

U.S. MARSHALS OPERATION



From August 26 through September 1, 2007, the United States Marshals Service with its partners from federal, state, and local law enforcement, engaged in Operation FALCON 2007 (Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally). This initiative represents the fourth effort in a continuing series of historically successful national fugitive apprehension missions. OPERATION FALCON 2007 focused on capturing individuals wanted on felony charges including sexual predators and fugitives wanted for crimes of violence. Deputy U.S. Marshals teamed up with agents, investigators, detectives, officers, and deputies to form a powerful unit that located and apprehended fugitive felons, ensuring the continuing safety of America's communities.



SOUTH FLORIDA PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

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FEDERAL

Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service
Department of Homeland Security, Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs & Border Protection
D.H.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement: Office of Detention and Removal
Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General
Housing & Urban Development, Office of Inspector General
Department of Justice, Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives
United States Department of State, Division of Diplomatic Security
United States Postal Inspection Service
United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Internal General

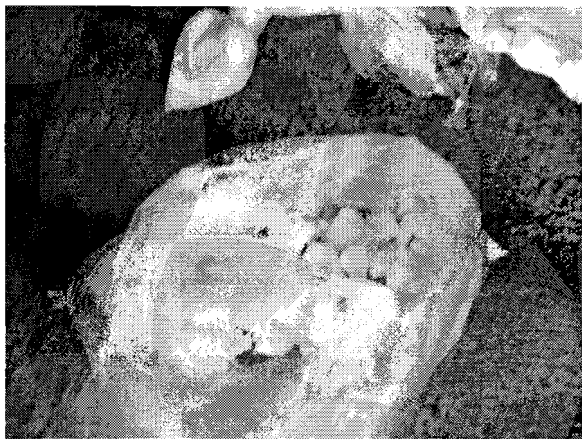
STATE

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Florida Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole

LOCAL

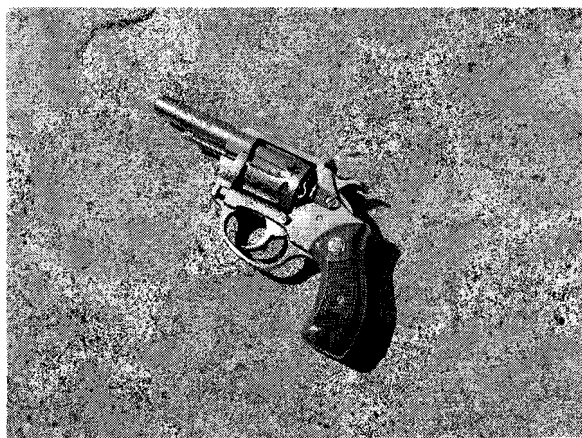
Bal Harbour Police Department
Broward County Sheriff's Office
Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Fort Pierce Police Department
Hallandale Police Department
City of Hialeah Police Department
Indian River County Sheriff's Office
Lauderhill Police Department
Martin County Sheriff's Office
Miami Beach Police Department
Miami-Dade County Police Department
City of Miami Police Department
Monroe County Sheriff's Office
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Port St. Lucie Police Department
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office
Sunrise Police Department
West Palm Beach Police Department
Key West Police Department

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Nationwide Narcotics Violations:
1,871

Deputy U.S. Marshals in the Southern District of Florida worked with agents, investigators, detectives, officers, and deputies from more than 30 law enforcement agencies.



Nationwide Total Firearms
Seized: 249

Firearms Seized in the Southern
District of Florida: 3



FALCON 2007 National Statistics	
Warrants Cleared	6,805
Fugitives Arrested	5,571
Sex Offenders Arrested	521
Gang Members Arrested	300
Firearms Seized	249

FALCON 2007 - Southern District of Florida Statistics	
Warrants Cleared	505
Fugitives Arrested	435
Sex Offenders Arrested	40
Gang Members Arrested	1
Homicide Warrants Cleared	5
Narcotics/OCDETF Warrants Cleared	1
Firearms Seized	3
Federal Agencies	10
State Agencies	2
Local Agencies	19





MIAMI

Kevin GREENE – In early 1999, Kevin GREENE, a/k/a Kevin Fudge was arrested for armed robbery and conspiracy to affect interstate commerce. He was ultimately sentenced to a term of 94 months incarceration followed by 3 years of supervised release. GREENE had a criminal history that revealed numerous arrests on narcotics charges, assaulting a police officer and weapons offenses. On August 8, 2007, an arrest warrant was issued for GREENE for violating the terms of his supervised release. GREENE had been arrested on state charges of assault, and had also tested positive for the use of narcotics. Additionally, he failed to make any attempt to repay over \$1.2 million in restitution resulting from the underlying offense. The investigation revealed GREENE had recently taken receipt of a large inheritance as a result of the death of his mother, and was planning to flee the area. Deputies from South Florida had identified family members residing in the Homestead, Florida area.

During the early morning hours of August 28th, deputies and FALCON Task Force officers converged on a residence in Homestead, Florida. With assistance from the Homestead Police Department, GREENE was safely taken into custody during the evening hours of August 28th just prior to fleeing the area.

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Jose LOHUIS - Lohuis initially came into contact with law enforcement in 1992 after he assaulted a Metro Dade Police officer following a high speed pursuit. Subsequently in March of 1993, Lohuis, armed with a gun and knife, was standing at a traffic light controlled intersection on Le Jeune Road near Miami International Airport. A female in a convertible approached the intersection and stopped for the red traffic signal. LOHUIS jumped into her vehicle and at gunpoint, made her drive him to a secluded area in Hialeah, Florida. He repeatedly raped and stabbed his victim. While bleeding from the wound, he forced her to drive him back to the original area of abduction. The victim was able to hail a marked police unit before succumbing to her wounds. A perimeter was established and LOHUIS was taken into custody a short time later.

During the evening hours of August 28, 2007, LOHUIS was again being sought for violations of the sex offender registration requirements. Deputies and FALCON task force officers eventually found and arrested LOHUIS at his brother's residence located in the Hammocks area of Miami-Dade County.



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Ronnie LEWIS, Jr. – Lewis was being sought on a federal probation warrant issued on July 19, 2007. Lewis, 6'04" and weighing 320 pounds, had previously been convicted on federal charges of armed carjacking and had a criminal history of several weapons violations, narcotics arrests and resisting arrest. On June 26, 2007, Lewis was arrested for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana by Miami-Dade Police Department. Once again, at the time of this arrest, Lewis was in possession of a hand gun. During the early morning hours of August 26, 2007, deputies and Operation FALCON task force officers simultaneously raided 4 houses located in various jurisdictions within Miami-Dade County. As a result of this law enforcement effort, Lewis was safely taken into custody without incident.

WEST PALM BEACH

Thomas CONTI - In January 2002, CONTI was convicted in Palm Beach County, Florida of Sexual Battery on a Child Under 12 Years of Age. CONTI was subsequently sentenced to 1 year in prison and 30 years of Probation. CONTI's arrest on this charge stemmed from the repeated sexual molestation of a young boy for a period of approximately six months. After his release from prison, CONTI was also required to register with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office as a Sexual Predator.

In late July 2007, CONTI absconded from his probation officer. As a result, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Sexual Predator/Offender Tracking Unit (SPOT) was notified. In early August 2007, the SPOT Unit contacted the U.S. Marshals Service South Florida Task Force and requested their assistance. The task force discovered that CONTI had likely fled the Palm Beach area and headed for Ohio where his grandparents were living. A collateral lead was immediately sent to the USMS Task Force in Northern Ohio. The two task forces then developed information that CONTI was living in downtown Cleveland. On August 25, 2007, N/OH Deputies responded to a Western Union in Cleveland and arrested CONTI without incident as he approached the store.



WEST PALM BEACH

Bernard FIELDS - FIELDS was a fugitive from justice and was being sought by the Broward County Sheriff's Office on charges of aggravated assault with a firearm and felon in possession of a firearm. Information was developed by deputies from the USMS West Palm Beach office that FIELDS may be hiding in the West Palm Beach area. Their investigation also revealed FIELDS was currently in possession of several firearms and pit bull canines. Based on information developed by the USMS, investigators were able to ascertain the residence where FIELDS was hiding. Additionally, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was able to establish enough probable cause to obtain a search warrant for this residence.

On August 30, 2007, deputies and FALCON task force officers assisted the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office during the execution of the search warrant on the residence where FIELDS was believed to be hiding. Based on the information obtained by the USMS, West Palm Beach Police Department SWAT made entry into the residence and secured the scene. FIELDS was taken into custody and the search warrant resulted in the seizure of a Mossburg shotgun, an H & K .40 caliber handgun, a large quantity of cocaine and ecstasy.

FT. PIERCE

Charles CUNNINGHAM - On August 27, 2007, deputies and task force officers from Operation FALCON assisted the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office in locating a known drug offender named Charles CUNNINGHAM. CUNNINGHAM was located and consequently approached by law enforcement officers. At this time, he was observed conducting a series of furtive movements in an effort to apparently conceal something in his waistband area. He was commanded to stop any movements, but continued in his efforts, apparently trying to retrieve something concealed in his waistband. As law enforcement attempted to restrain him for their safety, a struggle ensued. As CUNNINGHAM was being restrained in hand cuffs, a loaded .22 caliber revolver fell from his waist to the ground. CUNNINGHAM had been released from prison approximately 8 months earlier. Charges are now being sought for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.