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**U.S. Marshals capture a T.B.I. Top Ten Most Wanted Fugitives**

**Memphis, TN-** The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshals joined forces to successfully capture a TBI Top Ten Most Wanted fugitive, who has been on the list since last summer. Ernest Haleem Smith, 32, was arrested Friday by the U.S. Marshals Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force while riding a city bus in Chicago, IL. The U.S. Marshals Mid-South Fugitive Task Force developed information that Smith was in the Chicago area. U.S. Marshals' Task Force Officers in Tennessee relayed the information to U.S. Marshals in Chicago. When Task Force Officers confronted Smith; he denied his identity, but was positively identified through tattoos. Smith was wanted by the Memphis Police Department for Criminal Attempt to Commit First Degree Murder. In 2006, Smith assaulted his girlfriend by throwing boiling water on her while she slept, burning approximately 35 percent of her body. Smith has a lengthy criminal history which includes multiple drug, assault and burglary charges.

Smith will be extradited to Tennessee to face his charges.

The Mid South Fugitive Task Force is a multi-law enforcement agency task force primarily comprised of Deputy United States Marshals, Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies, Madison County Sheriff's Deputies, Jackson Police Officers and Tennessee State Probation and Parole. The primary mission of the Task Force is apprehending violent offenders and sexual predators. For more information about the US Marshals Service, visit [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov).