

**UNITED STATES  
MARSHALS SERVICE**  
*Northern District of Texas*



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Operation FALCON is a nationwide fugitive apprehension operation coordinated by the United States Marshals Service (USMS) combining the resources of federal, state, city, and county law enforcement agencies in a joint effort to locate and apprehend criminals wanted for crimes of violence.

First conducted last year, Operation FALCON was initiated in most major cities throughout the United States and its Territories beginning on April 4, 2005 and concluding on April 10, 2005. This specific time frame was selected to coincide with "National Crime Victims' Rights Week". One fundamental obligation of the criminal justice system is to vigilantly pursue offenders creating a safer community for victims and others. It was felt that by conducting the operation during "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" the US Marshals Service, along with their other local, state, and federal partners, could achieve this goal and also pay tribute to those victimized by crime.

Operation FALCON was an overwhelming success! Nationally, 959 U.S. law enforcement agencies participated in the arrest of 10,300 fugitives, while in the Northern District of Texas 90 officers representing 30 agencies captured 243 fugitives.

Because of this success, the United States Marshals Service decided to conduct a similar, less resource intensive, operation in 2006. Operation FALCON II, which ran from Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> until Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, utilized 45 of the 94 US Marshals Service Districts along with 2 Regional Task Forces. The Operation was once again planned to coincide with "National Crime Victims' Rights Week", which was held Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The theme for this year's "National Crime Victims' Rights Week" was appropriately titled: "**Victims Rights: Strength in Unity**". The US Marshals Service feels that through so many agencies working together, a reflection of strength in unity, law enforcement has once again paid tribute to and shown their strong support of those who have been victimized by violent crime.

Operation FALCON II concentrated on sexual predators and those convicted, unregistered sex offenders. Additionally, officers sought out fugitives involved in; gang crimes, homicide, kidnapping, robbery, assaults, arson, extortion, burglary, drugs, domestic abuse, and weapons related offenses.

Operation FALCON II in the Northern District of Texas consisted of 184 law enforcement personnel from 46 participating agencies. Additionally, because fugitive cases in North Texas often result in leads going into the western boundary of the Eastern District of Texas and that District often having leads running into the eastern boundary of North Texas, it was decided that both districts would team up and conduct a unique joint operation along their common borders in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Through the use of the Joint East Texas Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (JET), The US Marshals Service Eastern District of Texas, Collin and Denton County Sheriffs Departments, and Denton County District Attorney-CID also participated in this effort, although their arrest statistics are not reflected in this Northern District report.

Although Operation FALCON II was conducted throughout various cities within the Northern District of Texas, the primary vehicle which was used to develop this operation was, the Dallas Ft. Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (DFW FAST). DFW FAST is but one of 97 full-time district task forces across the country, which provide the backbone of the US Marshals Service fugitive apprehension efforts. Additionally, there are now 6 Regional Fugitive Task Forces in various locations throughout the United States, as well. During FY 2005 the Marshals service apprehended over 36,000 federal fugitive felons, more than all other federal law enforcement agencies combined. Working through these existing task forces, with authorities from the local, state, and federal level, law enforcement officers arrested approximately 45,000 state and local fugitives, as well.

Since inception in January 2004, DFW FAST has made a direct and significant impact on crime and the ability of agencies to apprehend fugitives before they can commit additional crimes in the North Texas area.

With nearly three dozen criminal investigators available to it, DFW FAST currently is comprised of the following agencies: The United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs-Office of Inspector General, Social Security Administration-Office of Inspector General, Dallas County Sheriff's Department, Hunt County Sheriff's Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Tarrant County Sheriff's Department, Commerce Police Department, Dallas Police Department, Fort Worth Police Department, Greenville Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers. Since inception the Task Force has arrested approximately 3,500 fugitive felons.

When the call went out that the USMS was going to conduct Operation FALCON II, and that DFW FAST was going to be temporarily expanded, numerous offers of assistance came in from our local, county, state, and federal partners. It is through their unselfish participation in FALCON II that the program has once again been such an outstanding success.

Randy P. Ely, United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas expressed his sincere gratitude for the outstanding efforts of so many law enforcement and administrative personnel who worked on Operation FALCON II locally. "Once again you have participated in an historic operation that pays tribute to the victims of violent crime. Through your drive and determination, active criminals in communities all across North Texas have been removed from our streets and hopefully that has resulted in one less person or family who will be victimized by their actions. I salute each of you for your dedication to this initiative and for sincerely wanting to make a difference in the lives of so many people."

