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## U.S. MARSHALS ARREST HOMICIDE SUSPECT

*Suspect allegedly involved in November 2016 Chicago homicide*

**CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa** – U.S. Marshals today arrested a Chicago man identified as the suspect in a November 2016 homicide in Chicago.

Justin Smith, 31, was identified in a June 26 warrant and wanted on charges of first-degree homicide. After Chicago authorities learned Smith had likely fled the state, they requested assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Working with U.S. Marshals in Illinois, Kentucky, and Iowa, the Chicago Police Fugitive Unit narrowed the search for Smith to a residence in the 2000 block of Glass Road NE in Cedar Rapids. Early in the afternoon of Dec. 1, after hours of surveillance, Marshals identified Smith exiting the residence. With the assistance of the Iowa State Patrol and the Cedar Rapids Police Department, a traffic stop was conducted on Interstate 380, one mile north of Interstate 80, and Smith, a passenger of the vehicle, was taken into custody without incident. One additional occupant of the vehicle was taken into custody on unrelated charges. Smith was transported to the Linn County Correctional Center, where he awaits extradition.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the federal government's primary agency for fugitive investigations. Nationwide, 60 local task forces are dedicated to violent crime reduction by locating and apprehending wanted criminals. These task forces also serve as the central point for agencies to share information on fugitive matters. The Northern Iowa Fugitive Task Force is comprised of officers from the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Linn County Sheriff's office, Cedar Rapids Police Department, and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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