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**“America’s Most Wanted” Fugitive Captured.**

Los Angeles- On December 30, 2006, 45-year old Ralph Garbarini walked into a local eatery and shot and killed Michael Fineman and wounded another man. The couple had asked that Garbarini be escorted from the restaurant because he was staring at the them.

Today, Garbarini’s vehicle was spotted by two retired Los Angeles Police Officers at the 7100 block of Hawthorn Ave in Hollywood, California. The Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force initiated surveillance on the vehicle until Fugitive Task Force Investigators and Detectives from the San Diego Police Department arrived. After hours of surveillance Garbarini was spotted at his truck. He was taken into custody without incident.

The San Diego Police Department requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals led San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force in early January. Due to the nature of the crime and the danger Garbarini posed to the community this case has been a top priority for the Fugitive Task Force. The Task Force assigned one U.S. Marshal and one Chula Vista Police Officer to work full-time on this case. “We have exhausted numerous resources and man hours searching for Garbarini.” said Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Greg Doss. America’s Most Wanted aired a segment about Garbarini which generated



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numerous leads. Investigators traveled to different states following up on these leads. Anywhere Garbarini was thought to be hiding, investigators sent law enforcement agencies photos of Garbarini and his vehicle. “I have done more work on this case than any other case in my career. Every law enforcement agency in the country knew we were looking for him. It was only a matter of time before Garbarini was arrested..” said Deputy U.S. Marshal Wade Gregg.

The San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force targets violent fugitives wanted for state, local, or Federal offenses. It is comprised of investigators and officers from the United States Marshals Service, San Diego Sheriff's Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Chula Vista Police Department, San Diego County Probation, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, United States Border Patrol, Social Security Administration, and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and California National Guard. For more information about U.S. Marshal Service led Task Forces please visit our website at <http://www.usmarshals.gov/investigations/index.html>.

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