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Police Officers and Prosecutors Involved in Arrests of Violent Gang Members in US Illegally

Madison, Wis. - Officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations (ICE HSI) today recognized nine members of the Madison Police Department's Crime Prevention and Gang Unit, and three individuals with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin, for their roles in Operation Community Shield, an ongoing national ICE HSI effort targeting illegal aliens who are members of violent street gangs.

The Operation Community Shield initiative led to the arrest of 12 gang members and associates in the Madison area in August of this year. The operation came in direct response to the April 28, 2010 gang-related murder of Antonio Perez, age 19, of Madison. In the wake of that homicide, Madison police officers gathered intelligence indicating there could be retaliatory gang violence.

The individuals arrested were members or associates of the Chicano Pride and C-14 street gangs and all were Mexican nationals. They were charged with administrative immigration violations and placed into removal proceedings.

ICE HSI Resident Agent in Charge Mark C. Atchley recognized the following individuals today in Madison:

Madison Police Department:

Captain James Wheeler
Lt. Sherrie Strand
Sgt. Amy Schwartz
Det. Cory Nelson
Police Officer Edward Marshall

Police Officer Shane Olson
Police Officer Michael Richardson
Police Officer Lester Moore
Police Officer Reginald Patterson

U.S. Attorney's Office

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During this operation, assistance was also received from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Through Operation Community Shield, the federal government uses its immigration law enforcement authority in a coordinated campaign against criminal street gangs in the United States. Since Operation Community Shield began in February 2005, more than 18,000 gang members and associates belonging to more than 900 different gangs have been arrested nationwide.

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