



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of May 17th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of fugitive cases closed this year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **6,850**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

In the evening hours of July 15, 2002, a nude body was discovered by a husband and wife while walking their dog in a rural area in Charles County, Maryland. The body was identified as Darwon Anthony Curtis, formerly of Southeast, Washington, DC. Investigation revealed that Curtis had been shot to death, stripped, and dumped at this location. Charles County Sheriff's office charged Aaron Saunders with the murder on February 14, 2003. On May 5, 2004, the case was adopted by the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force, whom, along with Charles County investigators, tracked Saunders to Las Vegas, Nevada. A deputy U.S. marshal from the CARFTF, teaming with the USMS-led Nevada Fugitive Investigative Strike Team, arrested Saunders at a Las Vegas apartment complex on May 19, 2004. He is being held without bond, awaiting removal back to Charles County, Maryland.

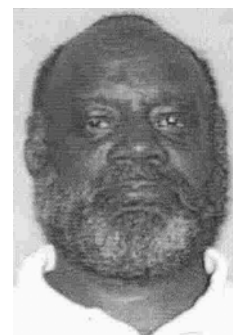


**Arron Wilton
Saunders**

Wanted for Homicide

Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 21, 2004, members of the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force (LARFTF) arrested Julian Randolph Johnson without incident, as he arrived at his business in Los Angeles. Johnson, whose criminal history spans 30 years, was wanted as a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and for Possession of an Unregistered Firearm. Incident to his arrest, IRS/CID executed a search warrant on the work address, Get Paid Financial Services, a tax preparation business, and discovered seven firearms; a Norinco MAK-90, Springfield M1A, Para-ord .45, two 12 GA Shotguns, 308 Winchester rifle, and a 30/30 rifle. The location had been previously raided in 1999, at which time, weapons were located and confiscated. A recent indictment and affidavit in support of the search warrant alleged that Johnson had cheated the government out of over \$4,000,000.00.



**Julian Randolph
Johnson**

**Wanted as Felon in
Possession of a Firearm**

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

The Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Steven Gott, the alleged driver in a drive-by shooting, which is being investigated as a possible hate crime. Gott is also alleged to have disposed of the firearm used in the attack. Investigation led members of the GLRFTF to an address in Chicago, Illinois. As task force officers gained entry into the residence to conduct a consensual search, the subject attempted to exit the residence through the rear door. Gott was met there by deputy U.S. marshals and task force officers, who took him into custody without further incident. At the time of arrest the subject was in possession of an airline ticket in his name for travel on that day to Florida.



Steven Gott

Wanted for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, and Attempted Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

Approximately two years ago, DEA Newark Division began an investigation into a large cocaine distribution organization operating in the northern New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. During the investigation, DEA Newark Division identified Emilio Lopez Jr. and Anthony Colon as the heads of the organization. Approximately two weeks ago, the DEA Newark Division requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force in the apprehension and arrest of Lopez and Colon. On May 21, 2004, members from the NY/NJ Task Force, Philadelphia Task Force, and the DEA Newark Division executed an early morning raid in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, arresting Lopez without incident. A search of the residence uncovered a Ruger Model P90 40 caliber automatic firearm along with a fully loaded magazine of hollow point bullets. A detainer has been placed on Colon, who is currently in jail.



Emilio Lopez, Jr.

Wanted on Federal Drug Charges

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 17, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested Javariss Horne, wanted by the U.S. Marshals for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution, and by Volusia County, Florida on 15 felony charges, including failure to appear on possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, and dealing in stolen property. Horne and two others were also wanted for their participation in an armed robbery that included a second aggravated assault against the Sheriff of Volusia County, Florida. In a joint investigation between the Volusia County Sheriff's Office and the SERFTF, investigators were able to track Horne from Deland, Florida to the metro Atlanta area. After a two week investigation, Horne was located. When his arrest became imminent, Horne attempted to flee the complex in a vehicle. SERFTF agents were able to block the car and arrest Horne without injury. A loaded 9mm pistol was recovered at the scene.



Javariss Horne

Wanted on 15 felony charges in Volusia County, Florida and by the USMS for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution