REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK Week of October 11th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

United States Marshals Ser

Oliverio Rojas Huerta, Juan Duran Martinez, and Bartolo Rojas Torres were arrested in Los Angeles, California on October 13 and 14, 2004 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSW RFTF), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Deputy Marshals from the Central District of California. All three fugitives were wanted by the State Judicial Police in Puebla, Mexico for murder, in connection with the March 6, 1990 shooting death of an individual. The three suspects are alleged to have chased the victim through a field, shooting him in the leg. When the victim fell, they shot him several more times, killing him. Following the arrest, all three were turned over to ICE for processing as illegal aliens and were subsequently deported to Mexico where they were turned over to Mexican law enforcement officials.



Bartolo Rojas Torres



Oliverio Rojas Huerta



Juan Duran Martinez

Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 14, 2004, members of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Brady "Fats" Guilbert in Brooklyn, New York. New London Connecticut Police had a warrant for the arrest of Brady Guilbert in connection with a shooting which had occurred early last Saturday morning in a bar on Bank Street. He was also wanted for questioning in regard to a double homicide which had occurred minutes before at the corner of Hempstead and Hope Streets in New London. Guilbert had previously served four years of a 10-year sentence for attempted murder and was free on bond for a previous weapons arrest, before he was arrested on Thursday afternoon.



Brady Guilbert

Suspect in a Homicide

Capitol Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On September 30, 2004, the United States Parole Commission issued a warrant for Benjamin King charging the use of dangerous and habit forming drugs and assault. King, whose criminal history includes arrests for kidnapping, assault, burglary, narcotics, and extortion, has four years remaining to be served on a ten year sentence. On October 7, 2004, the case was assigned to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Investigators worked relentlessly, and on October 13, 2004, arrested King at an apartment in Suitland, Maryland. Recovered and seized at the time of the arrest was one hundred and fifteen grams of crack cocaine (street value \$23,000), a vehicle, and \$1,200 in cash. King is currently being held without bond in Prince Georges County, Maryland.



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Parole Violations, Assault, and Drug Charges

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 12, 2004, the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, located and arrested Winston Gordon, who was wanted in the Eastern District of Missouri for the distribution of over 1,000 kilograms of marijuana. Investigators located a vehicle believed to belong to Gordon in Stickney, Illinois and as Gordon entered the vehicle to drive off, investigators moved into position, blocked the vehicle, and took the fugitive into custody. Gordon had more than \$5,000 in cash on his person. A later search of Gordon's apartment revealed an additional \$29,000 in cash and a loaded 9 mm handgun.



Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 12, 2004, the final three escapees from the Montgomery State Prison in Georgia were captured in Marietta, Oklahoma by members of the U.S. Marshals Dallas/Ft Worth Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Marshals from the Eastern District of Oklahoma. These agencies worked non-stop in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Corrections, the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, and Deputies from the Northern District of Alabama. On October 9, 2004, Joshua Thompson, Joseph Lee, Micah Scheer, and Tracy Mullins, escaped from the Montgomery State Prison in Georgia. Investigators from the Georgia Department of Corrections and the SERFTF immediately began an intensive nearly 65 hour non-stop search for the fugitives. The escapees stole a vehicle and traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, where they allegedly robbed at least one residence. During the course of the robbery, Tracy Mullins was believed to have been shot by the homeowner and was later pushed out of the vehicle at a local convenience store. He was taken to a hospital where he was identified, arrested, and remains unconscious. After dumping Mullins, the remaining fugitives fled Alabama and crossed Mississippi and Louisiana into Texas. Deputies tracked the fugitives to the Dallas/Ft Worth area before they fled north on I-35. Investigators traveling south from Oklahoma City and north from Dallas were able to converge in Marietta, Oklahoma and safely effect the arrest of the three escapees outside a grocery store. Found in the vehicle at the time of their arrest was a large amount of blood, several knives, hatchets and assorted burglary tools. All four escapees have violent criminal histories. Joshua Thompson was serving an 18-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter; Joseph Lee was serving at least 12 years for armed robbery and several other offenses, and Micah Scheer was serving 17 years for aggravated assault and burglary.



Joshua Thompson



Joseph Lee



Micah Scheer

Wanted for Escape