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The Joint Task Force investigating the shootings which occurred in the Charleston/Kanawha County area during the week of August 10, 2003 is once again asking the public's help to identify the individual or individuals responsible for these crimes. To that end, a reward in the amount of \$50,000 is being offered for information leading directly to the identification of the person or persons responsible for these crimes. If you have any information concerning this case, please call 1-866-989-2824 (1-866-WVWATCH) or 1-304-357-0169.

The Task Force is interested in any information regarding this case and is particularly interested in the identity of a heavy-set white male who was observed driving a dark-colored full-size pickup truck near the scenes of two of the shootings. This pickup truck is believed to be an extended cab truck with tinted windows and a rear sliding glass window with possibly gold or other light-colored stripe around the bottom of the vehicle. The truck may be black, dark blue, dark green, or maroon in color. In addition, the following behavioral characteristics which may have occurred immediately following the crime should be of note:

- 1) A change in the person's normal routine sometime within the 24 or 48 hours following the shootings – such as missed time from work or other routine engagements. This can include taking unscheduled vacation or calling in sick at work;
- 2) An intense interest in the status of this investigation, including discussing the shootings, saving newspaper articles, or taping the television news;
- 3) Displays of anxiety, nervousness, or irritability – to include withdrawal from normal activities and a change in sleeping habits;
- 4) Change in the consumption of alcohol, drugs, food, or cigarettes;
- 5) Leaving the area for some plausible-sounding reason such as a work trip or a visit to a distant relative;
- 6) Changes in physical appearance (growth or removal of facial hair, change in hair color or cut, change in weight, etc.); and
- 7) Has made specific or inappropriate comments about the shootings or violence in general.

The Joint Task Force consists of investigators from the Charleston Police Department, the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department, the West Virginia State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, the United States Secret Service, the United States Marshals Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.