



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 23rd, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of warrants closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **12,272**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Gustavo Gallardo was arrested on August 23, 2004, in Fontana, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Crime Impact Team. Gallardo was wanted for armed carjacking and attempted murder in connection with an incident that occurred in Fontana earlier in the day. The charges against Gallardo allege that he approached a female motorist at a gas station and attempted to carjack her vehicle. The victim resisted and Gallardo fired four rounds with a .45 caliber handgun, striking the victim once in the shoulder and once in the face. Gallardo then ran to a second vehicle and successfully carjacked a vehicle from a male victim. The female victim was transported to a local hospital where she was admitted in critical condition. Investigators were able to track Gallardo to a residence in Fontana where he was arrested a short time later with a .45 caliber handgun in his waistband. Gallardo is a member of the Mexican Mafia prison gang and has prior arrests and convictions for Attempted Murder, Auto Theft, Firearms Violations, and Narcotics Violations.



Gustavo Gallardo

Wanted for Attempted Murder and Armed Carjacking

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 27, 2004, Deonte Tucker was arrested on warrants for 1st Degree Murder, Armed Robbery, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. Tucker, whose criminal history includes arrests for armed robbery, assault, and kidnapping, was wanted on a state warrant from Courtland, Virginia for a homicide that occurred in November 2003. In addition, Tucker was wanted by authorities in Richmond Hill, Georgia for Armed Robbery in which he and an accomplice allegedly robbed a hotel clerk at gunpoint. In July 2004, a collateral lead was sent by the USMS Norfolk, Virginia office to the USMS in the Northern District of Illinois/Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) after information was developed that Tucker was in the Chicago area. Deputy marshals and Task Force officers, after conducting investigation and numerous hours of surveillance, located and arrested Tucker at the residence of an associate in Chicago, Illinois.



Deonte Tucker

Wanted for 1st Degree Murder, Armed Robbery, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

Before dawn on Friday, August 20, 2004, Pastor Fletcher Lyles of the Mount Zion True Grace Church of Christ, while at a gas station in northeast Washington DC, observed two individuals arguing and, as a "Good Samaritan," attempted to intervene. One of the individuals, Samuel Davis, pulled out a hand gun and shot Lyles in the chest and leg. Lyles was pronounced dead later that morning at the Prince Georges Hospital Center. Metropolitan Police homicide detectives quickly identified Davis as the shooter, and later that afternoon, obtained a warrant charging him with first degree murder. On August 21, 2004 the case was forwarded to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Investigators relentlessly pursued the Davis and on August 24, 2004, arrested him without incident in southeast Washington DC. Davis is currently being held without bond at DC Jail.



Samuel Davis

Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 19, 2004, members of the Suffolk County Police Fourth Squad Detectives contacted the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force and requested assistance in locating Felix Alexander, aka Felix Edwards. It was learned that Alexander was wanted for an incident which occurred on August 15, 2004, in which he stabbed his wife several times, almost causing her death. After an extensive investigation, Task Force members, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, developed leads leading to an address in East Elmhurst, New York. On August 26, members of the Task Force located Alexander at the residence and arrested him without incident. Alexander was transported to the Fourth Squad Detectives where he was charged with Attempted Murder 1st, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, and 3 counts of Bigamy. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security lodged a detainer on Alexander based on the fact that after being deported, he had reentered the United States.



Felix Alexander

**Wanted for Attempted
Murder**

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 11, 2004, deputies from the USMS office in Boston, Massachusetts contacted the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) regarding the fugitive investigation of Angelo Brandao. Brandao was wanted by the Massachusetts State Police for aggravated assault with a weapon, and federally for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, murder, assault, conspiracy to murder in aid of racketeering, and use and discharge of firearms in furtherance of violence. Brandao's charges stem from a 32 count federal indictment that charges that Brandao was a member of a violent street gang known as the "Stonehurst Street Crew." The criminal organization's members engaged in acts of violence that included murders, assaults, robberies, and in the acquisition and distribution of controlled substances, including cocaine base (crack) and marijuana. On August 24, 2004, at 3:30 am, SERFTF investigators and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group located and arrested Angelo Brandao, at an apartment in Douglasville, Georgia. During his flight over the last eighteen months, Brandao has resided in Massachusetts, Florida, and various locations in Georgia. Other individuals assisting Brandao are currently facing federal charges for false statements to police, harboring, and accessory after the fact.



Angelo Brandao

Wanted for Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, Murder, Racketeering, Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution, and additional charges