



## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

### ***CATCH OF THE WEEK***

Week of May 10th, 2004

### ***Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets***

#### **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On May 3, 2004, multiple shots were fired from a vehicle in the direction of several individuals who were standing in the 800 Block of 52nd Street, northeast, Washington, DC. A stray bullet entered a home and struck eight-year-old Chelsea Cromartie in the back of the head. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) identified two suspects, Rasheed and Ricardo Hall. The attack was believed to be in retaliation for a fight that took place earlier in the day between Rasheed Hall and several individuals. On May 10, 2004, detectives contacted the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for assistance. Later that day, members of the CARFTF and MPD detectives located and arrested Rasheed Hall in northeast Washington DC. The investigation continued and during the early morning hours of May 11, 2004, CARFTF members and MPD detectives arrested Ricardo Hall in southeast Washington DC. Both men have been charged with first degree murder while armed and are being held without bond.



**Rasheed Hall**



**Ricardo Hall**

**Wanted for First Degree  
Murder While Armed**

#### **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

Kevin Axelson attempted to murder his girlfriend as she slept at the Haven Hotel in Palatine, Illinois. Axelson took a hammer and beat the victim in the head several times, fracturing her skull. He then attempted to suffocate her to death with a pillow. The girlfriend survived the attempted murder and positively identified Axelson as the offender. On May 11, 2004, Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force investigators and the U.S. Marshals Electronic Surveillance Unit developed information that led the investigation to Wheeling, Illinois. Investigators established surveillance at a location in which Axelson was believed to be staying. During the surveillance, Axelson was observed approaching the residence and was apprehended without incident.



**Kevin Axelson**

**Wanted for Attempted  
First Degree Murder**

**Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On May 11, 2004, Ernie Murillo, wanted for Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, was arrested by the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force (LARFTF) as he ate at a restaurant in Long Beach, California. The charges allege that on March 22, 2004, Murillo was spotted attempting to break into cars at the Peoria, Arizona sports complex during baseball spring training. As a Peoria police officer attempted to reach into Murillo's car and turn off the ignition, Murillo sped away, dragging the officer 160 feet. Based on information provided by Deputy U.S. Marshals from the District of Arizona, Phoenix office, investigators established surveillance at a residence in Long Beach, California where Murillo was believed to be staying. Investigators spotted the subject get into a car and drive to a local eatery, where he was quickly taken into custody.

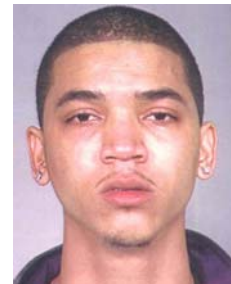


**Ernie Murillo**

**Wanted for Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer**

**New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On May 8, 2004, *America's Most Wanted* featured Peter Cunningham, who was wanted by the Broward County Sheriff's Office in Florida for the murder of Jason Tavares. Tavares is the son of seventies R&B Disco legend Antone "Chubby" Tavares. The shooting was the result of a dispute over money during a marijuana transaction. New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) investigators, working with *America's Most Wanted*, followed up on two leads that came into the show Saturday night. On May 10, 2004, NY/NJ RFTF investigators arrested Cunningham without incident.



**Peter Cunningham**

**Wanted for Murder**

**Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On May 10, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested Derrick Jones at a motel in Atlanta, Georgia. Jones was wanted in Dekalb County, Georgia for aggravated assault and reckless conduct for shooting the ground at his girlfriend's feet in an attempt to scare her. When that didn't work, he shot her twice. Jones has 19 prior arrests, including 12 for weapons related offenses. The investigation led SERFTF investigators to a motel in southwest Atlanta where Jones was residing under an alias. As agents questioned management, a female friend of Jones overheard the conversation and tipped him off. When entry was made into the suspected unit, approximately 100 grams of marijuana was found, however, Jones was not present. Upon questioning a female occupant of the room, it was learned that Jones had gone to another floor of the motel to hide. SERFTF investigators secured the area, made entry into the room and, after a brief struggle, placed him into custody. Found on Jones was another 100 grams of marijuana, 14 grams of cocaine, and a loaded 9mm firearm.



**Derrick Jones**

**Wanted for Aggravated Assault and Reckless Conduct**