



# **A report on the activities of inter-jurisdictional task forces (SLI SPD-018-A-001)**

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# FBI SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

**MISSION:** Identify and target for prosecution criminal enterprise groups responsible for drug trafficking, money laundering, human trafficking, crimes of violence, robbery, and violent street gangs.

## 2021 Highlights:

- 45 Federal Indictments for Trafficking, Weapons, and Money Laundering
- 20 individuals convicted of drug, gun, and/or conspiracy charges.  
Sentences from 6 months to 10-15 years.
- Drug & weapons seizures including:
  - ✓ 150 Firearms
  - ✓ 17kg Cocaine
  - ✓ 4kg Methamphetamines
  - ✓ 60,000 Fentanyl pills
  - ✓ 2kg Fentanyl powder
  - ✓ 1 kg Heroin



# FBI VIOLENT GANG SAFE STREETS TASK FORCE

The Violent Gang Safe Streets Task Force is the vehicle through which federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies collaboratively address violent crime plaguing communities.

## 2021 Highlights:

- One Federal Indictment for Murder-for-Hire
- Arrest of 12 suspects for Bank Robberies
- Arrest of 11 suspects involved in a crime ring that had robbed 40 pharmacies and stolen 6,000 oxycodone pills. Seizure of 7 associated weapons.
- Arrest of 1 suspect for stealing a boat, threatening a WA State ferry, attempting to elude Coast Guard vessels, and assaulting a federal agent.



# FBI HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS TF

**MISSION:** Investigate, disrupt and dismantle terrorist, transnational and other criminal organizations that threaten or seek to exploit the customs and immigration laws of the United States.

## 2021 Highlights:

- Arrested a local suspect who claimed to have developed a COVID-19 vaccine, which his company sold and administered for a fee. Detectives found evidence of hundreds of victims, as well as the use of live human tissue from approximately 100 individuals. The task force dismantled the operation.
- Seized 2 million counterfeit N-95 masks. Case accepted for Federal prosecution.
- Intercepted over \$300,000 in victim proceeds and obtained 2 Federal indictments for mail fraud associated with a scheme to defraud elderly victims over the phone.



# DEA HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS

**MISSION:** Disrupt the market for illegal drugs by dismantling or disrupting drug trafficking and money laundering organizations.

## 2021 Highlights:

- 55 arrests
- Drugs and weapons seizures including:
  - ✓ 100 Firearms
  - ✓ 24kg Cocaine
  - ✓ 101kg Methamphetamines
  - ✓ 92kg Fentanyl powder
  - ✓ 30,000 Fentanyl pills
  - ✓ 55 kg Heroin



## LOOKING FORWARD

- SPD continues to collaborate with Federal Task Forces to investigate the criminal networks responsible for gun violence, drug overdoses, and the victimization of our most vulnerable community members.
- Our federal partners reimburse SPD for overtime costs associated with task force work. Every year, the department requests budget authority for these revenue-backed expenditures in the supplemental budget process.
- SPD plans to transmit a supplemental budget request for the task force reimbursements later this year.