

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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SIGNIFICANT ARREST - OPERATION FALCON III SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA OCTOBER 25, 2006



On October 25, 2006, Elmer Hearn was arrested in Riviera Beach, FL by a team of investigators from the *Southern District of Florida* assigned to Operation FALCON III. Local authorities in the *Middle District of Alabama* wanted Hearn for Rape, Sodomy, and Sexual Abuse after he allegedly assaulted two young girls, aged nine and eleven. Authorities filed charges against Hearn in early October 2006, but he fled to avoid capture and prosecution. Investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service *Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force* participating in FALCON III developed information indicating that Hearn fled to the West Palm Beach, FL area, and forwarded a collateral lead to FALCON III investigators there. Investigators immediately acted on the lead, developed information indicating Hearn moved to a residence in Riviera Beach, FL and responded there. A FALCON III team later located Hearn, moved in, and safely took him into custody.