



U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Forces

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REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On February 27, 2007, Derrick Kennedy was arrested in Hammond, IN by members of GLRFTF, who acted with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG). Authorities in Gary, IN wanted Kennedy for Murder after he allegedly shot and killed a man during a botched robbery attempt in September 2006. During this incident Kennedy allegedly shot the victim as he sat in a car with his fiancé. GLRFTF pursued Kennedy for some time after the shooting, and developed information indicating that Kennedy may have engaged in several bank robberies, as well as another shooting. With critical assistance from TOG, investigators later identified information indicating that Kennedy fled to a hotel in Hammond. GLRFTF, along with several other law enforcement agencies, responded to the hotel and safely took Kennedy into custody. Incident to Kennedy's arrest, investigators took two other individuals into custody, and recovered two stolen vehicles, quantities of narcotics, and a weapon.



Derrick Kennedy
Wanted for:
Murder

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On March 01, 2007, Cecil Ayers, a convicted sex offender, was arrested in Baltimore, MD by members of CARFTF, who targeted him as part of Operation FALCON-Baltimore. The Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Sheriff's Department, and Anne Arundel County (MD) Police Department wanted Ayers for multiple charges, including Sexual Assault on a Minor and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. During one incident, Ayers allegedly sexually assaulted an eleven year old girl. CARFTF developed information indicating that Ayers fled to a home in Baltimore, responded to that site, and observed an individual matching Ayers' description inside the target residence. Investigators made entry into the home, located Ayers inside the attic, and safely took him into custody after employing a pepper spray and physically subduing him. Federal authorities continue to review Ayers' case for potential prosecution under the recently passed Adam Walsh Child Protection & Safety Act.



Cecil Ayers
Wanted for:
Sex Assault on a Minor
& Failure to Register

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On February 28, 2007, Guatemalan citizen Marco Lepe was arrested in Cuautla, Morelos, Mexico on a Provisional Arrest Warrant (PAW) by agents from a specialized unit of the Agencia Federal de Investigacion (AFI), who acted on information provided by NY/NJ RFTF. The arrest resulted from a joint fugitive investigation conducted by the Suffolk County (NY) Police Department (SCPD), NY/NJ RFTF, AFI, and the USMS-Mexico Foreign Field Office (MFFO). SCPD wanted Lepe for Homicide after he allegedly shot and killed a man in Westhampton, NY. Authorities later developed information indicating that Lepe allegedly shot the victim after receiving \$10,000 from the man's business partner, who allegedly ordered the shooting. Lepe fled to the Republic of Mexico shortly after the incident. Following the extradition process, federal authorities requested and obtained the issuance of a PAW in the Republic of Mexico. Following Lepe's arrest, AFI transported him to Mexico City where he will remain in custody pending further extradition proceedings.



Marco Lepe
Wanted for:
Homicide

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On February 26, 2007, Dana Walker, a documented member of the **Stella Street Boys** gang (an affiliate of the **Gangster Disciples** gang), was arrested in Montgomery, AL by members of GCRFTF, who acted with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG). The Montgomery Police Department wanted Walker, one of that agency's *Most Wanted* fugitives, for Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Shooting into an Occupied Vehicle. The Alabama Department of Corrections also sought Walker for Parole Violation. GCRFTF developed information on Walker's probable location, and established surveillance at that site. Investigators later observed Walker leave the target home in a vehicle, conducted a traffic stop, and safely took him into custody.

**Stella Street Boys
Gang Member**



**Dana Walker
Wanted for:
Armed Robbery &
Aggravated Assault**

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On February 26, 2007, Lewis Charles Mitchell was arrested in Tyrone, GA by members of SERFTF. Authorities in Clayton County (GA) wanted Mitchell for Aggravated Child Molestation and Child Molestation. These charges relate to numerous incidents over time that allegedly occurred while Mitchell served as a church youth minister. On February 22, 2007, the Clayton County Sheriff's Office contacted SERFTF and requested assistance in locating and apprehending Mitchell. SERFTF investigators developed information indicating that Mitchell fled to a home in Tyrone, and established surveillance at that site. Investigators later observed Mitchell exit the home in a vehicle, conducted a felony traffic stop, and safely took Mitchell into custody.

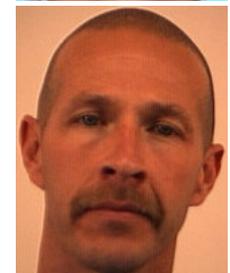


**Lewis Charles Mitchell
Wanted for:
Child Molestation**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On March 02, 2007, Gary Cruz and Robert Armijo, both documented members of the **West Side Longos** gang, were arrested in Long Beach, CA by members of PSWRFTF, officers from the Santa Ana, CA Police Department, and agents from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR). Authorities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties (CA) wanted Cruz and Armijo for charges relating to at least eighteen armed bank robberies. CDCR also sought Armijo for Violation of Parole. Authorities could not identify the alleged perpetrators of the bank robberies until February 26, 2007, when officers from the Torrance, CA Police Department recovered evidence implicating Cruz and Armijo following an unsuccessful robbery attempt in that city. Acting on a request for assistance in apprehending Cruz and Armijo, PSWRFTF investigators, with critical support from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information indicating that the subjects used a series of hotel rooms to evade capture. Investigators later identified the subjects' probable location in Long Beach, responded to that site, and established surveillance. Investigators later observed both men exit the hotel, enter a vehicle, and drive to a fast food restaurant. As Cruz and Armijo exited their vehicle, investigators moved in and safely took both into custody. A search warrant executed on the subjects' hotel room resulted in the recovery of a .22 caliber handgun matching the description of the weapon used during the robberies, as well as a plastic bag containing additional .22 caliber ammunition.

**West Side Longos
Gang Members**



**Gary Cruz (top) &
Robert Armijo
Wanted for:
Armed Bank Robbery**