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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER CAPTURED IN ARKANSAS AFTER VIOLENT RAMPAGE

San Jose, CA – U.S. Marshal Don O’Keefe is proud to announce the arrest of James Terrell Booker, age 38, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Booker was apprehended after a nation-wide manhunt involving Federal and Local Law Enforcement from California and Arkansas.

Booker was wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service, Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Taskforce, after he escaped from a Federal Detention Facility in Southern California, on February 20, 2014. Booker was serving a 104 month sentence for his role in the Distribution of Crack Cocaine within the Monterey County area.

It is alleged that, on May 02, 2014, in the City of Monterey, CA, Booker committed an armed home invasion robbery. In desperation to get out of town, Booker fled in the resident’s vehicle. The Monterey Peninsula Regional Violence Team was able to locate Booker immediately after the robbery in a safe-house in Salinas, CA. The Safe-House was surrounded by Officers from the Salinas Police Department, Monterey Co Sheriffs, US Marshals, and ATF. Hours later, Salinas P.D. SWAT entered the Safe-House only to discover Booker had escaped unseen.

The US Marshal Service immediately placed Booker on The Northern California’s Most Wanted Website (www.northerncaliforniamostwanted.org). Within days of posting Booker’s photograph, authorities began to receive tips through the website. The anonymous tipsters placed Booker in the state of Arkansas. Within hours of the tips, the US Marshals Service, Eastern Arkansas Fugitive Task Force was on the hunt for Booker.

It is alleged that, on January 24, 2015, in Little Rock, AR, Booker forced his way into a home, then pistol whipped and shot a female victim. Booker once again fled unseen. Booker was profiled on Arkansas Most Wanted and within hours more anonymous tips came pouring in.

On February 27, 2015, the US Marshals Service, Eastern Arkansas Fugitive Task Force, along with Arkansas State Police, and Monticello Police Dept. located and surrounded Booker at a Super 8 Motel. Booker was arrested without incident and booked into Drew Country Jail. Booker is awaiting extradition back to California.

“This arrest exemplifies the capabilities and effectiveness of community and law enforcement partnerships demonstrated in California and Arkansas. The US Marshals Service is in a unique position to be able to track these fugitives across multi-jurisdictional state lines. However, this new interactive tool allows the public to be the additional eyes and ears to law enforcement, in order to prevent violent fugitives from further victimizing area residents.” said Don O’Keefe, U.S. Marshals for the Northern District of California.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the primary federal agency charged with conducting fugitive investigations throughout the United States and abroad. The U.S. Marshals Service regularly works in concert with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to seek out and arrest violent fugitives and sex offenders, and has established task forces throughout the nation to facilitate the apprehension of fugitives

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