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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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