



FACT SHEET

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TASK FORCE

2019

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MISSION

The Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) combines the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the most dangerous fugitives.

OVERVIEW

In 2000, Congress recognized the U.S. Marshals' expertise in tracking and apprehending dangerous fugitives, and ordered the creation of regional fugitive task forces (RFTFs) in core cities throughout the country. Based on that mandate, the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) was established in September 2003, and now has offices in *Atlanta, Macon, and Savannah, Georgia*, supporting operations in Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina as well.

- Task force officers are state and local police officers who receive special deputations with the Marshals
- Officers, while on duty, can exercise US Marshals authorities, such as crossing jurisdictional lines

SERFTF

- Comprised of full-time investigators and Deputy US Marshals from Northern, Middle, and Southern districts of Georgia, as well as U.S. Marshal's Service Headquarters, Investigative Operations Division.
- 35 law enforcement agencies provide full-time investigators and participate in SERFTF. They include:

- Georgia Department of Corrections
- Georgia Board of Pardons and Parole
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Cobb County Sheriff's Office
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- DeKalb County Police Department
- Henry County Sheriff's Office
- DeKalb County Sheriff's Office
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Fayette County Sheriff's Office
- U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service
- Fulton County Police Department
- Atlanta Police Department

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 - Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Police Department
 - Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office
 - Macon Police Department
 - McIntosh County Sheriff's Office
 - Bibb County Sheriff's Office
 - Liberty County Sheriff's Office
 - Chatham County Sheriff's Office
 - Bulloch County Sheriff's Office
 - Clayton County Sheriff's Office
 - Clayton County Police Department
 - Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Police Department
 - Newton County Sheriff's Office
 - Paulding County Sheriff's Office
 - Hampton County Sheriff's Office
 - Forsyth County Sheriff's Office
 - Carroll County Sheriff's Office
 - Warner Robins Police Department
 - Polk County Sheriff's Office
 - Fulton County Marshal's Department
 - U.S. Social Security Administration – Office of the Inspector General
 - Rockdale County Sheriff's Office
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- Recognized as the "one-stop shop" for fugitive investigations in the region
 - Serves as a central investigative base for a variety of federal, state, and local agencies attempting to identify, locate, and apprehend dangerous wanted offenders.





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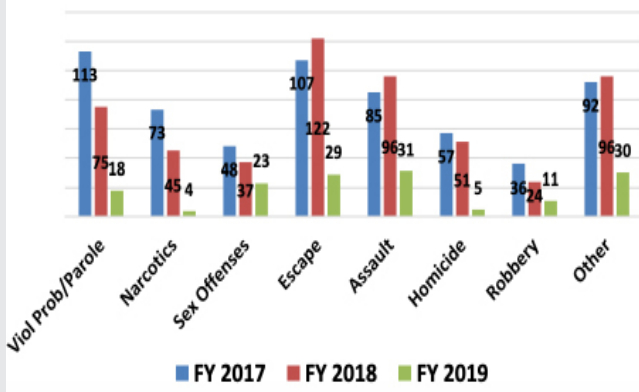
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- In July 2006, named lead agency for the investigation of violations of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.
 - Law allows unregistered sex offenders who cross state lines to be charged federally with a felony, up to 10 years in prison
- Since its inception in September, 2003, SERFTF has closed more than 37,000 federal, state, and local felony warrants. Many of those captured were repeat offenders whose cases involved drugs or violence and who were designated “major case” fugitives by USMS.
- Numerous “Top Ten” and “Most Wanted” fugitives from the region have been captured by SERFTF investigators

FY 2017 - FY 2019 Total Arrests



Counter Gang Unit (CGU)

- In 2011, the SERFTF created and fielded a In 2011, SERFTF created and fielded CGU with the primary focus of assisting other federal, state, and local agencies in gathering intelligence, locating, and arresting violent gang members
- Since inception, the CGU has arrested more than 330 documented gang members and has been credited with the complete dismantling of 5 violent street gangs, removing 116 firearms from Atlanta streets during the process.

