#### REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

#### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 16th, 2004

# Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of fugitive cases closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: 11,850

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

Joaquin Serrano Reyes was arrested in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico on August 18, 2004 by members of the Baja California State Judicial Police and the Instituto Nacional de Migracion (INM), based on information provided by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSW RFTF), the USMS Central District of California, and the USMS Technical Operations Group. Reves is a sexual predator who was wanted by the California Department of Corrections for Parole Violation and the Azusa, California Police Department for four counts of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old victim. Reyes has previously served separate prison terms for Attempted Murder, Rape, and Rape of a Minor. Reyes' previous rape conviction involved sexual assaults of several female victims that were committed while he was employed as a tow truck operator. Following his parole and during the time of the instant alleged offenses, Reyes resumed working as a tow truck operator. The possibility of his involvement in other recent unsolved sexual assaults in the area remains under investigation. Following his arrest in Mexico, Reyes was processed for deportation by the INM and turned over to investigators from the PSW RFTF, and the California Department of Corrections and transported to the Azusa Police Department.



Joaquin Serrano Reyes

Wanted for Sexual Assault of a Minor

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

Following a request for assistance by the McHenry County, Illinois Sheriff's Office, 4 members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) traveled to Woodstock, Illinois to assist with the investigation into the whereabouts of Joshua Edwards. Edwards was wanted for several home invasions and an attempted murder in Crystal Lake, Illinois, in which he allegedly broke into a woman's house, slit her throat, and robbed her. Edwards was also suspected of traveling to Wisconsin to commit armed robberies and smuggle narcotics. In one day, following interviews and surveillance, GLRFTF investigators were able to locate Edwards at an address in Crystal Lake. The suspect, who had an elaborate surveillance system set up around the residence to alert him of approaching police officers or rival drug dealers, was found hiding in the basement where he was subsequently arrested.



Joshua Edwards

Wanted for Attempted Murder and Home Invasions

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

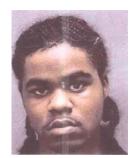
On the evening of July 8, 2004, Dominick Edwards physically beat Lance Carter following a verbal altercation in an apartment in Baltimore, MD. Carter died of his injuries later that evening. Baltimore City Police obtained a warrant for Edwards and on August 8, 2004, requested assistance from the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF). Members of CARFTF and Baltimore City Police located and arrested Edwards in Baltimore, Maryland within 6 hours of the request for assistance.



Dominic Edwards
Wanted for Murder

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

On June 16, 2004, Amos Burch allegedly shot and killed a deliveryman during a robbery attempt in Millville, New Jersey. The Millville Police Department, and Cumberland County Sheriff's and Prosecutor's Offices were part of the initial investigation. The case was referred to the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) to locate and apprehend Burch. Over the course of the investigation, information was developed that Burch may be in North Carolina. The NY/NJ RFTF forwarded investigative leads to the U.S. Marshals Task Force in Charlotte, North Carolina. With assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, members of the Charlotte Task Force located and arrested Burch at a residence in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 13, 2004.



Amos Burch
Wanted for Homicide

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

On August 17, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), along with investigators from the Paulding County and Douglas County, Georgia, Sheriff's offices, arrested James Lloyd Dodd. Dodd was wanted out of both Douglas and Paulding County, Georgia for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. received information from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group which identified several locations in Cobb County, Georgia where Dodd might be located. Based on this information, surveillance was established at a motel in Kennesaw, Georgia. Dodd was seen exiting the address accompanied by two males and a female. As investigators approached Dodd, he attempted to flee on foot, however, he was quickly apprehended without incident. At the time of his arrest, Dodd had on his person two loaded firearms and approximately two ounces of methamphetamine. He also had a black bag containing \$16,000 in cash and another handgun. Subsequent to his arrest, a search warrant was served on Dodd's residence. During the search, investigators found a fully loaded SKS rifle, a bulletproof vest, and drug paraphernalia



Wanted for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine