



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 06-2-2014

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Murder suspect booked into H.C.C.F.

Case: 201401769 update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 06-01-2014, at approximately 5:20 p.m., Benjamin Jasper Carter, 33 years old was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on an arrest warrant for murder and arson. His bail is set at \$1,250,000.00.

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On 04/18/2014 the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received information regarding a possible homicide involving a firearm that occurred in the Southern Humboldt area. The Sheriff's Office is currently investigating this allegation with the assistance from the District Attorney Investigator's Office, Department of Justice (DOJ), Arson Task Force, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Benjamin Jasper Carter is wanted for questioning in association to this investigation. Carter is described to be a white male, age 33, 6'3", 180 lbs, brown hair, and blue eyes. Carter's head may be shaved bald and he may have a goatee and mustache. Carter has multiple tattoos on his chest, back, arms, legs, and neck. Carter is associated with a black GMC truck, CA license 6R68046. The truck has a blue tailgate with an Oakland Raiders design and front end damage. Carter is believed to be armed and dangerous. If seen, do not approach and contact law enforcement.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey

Sheriff

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NEWS RELEASE

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HUMBOLDT MURDER SUSPECT CAPTURED BY U.S. MARSHALS

Eureka, CA – U.S. Marshal Don O’Keefe is proud to announce the arrest of Benjamin Jasper Carter, 33, who was arrested at a residence in Lake Havasu City, AZ, by members of the U.S. Marshals Service - led Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force. Carter was wanted by the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office for allegations of arson and murder.

Carter was wanted in connection with the shooting death of Zachery Chapman in Garberville, CA, on April 16 of this year.

Earlier this month, the Humboldt County Sheriffs Department and the U.S. Marshals Service in Eureka, CA, developed information that Carter may have fled to Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and was hiding from authorities with family members. The U.S. Marshals Eureka office contacted the U.S. Marshals in Arizona and requested their assistance in locating Carter. At 5:30 pm on May 12th, Deputy U.S. Marshals and Lake Havasu City Police arrested Carter without incident at a residence on Kearsse Drive in Lake Havasu City. Carter will be held at the Mohave County Jail in Kingman, AZ awaiting extradition back to Humboldt County, CA.

“The U.S. Marshals have had, and will continue to have, a strong relationship with our Northern California partner agencies,” said U.S. Marshal Don O’Keefe, the United States Marshal for the Northern District of California. “Our established task forces across the county bring to these type of investigations the ability to track violent offenders both within California and across state lines. It is a resource that we will continue to make available to our state and local partners in an effort to bring these violent and dangerous individuals to justice.”

To find information on fugitive’s currently being sought by the U.S. Marshals in Northern California, or to submit a tip on the whereabouts of a fugitive, please visit: <http://northerncaliforniamostwanted.org>

The U.S. Marshals Service is the primary federal agency charged with conducting fugitive investigations throughout the United States. 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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