# **WE SALUTE OUR FALCON II LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS**

## **POLICE DEPARTMENTS:**

Amarillo Police Department  
Arlington Police Department  
Burleson Police Department  
Carrollton Police Department  
Cedar Hill Police Department  
Cleburne Police Department  
Commerce Police Department  
Dallas Police Department  
Fort Worth Police Department  
Grand Prairie Police Department  
Greenville Police Department  
Lubbock Police Department  
Mesquite Police Department

## **SHERIFFS DEPARTMENTS:**

Collin County Sheriffs Office  
Dallas County Sheriffs Office  
Denton County Sheriffs Office  
Hale County Sheriffs Office  
Hood County Sheriffs Office  
Hunt County Sheriff Office  
Johnson County Sheriffs Office  
Kaufman County Sheriffs Office  
Lubbock County Sheriffs Office  
Parker County Sheriffs Office  
Potter County Sheriffs Office  
Randall County Sheriffs Office  
Tarrant County Sheriffs Office

## **STATE & OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:**

Hale County Constable  
Hunt County District Attorneys Office- Investigations  
Lubbock City Marshal  
Tarrant County District Attorneys Office- Investigations  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
Texas Department of Public Safety- Criminal Intelligence Division  
Texas Department of Public Safety- Motor Vehicle Theft  
Texas Department of Public Safety- Texas Rangers  
Texas Pardon and Parole

**FEDERAL AGENCIES:**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement  
Dept. of Housing & Urban Development- Office of the Inspector General  
Department of Veterans Affairs-Office of the Inspector General  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Social Security Administration- Office of the Inspector General  
United States Fish & Wildlife  
United States Marshals Service  
United States Postal Inspectors  
United States Secret Service

## **NATIONAL STATISTICS**

<b>FUGITIVES ARRESTED</b>	<b>9,037</b>
<b>WARRANTS CLEARED BY ARREST</b>	<b>10,419</b>
<b>SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED</b>	<b>1,556</b>
<b>FIREARM SEIZURES</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBER ARRESTS</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>DRUG SEIZURES FROM ARRESTS (KILOGRAMS)</b>	<b>91.77</b>
<b>NUMBER OF AGENCIES INVOLVED</b>	<b>793</b>
<b>NUMBER OF LEOS INVOLVED</b>	<b>2,126</b>

## **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS STATISTICS**

<b>FUGITIVES ARRESTED</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>WARRANTS CLEARED BY ARREST</b>	<b>339</b>
<b>SEX OFFENDERS ARRESTED</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>FIREARM SEIZURES</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBER ARRESTS</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>PAROLEES - PROBATIONERS ARRESTED (Sex Offender Original Charges)</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>ARRESTS IN HUD RESIDENCES/COMPLEXES</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>NUMBER OF AGENCIES INVOLVED</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>NUMBER OF LEOS INVOLVED</b>	<b>188</b>

# **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

## **ARREST HIGHLIGHTS**

### **RICHARD SALAS**

On December 17, 1997 Richard Salas was charged by the Tarrant County Sheriffs Office with engaging in sexual contact and indecency with a child younger than 17 years old. Law Enforcement Authorities believed that Salas fled the United States shortly after the warrants were issued. Deputy Marshals and local officers participating on Falcon II conducted extensive research of Salas and suspected relatives. Team members identified the residence of his common law wife. Team members established surveillance and arrested Salas as he returned to the residence. Intelligence was also received and verified by officers that Salas had utilized the attic to hide from law enforcement authorities in the past. Salas was arrested previously in 1990 by the Fort Worth Police Department for Indecency with a Child- Sexual Contact (Fondling).

### **GILBERTO GALAN HUERTO**

According to Fort Worth police reports, Huerto intentionally and knowingly caused the penetration of a female sexual organ of a female by inserting his penis into her vagina, when Huerto knew that the victim was unconscious and physically unable to resist. It was believed that Huerto fled to Mexico. Huerto was also wanted on two additional warrants, assault and possession of a controlled substance. Investigators developed new leads in the Fort Worth, Texas area and after numerous hours of surveillance, arrested Huerto without further incident.

