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MULTIAGENCY VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE

110 Arrested During Multiagency, Violent Crime Initiative from April to June 2013

TULSA, OKLAHOMA—United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma Danny C. Williams Sr., joined by members of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and community counseling services, today announced a first series of arrests as the result of the Violent Crime Initiative to remove violent offenders from the 61st Street and Peoria Avenue area.

The joint effort of federal and state law enforcement resulted in the arrest of 110 offenders. The Violent Crime Initiative began in April and will continue with ongoing operations until the streets and community are safe for all citizens. Violent Crime Initiative partners include the Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa County District Attorney's Office, U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Department of Housing and Urban Development-Office of Inspector General, Federal Probation Office, Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau, and Inspira Mentoring and Counseling.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to work closely in a combined effort with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to fight violent crime to improve the quality of life for the City of Tulsa and the Northern District of Oklahoma," said Williams. "The U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to strengthening these partnerships and developing new initiatives that safeguard our community from harm."

Tulsa County District Attorney Tim Harris said, "The prosecution of violent crime is the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office number one priority. Individuals or groups of individuals that commit violent crimes are placed on notice. We will find you, we will arrest you and we will prosecute you. We will continue our cooperation in collaboration with all law enforcement partners at both the state and federal level to accomplish our goal of making Tulsa a safer place."

The Violent Crime Initiative end-goals are to create safe neighborhoods by prosecuting criminals. Second, increase the potential for economic and business growth in the area by reducing crime, and third, to address the socio-economic component of stopping the cycle of crime by assisting the offenders through individual counseling.