



# **Fayette County Sheriff's Office**

**Barry H. Babb, Sheriff**

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## **Press Information**

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On October 21, 2015, the U.S. Department of Justice conducted their 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. This ceremony was held in historic Daughters of American Revolution Constitution Hall where The Attorney General of the United States presented awards to the most distinguished and dedicated public servants. This year the Fayette County Sheriff's Office had a Deputy who was presented with the William French Smith Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cooperative Law Enforcement. This award is granted to recognize state and local law enforcement officials who have made significant contributions to cooperative law enforcement endeavors. Investigator Joshua Mauney who serves on the U.S. Marshalls Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force along with two other task force members from other agencies were the recipients of the award for their investigation that led to the arrest of a fugitive wanted on 22 outstanding warrants from five separate agencies. The fugitive had a long criminal history as well as a lack of regard for public safety leading law enforcement on two vehicle pursuits in a stolen vehicle, even striking a task force officer during one of the pursuits. Investigator Mauney and two other task force recipients captured and arrested Billy Lee Owens on June 18, 2014. "We are very proud of Investigator Mauney for his excellent work and his remarkable commitment to Fayette County and the Metro area."

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