep on November 21st.

The Sheriff's Office, which is the primary clearinghouse of criminal warrants in Anne Arundel County, receives approximately 1,000 new warrants a month. Utilizing daily warrant teams of deputies, publishing names and photos of wanted persons through the newspapers and internet, producing the Anne Arundel's Most Wanted TV show, orchestrating sting operations to lure wanted persons in, and conducting major warrant sweeps like this one, have reduced the number of open warrants by 35% from almost 14,000 down to 9,000, even while continuing to receive hundreds of brand new warrants each month.

The "Fall Leaf Sweep" event started with a 5:00 a.m. briefing for the fifty sheriff's personnel involved with the warrant sweep before the deputies began spreading out throughout the county.

Over 175 warrants were attempted at various locations netting 40 arrests and clearing 49 warrants.

Sheriff Bateman said, "We are not going away. We are not letting up. Turn yourself in, or get locked up!"

Anyone who may have information on the whereabouts of wanted persons residing in Anne Arundel County, or any other location, is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at (410)222-1495. All contacts are kept confidential.