# REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

### New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On June 18, 2007, Rebekah Johnson was arrested in Philadelphia, PA by members of NY/NJ RFTF. The New York, NY Police Department wanted Johnson for charges relating to an incident on May 29, 2006, during which she allegedly shot the leader of the Ganas Community, a commune based in the city of New York. During this incident, Johnson allegedly fired five rounds at the victim from extremely close range, critically wounding him. The FOX network program *America's Most Wanted* (AMW) featured Johnson's profile on numerous occasions, and listed her as one of that program's *Top Ten Most Wanted* fugitives. NY/NJ RFTF conducted a lengthy investigation, during the course of which they executed a search warrant at Johnson's apartment. During this search, investigators recovered an AK-47 assault rifle, more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition, as well as numerous falsified identification documents bearing Johnson's picture. Investigators later identified information indicating that Johnson would board a mass-transit train in Philadelphia, responded to the station, and safely took her into custody as she exited the train car. Johnson remains in custody pending extradition to New York.



Rebekah Johnson Wanted for: Attempted Murder

## Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On June 19, 2007, Tremaine Pyatt was arrested in Atlanta, GA by members of SERFTF, who acted with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG). The Muscogee County (GA) Sheriff's Office wanted Pyatt for Murder after an incident on June 17, 2007. During the early morning hours on that date, Pyatt allegedly shot and killed off-duty deputy sheriff Meredith Rhodes in Columbus, GA. Following the shooting, the Columbus Police Department and U.S. Marshals Service investigators developed information identifying Pyatt as the alleged shooter, and that he fled to the Atlanta-area. On June 19, 2007, SERFTF identified Pyatt's probable location at an Atlanta-area apartment complex and established surveillance at that site. SERFTF units later forced entry into the target apartment and safely took Pyatt into custody following a brief struggle. Pyatt has a criminal history that includes convictions for Robbery, Battery, and Obstruction of Officers. At the time of Pyatt's arrest, authorities also sought him on outstanding warrants for Aggravated Assault, Kidnapping, and for making terroristic threats.



Tremaine Pyatt
Wanted for:
Murder

#### **Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)**

On June 21, 2007, Cornelius Williams, Jr. was arrested in Fairfield, AL by members of GCRFTF. The Jefferson County (AL) Sheriff's Office (JCSO) wanted Williams for Armed Bank Robbery after he allegedly held-up a credit union in Forestdale, AL on May 15, 2007. Authorities in Bessemer, AL also consider Williams a person of interest in the murder of a fourteen year old child. GCRFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information indicating that Williams fled to the Fairfield-area. Investigators responded to that city, located Williams, and safely took him into custody. Incident to Williams' arrest, investigators identified another location in Midfield, AL where he took refuge during his flight from justice. GCRFTF and JCSO personnel later executed a search warrant at that home and recovered four firearms, including a MAC-10-type sub-machinegun.



Cornelius Williams, Jr.
Wanted for:
Armed Bank Robbery

#### Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On June 27, 2007, Kwame Boateng, a citizen of Ghana, was arrested in the Bronx, NY by members of the New York / New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF), who acted on information provided by CARFTF. Authorities in Woodbridge, VA wanted Boateng for Rape of a Minor after he allegedly sexually assaulted an eight year old girl on June 22, 2007. On that date, Boateng allegedly lured the victim and another two year old child into his apartment, and then brought the victim into his bedroom and allegedly raped her. During an investigation into this incident, investigators developed information that Boateng had allegedly been abusing children over an extended period of time. CARFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU) and the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information indicating that Boateng fled from Virginia to New York. CARFTF provided NY/NJ RFTF personnel with information on Boateng's location in the Bronx, where investigators safely arrested him. Boateng remains in custody pending his return to Virginia.



Kwame BoatengWanted for:Rape of a Minor

#### **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)**

On June 22, 2007, Quincy Hill was arrested in Chicago, IL by members of GLRFTF. The Chicago Police Department wanted Hill for Aggravated Battery with a Firearm after he allegedly robbed a restaurant on May 06, 2007. During this robbery, Hill allegedly shot a person multiple times, causing severe injury. The victim later identified Hill as the shooter. GLRFTF investigators developed information on Hill's whereabouts, and worked to achieve his safe surrender. Hill soon submitted to the pressure applied by investigators and surrendered himself to GLRFTF units.



Quincy Hill Wanted for: Aggravated Battery

### **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)**

On June 18, 2007, Almaraz Reveles Gonzalo was arrested in Baldwin Park, CA by members of PSWRFTF, agents from the Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), officers from the Santa Ana, CA Police Department, deputies from the Orange County (CA) Sheriff's Department, and deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Central District of California. Law enforcement officials in the Republic of Mexico sought Gonzalo for Murder after he allegedly shot and killed a man in 1998. Law enforcement in Mexico developed information indicating that Gonzalo fled to the United States following the shooting, and contacted PSWRFTF for assistance in locating and apprehending him. Investigators identified Gonzalo's location at a Baldwin Park residence, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody. This case received significant media attention, including a profile on the CNN network program *Anderson Cooper 360*.



Almaraz Reveles Gonzalo
Wanted for:
Murder