

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



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SIGNIFICANT ARREST - OPERATION FALCON III WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA OCTOBER 20, 2006



On October 20, 2006, Elton Murray was arrested in Cottonport, LA by a team of investigators from the *Western District of Louisiana* assigned to Operation FALCON III. Local Authorities in the *Western District of Louisiana* wanted Murray for Attempted Murder, Aggravated Burglary, and Theft of a Motor Vehicle. These charges related to Murray's alleged attack on an elderly woman on October 15, 2006. During this incident, Murray allegedly attacked the victim with a large knife and a wooden lamppost, beating her into a state of unconsciousness before fleeing with her ATM card and vehicle. The victim later fell into a coma. Authorities also sought Murray for Aggravated Battery and Aggravated Burglary after he allegedly attacked two other women on October 5 and 11, 2006. During these incidents, Murray allegedly used a claw hammer to severely beat both victims. FALCON III investigators, who planned to target Murray at the onset of FALCON III, developed information just prior to the Operation indicating that Murray fled to the small town of Cottonport, LA. Investigators immediately responded to that location, and later sighted Murray running from a rural area towards a populated residential neighborhood. Law enforcement formed a perimeter, conducted a close search, and safely took Murray into custody as he hid in an unlocked vehicle. Murray has an extensive violent criminal history of Molestation of a Juvenile, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, and Resisting an Officer.