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U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE MAKES FIRST ARREST FROM TIP SENT IN VIA TEXT MESSAGE



Toledo, Ohio – The U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF) Toledo Division arrested Cameron L Stewart, age 29. Stewart was wanted out of Tempe, AZ for conspiracy to sell/transport marijuana and possession of marijuana which occurred in November 2009.

In September 2011, information was developed by the U.S. Marshals in Phoenix, AZ that Stewart could be in the Muskegon, MI area. In November 2011, U.S. Marshals in Grand Rapids, MI attempted to conduct surveillance on a location in Muskegon, MI for Stewart. That surveillance was unsuccessful but information gathered by that investigation led to possible leads in the Toledo, OH area.

On Monday morning, the NOVFTF received a tip via text message which was a new system just established within the last two weeks. The tip led the NOVFTF to a residence on East Hudson Street in Toledo. The NOVFTF was able to locate and arrest Stewart at that residence and he was found hiding in the bathroom. He was transported to the Lucas County Jail and currently awaits his extradition back to Arizona.

U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, “We have already received a large amount of text message tips from the public and this is the first one that has led to arrest. We anticipate that this new program will bring in more information and lead to many arrests as we continue to hunt down these wanted fugitives.”

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of a known fugitive is encouraged to contact the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force at: **1-866-4-WANTED** or text keyword **WANTED** and the tip to **847411(tip411)**. Tipsters may remain anonymous.

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force - Toledo Division is composed of the following federal, state and local agencies: Allen County Sheriff's Office, Delphos Police Department, Fort Shawnee Police Department, Fremont Police Department, Genoa Village Police Department, Holland Police Department, Lima Police Department, Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation, Oregon Police Department, Ottawa Hills Police Department, Pemberville Police Department, Perrysburg Township Police Department, Toledo Police Department, U.S. Marshals Service and Washington Township Police Department.

