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REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On October 19, 2007, Varney Ezekiel Doe was arrested in Silver Spring, MD by members of CARFTF. The Montgomery County (MD) Sheriff's Office wanted Doe for Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics, as well as for Failure to Appear. CARFTF investigators developed information indicating Doe fled to a female associate's home in Silver Spring, responded to that site, and took him safely into custody as he attempted to evade capture by leaping from the second floor of the residence. Investigators also took a female subject into custody on a charge of Harboring a Fugitive. Following Doe's arrest, investigators obtained and executed a search warrant on the target home, seizing the following items: five firearms, to include a stolen shotgun and a loaded AK-47 assault weapon; large quantities of marijuana, crack cocaine, and ecstasy; and a significant amount of US currency. Doe will face numerous additional charges relating to the seized items, pictures of which appear below.



Varney Doe

**Wanted for:
Narcotics Offenses &
Failure to Appear**

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

On October 18, 2007, James Polite was arrested in Athens, GA by members of NY/NJ RFTF, the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), the Technical Operations Group, and members of local law enforcement. Authorities in Amityville, NY wanted Polite for Homicide after he allegedly shot and killed a man outside a bar on September 03, 2007. NY/NJ RFTF investigators developed information indicating Polite fled from New York to a female associate's home in Athens. Investigators traveled to that location, established surveillance, and later took Polite into custody without incident. During post-arrest questioning, Polite provided authorities with oral and written statements regarding his role in the Amityville homicide. Polite currently remains in custody in Georgia pending extradition to New York.



James Polite

**Wanted for:
Homicide**

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On October 17, 2007, Alex Daniel was arrested in Milwaukee, WI by members of GLRFTF. Authorities in Matteson, IL wanted Daniel for Murder following an incident on May 23, 2007, during which he allegedly shot and killed his wife. In June 2007, the Matteson Police Department contacted GLRFTF and requested assistance in locating and apprehending Daniel. The case received significant media attention, to include a profile on the *America's Most Wanted* website. Acting on information received from the public, GLRFTF investigators identified information that Daniel fled to Milwaukee. Investigators traveled to that city, established surveillance at Daniel's probable location, and took him safely into custody there.



Alex Daniel

**Wanted for:
Murder**

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On October 19, 2007, Timothy Germaine Edwards was arrested in Gautier, MS by members of GCRFTF, agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, deputies from the Mobile County (AL) Sheriff's Office (MCSO), and officers from the Mobile, AL and Gautier Police Departments. MCSO wanted Edwards for Murder, Assault, and Burglary. These charges relate to a home invasion robbery on October 18, 2007, during which Edwards and an accomplice allegedly killed one person and injured another. GCRFTF, acting on a request for assistance from MCSO, developed information indicating Edwards fled to a Gautier motel, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody.



Timothy Edwards
Wanted for:
Murder, Assault
& Burglary

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On October 16, 2007, Gavino Ortega (top left), Elbert Peterson (top right), Refugio Rivas (middle left), Richard Rodriguez (middle right), Ivan Rueda (bottom left), and Gerardo Hernandez (bottom right) were arrested in Los Angeles, CA by members of PSWRFTF, deputy US marshals from the Central District of California, officers from the Los Angeles and Santa Ana, CA Police Departments, deputies from the Orange County (CA) Sheriff's Department, and investigators from the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. All of the subjects taken into custody were documented members of the *Jokers* clique of the *Florenica 13* gang. Authorities wanted these six men, along with fifty-one others, as part of a multiple count indictment charging them with Murder, Racketeering, narcotics trafficking, and weapons offenses. Authorities allege that *Florenica 13* leaders ordered its members to actively engage in a campaign to 'cleanse' its territory of rival gang members. Officials linked more than eighty shootings and twenty murders to this turf war. Acting on a request for assistance in July 2007, PSWRFTF began efforts to locate the wanted individuals. Early on October 16, 2007, PSWRFTF and other units responded to numerous residences simultaneously and took the wanted gang members into custody without incident.

Florenica 13 Gang Members



Wanted for:
Murder, Racketeering
Narcotics Trafficking
& Weapons Violations

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On October 22, 2007, Richard Jenkins was arrested in Hardeeville, SC by members of SERFTF, deputy US marshals from the Southern District of Georgia, and deputies from the Jasper County (SC) Sheriff's Office (JCSO). Investigators acted with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group. The Essex County (NJ) Sheriff's Office wanted Jenkins for Homicide and weapons violations after he allegedly shot and killed a female associate in Irvington, NJ. Investigators from the New York / New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force developed information indicating Jenkins fled to Savannah, GA, and contacted SERFTF for assistance. SERFTF quickly identified addresses in Savannah and Hinesville, GA associated with Jenkins, and developed information indicating he fled over the Georgia-South Carolina border to Hardeeville. With assistance from JCSO units, SERFTF personnel responded to Jenkins' location and safely took him into custody. Jenkins, who has multiple prior arrests for weapons and narcotics violations, remains in custody pending extradition.



Richard Jenkins
Wanted for:
Homicide