



## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

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

Week of June 28th, 2004

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

Number of fugitive cases closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **9,116**

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

On 06/27/2004, parole agents from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) went to visit Levi Nash who is currently on parole after serving 17 years for a murder. As the parole agents entered the house, Nash became very combative, threatened the agents, and stated that if the police were going to come arrest him, he was “not going to go quietly.” On 06/28/2004, IDOC requested the assistance of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) to apprehend Nash. Members of the GLRFTF and the N/IL Special Response Team (SRT) combined in a joint mission to apprehend Nash. Members of the GLRFTF tracked Nash to an address in Lynwood, Illinois and executed a "surround and call out." Once the residence was surrounded by the N/IL SRT Team, the GLRFTF hostage negotiator was able to get Nash to exit the residence peacefully. Nash was subsequently taken into custody without incident.



**Levi Nash**

**Wanted for Parole Violations**

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

On June 28, 2004, members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) arrested Lionel Stoddard, who was wanted for Assault with Intent to Kill While Armed, stemming from an incident on May 15, in which he and two other subjects drove through northwest Washington DC shooting at pedestrians with automatic weapons, including an AK-47 style assault rifle. Two people were seriously wounded and are still hospitalized. The investigation led to an address in Prince George’s County, Maryland, where investigators believed Stoddard was hiding. Members of the CARFTF established surveillance and later observed Stoddard, who has a history of violent confrontations with police, exiting the residence. Members of the CARFTF quickly arrested Stoddard without incident. Recovered from Stoddard’s personal belongings was a Taurus 9mm semi-automatic handgun, an extended 9mm loaded magazine, ½ lb of high grade marijuana, and 35 tablets of ecstasy. A search warrant subsequent to this arrest led to the seizure of an H&K machine gun and a hydroponic marijuana-growing laboratory. Stoddard is also being charged with Possession of a Firearm during Narcotics Trafficking and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.



**Lionel Stoddard**

**Wanted for Assault with Intent to Kill While Armed**



### **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On June 30, 2004, members from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested federal fugitive Richard Yarbrough at a residence in rural Crawford County, Georgia. Yarbrough had been on the run for approximately one month after he had posted bond and absconded following his arrest by U.S. Marshals and BATF agents on charges of methamphetamine trafficking and various weapons related offenses. At the time of his initial arrest, a handgun and grenade were recovered at the scene and information from a confidential informant indicated that Yarbrough was prepared to use both. The investigation led to a residence in Crawford County, Georgia where Yarbrough was believed to be staying. Surveillance and an interview with a woman, believed to be Yarbrough's girlfriend, confirmed his presence in the house. When the subject refused to come to the door, the door was breached and Yarbrough was taken into custody without incident. Yarbrough's criminal history includes numerous arrests for both drug and weapons offenses.



**Richard Yarbrough**

**Wanted for Federal Bond Violation Charges (Methamphetamine Trafficking and Weapons Offenses)**

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

On July 2, 2004, at approximately 5:45 a.m., members of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force attempted to interview occupants of a residence in Newark, New Jersey, in an attempt to locate Niem Williams. Williams was wanted by Hudson County Prosecutors Office - Homicide Unit for the June 24, 2004 shooting death of Rose Colon in Jersey City, New Jersey. Colon was an innocent bystander when Williams shot her during a botched armed robbery. As Task Force members were outside Williams' apartment, Williams fired multiple rounds through the door. A Task Force member from the Essex County Sheriff's Office was struck once in the abdomen just below his bullet proof vest. Task Force members with Newark Police Emergency Response Team breached the door and found Williams dead from a self inflicted gun-shot wound to the head. The Task Force member underwent emergency surgery and is in stable condition and recovering.



**Niem Williams**

**Wanted for Homicide**

### **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On June 14, 2004, Los Angeles Police attempted to conduct a traffic stop of California parolee at large, Ruben Velasquez. Velasquez fled first in his vehicle and then on foot. In the vehicle was a loaded .45 caliber pistol. A perimeter was established, however, Velasquez was able to evade capture. The Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force was called to provide assistance. Information was obtained through the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group which ultimately led to the location and successful capture of Velasquez. Seized in the arrest were additional firearms magazines, a Glock 9mm handgun, and small quantity of methamphetamine.



**Ruben Velasquez**

**Parolee at large in possession of weapons**