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## **SOLEMN TASK FORCE SWEEPS FOUR R.I. TOWNS** **Four arrested; four arrest warrants issued**

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, the U.S. Marshals sponsored SOLEMN Task Force verified 71 addresses of sex offenders in Burrillville, Charlestown, Cumberland and North Kingston, to ensure that sex offenders are living at addresses at which they are registered. This is the third SOLEMN operation conducted in Rhode Island in the past eight months.

Three men and a juvenile were arrested on various charges and an outstanding warrant. In addition, four arrest warrants have been obtained for sex offenders who have moved from their registered address and have failed to notify police. Their names are being withheld until their apprehension. SOLEMN investigators are following-up leads which will result in the four being arrested.

A contingent of 24 police officers from Burrillville, Charlestown, Cumberland, North Kingston, Warwick, West Warwick, Woonsocket, East Providence, Providence, Coventry, Newport and Pawtucket were assisted in the sweep by investigators from the R.I. State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

The SOLEMN Task Force began working as an organized unit in 2007 after the signing of the Adam Walsh Act in July 2006. SOLEMN is made up of numerous state and local Rhode Island law enforcement agencies to ensure sex offenders remain in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

### **Arrested Saturday, May 8, 2010**

Adam Ladwid, 28, Burrillville  
Failing to update his registered address  
Possession of marijuana

Jonathan Pickett, 29, North Kingstown  
Possession of marijuana

Ernest Reels, 33, North Kingstown  
Arrest warrant from Sixth District Court for Failure to Appear on a cost warrant

A juvenile was arrested on an escape status from the RI Training School.

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