

# United States Marshals Service



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## **U.S. MARSHALS ARREST CHILD ABDUCTOR AND RECOVER ABDUCTED CHILD**

Today at about 3:00 PM PST, Deputy U.S. Marshals arrested Michelle Dawn Finley, age 46 and safely recovered 7 year old Heidi Rus in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Heidi Rus was abducted on October 1, 2006 by her mother, Michelle Dawn Finley, during a custodial visit at Finley's parent's home in Pendleton, Oregon. On October 10, 2006, Finley's vehicle was found abandoned in Wells, Nevada, but the Elko County Sheriff's Office was unable to locate the girl and her abductor.

On October 18<sup>th</sup> a Umatilla County Grand Jury indicted Finley for Custodial Interference First Degree. The Pendleton Police Department requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service Oregon Fugitive Task Force in apprehending Finley. On November 1, 2006, the U.S. Marshals Service obtained a federal warrant from the U.S. District Court in Oregon charging Finley with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

Acting on a tip from the public, Deputy U.S. Marshals from the District of Nevada tracked Finley to an apartment in Las Vegas, Nevada where Finley was arrested and Heidi Rus was taken into

protective custody. Finley was booked at the Clark County Detention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada awaiting extradition to Oregon. Heidi Rus will be held in protective custody pending her release to her legal guardian.

The U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force is made up of personnel from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Portland Police Bureau, the Oregon National Guard, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the North Plains Police Department, the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, and the Clackamas County Department of Community Corrections. Last year, the U.S. Marshals Service cleared 89,687 felony warrants, including 38,417 Federal warrants and 51,270 state and local warrants. For more information about the U.S. Marshals Service and the Oregon Fugitive Task Force, go to [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov)