

Fugitive Safe Surrender in Washington, D.C.

Media Photography and Participation Guidelines

Two Days Until Fugitive Safe Surrender

For Immediate Release, October 30, 2007: For Fugitive Safe Surrender, contact: Leonard Sipes, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 202-220-5616 (office) or 240-882-8274 (cell), or Bernard Graham, US Marshals Service at 202-359-5766 (cell).

The following are photography and participation guidelines for Fugitive Safe Surrender.

Please note that the Federal Privacy Act prohibits photography of any offender while participating in Fugitive Safe Surrender.

Public Affairs staff from the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency and participating agencies will be on site to assist your needs.

Media are *respectfully asked* not to photograph or interview offenders/defendants and their families *as they enter the grounds of the church* for the obvious reason that this may discourage participation.

Guidelines for Fugitive Safe Surrender

Wednesday, October 31

- Media with cameras are invited during the trial run on Wednesday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the basement of the Bible Way Church.

Thursday, November 1, Fugitive Safe Surrender Begins

- Media with cameras can enter Fugitive Safe Surrender every day from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. FSS begins at 9:00 a.m. Media cannot photograph the faces of any offender in the complex (per Federal Privacy Act).
- Media can enter FSS *without cameras* (to protect federal privacy rights) throughout the course of the day. Media can bring audio recording devices and pens/paper.
- Media can ask for photographed interviews with offenders and their families *after completing* the process and exiting the church.
- Media have access to the courtrooms at all times. You cannot enter the court room area with any electronic device (per Superior Court rules).
- Please use the Public Affairs staff to ask family members (while in the building) if they want to be interviewed or photographed.
- Public Affairs staff will arrange for interviews of principals and agency heads.
- Media cannot interview offenders *during* FSS.
- Media cannot interview staff without permission. Please ask Public Affairs staff to assist you.
- In every Fugitive Safe Surrender site, a small number of participants are taken into custody for serious and violent crimes. For security reasons, media will not be allowed in the arrest processing area and the area where arrested individuals will wait for transportation to detention.

Fugitive Safe Surrender in DC Basics:

When: The program will commence on Thursday, November 1 and run through Saturday, November 3. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: The location is the Bible Way Church, 1100 New Jersey Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 at the intersection of New York and New Jersey Avenues.

Please add the following to your web sites to assist citizen inquiries:

- www.dcsafesurrender.org
- **Telephone Answering System at 202-585-SAFE (7233)**

Details regarding Fugitive Safe Surrender as well as *a list of frequently asked questions and program eligibility* are available on the web site. The television and radio ads are included. For those who missed the original press release, it is also available on the web site under News and Updates.

Fugitive Safe Surrender is for DC non-violent warrants only. Warrants from other states cannot be processed.

Fugitive Safe Surrender is a national program of the US Marshals Service and is being supported by the DC Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The national program web site is <http://www.usmarshals.gov/safesurrender>.