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### U.S. MARSHALS ARREST SON OF LAS VEGAS COURTHOUSE SHOOTER



**Richard Earl Nelson**

**Memphis, TN** – Around 12 am this morning, the U.S. Marshals Mid-South Fugitive Task Force arrested Sir Richard (37) aka Richard Earl Nelson. Richard was on bond for federal weapons violations. Late last night a Federal Judge issued a Pre-trial Violation warrant for Richard. Richard had made numerous death threats to his supervising Pre-Trial officer and stated that he would kill others in order to get his point across. Richard is the son of Las Vegas courthouse shooter Johnny Lee Wicks. Richard was arrested without incident and will appear in federal court at 2pm today.

The U.S. Marshals Mid-South Fugitive Task Force is a multi-agency task force based in Memphis and Jackson, TN. The Task Force membership is primarily comprised of Deputy U.S. Marshals, Shelby County Sheriff's Deputies, Madison County Sheriff's Deputies, Jackson Police Officers, West Memphis Police Officers and Tennessee State Probation and Parole. The Primary mission of the Task Force is to arrest violent offenders and sexual predators. For more information about the U.S. Marshals Service, visit [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov).