

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Task Force Sting and Sweep Nets 17 Arrests**

A press conference today at 3:00 P.M. at the Griffin Building, 367 Grove Street in Saint Paul will provide information on a several month investigation that resulted in the arrest of seventeen people and the recovery of approximately 60 guns and a quantity drugs and stolen property. Special Agent in Charge, Bernard Zapor from ATF, Saint Paul Police Chief John M. Harrington, and, Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner will be present to provide the most current updates on this investigation.

Members of the task force include agents from Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, and Explosives, U.S. Marshals, Saint Paul Police, Ramsey County Sheriffs, Duluth Police, and agents from the Department of Corrections. This group began a coordinated effort on May 16, at 5:00 A.M. to arrest 26 named suspects. 16 of those were taken into custody on the 16<sup>th</sup> and more are expected.

Charges expected include; possession and sale of firearms, possession and sale of controlled substance, possession of stolen property, and auto theft.

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