REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of May 24th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of fugitive cases closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: 7,160

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 24, 2004, members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) and the Charles County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit located and arrested Terrell Thompson at an apartment in Waldorf, Maryland. Thompson, who has a long history of arrests in the Washington DC Metropolitan area for weapons and drug charges, was released from federal prison in 2002 after serving three years imprisonment for his last firearms offense. Thompson violated the conditions of his release and a warrant was issued, charging him with Failure to Appear in July of 2003. Following Thompson's arrest, a search warrant was executed resulting in the seizure of 63 grams of cocaine, 10 ecstasy pills, 9 grams of marijuana, a ballistic vest, 9mm ammunition, and over \$7,000 in cash.



Terrell Lamont Thompson

Wanted for Failure to Appear, Supervised Release – Firearms Violations

Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 21, 2004, foreign fugitive Bo Patrick Slaettberg was arrested by members of the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force (LARFTF) in Culver City, California. A request to locate and arrest Slaetteberg was received from Interpol in Washington, DC. Slaettberg was wanted for an armored car robbery in Sweden where he and four others stole 12 million SEK (approximately \$1.6 million U.S.). The group made their getaway using stolen cars, which were later found burned. After four of the group were arrested, Slaetteberg fled to the United States. BICE determined that Slaettberg was in the United States illegally. Using information obtained by the USMS Financial Services Unit, inspectors established surveillance near a condominium in Culver City, California. Slaettberg was arrested as he exited the condominium and entered a car. According to Interpol, Slaettberg has a significant criminal history to include four prison sentences, forgery, theft, and resisting arrest.



Bo Patrick Slaettberg

Wanted for Robbery of an Armored Car

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 16th, 2004, Eaton Pope offered a female friend a ride, and once she was in his vehicle, began beating her. Pope then brought her to his apartment where he continued to beat and rape her over a three day period. On May 19th, the victim was able to escape and contact the Chicago Police Department. She was taken to an area hospital where they discovered that she had suffered fractures of both orbital bones and a broken nose. Chicago Detectives from the Special Victims Unit contacted the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) for assistance. The GLRFTF was able to locate and arrest Pope within 12 hours of the initial request. Evidence of the attack was recovered during the search of the residence.



Eaton Pope

Wanted for Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Restraint, Robbery, and Possession of a Controlled Substance

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 14, 2004, the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) received a collateral lead from the Kansas City, Kansas Marshal Service Task Force regarding a fugitive by the name of Merardo Suchite, who was wanted in Kansas City for 5 counts of rape of a minor. A phone number obtained from a confidential informant in Kansas City led investigators to an address in Pawling, New York. After interviewing occupants at the address, Task Force members developed further leads to the possible location of the fugitive. On May 28th Task Force members located and arrested Suchite without incident in Dover, New York. Suchite is being detained at the Dutchess County jail awaiting extradition back to Kansas City, Kansas to face charges.



Merardo Suchite

Wanted for 5 Counts of Rape of a Minor

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On May 24, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) major case fugitive, David Aguirre, at a residence in Lawrenceville, Georgia. In July of 2003, a warrant was issued for Aguirre for conspiracy to distribute in excess of 5 kilograms of cocaine and 50 grams of cocaine base in the District of South Carolina. During the course of the investigation, leads developed that linked Aguirre to several addresses in the Atlanta area, including one that belonged to his sister. After hours of surveillance at the home of his sister, the fugitive was positively identified as he answered the door to let an associate inside. SERFTF members made entry into the house and arrested Aquirre without incident. Obtained in a search of the home were approximately 162 pounds of marijuana, several freshly potted marijuana plants, a large quantity of cash, and a box of ammunition.



David Aguirre

Wanted for Conspiracy to Distribute Drugs