

Countywide warrant sweep nets 180

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Nearly 180 people were arrested on outstanding warrants countywide as part of an initiative involving multiple agencies, the county Sheriff's Office said.

The arrests, which were announced last week, closed 330 open warrants for charges including murder, assault, rape robbery and child abuse. The sweep spanned 12 days from April 30 to May 11, and

involved deputies working 12-hour days, Sheriff Ron Bateman said.

Bateman called the sweep a "grand slam."

The initiative was the result of a partnership with county police, Annapolis Police, the county detention center, Maryland State Police, the Maryland Police and Probation Initiative and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Sheriff's Office spokesman Deputy Harry Neisser said those arrest-

ed included:

- Ryan Simms for murder.
- Donald Kloch for attempted murder.
- Karen Carstens, 41, of Riva, wanted for sexual assault of a child under 17 in Texas.
- Mark Kelly, a registered sex offender, for sexual solicitation of a minor.
- Anthony Palmieri for child abuse, sexual solicitation of a minor and incest. He was arrested

earlier this month for burglary, resisting arrest and trespassing, according to online court records.

Neisser was unable to provide additional information on those arrested, including where or how they were apprehended.

The operation was held with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

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