

# U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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## SIGNIFICANT ARREST - OPERATION FALCON III SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS OCTOBER 24, 2006



On October 24, 2006, Robert Howell was arrested in New York, NY by members of the U.S. Marshals Service *New York / New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force* assigned to Operation FALCON III. Local authorities in the *District of Massachusetts* wanted Howell for Home Invasion, Aggravated Rape, Assault & Battery with a Deadly Weapon, Indecent Assault & Battery, and for firearms violations. These charges relate to a Home Invasion occurring in Dorchester, MA in August 2002. During this incident, Howell allegedly forced his way into a residence using a firearm, and over a fourteen hour period, repeatedly raped and assaulted the residents inside the home. The

FOX network program *America's Most Wanted* featured Howell's case in February 2006. Local investigators in Massachusetts developed information indicating that Howell fled to the New York area, and contacted the FALCON III team there. FALCON investigators quickly identified Howell's probable location, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody. Howell remains in custody pending extradition to Massachusetts.