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## A MESSAGE FROM U.S. ATTORNEY JANE DUKE

A very happy new year to you all! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday. I pray that 2009 brings you good health, much happiness, and great prosperity.

Now that the elections are over and the new year has arrived, we can literally smell change in the air. As government employees, many of us will have newly-elected mayors, sheriffs, judges, and other local officials to whom we will answer. Those of us in federal government service will soon begin operating under a new administration---an administration that campaigned upon the very premise of change.

For many, change brings with it uncertainty and fear. This is especially true now, when change occurs at such a challenging time in our Nation's history. All across the county, new leaders will have to immediately deal with many difficult issues. As unproven managers and administrators, they will tackle these issues with limited resources or budgets that have been dramatically cut since this time last year. Some may inherit an agency with internal problems and low employee morale. Others may face resentment and distrust because of the popularity that the prior leader enjoyed. Make no mistake about it---whatever the source may be, our new leaders will be tested. They will need our support, our encouragement, and our willingness to follow, for it is impossible to be a leader if no one follows.

As my time as United States Attorney draws to a close, I have been thinking a lot about change. Once our new U.S. Attorney takes office, I know that I will see many of the agency leaders less often. It is a bittersweet realization for me because I have come to cherish the relationships that I have enjoyed with you all. However, the career prosecutor in me rejoices in the fact that I will now have more time for casework, which I have truly

missed. I am anxiously looking forward to again working cases with the fantastic front-line law enforcement officers of this District.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all that you do as law enforcement officers. As United States Attorney, I have been fortunate to have participated in a number of ceremonies and gatherings in which officers have been bestowed with one honor or another. On those occasions, I have been extremely proud of those officers. I suppose it is only natural in any profession to want to achieve success that draws the attention of your peers and your community. We often see officers highlighted on the local news or featured in the newspaper for some incredible act of heroism. Or, we congratulate them when they receive a prestigious award for a significant investigation. Such accolades are well-deserved and we at the United States Attorney's Office look forward to continuing to see great things being reported about you. But keep in mind--as we all do here--that your greatest accomplishments are the headlines you cause not to be made. It is the family that is not devastated because you set up and manned a sobriety checkpoint in the early morning hours. It is the child who is not abducted by an internet predator because you went to her school to talk about the importance of internet safety. It is the senior citizen who is not defrauded because your thorough work uncovered a scam and you quickly alerted your community. It is the teenage boy that you took home for a curfew violation and, because you did, he was not standing on *that* street corner, in the path of *that* stray bullet.

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These things will never make headlines because they will never happen. They are statistics that cannot be measured. So, as much as I thank you for making headlines, I thank you for causing headlines not to be made.

In closing, let me say that I look forward to the changes that 2009 brings for all of us. It is an exciting time to be a member of law enforcement in the Eastern District of Arkansas. But remember, as much as things change, many things really do stay the same.

While we will have new leadership here at the U.S. Attorney's Office (and maybe some new priorities and policies) we will still be the same group of dedicated professionals upon whom you can always rely for assistance. Please never hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of help to you!

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### KNOW YOUR ENEMY

*Contributed by Scott Hendriks, Intel Specialist*



**Name:** Faker Ben Abdelazziz Boussora

**Aliases:** Yusuf al-Tunisi, Abdulaziz, Fakeroun, Fakerrou, Fakir, Fakir Bin 'Abd al-'Aziz Busura

**Date of Birth Used:** March 22, 1964

**Place of birth:** Tunisia

**Citizenship:** Tunisia

**Scars/Distinguishing Characteristics:** Boussora has predominately protruding ears and is believed to have a serious pituitary gland illness.

**DESCRIPTION:** According to the FBI, Faker Ben Abdelazziz Boussora is being sought in connection with possible terrorist activity within the United States. Faker Boussora left his native Tunisia in 1988 to reside in France. He departed France in 1991 and immigrated to Montreal, Canada, traveling back and forth from Canada to Tunisia frequently during the 1990s. Boussora gained Canadian citizenship in 1999 and while in Canada attended the El-Sunna Mosque in Montreal. Boussora departed Canada in 1999 and may have made more than one trip to Afghanistan during 1999-2000. He received training from al-Qa'ida while in Afghanistan and subsequently returned to Canada.

**WANTED:** Should be considered armed and dangerous. Faker Boussora is a Tunisian national with extensive connections to radical Islamic extremism. He is an al-Qa'ida-trained operative with declared intentions of becoming a suicide martyr. Boussora is an associate of Tunisian terror suspect Abderraouf Jdey and the two have been seen traveling together. Boussora was last identified as possibly being in Turkey in early 2002 and may be traveling in the surrounding region. Authorities remain concerned that he may attempt to return to Canada or the United States to plan or participate in a terrorist attack. Boussora possibly suffers from a serious illness and may be in extremely poor health, resulting in weight loss and altered physical appearance. **REWARD:** The Rewards for Justice program, US Department of State, is offering up to \$5 million for information leading directly to the apprehension and/or conviction of Faker Boussara. If you have any information concerning this person, please contact your local FBI office at (501) 221-9100.

*Sources:* <http://www.fbi.gov>, <http://www.nctc.gov>.

## NEW PARTY DRUG, "BENZYLPIPERAZINE", MIMICS MDMA

*Contributed by Det. Billy Reed, Pine Bluff Police Department*

Methylenedioxy-n-ethylamphetamine (MDMA), known on the street as Ecstasy, has been a problem among the club crowd for the last several years. Recently however, there is a new "party" drug that's becoming more and more popular, this drug is called Benzylpiperazine (BZP).

