

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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U.S. MARSHALS CONDUCT AREA'S LARGEST-EVER FUGITIVE INITIATIVE EFFORTS RESULT IN OVER 200 LOCAL ARRESTS

WESTERN WASHINGTON – U.S. Marshals conducted another successful Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally) in Clark, King, Pierce and Snohomish counties from August 20 - 24. Led by the U.S. Marshals, Operation FALCON 2007 netted 249 arrests and cleared 311 warrants.

Operation FALCON is an ongoing, multi-city, nationwide law enforcement effort. Since its onset in July, Operation FALCON 2007 has netted over 4,500 arrests and cleared in excess of 5,300 warrants in 23 locations across the country. Operation FALCON 2007–Western Washington combined the efforts of the U.S. Marshal sponsored Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force and multiple law enforcement agencies in this area's largest-ever fugitive initiative.

This operation focused its effort on capturing individuals wanted on felony charges including crimes against woman and children, crimes of violence, gun and drug offenses, sexual motivated offenses and unregistered sex offenders. Over the course of the five-day operation, Deputy U.S. Marshals, teamed with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, arrested 249 fugitives, including 35 sex offenders, cleared 311 warrants and recovered 19 firearms.

Among those arrested included James Wheat, wanted by the Clark County Sheriff's Office and the Vancouver Police Department for Rape of a Child and for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Wheat was apprehended in Wichita, Kansas based on a collateral lead sent by officers working Operation FALCON. Wheat is now being investigated for federal prosecution under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

Deshaun Mitchell, a known gang member, was wanted by the Seattle Police Department for Assault with a Firearm. Mitchell was arrested in north Seattle and has a criminal history which includes arrests for robbery, burglary and possession of a firearm.

Raymond Bullock, considered one of Snohomish County's Most Wanted, was arrested for the Distribution of Methamphetamine. Operation FALCON investigators arrested Bullock driving his car to Eastern Washington. Seized from his vehicle were four handguns, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, \$6,000 cash, heroin and methamphetamine. Bullock is now also being investigated for federal firearms violations.

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Gregory Farris was wanted by the Pierce County Sheriff's Office for 1st Degree Child Molestation. Farris has a criminal history dating back more than a decade with previous arrests for domestic violence, assaults and narcotics violations. Farris has been a fugitive since October 2004 and was arrested in Tacoma, Washington.

"This operation sends a clear message to criminals that you may be able to run but you will eventually be caught and brought to justice," said Acting U.S. Marshal David Miller. "The goal of Operation FALCON 2007 was to focus law enforcement efforts to combat sexual predators, violent offenders, disrupt illegal gang and gun activity in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region. I know that this operation has made our community a safer place to live," said Miller.

Operation FALCON 2007 – Western Washington consisted of over 120 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers from sixteen agencies, making up fifteen separate arrest teams working in Clark, King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Each participating local officer was sworn in as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal prior to the start of this operation. This special authority empowered them to cross traditional lines of jurisdiction to track down and arrest targeted fugitives throughout the week.

Agencies contributing to Operation FALCON 2007 – Western Washington included the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Clark County Sheriff's Office; Federal Way Police Department; King County Sheriff's Office; Port of Seattle Police Department; Pierce County Sheriff's Office; Seattle Police Department; Snohomish County Sheriff's Office; Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General; Tacoma Police Department; U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Marshals Service; Vancouver Police Department; Washington State Department of Corrections and Washington State Patrol.

Operation FALCON continues to be the largest and most successful fugitive apprehension effort in U.S. Marshals history.

For more information about the U.S. Marshals Service, visit <http://www.usmarshals.gov> or U.S. Marshal's Western Washington website at www.usmarshals.gov/district/wa-w.

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America's Oldest Federal Law Enforcement Agency

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Warrants Cleared: 311

Fugitives Arrested: 249

- ★ Sex Offenders Arrested..... 35
 - Unregistered Sex Offenders Arrested 22
- ★ Documented Gang Members Arrested 10
- ★ Firearms Seized 19





WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: WHEAT,JAMES PATRICK
Alias: WHEAT,ORVAL P
Sex..... MALE
Race..... WHITE
Date of Birth..... 09/27/1955
Place of Birth..... KANSAS
Height..... 6'00"
Weight..... 180 pounds
Eyes..... BROWN
Hair..... BROWN



JAMES PATRICK WHEAT IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE, THE VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TEAM FOR RAPE OF A CHILD IN THE 1ST DEGREE AND FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL PLEASE CONTACT THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE AT (206) 370-8600.

<http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals>

NOTICE TO ARRESTING AGENCY: Before arrest validate warrant through National Crime Information Center (NCIC). If arrested or whereabouts known, contact the nearest United States Marshal's Office or call the United States Marshals Service Headquarters at 1-877-WANTED2.



WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: MITCHELL, DESHAUN TARE

Alias: DONALDSON, RUEBEN

Sex..... MALE

Race..... BLACK

Date of Birth..... 02/14/1978

Place of Birth..... WASHINGTON

Height..... 6'00"

Weight..... 150 pounds

Eyes..... BROWN

Hair..... BLACK

Scars/Tattoos..... DISCOLORED
ABDOMEN; TATTOO
ARM, LEFT UPPER;
TATTOO ARM, RIGHT
UPPER; TATTOO CHEST



DESHAUN TARE MITCHELL IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM.

THIS INDIVIDUAL IS A KNOWN GANG MEMBER AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: BULLOCK, RAYMOND ANTHONY

Alias: BULLOCK, RAY

Sex..... MALE

Date of Birth..... 02/04/1962

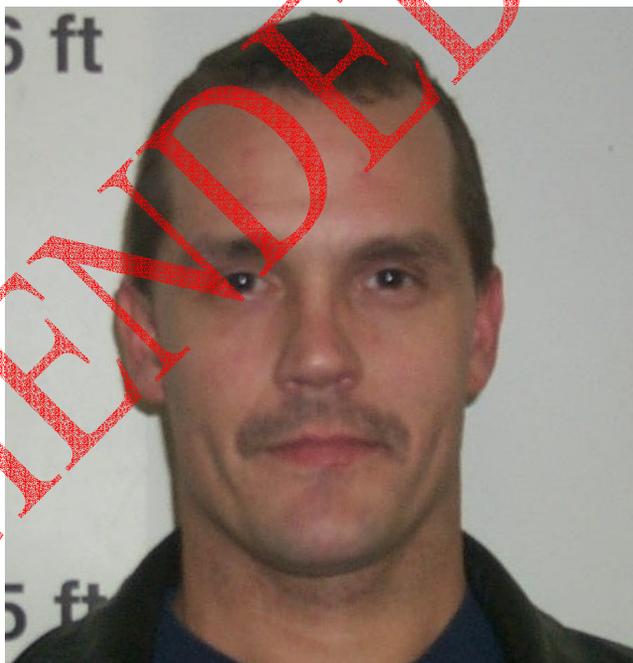
Height..... 6'01"

Weight..... 195 pounds

Eyes..... BROWN

Hair..... BROWN

Scars/Tattoos..... SCAR SHOULDER, LEFT;
TATTOO BACK; TATTOO
SHOULDER, RIGHT



RAYMOND ANTHONY BULLOCK IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT.

THE ABOVE SUBJECT IS WELL KNOWN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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WANTED

By U.S. MARSHALS

Name: FARRIS,GREGORY LAMAR
Alias: FARRIS,GREG
Sex..... MALE
Race..... BLACK
Date of Birth..... 11/14/1969
Place of Birth..... WASHINGTON
Height..... 6'02"
Weight..... 220 pounds
Eyes..... BROWN
Hair..... BLACK
Scars/Tattoos..... DISCOLORED
ABDOMEN; SCAR HAND,
LEFT



GREGORY LAMAR FARRIS IS WANTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCE AND THE PIERCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR 1ST DEGREE CHILD MOLESTATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL PLEASE CONTACT THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE AT (206) 370-8600.

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