

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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SIGNIFICANT ARREST - OPERATION FALCON III MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE OCTOBER 24, 2006



On October 24, 2006, Allen Marksberry was arrested in Rickman, TN by a team of investigators assigned to Operation FALCON III. Local authorities from the *Middle District of Tennessee* wanted Marksberry, a sexual offender from the State of Kentucky required to register for life, for Probation Violation. Marksberry's status as a sexual offender in Kentucky related to a 1996 conviction for Sodomy and Sexual Abuse. These charges involved a seven year old female victim. After moving to Tennessee, Marksberry initially registered with authorities as required, but later ceased to do so as he moved throughout the state. FALCON III investigators developed information indicating that Marksberry moved to a home in Rickman, TN, and immediately responded there. When investigators arrived on scene, Marksberry attempted to barricade himself inside the target residence. As the FALCON III team successfully gained entry, Marksberry fled to the rear of the home. Investigators followed and safely took him into custody. Incident to arrest, investigators discovered that Marksberry was babysitting three young children; a ten year old boy, and two girls, aged five and three. The Tennessee Department of Children's Services responded to the scene and assumed custody of the children. A further search of the home resulted in the seizure of a loaded handgun; two scales; quantities of marijuana and suspected veterinarian narcotics; police scanners; and pornographic photographs, including a picture of Marksberry holding a partially nude young girl. Investigators also discovered a travel trailer behind the home, which provided its occupant with a clear view of a local playground. Inside the trailer, investigators discovered a pair of binoculars. Marksberry will face additional charges.