Benzylpiperazine was first synthesized in 1944 as a potential anti-parasitic agent. It was subsequently shown to possess antidepressant traits and amphetamine-like effects, but was not developed for marketing. In the 1980s the drug showed promise as an antidepressant, but the idea was shelved after testing. Questions remain over interaction with other controlled substances. Public correspondence via the internet warns of mixing Benzylpiperazine with MDMA and there are no studies that currently point to the effects of mixing Benzylpiperazine with antidepressants, such as Prozac and over-the-counter medicines. In the early 1990's, the amphetamine-like effects of Benzylpiperazine attracted the attention of drug abusers.

Benzylpiperazine is a Schedule I Controlled Substance that is a Central Nervous System stimulant with effects similar to amphetamine. In most instances, Benzylpiperazine has been found combined with the hallucinogen 3-Trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine (TFMPP). In this form Benzylpiperazine is approximately 10 to 20 times more potent than amphetamine according to the National Drug Information Center. Benzylpiperazine is often sold as MDMA, or promoted as an alternative to MDMA. Additionally, Benzylpiperazine has been found combined with Methamphetamine, Phencyclidine (PCP), and Dextromethorphan (DXM).

Benzylpiperazine is a piperazine derivative which comes as either the hydrochloride salt or a free base. The hydrochloride salt is a white solid, while the base form is a slightly yellowish-green liquid. BZP base is corrosive and causes burns. In pill form it is difficult visually to differentiate between benzylpiperazine and MDMA. The benzylpiperazine tablets seized thus far are typically 70-150 milligrams and come in various colors. The tablets are normally stamped with some type of logo (i.e., a cartoon character or symbol). These same physical traits are found in seized MDMA tablets. Also there is currently no field test kit available for Benzylpiperazine.

The effects of Benzylpiperazine are similar to those of amphetamines; users report alertness,

euphoria and a general feeling of well being. The perception of certain sensations such as taste, color or music may also be subjectively enhanced. The average duration is typically 4-6 hours, with reports of effects lasting as long as 8 hours depending on the dose. Other effects include dilated pupils, nausea, paranoia, enhanced sociability (loss of inhibitions), and jaw clenching. As with MDMA, Benzylpiperazine causes an elevated core body temperature. This reaction can lead to dehydration and stroke in some cases.

The marketing of Benzylpiperazine is directed toward teenagers and young adults. Violators found in possession of Benzylpiperazine, in most instances, are purchasing and selling Benzylpiperazine as MDMA, as the two drugs look identical and have similar effects. The influx of Benzylpiperazine is thought to be the result of the ease in which Benzylpiperazine can be produced and imported into the United States. In countries like Canada, the raw materials can be purchased from various chemical supply agencies and formed into tablets or capsules using relatively cheap production techniques. The resulting product can be marketed at extremely high markup, so end-user prices can be as high as 300 times the bulk cost of the raw ingredients. Therefore, it is a cost effective alternative to MDMA.

Recently, there has been a seeming explosion in the use of Benzylpiperazine in the United States. Unfortunately, due to the lack of regulation from other countries, it appears that Benzylpiperazine is here to stay. Only diligence on the part of law enforcement nationwide will keep the abuse of this drug in check.

For more information on BZP, contact Det. Billy Reed, Pine Bluff Police Department, Vice and Narcotics Division at 870-543-5119.

**RECENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES****GRANT RESOURCES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

This one-day class was held October 29 from 8:30 - 4:30 at the Jacksonville Community Center and was well attended with 80 participants. Amy Callaghan, Deputy Director of the Office of Justice Programs Grants Management Division, discussed grant resources at the Office of Justice Programs, tools for writing a successful grant application, what grant reviewers are looking for in the application, and reporting requirements.

Ms. Doris Smith and Ms. Sandra Cook, both of the Office for Intergovernmental Services at the Department of Finance and Administration, discussed grants in Arkansas, resources that are available in the state, as well as giving more tips for writing successful applications. If you have any questions regarding grants in Arkansas, these ladies have the answers. Contact them at the OIGS at 501-682-5260.



*Doris Smith & Sandra Cook*

**WHITE COLLAR CRIME CONFERENCE**

This class which was held on December 2 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock covered many different white collar crime issues.

Barbara Nelan, Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Georgia, has prosecuted many mortgage fraud cases and gave some excellent case examples in her presentation. Dan Elliott of the IRS-CID discussed financial records analysis and how to best communicate with a jury when introducing financial evidence.

Detective Steve Williams, Eugene, OR Police Department, provided some valuable information on computer forensics and collection of digital evidence. Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Whatley (Eastern District of Arkansas) and FBI Special Agent Mike Patkus did a joint presentation on asset forfeiture and equitable sharing and how state and local agencies can benefit from this program.

We also had a panel discussion on corporate resources. The panel included representatives from Bank of America (Nancy Hollis); Acxiom (David Yarberry), and Wal-Mart (Shane Hunter), and was moderated by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jana Harris. Because of time restraints, Ms. Hollis was unable to address the last three pages of her handout materials and would like to provide this information here. One handout was the Federal Reserve Bank listing of Federal Reserve Districts, which is important to know in identifying the location of a bank as well as a check's authenticity. The last two pages were copies of sample checks which will help distinguish between a cashed check and a deposited check. Also, the deposited check sample is to help law enforcement identify the "bank of first deposit," meaning where the check was actually deposited. If you have any questions relating to identifying the disposition of a check, please contact Ms. