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CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On August 30, 2007, Billy Ray Spears was arrested in Stafford County (VA) by members of CARFTF and deputies from the Stafford County Sheriff's Department. Authorities in Beaumont, TX wanted Spears for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and for Taking Indecent Liberties with a Child. These charges relate to a series of incidents during which Spears, a counselor for troubled youths, allegedly assaulted at least two children under his care. On July 11, 2007, the Jefferson County (TX) Sheriff's Office contacted the USMS Joint East Texas Fugitive Task Force for assistance in locating and apprehending Spears. Investigators developed information indicating that Spears fled to Fredericksburg, VA via Kentucky, and contacted CARFTF for assistance. CARFTF personnel later located Spears at a home in Stafford County, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody.



Billy Ray Spears
Wanted for:
Aggravated Sex Assault
Of a Child

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

On August 27, 2007, Paul Devoe was arrested in Shirley, NY by members of NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities in Texas wanted Devoe, the focus of an intensive nationwide manhunt, for Murder following an incident on August 24, 2007. On that date, Devoe allegedly shot and killed a bartender in Marble Falls, TX after the victim attempted to prevent Devoe from shooting a woman. Authorities in Travis County (TX) also sought Devoe for Murder in relation to the deaths of four people, while officials in Greencastle, PA wanted him for Murder following the death of an elderly woman in that town. The incident in Travis County occurred on August 26, 2007, and involved the shooting deaths of Devoe's ex-girlfriend and three other individuals. Devoe then allegedly stole his ex-girlfriend's vehicle and fled to Greencastle, where he allegedly killed his sixth victim before stealing her car. The USMS Lone Star Fugitive Task Force in Texas developed information indicating that Devoe fled to New York, and contacted NY/NJ RFTF investigators for assistance in locating and apprehending him. NY/NJ RFTF later identified Devoe's location, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody. Incident to Devoe's arrest, investigators located the vehicle belonging to the victim from Greencastle. Devoe later provided investigators with a full confession to all six homicides. Devoe has an extensive criminal history, to include arrests for DWI, Assault, Sexual Abuse, Aggravated Harassment, and Robbery.



Paul Devoe
Wanted for:
Murder

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

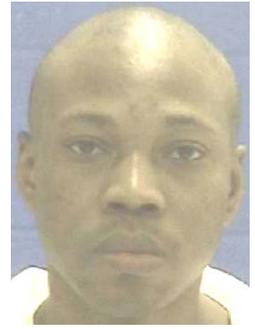
On September 01, 2007, John Stanks was taken into custody in Park Forest, IL by members of GLRFTF. Federal authorities in the Central District of Illinois wanted Stanks for charges relating to the distribution of cocaine. Investigators developed information indicating that Stanks fled to a motel in Joliet, IL, where an associate would meet and provide assistance to his flight. Investigators responded to the motel, but failed to locate Stanks. Investigators did identify his associate, and located him in Montgomery, IL. Investigators responded to Montgomery, observed Stanks' associate, a convicted felon, and safely took him into custody. A consent search of the man's home resulted in the seizure of more than sixty firearms, to include assault weapons and a .50 caliber rifle. The man stated that Stanks was hiding at a residence in Park Forest, and that he expected to meet Stanks at a restaurant in Elmhurst, IL. Investigators responded to the home in Park Forest, surrounded the residence, and confirmed Stanks' presence inside. As investigators moved in, they heard a single gunshot. Investigators later discovered Stanks in a bedroom closet suffering from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Emergency medical personnel later pronounced Stanks dead.



John Stanks
Wanted for:
Distribution of Cocaine

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On August 29, 2007, Rashard Usher was arrested in Ellenwood, GA by members of SERFTF and deputies from the Dekalb County (GA) Sheriff's Department. The Georgia Board of Parole and Pardon wanted Usher, one of that agency's *Most Wanted* fugitives, for Parole Violation, while authorities in Dekalb County sought him for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The Dekalb County charge relates to an incident during which Usher and two associates allegedly used handguns to open fire on and wound Usher's ex-wife and her male companion. Usher's two children were present during the shooting incident. SERFTF investigators developed information on Usher's location, responded to that site, and established surveillance. Investigators later observed a vehicle matching the description of one belonging to Usher. Investigators maintained surveillance, later observed Usher, and safely took him into custody. Usher has an extensive prior criminal history, including nineteen arrests for narcotics offenses and Theft.



Rashard Usher
Wanted for:
Aggravated Assault & Parole Violation

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On August 27, 2007, Walter Richardson, a documented member of the *Nine Deuce Crip* gang, was arrested in Los Angeles, CA by members of PSWRFTF, deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Central District of California, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, and officers from the Los Angeles Police Department. Authorities wanted Richardson for Parole Violations. Investigators identified Richardson's location, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody. Incident to Richardson's arrest, investigators served a search warrant and seized two pounds of marijuana, five gallons of PCP, a sawed-off shotgun, and a .45 caliber handgun. Both weapons had the serial numbers removed.

Nine Deuce Crip
Gang Member

Picture Unavailable

Walter Richardson
Wanted for:
Parole Violations

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On September 04, 2007, Michael Key was arrested in Norfolk, VA by deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Eastern District of Virginia, who acted on information developed and provided by GCRFTF. Authorities in Montgomery, AL wanted Key for Murder after he allegedly shot and killed a man during an attempted robbery. GCRFTF investigators developed information indicating that Key fled to a Norfolk-area apartment complex, and contacted USMS investigators there for assistance. DUSMs responded to Key's location, established surveillance, and later took him safely into custody.



Michael Key
Wanted for:
Murder