




REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES


CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of August 30th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Number of warrants closed this calendar year by the Regional Fugitive Task Forces: **12,783**

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| <p>Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force</p> |  <p>Manuel Alvarez Wanted for Attempted Murder</p> |
| <p>Manuel Alvarez was arrested on September 1, 2004 in Bloomington, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and parole agents from the California Department of Corrections (CDC). Alvarez was wanted by the CDC for Parole Violation and by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for Attempted Murder. The charges against Alvarez allege that he and a second suspect were involved in a recent drive-by shooting spree in the North Hollywood and Pacoima areas of Los Angeles. In one instance, the suspects fired multiple rounds into a vehicle occupied by three people, seriously wounding one of the occupants. Task Force investigators, through the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, identified a location in Bloomington, California that was believed to be associated with Alvarez and established surveillance. Alvarez was seen leaving the residence in a vehicle and was followed to a local restaurant where he was arrested without incident as he exited his vehicle. Alvarez was transported to the LAPD's North Hollywood Division and turned over to LAPD Detectives for processing and booking.</p> | |

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| <p>Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force</p> |  <p>Gonzales Diggs Wanted for Homicide</p> |
| <p>On November 13, 2000, a Metropolitan Police Officer discovered the body of Michael Brian Smith concealed by brush near railroad tracks in Southeast, Washington, DC. The DC Medical Examiners Office determined that Smith died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. On August 19, 2004, a warrant was issued for Gonzales Alphonso Diggs charging him with Murder I While Armed. Diggs allegedly shot the victim because he believed that the victim had previously stolen a vehicle from a close associate. The case was referred to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for investigation and apprehension. On September 1, 2004, Diggs was located and arrested by members of the CARFTF along with members of the Fairfax Police Department at a residence in Alexandria, Virginia where he was found hiding in a closet.</p> | |

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

The Newark New Jersey Police Department requested the assistance of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force to locate and arrest of Bloods gang member Mike Turner, who was wanted for three separate violent incidents. Within a six month span, Turner was charged with 28 counts for various crimes, including two counts of Aggravated Assault on police officers, Attempted Murder of Aaron Jones, who he allegedly shot six times; and fifteen counts by Newark Police after he shot at two Newark Police officers, hitting one, as well as the suspect that they were placing in their car. Task Force members, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, developed information that Turner had fled New Jersey with his girlfriend and was staying in Greenville, North Carolina. On August 31, 2004, the information was passed on to the U.S. Marshals office in Greenville, NC and within hours the fugitive was arrested without incident.

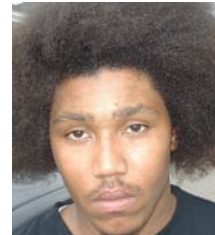


Mike Turner

Wanted for Attempted Murder and Aggravated Assault on Police Officers

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 30, 2004, the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested Freddie Cole, who was wanted for murder in a case in which he allegedly beat the victim to death with his fists. SERFTF investigators tracked Cole from Macon to Griffin, Georgia. Through investigation and rolling surveillance, Cole was located at an associate's residence, where he was arrested without incident.



Freddie Cole

Wanted for Murder

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On September 1, 2004, Johnny Clesson became a suspect in 3 bank robberies that took place in August in Bloomington, Illinois, in which approximately \$15,000 was taken. Bloomington Police contacted the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) for assistance in locating Clesson, who was wanted in McLean County, Illinois on charges of Armed Robbery and Aggravated Robbery. After investigation and interviews, GLRFTF officers learned of Clesson's location in Bloomington. At approximately 4:00 am on September 2, GLRFTF officers, with assistance of the Bloomington Emergency Response Unit, arrested Clesson after a short struggle. Arrested earlier was Susan Long, allegedly Clesson's accomplice in the robberies.



Johnny Clesson



Susan Long

Wanted for Armed Robbery