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**134 Wanted Offenders Arrested during Statewide Warrant Sweep Hosted by the
South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services**

Columbia, SC - The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) arrested 134 wanted offenders during "Operation Summer Blitz," a coordinated statewide warrant sweep conducted during the week of July 19 - July 23, 2021. SCDPPPS Warrant Teams across the state had one mission - to locate and apprehend wanted sex offenders, domestic violence offenders, gang members, violent offenders, and offenders who have violated their conditions of supervision.

"There were 264 SCDPPPS Agents along with officers from 31 various federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies that worked in 37 counties throughout the state to arrest wanted offenders. We also had 97 warrants cleared," said Chad Gambrell, SCDPPPS Deputy Director for Offender Supervision and Enforcement Services. (The term "cleared" signifies that a warrant is disposed of due to an offender's death, incarceration or relocation to another state.)

"The Governor proclaimed the week of July 18, 2021 as Probation and Parole Supervision Week," said SCDPPPS Director Jerry Adger. He continued, "I am so proud of our SCDPPPS Agents who uphold the law with dignity, while supervising offenders in the community. The work accomplished during 'Operation Summer Blitz' is part of the job we do to safeguard the public from criminal activity."

MEDIA NOTE: Photos attached (Richland County - Offender handcuffed; Darlington County - SCDPPPS Agent approaches home; Florence County - SCDPPPS Agent briefing)

SCDPPPS Mission Statement:

*To PREPARE offenders under our supervision toward becoming productive members of the community;
To PROVIDE assistance to the victims of crimes, the courts and the Parole Board; and
To PROTECT public trust and safety.*

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