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## **Press Release**

### **Scranton homicide fugitive arrested in Charlotte NC**

**Michael Blakey, 30 years-old, who was wanted for the murder of seven-month old Khayr Cash was taken into custody in Charlotte North Carolina early morning December 31, 2007. The Capture of Blakey ended a 6 month manhunt which involved the Scranton Police, Scranton FBI field office, New York City FBI field office, Charlotte FBI field office, United States Marshall's office / FBI Joint Task Force.**

**On June 04, 2007, Blakey was watching Khayr Cash at the child's house, 1849 Stafford Ave., Apt A/G, Scranton, when the child was assaulted. As a result of the assault the child sustained fractures to his skull. The child died two days later from his injuries at the Hershey Medical Center, and the Coroner ruled the manner of the death a homicide, with the cause being "traumatic brain trauma." Blakey fled Scranton after the child was assaulted and was on the run since. An investigation ensued and the Scranton Police charged Blakey with Criminal Homicide. Because of Blakey's flight, the FBI Scranton field office charged Blakey federally with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.**

**On December 31, 2007, Charlotte/Mecklenburg PD, encountered a man in a vehicle possessing Marijuana. The Police attempted to take the subject into custody for the narcotic possession, and the man resisted and fought police. The police were able to subdue the subject. While the subject was being processed, he provided a false name. After he was finger printed, it was determined that the subject was in fact the wanted homicide fugitive Michael Blakey.**

**As of this release, Blakey is housed that the Mecklenburg County (Charlotte) Jail and extradition is being arranged for Blakey back to Lackawanna County. The capture of Blakey is credited to a concentrated and cooperative investigation between the Scranton Police, the FBI Scranton, NYC, Charlotte field offices, and the U.S. Marshall / FBI Joint Task Force.**