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John E. Bell, Jr., Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Detroit, Michigan, announces the arrest of Wesley Paul Coonce, Jr., age 21, a resident of Mansfield, Texas. Coonce was arrested during the early morning hours of March 27, 2002, in Flint, Michigan, after a car chase as well as a foot chase by Special Agents of the Flint, Michigan, office of the FBI.

Coonce was wanted out of Texas on a federal criminal complaint and arrest warrant filed March 26, 2002, in United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, charging him with kidnaping which is a violation of 18 United States Code Section 1201.

On March 25, 2002, Coonce abducted a white female, age 19, from a grocery store parking lot in Fort Worth, Texas. While en route from Texas to Michigan, the victim female escaped from him in Cuba, Missouri, and the subject continued on to Michigan, where he has relatives and was subsequently arrested.

Coonce is currently lodged in the Genesee County jail, Flint, Michigan, where he will have an initial appearance before the Magistrate this afternoon, March 27, 2002. It is anticipated extradition proceedings will commence sometime subsequent to Coonce's initial appearance.

SAC Bell would like to take this opportunity to thank the Flint Police Department for their assistance and cooperation in this matter.