



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of October 4th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On the evening of October 8, 2004, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), with the assistance of the Alpharetta, Georgia Police Department arrested Brandon Geraldo Chaves in Alpharetta, Georgia. Chaves was wanted, along with his brother, for homicide in Simpsonville, South Carolina. On September 10, 2004, the two brothers beat another individual so severely that the victim later died of his injuries. A warrant was subsequently issued, at which time Chaves' brother was apprehended by local law enforcement officers. Brandon Chaves, however, fled the jurisdiction and traveled to the Atlanta area. Information was gathered during the investigation that Chaves had been driven to Georgia after the incident by his mother and that he was staying with her in a home in the Alpharetta area. When the residence was located, investigators found her car parked out front. Surveillance was established at the scene and after questioning an individual who was seen leaving the house, SERFTF were able to confirm that Chaves was inside the residence. Agents then entered the home and arrested the fugitive without incident. Chaves has a long and violent criminal history which includes roughly fifteen prior arrests for offenses such as theft, assault, battery, narcotics violations, and resisting arrest.



Brandon Chaves

Wanted for Homicide

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On October 6, 2004, members of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Jeffrey M. Sparks for Homicide and Criminal Possession of a Control Substance 1st Degree in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sparks had spent fifteen years on the run for a homicide that he allegedly committed in New York. He was also on the run for three and a half years for narcotics charges out of Houston, Texas. Information developed by the NY/NJ RFTF investigators revealed that Sparks had been arrested in September 2004 and released before his true identity was determined. That arrest provided Task Force members with new leads that brought investigators to Allentown, Pennsylvania where Sparks was arrested without incident.



Jeffrey M. Sparks

**Wanted for Homicide
and Narcotics charges**

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Galo Ruben Toca was arrested in Montebello, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, Deputy United States Marshals from the Central District of California, and parole agents from the California Department of Corrections. Toca was wanted by the California Department of Corrections for Parole Violation and by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department as a suspect in an August 2004 murder that occurred in Rubideaux, California. Toca allegedly entered the home of a female victim and began striking her with a baseball bat. The victim escaped from the residence and ran into the backyard, at which point Toca allegedly attacked her with a knife, stabbing her 22 times, which resulted in her death. The body was then wrapped in a carpet and left in the yard to be discovered later.



Galo Ruben Toca

Wanted for Parole Violation. Suspect in Murder Investigation

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

Between July 10, 2004 and September 20, 2004, detectives from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department learned that Maximillian Crawford had sexually assaulted four girls between the ages of seven and eleven years old. Allegedly, Crawford lured the girls to the laundry room of an apartment building located Northwest Washington, DC where he sexually assaulted them. On September 27, 2004, detectives secured a warrant out of D.C. Superior Court charging Crawford with 1st Degree Sexual Assault. On August 28, 2004, the case was referred to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. CARFTF investigators worked relentlessly, and on October 2, 2004, located Crawford in the hallway of an apartment building in Northeast Washington, DC. At the time of the arrest, when approached by investigators, Crawford brandished a 10" butcher knife and began stabbing himself in the abdomen. Crawford received medical treatment, and is currently being held, without bond, at DC Jail.



Maximillian Crawford

Wanted for Sexual Assault

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

The Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested Antoine Ridgeway in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 7, 2004. Ridgeway was wanted in Macon County for Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance and in Central Illinois for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution. The Decatur Illinois Police Department contacted the GLRFTF requesting assistance in locating the subject. Ridgeway is believed to be responsible for trafficking over 20 kilograms of cocaine into the Decatur area. Upon further investigation, Task Force investigators learned that Ridgeway, using an alias, was due to fly into Indianapolis. Task Force investigators located and identified Ridgeway at the baggage claim of the airport and took him into custody without incident.



Antoine Ridgeway

Wanted for Drug Trafficking