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Chicago Homicide Subject Captured

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On Thursday September 10, in a cooperative effort with the US Marshals Service, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department located and took into custody Timothy Maurice Ward, 26, a felony fugitive wanted on charges of criminal homicide and violation of probation out of Chicago, Illinois.

On the morning of September 10th, Deputy Sgt. Josh Reams, a member of the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force, received a lead from the US Marshals Service that Timothy Ward was wanted out of Chicago for criminal homicide and violation of probation. He was believed to be in the area staying with family members.

Lt. Patrick Storie and Sgt. Josh Reams set up surveillance on the apartment complex where the fugitive was believed to be residing. Once visual contact was achieved, US Marshals Service members, Sheriff Eddie Farris, and members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department SWAT team commanded by Sgt. Brandon Masters were gathered and briefed on the situation.

While the US Marshals and SWAT teams were being assembled and briefed, the surveillance team observed Timothy Ward and an unidentified female subject walking to and entering the Dollar General store on West Broad Street. A perimeter was immediately set up around the store. Approximately 3-5 minutes later, Ward and the female exited the Dollar General and started walking back in the direction from which they had come. Once Ward and the female were away from the parking lot and any civilians, the decision was made to take Ward into custody.

He was immediately surrounded by members of the US Marshals Task Force, Putnam County SWAT team, Lt. Storie and Sgt. Josh Reams. US Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force Coordinator Victor Gribben and Sgt. Reams placed him into handcuffs without incident. The female subject was advised to step towards officers away from Ward's location.

Ward was transported to Putnam County Jail by Deputy Herb Snow. He was booked into the Putnam County Jail on a Fugitive From Justice Warrant and is being held without bond awaiting extradition by the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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