



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of June 7th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of fugitive cases closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **7,789**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>In the early morning hours on June 9, 2004, Douglas Cleveland, a career criminal facing 30 years in jail for narcotics and weapons violations, escaped from the Central Detention Facility annex of the D.C. Jail by making his way into the sally port and scaling the exterior wall under cover of darkness. The D.C. Department of Corrections contacted the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for assistance in locating and apprehending the fugitive. Within 20 hours, CARFTF investigators, with the assistance of the USMS Technical Operations Group, arrested Cleveland without incident at a motel in Fairfax County, VA. Cleveland faces an additional five years for the escape. Accomplices may also be charged in this case.</p>	<div data-bbox="1179 659 1398 961" data-label="Image"></div> <p data-bbox="1159 963 1417 997">Douglas Cleveland</p> <p data-bbox="1179 1037 1398 1066">Wanted for Escape</p>

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On March 15, 2004, the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) was notified by the United States Attorneys Office, Northern District of Illinois, that the government of Lithuania would pursue obtaining a provisional arrest warrant for fugitive Rimantas Varatinskas, who was wanted for financial fraud and embezzlement in Lithuania. Investigators confirmed Varatinskas' identity and were able to develop information on his whereabouts in Chicago. Based on this information, the Lithuanian government was able to request a provisional arrest warrant. It was learned that Varatinskas was driving a limousine, and possibly a taxicab, as a means of employment. After conducting many hours of surveillance at the subject's suspected residence and at both international airports, Varatinskas was observed approaching his limousine at 6:30 a.m. and was taken into custody without incident.</p>	<div data-bbox="1167 1266 1406 1503" data-label="Image"></div> <p data-bbox="1136 1520 1442 1549">Rimantas Varatinskas</p> <p data-bbox="1149 1585 1429 1673">Wanted in Lithuania for Financial Fraud and Embezzlement</p>

Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force

Members of the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force (LARFTF) located and arrested foreign fugitive Edith Orozco-Toledo, who was wanted for Murder and Homicide Felony Murder/Conspiracy in Mexico. Los Angeles Police contacted the LARFTF for assistance in the location and arrest of Edith Orozco-Toledo, who, according to authorities in Mexico, fled with his brother, Wilfredo, to the United States after committing the homicide. Edith was located after he arrived at his brother's lawn care business in Sun Valley, CA. Additionally, four other illegal immigrants were arrested and are in the process of being deported as witnesses to the homicide.



Edith Orozco-Toledo

Wanted for Murder in Mexico

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On June 8, 2005, after an hour-long stand-off at a Jersey City, New Jersey apartment, the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF), along with several other law enforcement agencies and the USMS Technical Operations Group, arrested fugitive Samuel Verducci. On June 7, Verducci was stopped by Union Township patrolmen, on a routine vehicle stop, and opened fire on police. A gun fight ensued in which Verducci was wounded but managed to speed away from the scene. Verducci, who was found to have 20 aliases, was wanted in Arizona and Pennsylvania for identity theft, theft, forgery, and check fraud. He is also alleged to have committed an armed robbery in North Arlington, NJ, and passed bad checks in Livingston, NJ and Carlstadt, NJ. In addition, Verducci allegedly impersonated a U.S. Marshal in Florida and North Carolina. The NY/NJ RFTF has been looking for Verducci since March 18, 2004, after he outran state troopers who tried to stop him in Readington Township, N.J.



Samuel Verducci

Wanted for Identity Theft, Theft, Forgery, and Check Fraud

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On June 10, 2004, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), the USMS Technical Operations Group, and the Dekalb County Sheriff's Office located and arrested Anakia Casado and Zaki Murray. Both Casado and Murray were wanted on armed robbery charges in Dekalb County, Georgia in which they posed as prospective real estate buyers and robbed and assaulted real estate agents while viewing properties. They are also suspects in home invasions, carjackings, and robberies along the east coast from New Jersey to Georgia. The female fugitive (Casado), was apparently the leader of the two and has an extensive criminal history which includes convictions for aggravated assault with intent to kill, and armed robbery. At the time of their arrest, investigators had to force entry into the apartment in order to take them into custody. A late model sport utility vehicle stolen in a carjacking in New Jersey, and a firearm were recovered at the scene.



Anakia Casado



Zaki Murray

Wanted for Armed Robbery