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MICHIGAN FUGITIVE ARRESTED IN ARIZONA

John E. Bell, Jr., Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Detroit, Michigan, announces the arrest of Paul Christopher Howard, also known as Lamonte Riley, age 29, in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 2, 2002, by the Phoenix FBI Violent Crime Task Force. He was arrested at the Cut Hut, a local barber shop, at 820 North Central, Phoenix, Arizona, and attempted to flee from the FBI while being arrested.

Howard was wanted out of Michigan on a federal criminal complaint and arrest warrant filed October 22, 2001, in the Western District of Michigan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution stemming from state charges for cocaine possession, conspiracy to deliver, and possession of marijuana. He had been ordered to appear in the Eaton County Circuit Court on February 2, 2001, for a suppression hearing wherein he failed to appear.

After his arrest yesterday, Howard was booked into the Maricopa County Jail (Madison Street Jail), Phoenix, Arizona, where it is anticipated he will await a hearing on extradition subsequent to his initial appearance.

SAC Bell would like to take this opportunity to commend the Phoenix FBI Violent Crime Task Force which is composed of representatives from the Phoenix FBI, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, the Mesa, Arizona Police Department, and the Arizona Department of Corrections.