



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Press Information

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The attached press release is from the United States Marshals Service. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office participates in the United States Marshals Service Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. The Fayette County Sheriff's Investigator assigned to the task force was the principal investigator for this arrest.



NEWS RELEASE

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U.S. Marshals, Fayette and Cobb County Sheriffs Arrest Violent Child Molester

ATLANTA – The U.S. Marshals Service Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), the Fayette County Sheriff’s Office, and the Cobb County Sheriff’s Office today announced the arrest of a Fayette County fugitive who is charged with Child Molestation and Aggravated Sexual Battery.

Ricardo Sullivan, who was wanted by the Peachtree City Police Department, was located in Cobb County after several months of being wanted in several jurisdictions.

U.S. Marshals began the investigation in conjunction with several other agencies in late August and were able to locate Sullivan at his place of employment in Austell, Ga., Wednesday.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, the U.S. Marshals and the Cobb County Sheriffs Office attempted to arrest Sullivan who at first attempted to run from officers. After Sullivan was contained, he continued to fight and allegedly attempted to retrieve a loaded .410 caliber single shot pistol from his pocket. Deputies were able to subdue the fugitive and prevent him from accessing the firearm. Additional ammunition was also located on Sullivan for the derringer. Sullivan was charged with Felony Obstruction and Possession of a Firearm during a Felony by the Cobb County Sheriffs Office. Sullivan was also wanted for Burglary out of Gwinnet County.

Sullivan was transported to the Cobb County Jail post-arrest.

Since its inception in 2003, investigations carried out by the SERFTF have resulted in the apprehension of more than 20,000 violent fugitives in the state of Georgia. Of these arrests, more than 700 were fugitives wanted for homicide. The successful initiative is led by the U.S. Marshals Service and combines federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The SERFTF has offices in Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah that cover the entire state of Georgia. The task force objective is to seek out and arrest fugitives charged with violent crimes, gang members, sex offenders, and other felonies. In 2010, U.S. Marshals led task forces arrested more than 90,000 state and local fugitives on felony charges.

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