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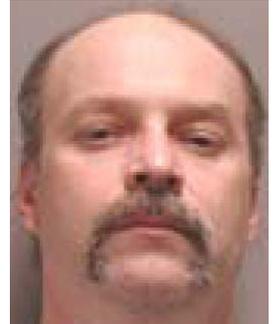
CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On June 28, 2007, Dwayne Wessel was arrested near his rural Maryland home by members of CARFTF. Authorities wanted Wessel for Probation Violation on an underlying 2001 conviction for Making Terroristic Threats. During a previous arrest attempt, Wessel took a hostage and barricaded himself in his home. A SWAT team later made entry into Wessel's home, which he extensively booby-trapped with pipe bombs and gasoline, and safely took him into custody. In subsequent statements to associates and public officials, Wessel threatened to kill police officers, as well as the judge who sentenced him. On June 21, 2007, authorities issued a warrant for Wessel's arrest when he failed to appear in court to face the charge of probation violation. CARFTF identified Wessel's location at his home, established surveillance there, and safely took him into custody as he exited his home.



Dwayne Wessel
Wanted for:
Probation Violation

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

On June 28, 2007, Marcus Davis was arrested in Trenton, NJ by members of NY/NJ RFTF and officers from the Trenton Police Department. Authorities in Virginia wanted Davis for Homicide and other charges relating to a shooting incident on May 09, 2007. On that date, Davis allegedly shot three individuals, killing two, at an apartment complex in Danville, VA. USMS investigators in Virginia developed information indicating that Davis fled to New Jersey, and contacted NY/NJ RFTF for assistance. NY/NJ RFTF identified Davis' location in Trenton, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody. Davis remains in custody pending extradition-related proceedings.



Marcus Davis
Wanted for:
Homicide

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On June 28, 2007, Melvyn Jones was arrested in Lombard, IL by members of GLRFTF. Authorities in Chicago, IL wanted Jones for charges relating to a homicide in 2002. During that incident, Jones allegedly shot a twenty-two year old subject in the mouth during a 'drive-by' incident, killing the victim. After identifying Jones as a suspect in the shooting, the Chicago Police Department requested assistance from GLRFTF in locating and apprehending him. GLRFTF identified Jones' probable location, established surveillance at that site, and safely took him into custody there a short time later.



Melvyn Jones
Wanted for:
Homicide

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On June 26, 2007, Sammy Lee Dickerson was arrested in Memphis, TN by members of GCRFTF and the USMS Mid-South Fugitive Task Force (MSFTF). The Marshall County (MS) Sheriff's Office (MCSO) wanted Dickerson for Armed Robbery and Kidnapping after he allegedly participated in a home invasion robbery. During this incident, Dickerson allegedly acted as the lookout for two associates who broke into the home of a business owner in an attempt to force him to open the safe at his business. Before Dickerson's associates could force the businessman to open his safe, he escaped. An examination of video footage captured during the incident showed Dickerson holding a radio. Authorities allege that Dickerson used the radio to communicate with his associates as they assaulted the victim. GCRFTF and MCSO investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), identified Dickerson's location in Memphis. GCRFTF traveled to Memphis, and with assistance from MSFTF personnel, safely took Dickerson into custody. Authorities continue to work to identify Dickerson's associates.



Sammy Lee Dickerson
Wanted for:
Armed Robbery &
Kidnapping

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On June 27, 2007, Braxton Romell Bohannon was arrested in Atlanta, GA by members of SERFTF and inspectors from the Technical Operations Group (TOG). Authorities in Fulton County (GA) wanted Bohannon since June 13, 2007, for Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, as well as for False Imprisonment. On June 18, 2007, the Fulton County Police Department requested SERFTF assistance in locating and apprehending Bohannon. SERFTF and TOG investigators identified Bohannon's location in Atlanta and established surveillance at that site. Investigators later observed Bohannon, moved in, and safely took him into custody. Incident to Bohannon's arrest, investigators seized a 9mm handgun, a quantity of crack cocaine, an amount of US currency, as well as two stolen vehicles. Bohannon has an extensive prior criminal record, including convictions for Rape, narcotics violations, and multiple Assaults and Batteries.

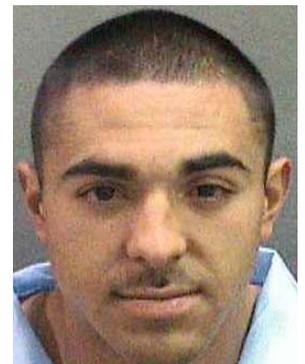


Braxton Bohannon
Wanted for:
Kidnapping &
Aggravated Assault

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On June 28, 2007, Marcos Javier Cardenas, a documented member of the *Santa Nita* gang, was arrested in Santa Ana, CA by members of PSWRFTF, officers from the Santa Ana, CA Police Department (SAPD), deputies from the Orange County (CA) Sheriff's Department, and deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Central District of California. SAPD wanted Cardenas for Murder after on June 17, 2007, he, along with two other subjects, attempted to collect narcotics-related proceeds from an individual. When that person failed to provide Cardenas and his associates with the money, Cardenas allegedly produced a handgun and shot the victim several times. The victim's wife and small children witnessed the shooting. On June 28, 2007, SAPD requested PSWRFTF assistance in locating and apprehending Cardenas. PSWRFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information on Cardenas' general location in Santa Ana. Investigators established surveillance in that area and later observed Cardenas exit a restaurant, enter a vehicle, and drive away. PSWRFTF units pursued and requested assistance from marked SAPD patrol units in conducting a vehicle stop. When an SAPD unit attempted to stop Cardenas' vehicle, he turned into a residential area and parked in front of a home. Cardenas exited the vehicle and removed a handgun from his waistband. Officers immediately fired three rounds toward Cardenas, failing to strike him. After being fired on, Cardenas immediately dropped his weapon and complied with officers' directions to surrender. Incident to Cardenas' arrest, investigators took two other subjects into custody. The handgun recovered from Cardenas matched the description of the weapon used during the June 17 homicide.

Santa Nita Gang Member



Marcos Cardenas
Wanted for:
Homicide