



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of July 5th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of fugitive cases closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **9,383**

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On July 3, 2004, Charles Bennett murdered a Baltimore City police officer who had been investigating a suspicious persons call. On July 4, Baltimore City Police contacted the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for assistance. Officers from the CARFTF, along with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, immediately responded, investigating leads from Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; Laurel, MD; Northern Ohio, and Baltimore, MD. Members of CARFTF ultimately developed information that Bennett was staying in a motel in Baltimore, MD. Members of CARFTF and the Baltimore City Police Emergency Response Team responded to the locale and made entry into Bennett's room. Upon breaching the door of the room, Bennett shot himself in the head and was pronounced dead 30 minutes later.



Charles Bennett

Wanted for Homicide

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On July 8, 2004, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested Quentin Kelley, who was wanted as the getaway driver in connection with a double shooting/robbery that took place in McDonough, Georgia. One of the victims died and the other is currently in critical condition. Following the shooting, the McDonough Police Department requested assistance from the SERFTF. On the same day the request was made, SERFTF investigators were able to develop an informant and identify a car that the subject was driving. A short time later, SERFTF investigators located Kelley in the target vehicle. Kelley did not comply with investigators until he was completely boxed in and unable to escape. He was then placed under arrest without further incident. Quincy Ballard has subsequently been identified as the second individual involved in the murder/robbery and is currently being sought by the United States Marshals. Kelley has a criminal history that includes arrests for assault, drug possession, and obstruction of police.



Quentin Kelley

Wanted for Homicide and Robbery

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On June 29, 2004, Edgar Martinez attempted to kidnap two rival gang members at gun point over a narcotics dispute. During the attempted kidnapping, one victim escaped, however, the other was captured by Martinez. During the abduction, Martinez repeatedly pistol whipped and assaulted the victim with brass knuckles. The victim escaped and positively identified Martinez as the offender. After an extensive investigation, members of the Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) were able to cultivate an informant who was able to provide a location for Martinez. On July 8, members of the GLRFTF apprehended Martinez in Cicero, Illinois without incident.



Edgar Martinez

**Wanted for Kidnapping
and Assault**

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On July 6, 2004, members of the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) located and arrested Melik Scott, who was wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service for escape and was a prime suspect of a homicide in the Bronx. The U.S. Marshals Service and the NY/NJ RFTF identified Melik Scott as a major case fugitive and sought the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) in locating and apprehending Scott. Scott was part of a robbery team that used females to target businessmen. During one such robbery, Scott is alleged to have killed the victim. Task Force investigators, along with TOG, located and arrested Scott in Brooklyn, New York without incident.



Melik Scott

**Wanted for Escape and
Homicide**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

On April 23, 2004, Shermaine Hull, a Ward Lane Compton Crip gang member, allegedly shot and killed Lee McGuire, another gang member. The victim, who was unarmed, was shot in front of his home as he was standing alongside a group of people. On July 8, detectives from the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSW RFTF) developed information that the suspect may be staying with his brother at a location in the city of Lancaster, California, in the Antelope Valley. Investigators conducted surveillance and identified an individual, matching Hull's description leaving the location to drive to a market. Investigators followed Hull to and from the market, and formulated a plan with LA County Sheriff's deputies from Lancaster Station to affect the arrest. As the car entered the driveway of the residence, Hull's brother, Vernon Beard, who was wanted on an outstanding narcotics warrant, attempted to enter the vehicle. Beard was arrested; however, Hull attempted to run. Task Force officers quickly apprehended Hull and took him into custody.



Shermaine Hull

**Wanted for Homicide and
Parole Violation**