



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 2nd, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of fugitive cases closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **11,050**

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 4, 2004, officers from the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested fugitive Michael Plummer, who was wanted in Pennsylvania and on the run since 1990. Plummer was convicted on several counts of burglary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1990. All previous attempts to locate and apprehend Plummer have been unsuccessful. Based on a lead sent from the U.S. Marshals office in Philadelphia, an investigation was opened in Illinois by the GLRFTF. After several interviews and database checks, GLRFTF officers determined that Plummer was living under an alias in Burnham, Illinois, where he was located and apprehended.



Michael Plummer

Wanted for Burglary


New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

The Newark Police Department requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force in locating and apprehending Shalimar Jenkins. Jenkins, aka Carmon, who has several felony drug convictions in New York and Pennsylvania, was wanted by the Allentown, Pennsylvania Police Department for a homicide which occurred on July 24, 2004. After extensive investigation, information was developed that Jenkins' mother was living in Irvington, New Jersey. Upon conducting a check of the housing development, investigators discovered a vehicle in the lot with Pennsylvania tags matching the description of the target vehicle. The vehicle was placed under surveillance on August 3rd and a male, fitting the description of Jenkins, was spotted walking near the vehicle. The male, identified as Jenkins, was subsequently arrested and transported to Essex County Jail, pending extradition back to Allentown, Pennsylvania.



Shalimar Jenkins

Wanted for Homicide

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>From January 2004 until present, six banks have been robbed in the District of Columbia and Prince Georges County, Maryland by a group of individuals carrying assault weapons and wearing body armor. The serial bank robberies have received significant media coverage in the DC metropolitan area. On August 4, 2004, an indictment was issued out of U.S. District Court in Washington, DC charging seven individuals with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Robbery and various other violations. An arrest warrant was issued for Carlos Aguiar who was named in the indictment. On August 4, members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) developed information on the location of Aguiar and on the vehicle he was driving. While conducting surveillance at an address in southeast Washington DC, investigators spotted Aguiar driving and attempted to conduct a felony vehicle stop. The subject rammed the Task Force vehicles, and attempted to flee on a high speed chase through southeast Washington. Aguiar eventually lost control of his vehicle in Anacostia Park where he was arrested by Task Force officers. Recovered in Aguiar's vehicle was a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic hand gun. As a result of the CARFTF, to date, six of those charged in the series of bank robberies have been taken into custody.</p>	 <p>Carlos Aguiar Wanted for Conspiracy to Commit Bank Robbery</p>

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force	
<p>On the morning of August 3, 2004, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office arrested two female minors, ages 15 and 16, who were wanted for the August 2, 2004 murder of the 15 year old minor's grandparents. Both victims had been stabbed repeatedly with a large knife. A joint investigation between the SERFTF and the Fayette County Sheriff's office continued throughout the night. Information was developed that the two females fled in the truck belonging to the murdered couple. With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, the truck was located on Tybee Island, Georgia. The two minors were arrested nearby shortly thereafter.</p>	<p>No photograph available due to age of the subjects</p> <p>Wanted for Murder</p>

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 2, 2004, officers from the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), arrested fugitives, Christian Ruiz and Ronald Bastas at a motel in San Bernardino. In addition to parole violations and other charges, Ruiz and Bastas were wanted as suspects in a homicide that occurred in the city of Buena Park, California. While conducting surveillance at the motel, Task Force officers spotted Bastas drive into the parking lot, park, and enter the hotel room. As Bastas left the room and returned to his vehicle, task force officers converged on Bastas and arrested him without incident. After a perimeter was set up around the area and an attempt to communicate with the occupants of the room was negative, the SWAT team entered the room and found Ruiz hiding between two mattresses. In Ruiz's possession was a .22 caliber handgun.



Christian Ruiz



Ronald Bastas

**Wanted for Parole
Violations and are suspects
in a Homicide**