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A report from the Memphis Safe Task Force: U.S. Marshals arrest non-compliant sex offender Thomas Herr, convicted in Fed. court

DRESDEN, TN , May 29, 2026–The U.S. Marshals Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested a non-compliant sex offender wanted by the Martin Police Department.

Thomas Herr, 50, was arrested May 28, 2026, in Dresden in Weakley County, Tennessee, for Sex Offender Registration Violation after a warrant was issued in Weakley County General Sessions Court for non-compliance. In 2010, Herr was convicted in Federal Court in Memphis for Transfer of Obscene Material to Minors. He was sentenced to 21 months of imprisonment followed by 3 years of Supervised Release. Additionally, due to Herr residing in Tennessee, he is required to register as a sex offender.

After Herr completed the term of imprisonment and Supervised Release, he did not comply with the requirements of the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry. Therefore, on March 17, 2026, the Martin Police Department obtained an arrest warrant for Herr on the charge of Sex Offender Registration Violation. On May 14, 2026, at the request of Martin police, the USMS initiated a fugitive Investigation and captured Herr 14 days later.

**Thursday, May 29, 2026
Report: 14 Firearms
Recovered**

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 29, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Thursday executed 42 arrest warrants and recovered 14 firearms.

Of note:

Tracy Vaughn, 18, was arrested without incident in the 4600



Thomas Herr, 50, is shown here and as he is being arrested for a non-compliant sex offense. In 2010, Herr was convicted in Federal Court in Memphis. (Photos/Courtesy: Memphis Safe Task Force)

block of Spring Valley Drive on an outstanding warrant for first-degree murder issued Wednesday.

Timothy Seals, 37, was arrested in the 7000 block of Cobblestone Drive on a warrant for vehicular homicide issued May 18. Seals initially refused MSTF officers' commands to exit the residence, but he eventually complied and was taken into custody.

Carlos Greer, 32, was arrested without incident in the 800 block of Buntyn Road on a warrant issued May 7 for rape of a child.

Ben Berry, 33, was arrested in the 4700 block of Millbranch Road after MSTF members conducted a traffic stop on him and discovered he had an active arrest warrant issued May 26 for aggravated sexual battery and

statutory rape by an authority figure.

Travis Briars, 43, was arrested by MSTF members executing a search warrant at Briar's residence in the 3500 block of Hazelhedge Drive. Investigators located approximately 4 pounds of marijuana, approximately 44 ecstasy pills, approximately \$9,203 in cash, two shotguns, four rifles, and three handguns. He was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession with intent to distribute ecstasy, and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 9,628 arrests,

including 84 for homicide, 1,061 for controlled substances, 914 for firearms violations, and 105 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 274 were juveniles and 1,018 were known gang members.

The task force has seized 1,636 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

The Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF), a multi-agency initiative, was organized in September 2025 to combat violent crime in Memphis. It is composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee

National Guard, and focuses on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 150 missing children.

This operation reflects the MSTF's commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety. Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app.

For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.



Federal, state, and local agencies conclude Operation Clean House: Memphis

MEMPHIS – Operation Clean House: Memphis concluded with a total of 17 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) arrests including 7 Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) assists.

The majority of the 24 individuals taken into custody were current HUD program participants apprehended within HUD housing units. Several subjects also had extensive criminal histories or multiple active charges at the time of apprehension.

Agents also conducted several non-custodial interviews and as-

“Demonstrating exceptional work by the Memphis Safe Task Force, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General, and other law enforcement partners, Operation Clean House: Memphis led to the successful apprehension of dangerous fugitives wanted on felony warrants who were residing in HUD-subsidized housing,” said U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Acting Inspector General Brian D. Harrison. “Defeating fraud in housing remains a top priority for HUD OIG. HUD housing is America’s housing serving millions of deserving Americans, and we are unwavering in our commitment to ensuring accountability throughout HUD’s programs.”

sisted the United States Marshals Service (USMS) led MSTF with additional warrant actions, including cases that involved weapon recovery.

The coordinated effort demonstrated strong interagency collaboration and consistent operational productivity throughout the initiative.

Overall, Operation Clean House: Memphis resulted in the safe resolution of high-risk warrants and the disruption of significant crim-

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SAF joined by New Jersey Firearms Owners Syndicate expand challenge to New Jersey gun confiscation lawsuit

BELLEVUE, Wash. — June 2, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), joined by New Jersey Firearms Owners Syndicate, have expanded a lawsuit challenging the unlawful revocation and denial of permits as well as confiscation of firearms from multiple residents in New Jersey.

The case, *Aliaj v. Fort Lee Police Department*, was originally filed late last year after the confiscation of plaintiff Elsid Aliaj's firearms. The amended complaint expands the case to add plaintiffs Martin Hroncich and Luis Rene De La Cruz Franco, who faced similar confiscations and permit denials and revocations in Bergen County, N.J. In each of the Plaintiff's instances, Bergen County officials pre-

vented them from exercising their Second Amendment rights based solely on the grounds that they lived with someone officials "had concerns" were prohibited from owning firearms.

"Bergen County's very clear policy is: If you live with a prohibited person, or even someone suspected of being prohibited, your rights can be taken away. This took the form of permit denials and revocations, and outright gun confiscations," said SAF Senior Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack. "What we learned after filing this case on behalf of Mr. Aliaj is that the constitutional abuse he suffered was all too common in Bergen County. Additional individuals, including new plaintiffs Mr.

Hroncich and Mr. De La Cruz started coming out of the woodwork. Each had a similar story: their rights under the Second Amendment were taken from them purely as the result of concerns Bergen County officials had about loved ones of theirs."

As the amended complaint states, "...Defendants have adopted, implemented, enforced, and maintained a series of related policies that together deprive individuals, including plaintiffs, under County Defendants' jurisdiction, from exercising their fundamental rights under the Second Amendment, not premised upon any allegation that Plaintiffs themselves are prohibited, but rather by association with a cohabitant who is so prohibited or

otherwise disqualified, or by association with a cohabitant who County Defendants perceive to be so prohibited or otherwise disqualified."

"Cases like this confirm what we hear from SAF members in gun-grabbing states like New Jersey all the time: local officials do what they want, when they want, without any respect for the law or the Constitution," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "We were excited to initially bring this case on behalf of our member Mr. Aliaj, and we are now thrilled to expand the case to further highlight how extensive, insidious and unconstitutional the policies of the Bergen County Police Department and

Prosecutor's Office really are."

For more information visit SAF.org.

The Second Amendment Foundation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the fundamental rights of individuals enshrined in the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. SAF engages in aggressive legal action to ensure the principles of armed self-defense, personal liberty, and the ownership of arms are defended, secured, and restored. SAF teaches the importance of the Second Amendment to promote a society that values and exercises the right to keep and bear arms.

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