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Type of Incident: Capture of Most Wanted Fugitive

Location: Grand Junction, Colorado

Date/Time of Occurrence: July 3, 2010

Case Number: 2010-011111

Details:

Luke Austin Artinger, who has been a fugitive since July 3, 2010 and was wanted in connection with Parole Violations and Attempted Murder has been arrested in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Artinger was featured in several previous newspaper articles and was featured on the television show "America's Most Wanted".

Artinger is accused of violating his parole from a previous conviction on vandalism and battery charges involving the stabbing of a retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy who attempted to detain him after catching him tagging in February, 2007.

Artinger pleaded guilty to those charges in January, 2009 and was sentenced to five years in state prison but was released on parole in February, 2010. He is accused of stabbing a former friend in the head and neck on July 3, 2010. He fled the scene and has not been located since.

Artinger was arrested by Grand Junction, Colorado police officers responding to a complaint of a man possibly attempting to sell drugs. After being contacted by two uniformed officers and some conversation occurring, Artinger fled on foot but was eventually detained by officers. Artinger provided an assumed name and other identifying information and was subsequently booked on drug trafficking charges. His true identity was later discovered and confirmed through finger prints. His Parole Warrant and the warrant for Attempted Murder from Huntington Beach have been added to his charges. He is currently awaiting prosecution on the drug trafficking charges in the Mesa County, Colorado County Jail. His ultimate extradition to California will be determined at some later date.

The Huntington Beach Police Department would like to thank the many organizations and individuals who contributed to the capture of a dangerous, violent offender. Shown



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below are his booking photos from his original arrest in 2007 and his recent booking in Colorado.

Artinger 2007



Artinger 2014

