



## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

### ***CATCH OF THE WEEK***

Week of September 20th, 2004

### ***Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets***

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

Pablo Sanchez was arrested in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico on September 21, 2004 by officials from the Baja California State Judicial Police, based on information provided by the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force. Sanchez was subsequently deported from Mexico and turned over to investigators from the San Diego Violent Crime Task Force and the Los Angeles Police Department Foreign Prosecution Unit. Sanchez was wanted by the Los Angeles Police Department for two counts of attempted murder in connection with a November 2003 incident in the Granada Hills area of Los Angeles. The charges against Sanchez allege that he lured two female victims from a party to a motel in Granada Hills. Upon arriving at the motel, Sanchez directed the victims to park in a secluded area of the parking lot, at which point he approached the car and fired multiple rounds from a 9mm handgun, striking both occupants.



Pablo Sanchez

**Wanted for  
Attempted Murder**

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

On August 27, 2004, a warrant was issued in Tucson, AZ charging Ann Leenhouts with the offenses of Kidnapping, Custodial Interference, and Domestic Violence. On September 17, 2004, the case was adopted by the USMS D/AZ- Tucson. With assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service Technical Operations Group, investigators learned that Leenhouts was believed to be in Alexandria, VA, and a lead was forwarded to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF). Investigators followed several leads and determined that Leenhouts arrived in the area in mid-August, and had stayed in a series of hotels. On September 24, 2004, as the result of an extensive investigation, CARFTF investigators located Leenhouts and took her into custody without incident.



Ann Leenhouts

**Wanted for  
Kidnapping**

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

On September 17, 2004 the Essex County Prosecutor's Office requested the assistance of the New York / New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force in locating and arresting Noel Wilkens, who was wanted for Homicide, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Handgun), and Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose. Wilkens allegedly had an argument and physical altercation with Terrance Miles on Main Street in East Orange on September 4, 2004. Wilkens allegedly left the scene of the altercation, but returned later in a vehicle and fired one shot at Miles, striking him in the head and killing him. On September 22, 2004 Task Force members arrested Wilkens without incident in East Orange and also recovered the vehicle that was used during the shooting.



Noel Wilkens  
**Wanted for Homicide**

**Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On September 24, 2004 investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), Fulton County, Georgia Sheriff's Department Fugitive Unit and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group arrested Victor Varner on charges of armed robbery, theft by receiving, cocaine possession, and obstruction of law enforcement officers. On September 24, 2004 information was received that Varner was in a motel in southwest Atlanta. After a brief surveillance, Varner was observed exiting and getting into a vehicle. As agents moved in, he fled investigators, striking a Deputy Marshal with his car in the process. Varner was later located in another motel in Conley, Ga. As the door was breached on the room, Conley fought with SERFTF agents and had to be subdued with a Tazer device. Two females were present in the room, along with a large quantity of marijuana. Varner's criminal history includes nineteen prior arrests for offenses such as manslaughter, armed robbery, narcotics trafficking, and numerous thefts.



Victor Bernard Varner

**Wanted for Armed Robbery**

**Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On September 24, 2004, Althirty Hunter, wanted for two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder in Lake County, Indiana, self-surrendered due to the intense pressure placed on him by the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). One week prior, Hunter and another individual identified as Calvin Lyons entered a residence in Gary, Indiana, claiming that they had earlier dropped a \$100 bill there. Once inside the heavily occupied residence, HUNTER produced a TEC-9 from underneath his coat and shot and killed one individual. Lyons then grabbed an AK-47 style assault rifle that had been propped up against the wall, and they together began firing at other individuals in the house in an attempt to eliminate any possible witnesses, killing one person and seriously wounding another. On September 23, 2004 investigators conducted an at-length interview with Hunter's mother-in-law and wife explaining the seriousness of the situation. Both indicated that they would convince Hunter to surrender.



Althirty Hunter

**Wanted for Murder**