### **DEMARCUS JONES**

According to Dallas Police reports, Jones took a minor female to a local hotel room and engaged in sexual intercourse. Jones then took the victim to a local truck stop and attempted to prostitute her to long haul truck drivers and others. Jones then introduced the victim to another male and allowed the second male to prostitute the victim out to other men. According to the victim, she performed sexual acts for money at least 15 times in a seven day period. All of the money was given to Jones. At the time of the offenses, the victim was 14 years old.

### **TRINITY LILA, STEVEN BROWN, JOSHUA ELVERD**

According to police reports, the above subjects are suspected to have been involved in an altercation. One of the suspects produced a sawed off shotgun and shot the victim. Over a two day period officers assigned to Falcon II located and arrested all three suspects.

## **CATYRUS ADAMS**

According to the Arlington Police Department, on four separate occasions Adams went to a local middle school in the Arlington area. Adams would call girls over to his vehicle, expose himself and then masturbate in front of them. Arlington Police charged Adams with four counts of Indecency with a Child and issued a warrant on February 17, 2006. Adams was arrested in Arlington, Texas. Adams was also wanted by the Denton County Sheriffs Office for Probation Violations.

## **JOE EUGENE AARON**

According to police reports, Aaron attempted to perform anal sex with a minor boy and then forced the boy to perform oral sex on him. On January 27, 2006 the Dallas County Sheriffs Office issued a warrant for Aaron charging him with Sexual Assault of a minor. Investigators developed information and attempted to locate Aaron in Dallas, Texas. Aaron was not present but intelligence suggested that Aaron was now residing in Fairfield, Texas. As officers approached the residence in Fairfield, Texas, Aaron was observed running from the rear of the residence. Aaron was apprehended after a brief foot chase.

## **SANTO SANTO-MARIA**

According to police reports, Santo-Maria sexually assaulted a 6 year old female in 1995 and into 1996. Santa-Maria was deported in 1996. In 2003, the victim filed a formal complaint and a warrant for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child was issued by the Dallas County Sheriffs Office on June 5, 2003. Investigators immediately determined that Santo-Maria was again deported from the United States in May of 2003. With little new information on the location of Santo-Maria, Falcon II investigators started from scratch. After developing some possible leads, a break led investigators to an address in Mesquite, Texas. Santo-Maria was arrested without further incident.

## **DOUGLAS CEDERQUIST**

On January 4, 2006 a Parole Warrant was issued for Cederquist. Cederquist was originally convicted of stalking and sexually assaulting a 7 year old girl. Cederquist served five years in the Texas Department of Corrections. Falcon II officers arrested Cederquist in Dallas, Texas. Officers observed Cederquist viewing child pornography via the internet at the time of the arrest. The Dallas Police Department Child Exploitation Unit was notified and obtained a search warrant to seize the computer. Additional charges are pending.

## **ANDREW DEBBS**

On April 18, 2006 the Johnson County Sheriffs Office charged Debbs with Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. At the time, Debbs was on State Parole for numerous Burglary and Drug Offenses. Debbs is alleged to have sexually assaulted a 5 year old girl on numerous occasions. Debbs had a prior charge for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child in 2002, however the victim was mentally handicapped and the case could not be prosecuted due to testimony issues. Due to the criminal history of Debbs, Falcon II officers made the apprehension of Debbs a priority. After less than 24 hours, Debbs was arrested by Falcon II officers.

## **EDDIE TAYLOR**

According to Fort Worth Police reports, Taylor was involved in a gun battle in the Woodhaven section of Fort Worth, Texas. Witnesses stated that Taylor was throwing gang signs and shot the other person who in turn returned fire. Taylor wounded the other subject. Fort Worth Police Gang Unit filed a complaint and a warrant was issued for Taylor charging him with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Taylor managed to elude law enforcement for several months. On April 5, 2006 Fort Worth Police suspected Taylor conducted a drive by shooting in Fort Worth that resulted in the death of a male. The case was referred to DFW FAST and as investigators attempted to locate Taylor it was discovered that Taylor had threatened to shoot the witnesses at the wake and funeral. DFW FAST convinced an associate of Taylor to arrange his surrender. Taylor surrendered to DFW FAST on April 17, 2006.