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U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE ARRESTS “FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK” HIDING IN DOVER APARTMENT



CONCORD, NH – Early this morning, this week’s “Fugitive of the Week,” Adam Walter Searles, 28, was arrested by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force hiding inside of a Dover, NH apartment of a known associate.

Searles had been wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant issued back in May by the Strafford County Superior Court for bail violations stemming from original charges of burglary, credit card fraud and drug offenses.

Mr. Searles was featured just yesterday as the “Fugitive of the Week.” The “Fugitive of the Week” was aired on WTPL-FM, WMUR-TV, The Union Leader, The Nashua Telegraph, The Patch, Foster’s Daily Democrat, Manchester Information, the Manchester Ink Link and prominently featured on the internet. The “Fugitive of the Week” has been a very successful tool that has resulted in the location and arrest of numerous fugitives since its implementation in 2007. Additionally, the “Fugitive of the Week” is distributed statewide to all law enforcement officers.

Several members of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, including members from the Strafford, Rockingham, Hillsborough & Belknap County Sheriff’s Offices, Federal Protective Service, along with deputy US Marshals developed information indicating that Searles was residing with a known associate on Abbey Lane in Dover, NH. Upon arrival at the residence, there was a delay in opening the door, and the associate denied that Searles was in the residence or any knowledge of where he was. A search of the apartment and Mr. Searles was located hiding behind a bedroom door. Mr Searles was arrested without any further incident.

Searles was transported to the Strafford County Jail for processing on the outstanding Strafford County arrest warrant, as well as another warrant for criminal trespass which had a \$350.00 bail. Mr. Searles refused a bail commission and was being held pending his initial court appearance.

Since the inception of the New Hampshire Joint Fugitive Task Force in 2002, these partnerships have resulted in over 6,806 arrests (Updated as of 5/25/2017). These arrests have ranged in seriousness from murder,

assault, unregistered sex offenders, probation and parole violations and numerous other serious offenses. Nationally the United States Marshals Service fugitive programs are carried out with local law enforcement in 94 district offices, 85 local fugitive task forces, 7 regional task forces, as well as a growing network of offices in foreign countries.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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