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U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE ARREST N.O.P.D. MURDER SUSPECT IN HATTIESBURG, MS

Hattiesburg, MS –

On June 8, 2010, members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force and the Hattiesburg Police Department arrested Karl Dauphine hiding under a bed in a family members' home in Hattiesburg, MS. Dauphine, 20, was wanted in connection with the murder of Deiontay Melacon and the attempted murder of another known victim that occurred in the 7800 block of Symmes Street in New Orleans. According to New Orleans Police detectives, Dauphine was the third suspect and the last fugitive identified in the assault that occurred on May 1, 2010.

On June 7, 2010, investigators with the New Orleans Police Department contacted the U.S. Marshals task force and requested assistance in locating Dauphine. Shortly thereafter, critical information regarding Dauphine's whereabouts was given to the New Orleans branch of Crimestoppers, who forwarded the information to the task force. Officers arrested Dauphine the following morning at an apartment located at 104 Nugget Court, Hattiesburg, MS. A 9mm pistol was recovered at the arrest location and booked into evidence; NOPD reports that a 9mm weapon was used in the offense. U.S. Marshal Genny May stated, "this case is a shining example of the outstanding work when community groups like Crimestoppers combine with local and federal law enforcement agencies to take violent criminals out of our neighborhoods."

The U.S. Marshals sponsored Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force – New Orleans office includes law enforcement officers from the New Orleans Police Department, Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, Saint Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana Probation and Parole, Kenner Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Other area law enforcement agencies assist the GCRFTF in fugitive investigations on a case by case basis.