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SC Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force searches for Federal Fugitive

GREENVILLE, SC – The **South Carolina Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force** is actively searching for Robert Bowling.

A Federal Arrest Warrant has been issued for **Robert G. Bowling, III** charging Conspiracy, Aggravated ID Theft, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Bowling is listed as WANTED in NCIC. Bowling is known to exhibit violent behavior and flee from law enforcement. Bowling is considered **Armed and Dangerous**. Extreme Caution should be used if Bowling is encountered.

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ROBERT GARTRELL BOWLING III
301 CONNERS BLVD
PIEDMONT, SC 29673-7513

DL: 7438654
DOB: 11/29/1978


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Calendar

The next scheduled meetings of the Upstate Identity Theft Task Force will be at the U.S. Postal Inspection Office (2320 E. North Street; Greenville, SC) on **October 21, November 4, and November 18, 2009** at 10:00 am. Please bring any cases that require additional investigative manpower and/or Federal prosecutorial appeal.

S.C. Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force Information


FEDERAL



Robert Bowling
****Active Warrants****
 Mail Theft

Greenville Co. SO
 USPIS

FEDERAL



Connie Stafford
****Active Warrants****
 Theft of Money
 Orders

Possibly in Mayo, SC

Spartanburg Co. SO
 USPIS

FEDERAL



Derrick Lynch
****Active Warrants****
 Theft of Money Orders

Possibly in Allendale, SC

Spartanburg Co. SO
 USPIS

FEDERAL



Amanda Ellis
****Active Warrants****
 Identity Theft

Possibly in Tennessee

US Secret Service
 USPIS

FEDERAL




Torrance Evans
 Mail Theft

Active Criminal Activity

Spartanburg Co. SO
 USPIS

FEDERAL



Hope Mitchell
 Mail Fraud/Bank Fraud
 Active Criminal Activity

Spartanburg Co. SO
 USPIS
 US Secret Service
 Mauldin PD

FEDERAL




ARRESTED

James Mondell
 Mail Fraud
 Bank Fraud

USPIS
 York County SO

FEDERAL



Thomas E. Snoddy
 Mail Fraud
 Bank Fraud

USPIS
 Greenville County SO

LOCAL



Scotty Pope
****Active Warrants****
 Forgery

Greenville Co. SO
 USPIS

Arrests

SC Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force indicts Seven subjects in a multi-state Mail/Identity Theft, Counterfeit Check Ring.

SPARTANBURG, SC – The **South Carolina Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force** announced the federal arrests and indictment of seven (7) persons for Conspiracy, Identity Theft, and Aggravated Identity Theft after a two (2) year investigation. During the investigation of this case, 2700 counterfeit checks were recovered with a total fraud loss in excess of \$750,000.00.



Cathy Ferguson



Hazel Ross



Shaunnisha McCollum



Robert Clifton



Lakeisha Ross



Lisa Landrum



Ras Kafele

Arrests

GREENVILLE, SC – A multi-agency state and federal cooperative investigation led to the indictment and arrest of eight persons by the **South Carolina Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force** for Prescription Fraud, Mail Theft, Conspiracy, and Securities Fraud. All are awaiting sentencing. Investigation led to the recovery of hundreds of counterfeit checks, stolen US Mail and an approximately fraud loss of \$250,000. To date, all have pled guilty in U.S. Federal Court.



Tasha McMahand



Martin Thomason



Anthony Peeples



Ronald Jones



Roscoe Miller



Angela Pickelsimer



Patrick Taylor



Orlando Thompson

Agencies involved in this case:

Anderson City Police Department
Anderson County Sheriff's Office
Greenville City Police Department
Greenville County Sheriff's Office
Spartanburg Dept. of Public Safety
Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office

DEA Task Force
U.S. Secret Service
BATF
U.S. Marshal's Service
U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Judicial Action



Blackwell



Arrowood

On September 15, 2009, **Annette Blackwell** and **Cristina Arrowood** were sentenced to one (1) year probation for their part in a Mail Theft and Counterfeit Check Conspiracy



Garrett

On October 5, 2009, **April Garrett** was sentenced to one (1) year incarceration for a Social Security Fraud.



