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TWO "FUGITIVES OF THE WEEK" IN CUSTODY



CONCORD, NH – The U.S. Marshals are pleased to announce the arrest of two previously featured "Fugitives of the Week."

On November 28, 2017, members of the NH Joint Fugitive Task Force from Strafford, Rockingham and Belknap County Sheriff's Offices, Federal Protective Service along with members of the Kingston Police Department were able to locate and arrest Strafford County fugitive, Benjamin Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie was being sought on warrants for failing to appear on a charge of distribution of fentanyl resulting in death, and for sales of a controlled drug (fentanyl). Mackenzie had been featured as the "Fugitive of the Week" on November 15th. This feature produced numerous leads and ultimately through an investigation that spanned two states, investigators were able to safely arrest Mr. Mackenzie without incident at a relative's residence on Shore Road in Kingston. Mackenzie was transported to the Strafford County Jail, where he is currently being held pending his court hearings on these very serious charges.

On November 29, 2017, fugitive, Kim Wheeler was featured as the "Fugitive of the Week." Wheeler was being sought on an outstanding federal arrest warrant for probation violations stemming from a 2015 conviction for fraud. Ms. Wheeler had an additional outstanding Hillsborough County arrest warrant for violations of a protection order. Ms. Wheeler learned that she was the "Fugitive of the Week," and turned herself into the Manchester Police Department that same afternoon. Wheeler was initially held on the outstanding violations of a protective order warrant at the Hillsborough County Jail, and these charges were resolved on December 8, 2017. The U.S. Marshals Service is in the process of taking custody of Ms. Wheeler and transporting her to the Federal Courthouse in Concord, NH where she will have her initial court appearance on her federal probation violations at a later time today..

These two "Fugitives of the Week" had been aired on WTPL-FM, WMUR-TV, The Union Leader, The Nashua Telegraph, The Patch, Foster's Daily Democrat, Manchester Information, the Manchester Ink Link and prominently featured on the internet. The "Fugitive of the Week" has been a very successful tool that has resulted in the location and arrest of numerous fugitives since its implementation in 2007. Additionally, the "Fugitive of the Week" is distributed statewide to all law enforcement officers.

Since the inception of the New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force in 2002, these partnerships have resulted in over 6,806 arrests (Updated as of 5/25/2017). These arrests have ranged in seriousness from murder, assault, unregistered sex offenders, probation and parole violations and numerous other serious offenses. Nationally the United States Marshals Service fugitive programs are carried out with local law enforcement in 94 district offices, 85 local fugitive task forces, 7 regional task forces, as well as a growing network of offices in foreign countries.

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