

A Wooster man on the run after a December murder was arrested as part of a nationwide manhunt that ended in Mississippi.



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(U.S. Marshals Service) The U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force (NOVFTF) Akron Division and the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF) arrested Lashaun Reed, age 23. Reed was wanted by the Wooster, Ohio Police Department on charges of murder.

Reed's charges stem from the shooting death of Clifford Johnson, 21, of Wooster, that occurred on the evening of December 10, 2011. Johnson was shot in the back in a front yard of a residence on E. North St. in Wooster. At the time of the murder Reed was on bond awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to felonious assault and assault charges. Those charges stem from a June 12, 2011 stabbing of two individuals in the 600 block of N. Buckeye St. in Wooster, OH.

In December 2011, directly after the incident, the Wooster Police Department referred the case to the NOVFTF for assistance with locating and apprehending Reed. The NOVFTF Akron and Richland County Divisions along with the Wooster Police Department spent numerous man hours on this case over the course of their investigation. When it was determined that Reed was believed to be in Mississippi, the NOVFTF requested assistance from the U.S. Marshals GCRFTF.

Earlier today, GCRFTF Task Force Officers spotted Reed in the 400 Block of Inez St. Greenville, MS. Task Force Officers conducted surveillance of the area until back up arrived. At approximately 4:00 p.m. today, Task Force Officers along with Officers of the Greenville Police Department jumped into action and apprehended Reed who was found hiding in a closet. Reed was arrested at a boarding house on the 400 block of Inez St, where he was renting a room. Reed was apprehended without incident, and transported to the Greenville Police Department Jail, Greenville, Mississippi.

Reed is awaiting an extradition hearing to return back to Ohio to answer his charges. U.S. Marshal Pete Elliott stated, "Great job by our investigators in Ohio and by the officers in Mississippi, working together to locate and safely apprehend this dangerous fugitive. This is a fine example of what we can accomplish working with our fugitive task force network across the nation.