The Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force – Pensacola Division is composed of the following state and local agencies: Florida’s State Attorney Office, Escambia County Sheriff’s Office, Santa Rosa County Sheriff’s Office, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office, Walton County Sheriff’s Office, Fort Walton Beach Police Department, Defuniak Springs Police Department, Niceville Police Department, FDLE and U.S. Marshals Service.

I would like to thank everyone for your support of the Regional Fugitive Task Force, and your continued cooperation will ensure a successful partnership for years to come.

“Just a Few Highlighted Arrest “

In Okaloosa County on April 19, 2012, Members of the US Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force (FLRFTF) arrested fugitive Javonte Hodges (age 22) at a residence in Fort Walton, Florida. Hodges was wanted by the Cleveland Police Department for a homicide that occurred on March 14, 2012. The victim, Christopher Johnson (age 29), was shot in the neck and died from the wound.

On April 17, 2012, Members of the U.S. Marshals Task Force in Fort Worth, Texas arrested fugitive Joel ADAMS outside a Hotel in Fort Worth Texas. Adams was wanted in two counties in our area.

In Escambia County, on April 24, 2012 members of the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Tyler Crane a fugitive from Alabama Wanted for Probation Violation and Armed Robbery. Also in Escambia County Jonathan WRIGHT, above right, was arrested on April 24, 2012 in Escambia County. Wright was wanted out of Okaloosa County for Aggravated Assault.

On April 3, 2012, WILSON was arrested at a Loxley Motel in Alabama. He was arrested and his wife, Laquisha WILSON was detained as they were exiting the room. WILSON had a Taurus 9mm magazine in his rear pocket; he also had a sandwich baggie containing suspected cannabis and $173.00 cash. A search the motel room revealed a 9mm pistol Taurus Millennium PT111, Serial Number TBT92316.

In Santa Rosa County on April 4, 2012 Task Force members arrested William Clepper and Jackie Abbott for Weapons Offense and Johnnie Henderson for Probation Violation, Burglary and Cruelty toward the Elderly. Henderson was arrested while attempting to flee out of the residence window. All three fugitives were wanted on active warrants from Okaloosa County.
TRAINING:

Task Force Training is conducted every month: Training is an important and essential part of the Fugitive Task Force daily operations. The US Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force is committed to maintain a training program to all members that is flexible and proactive, in order to safely mitigate any high risk incident encountered in the field.

On April 16, 2012, all members of the Florida/Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force in Pensacola completed the Medical Training Combat Life Saver Course. The course was instructed by Senior Medics from the U.S. Army, 7th Special Forces Group, as part of the task force monthly training. The training was conducted at the Okaloosa County, Sheriff Office Range. Training like this is part of the on-going tactical training for the Task Force.

Task Force members, Jeff McGill and Ed Vincent completed a 3 day full Combat Life Saver Course at the Special Forces military facility located in Crestview, Florida.

During March, the Task Force conducted 8 hours of Basic Ballistic Shield Course, at the Santa Rosa Sheriff Office Range. The course was taught by a well-known, guest instructor and Task Force member James Fairfield.

“Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force has obtained a new tool to catch fugitives”.

Tip411 is a Web base system that the public can either use our website to leave a tip or text a tip using “Tip411 or 847-411 with the Key word USMFL”. This new system will be launch on May 1, 2012 and it will service the entire state.

The Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force will profile fugitive cases on the USMS website to generate tips; so if you have a case of interest, please contact the Task Force. Our goal is to make the community safer by finding those fugitives, who are committing crimes and bring them to justice. The Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force will be the first Regional Task Force who will test this service. This Tip411 service will target US Marshals Task Force cases, being sought by different jurisdictions.

Other US Marshals Offices are already customers of this service and their result has been very productive.
Members of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) have designed a 2012 USMS Police Week t-shirt in an effort to honor DUSM Derek Hotsinpiller and Senior Inspector Perry.

Last year in 2011, the USMS suffered two great losses with the line of duty deaths of Deputy U.S. Marshal Derek Hotsinpiller and Senior Inspector John Perry. This year, both of their names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. during National Police Week.

**National Law Enforcement Week in our area.**

**Escambia County Sheriff Office** will conduct a Memorial Ceremony on May 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at the Sheriff’s Office Administration Building.

**Santa Rosa County Sheriff Office** will conduct a Memorial Service Ceremony at 5755 E. Milton Road on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 @ 9:00 AM.

**Okaloosa County Sheriff Office** will conduct a ceremony on May 17, 2012.

**Fort Walton Beach Police Department** will conduct a Memorial Ceremony on Tuesday May 15, 2012, at 6:50 AM at their Headquarters Building.

I hope this newsletter has made each and every Task Force agency partner feel connected and knowledgeable about the capabilities and success of the US Marshals Task Force. The Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force is committed to assist and support local, state and federal law enforcement agencies within our region.

Thank you,

Sixto Boyer