



# U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Forces

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## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF OCTOBER 01, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

### Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On October 04, 2007, John Kelson was arrested in Richmond, VA by members of CARFTF and officers from the Richmond Police Department SWAT Team. Authorities in Richmond considered Kelson a suspect in connection with a shooting incident that occurred on October 03, 2007. On that date, authorities believe Kelson used an AK-47 assault rifle to shoot and kill a man. CARFTF, which previously arrested Kelson on unrelated Murder charges, identified his location, responded to that site, and established surveillance. Investigators later observed Kelson flee into a nearby wooded area, established a perimeter, and took him safely into custody. Authorities plan to file homicide charges against Kelson shortly.

During the aftermath of the investigation targeting Kelson, CARFTF developed information on the location of one his associates, Alvin Smith, who authorities in Richmond also sought for Murder. That charge relates to a fatal shooting incident in Richmond on May 15, 2007. CARFTF units responded to Smith's location and safely took him into custody.



**John Kelson (left)  
& Alvin Smith  
Wanted for:  
Murder**

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

On October 05, 2007, Warren Villalta was arrested in Arecibo, Puerto Rico by members of the USMS Puerto Rico Fugitive Task Force (PRFTF), who acted on information provided by NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities in New Jersey wanted Villalta for Homicide, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, and Failure to Render Aid. These charges relate to an incident on November 05, 2003, during which Villalta allegedly shot and killed a man. This case received significant media attention, to include a profile on the FOX network program *America's Most Wanted* (AMW). NY/NJ RFTF investigators, acting on information provided by AMW viewers, developed information indicating Villalta fled to Puerto Rico, and contacted PRFTF for assistance in apprehending him. PRFTF acted on the information, located Villalta in Arecibo, and safely took him into custody with the assistance of officers from the Puerto Rico Police Department and agents from the Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement. Incident to Villalta's arrest, investigators seized a quantity of narcotics packaged for individual sale. Villalta remains in custody pending removal to New Jersey.



**Warren Villalta  
Wanted for:  
Homicide**

### Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On October 05, 2007, Tolbert Walls was arrested in Chicago, IL by members of GLRFTF, inspectors from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), and officers from a Chicago Police Department (CPD) SWAT Team. Authorities in Elgin, IL wanted Walls for Escape after he fled from custody at the Elgin Mental Health Center on September 03, 2007. At the time of Walls' escape, which he affected with assistance from family members, he was being held on a charge of Armed Robbery. GLRFTF investigators, with critical assistance from TOG, developed information indicating Walls fled to a residence in Chicago. Investigators responded to that site, established surveillance, and later made entry in to the home. As investigators entered, they learned that Walls fled into the attic and barricaded himself inside. GLRFTF formed a perimeter, and with assistance from CPD SWAT, took Walls safely into custody following a three hour standoff.



**Tolbert Walls  
Wanted for:  
Escape**

### Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

From September 28 to October 02, 2007, members of SERFTF, in conjunction with inspectors from the Technical Operations Group and officers from the Atlanta, GA Police Department (APD), arrested four subjects for their roles in numerous gang-related shootings. These individuals were: George Kerry Redding, a documented member of the **30 Deep** gang; Marco Moses; Prentice McNeil; and Mario Martin. Moses, McNeil, and Martin all have affiliations to the New Orleans, LA based **International Robbing Crew** gang.

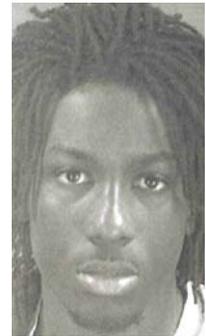
On September 28, 2007, Prentice McNeil was arrested in Decatur, GA by members of SERFTF. APD wanted McNeil for Homicide, a charge relating to a prior gang-related shooting. SERFTF, in conjunction with the APD Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT), identified a residence associated with McNeil in Atlanta. As VCIT units began to surround the target home, two vehicles fled the scene at a high-rate of speed. VCIT and SERFTF made entry to the home, found it empty, but did locate and seize eight assault rifles, several handguns, and quantities of marijuana and cocaine. Investigators continued to work to identify McNeil's location, and later that same day tracked him to a Decatur night-club. Investigators responded to that site, observed McNeil, and safely took him into custody. Incident to McNeil's arrest, investigators seized a 9mm handgun from his person.

On October 01, 2007, Marco Moses was arrested in Fairburn, GA by members of SERFTF and VCIT. Authorities wanted Moses for Aggravated Assault. Investigators identified information indicating Moses fled to a family member's home in Fairburn, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody there. During the subsequent execution of a search warrant, investigators seized two handguns and a vehicle.

Also on October 01, 2007, Mario Martin was arrested in South Miami Beach, FL by members of the USMS Broward County Violent Fugitive Task Force, who acted on information provided by SERFTF. Authorities wanted Martin for Aggravated Assault. SERFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group, identified information indicating that Martin fled to a Miami-area hotel, and contacted USMS investigators there for assistance. An arrest team responded to the hotel, made entry into Martin's room, and safely took him into custody.

Finally, on October 02, 2007, George Redding was arrested in Forest Park, GA by members of SERFTF and officers from the Clayton County (GA) Police Department SWAT Team. Authorities wanted Redding for Homicide, Aggravated Assault, and illegal weapons possession. SERFTF identified Redding's location, responded to that site, and later took him safely into custody there. A subsequent search of the target residence resulted in the seizure of two assault rifles and a handgun.

All four arrested individuals had extensive, violent criminal histories, to include multiple arrests for narcotics and weapons violations, Assault, Robbery, Burglary, car jacking, and other offenses.



(From Top)  
**George Redding,  
Mario Martin,  
Marco Moses,  
& Prentice McNeil**

### Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On October 11, 2007, Roy Thomas Parker was arrested in Semmes, AL by members of GCRFTF. Authorities in Mobile, AL wanted Parker for a charge relating to a violent home invasion in September 2007. The Mobile County (AL) Sheriff's Office, citing Parker's violent history and heavy use of methamphetamine, contacted GCRFTF for assistance in locating and apprehending him. GCRFTF initiated an investigation, located Parker, and safely took him into custody.



**Roy Thomas Parker  
Wanted for:  
Home Invasion**

**Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)**

On October 05, 2007, Michael Hurst was arrested in Paramount, CA by members of PSWRFTF and agents from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation. The Los Angeles County (CA) Sheriff's Department wanted Hurst, an at-large parolee, for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Robbery. These charges relate to an incident on September 19, 2007, during which Hurst allegedly punched, stabbed, and then robbed his mother. PSWRFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group, developed information on Hurst's location at a motel in Paramount, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody.



**Michael Hurst**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Assault & Robbery**