



NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

NOVEMBER 6–9, 2013

Fact Sheet:
Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 6th – 9th, 2013.

WHERE: Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church
661 Montgomery Street
Jersey City, NJ 07036

WHO:

Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey is open to individuals who are wanted by New Jersey law enforcement agencies on non-violent indictable or municipal warrants (including family matters and child support warrants).

Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey is ONLY open to U.S. citizens and legal residents. Anyone who is not a U.S. citizen or legal resident is NOT eligible for this program.

WHAT:

Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey will enable individuals who are hiding from the law to turn themselves in at a neutral location for four days during the first full week of November, 2013.

Fugitive Safe Surrender is NOT an amnesty program. However, those who turn themselves in will receive favorable consideration from the court. This typically results in probation or reduced fines.

It is expected that the vast majority of those who turn themselves in will not go to jail. During the four previous *Fugitive Safe Surrender* events held in New Jersey, fewer than 1 percent of participants were taken into custody. The rest were allowed to return home within hours of surrendering. This is because the great majority of individuals who turn themselves in are wanted for non-violent offenses and do not have violent criminal histories.

Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey will take place in Jersey City. The surrender site will be Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church at 661 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ 07036. Fugitives who enter at this location will be given a numbered wristband, then escorted across the street to the Jersey City Armory. Part of the Armory will be converted into a temporary courthouse. After waiting in the Armory auditorium, the fugitives will work with judges and lawyers to resolve their warrants and outstanding matters.

BENEFITS:

Fugitive Safe Surrender has many benefits, most notably for public safety. Fugitive apprehensions are inherently dangerous for law enforcement officers as well as for the fugitives themselves, their families, and their communities. Every fugitive who voluntarily surrenders, helps to remove that risk.

Fugitive Safe Surrender also enables fugitives to rebuild their lives. Participants take responsibility for their actions, stop running from the law, address and clear their warrants, and start building legitimate lives in the community. *Fugitive Safe Surrender* also provides the opportunity to connect with social service agencies for help with employment, health care, housing, drug rehabilitation, and other services.

Each person who surrenders also represents a significant savings to local government. Each voluntary surrender represents a savings of police manpower and jail costs, which can be dedicated to other public safety matters. Savings also come from municipal, probation, and child support income, driver's license restoration fees, and other payments. Additional economic benefits result when individuals are free to stop hiding from the law, and to start contributing to their families and society.

This will be the fifth *Fugitive Safe Surrender* event held in New Jersey. A total of **13,276 individuals** turned themselves in at the New Jersey's four previous *Fugitive Safe Surrender* events (FSS-Camden was held in November 2008, FSS-Newark in November 2009, FSS-Central Jersey in November 2010, and FSS-South Jersey in April 2012).

PARTNERS:

Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey is made possible by a multi-agency partnership led by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, New Jersey State Police, New Jersey State Parole Board, New Jersey Department of Corrections, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Office of Information Technology, and New Jersey Transit.

Key partners include the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice and the Police Institute at Rutgers-Newark; Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church; the Prosecutor's and Sheriff's Offices of Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic counties; the Superior and Municipal Courts of New Jersey, primarily the Hudson and Passaic vicinages; the City of Jersey City and the County of Hudson; county and local law enforcement from Hudson, Bergen, and Passaic counties; and other agencies and organizations at the state, county, municipal, community and faith-based levels.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Members of the public can learn more about ***Fugitive Safe Surrender-North Jersey*** by contacting the New Jersey Attorney General's Office: **855-FSS-NJ12** (855-377-6512), or fssnj@lps.state.nj.us. Website: www.FSSNJ.com. Facebook: [facebook.com/fssnj](https://www.facebook.com/fssnj). Twitter: twitter.com/fssnj1. Members of the news media can call the Attorney General's Office of Communications, **609-292-4791**.

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