Robinson



Owens



Bryant



Turner

On August 19, 2009, **Robinson**, **Owens**, and **Bryant** entered guilty pleas in U.S. Federal Court for violations of Title 18 USC 371 (Conspiracy), 1028A (Aggravated ID Theft), and 513 (Securities). All are now awaiting sentencing. On October 6, 2009, **Crystal Turner** was sentenced to one (1) year probation for her part in the Mail Theft and Counterfeit Check Conspiracy.

Honor Roll

The Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force would like to thank the below individual for his efforts in making our investigations successful:

Special Agent Ken Hunt

W. Tennessee Violent Crime Task Force

Information wanted in the investigation of Hope Mitchell, Dorothy Mitchell, Robin Mitchell-Henson, and James Henson

The South Carolina Upstate Financial Crimes Task Force continues to investigate the below persons for Bank Fraud, Mail Fraud and Access Device Fraud. Based out of Spartanburg, SC, recent information received indicates they may be traveling to Georgia, North Carolina, and lower South Carolina. Special attention should be paid to Tractor Supply, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Lowes, and Home Depot.



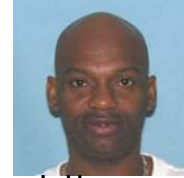
H. Mitchell



R. Henson



D. Mitchell



J. Henson

All are known to drive a white Chevrolet Tahoe or Burgundy Expedition possibly pulling a trailer for larger items. Anyone with information should contact Inv. Kevin Bobo @ 864/503-4509, Inv. Brain Wright @ 864/289-8986, or Inspector Phil Carter @ 864/241-8421.

[Simpsonville City PD joins the Upstate FCTF](#)

The Upstate FCTF would like to welcome our newest member



Pictured Left to Right – South Carolina US Marshal Johnnie M. Brown, Officer Jim Donnelly, and Simpsonville Chief Charles Reece after a swearing in ceremony at the US Courthouse in Greenville.



Meth Matters



Police in Port Orchard, Wash., sensed something was wrong when they approached the pickup truck. To begin with, its occupants were naked. Inside the truck, an even more bizarre scene: Piles and piles of mail.

The truck's occupants quickly confessed: The mail was stolen, lifted from mailboxes in the hopes of trading it for methamphetamine at a nearby mobile home. There, police found a scene increasingly familiar to drug detectives around the country: The occupants, who were high, were surrounded by a pile of stolen televisions and stereos, a mountain of stolen mail and a small methamphetamine production lab.

It is a twin-headed monster ravaging communities across the nation: methamphetamine addiction and identity theft. Police say nearly every time they bust an ID theft ring, the criminals are meth addicts. The drugs and the crime fit neatly together; addicts strung out on meth can stay awake and focused for days at a time, making them expert hackers and mailbox thieves.

The drug that binds

Detective Jim Dunn of the Thurston County Sheriff's office in Washington says "ID theft is so easy to do." "They can steal mail. They have the time, meth keeps them up so long. They have the time to sit and make counterfeit checks, fake driver's licenses."

Take the case of Steven Massey, convicted for his role as ringleader of an ID theft gang in 2000.

Massey knew where to find meth addicts, and he made them a simple proposal: I'll trade mail for meth. Soon a small army of meth addicts was prowling neighborhoods near Eugene, stealing mail out of hundreds of mailboxes, and raiding the local recycling center for pre-approved credit card applications. Others in the ring broke into cars to steal purses and wallets -- not for the money, but for the ID papers.

It's a typical case, Williams says.

"Ninety percent of our ID theft cases deal with drugs," he said. And it's usually methamphetamine, which is easy and cheap to produce in mass quantities. * **Source – MSNBC**



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