



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **“FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK” & TWO FRIENDS ARRESTED BY MAINE STATE POLICE**



CONCORD, NH – Late last night, this week’s “Fugitive of the Week,” Michael Francis, 28, was arrested by members of the Maine State Police. This investigation was conducted by members of the NH Joint Fugitive Task Force, which had been working on this case intensively since Monday. Information developed late last evening by the task force required immediate action in Lebanon, Maine.

Michael Francis had been featured as the “Fugitive of the Week” just yesterday morning. The “Fugitive 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.

Through this investigation, combined with tips received since the “Fugitive of the Week” was featured yesterday morning, information was developed indicating that Francis was currently hiding in Lebanon, Maine with two friends. These friends were identified as Ricardo Marino, 41 and Sarah Quint, 29, both of which had outstanding arrest warrants from the Strafford County Sheriff’s Office. This information was forwarded to our partners with the Maine State Police, whom immediately acted on these developments. All three were located and arrested at a residence on Long Swamp Road in Lebanon. Francis and Marino were located hiding in bedrooms of the residence and Quint had provided a false name to the troopers in an attempt to avoid arrest.

Mr. Francis was transported to the York County Jail, where he will be held without bail as a fugitive from justice on his outstanding Rockingham County arrest warrant for failing to appear on a charge of distribution of Heroin/Fentanyl

Mr. Marino was transported to the York County Jail, where he will be held without bail as a fugitive from justice on his outstanding Strafford County arrest warrant for violations of conditions of release based on an original charge of operating a motor vehicle after being deemed a habitual offender.

Ms. Quint was transported to the York County Jail, where she will be held without bail as a fugitive from justice on her outstanding Strafford County arrest warrant for violations of conditions of release based on her original charges of falsifying physical evidence and obstructing a criminal investigation.

U.S. Marshal, David L. Cargill, Jr. said, "The US Marshals from NH are grateful for the outstanding support that we always receive from the Maine State Police." Cargill continued, "These long standing relationships are critical in quickly apprehending fugitives that often travel across state lines in an effort to avoid arrest."

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.

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

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