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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: August 31, 2006
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Release #: 2006-175
Time:
Date: August 30, 2006
Location: East Wareham, Massachusetts

Warrant Arrest/Attempted Murder/Aggravated Battery:

A local man wanted for attempted murder and aggravated assault charges stemming from an altercation in Hawthorne was arrested in Massachusetts as a Fugitive from Justice. Charges were filed on Robert A. Whitehouse in July after he pulled a rifle on his live-in girlfriend, Pamela Lucas, and attempted to shoot her. Shots were fired in the attack, and a struggle ensued over the weapon between Whitehouse and Kyle Lucas, Pamela's 17 year old son. Kyle suffered minor abrasions due to the altercation. After the incident, Whitehouse fled the area and eventually traveled to Massachusetts. Pamela Lucas was not injured in the attack.

After verifying that Whitehouse had fled the state, Alachua County Sheriff's Investigator Leroy Bishop contacted U. S. Marshals in the Gainesville office for assistance. Marshals in the Boston office and local authorities from the East Wareham Police Department and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department arrested Whitehouse as a Fugitive from the state of Florida. Pending the extradition process, Whitehouse will be returned to Alachua County, and be booked on charges of Attempted Murder and Aggravated Assault. The warrant bond is \$250,000.00.