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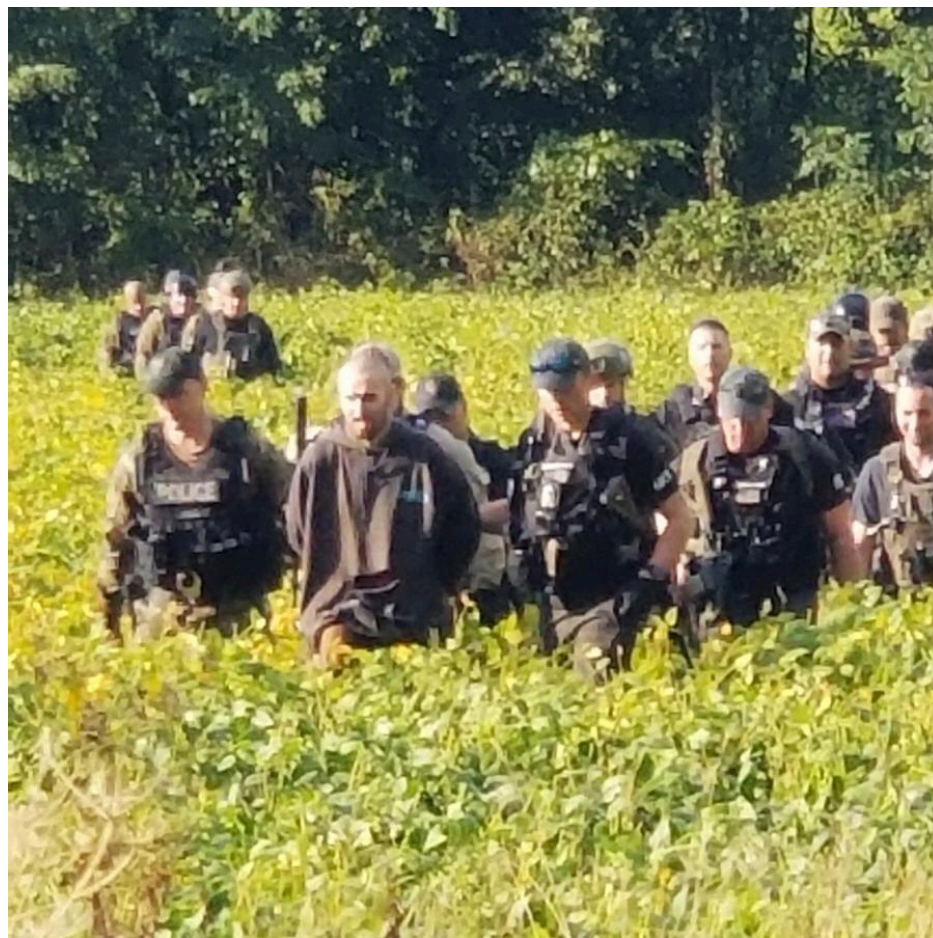
ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSISTS IN CAPTURE OF FEDERAL FUGITIVE

PITTSBURGH, PA - The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office assisted in the capture of fugitive Shawn Richard Christy, 27, of Pennsylvania, on federal arrest warrants for threatening the United States President, Law Enforcement Officials and multiple other state arrest warrants.

Allegheny County Sheriff's Office K9 Deputy, Jeffrey Belback and his federally certified bloodhound, Ranger were deployed and spent the last week in the multi-agency manhunt. Also deployed to assist the operation was the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office Drone Team. Today at approximately 4:45PM, the team of law enforcement officers located Christy in a heavily wooded area and took him into custody without incident. Christy was armed with a firearm when authorities located him a short distance away from where he was hiding in a makeshift camp. Law enforcement officials in Ohio are releasing a press release this evening and the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office will forward the release to local media outlets.



Deputy Belback and K9 Ranger (center)



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SHAWN CHRISTY CAPTURED!
**Federal, state law enforcement agencies in Ohio arrest PA man, on the run
since June, who threatened POTUS, other officials**

WASHINGTON – The Pennsylvania man U.S. Marshals, FBI, U.S. Secret Service and multiple state and local law enforcement agencies have been searching for since June was arrested shortly after 4 p.m. today in a ravine densely in a wooded area in Mifflin Township, Ohio. Christy was in possession of a firearm and a large knife.

Shawn Richard Christy, 27, of McAdoo, was wanted for threatening the president and other elected officials and had multiple state arrest warrants in Pennsylvania for burglary, probation violation, and failure to appear for an aggravated assault case. Christy had threatened to use “full lethal force on any law enforcement officer that tries to detain me.”

A federal warrant was issued June 19 for Christy in relation to Facebook threats to the Northampton County, Pennsylvania, district attorney, stating, “Keep it up Morganelli, I promise I’ll put a bullet in your head as soon as I put one in the head of President Donald J. Trump.”

Nearly 100 law enforcement officers from multiple local agencies in northern Ohio have been searching the Mansfield area in earnest since Sept. 17. Authorities believe Christy stole a pickup in the early morning hours of Sept. 16 from Skitco Iron Works in Hazelton Township, Pennsylvania, and that he crashed the stolen vehicle near the I-71 and Ohio 13 interchange near Mansfield that night and was on foot in the region.

“We are most pleased that this case is resolved with Christy safely in custody and headed back to Pennsylvania to face justice,” said U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio Pete Elliott. “While he may have exhibited a strong determination to avoid capture, I hope he now understands that U.S. Marshals fugitive task forces are resolute and will not stop until they get their man.”

“On behalf of the District of Eastern Pennsylvania, I want to thank our federal, state and local law enforcement partners who worked so diligently to bring this fugitive case to a successful close,” said U.S. Marshal for the District of Eastern Pennsylvania David B. Webb. “This case represents the true definition of teamwork and dedication to the pursuit of justice. And we want

to expressly thank those in the community who have shown such tremendous support of our efforts to bring Christy in safely.”

We would like to thank all the federal, state, county and local agencies that assisted with the investigation and capture of Shawn Christy. Including the following:

Richland County Sheriff's Department
Mansfield Police Department
Ohio State Highway Patrol
Ontario Police Department
Shelby Police Department
F.B.I.
Secret Service
Allegheny County, (Pennsylvania) Sheriff's Office bloodhound dog handler
Clearfork Police Department
Mt. Vernon Police Department
Ashland County Sheriff's Department
Columbus Police Department Aviation Unit
U.S. Border Patrol
Allied Special Operations Response Team (ASORT)

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is a collaborative, district-wide law enforcement effort spearheaded by the U.S. Marshals Service dedicated to the pursuit, apprehension, and successful prosecution of violent adult fugitives across the Northern District of Ohio with outstanding state and federal felony warrants.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force is a team of law enforcement officers led by U.S. Marshals in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. The task force's objective is to seek out and arrest violent crime fugitives. Membership agencies include the Philadelphia Police Department, Pennsylvania State Parole Officers and the Pennsylvania State Police.

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