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FAST Unit records arrest number 2,000

In October, the Philadelphia fugitive apprehension search team (FAST) achieved a significant milestone with its 2,000th arrest of an absconder – a parolee who stops reporting for parole supervision.

The 2,000th arrest was one of two female parolees who were wanted by the Board and the Haverford Township Police Department for questioning in a major theft of \$8,100 worth of merchandise from a Kohl's department store.

The other parolee was on special probation, being supervised by the Board at the request of the Lackawanna County Probation Department. She was returned to the department for violation of her probation and possible theft charges.

While every parole agent has the ability and duty to carry out the recovery of absconders, these specialized units actively pursue violent crime absconders as a high priority to help ensure public safety.

In November, the search for an absconder resulted in the arrest of the parolee's brother and the seizure of seven firearms, a large quantity of crack cocaine and heroin with a street value of \$200,000.

As they conducted a search of the absconder's approved residence they encountered his brother. In plain view they observed a black semi-automatic Glock with an extended magazine and a clear glass dish containing a large amount of an off white substance believed to be crack cocaine.

The brother was detained and the Philadelphia police narcotics unit was contacted. They secured a search warrant for the home and confiscated more guns, magazines and heroin. The brother was arrested and charged with narcotics and firearms related offenses. The FAST unit continues to search for the absconder.

FAST units also have been established in Allentown, Erie, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Scranton. They collaborate with local, state and federal law enforcement officials and the U.S. Marshal's Service to locate individuals under state parole or another agency's jurisdiction.



Evidence collected from the November arrest.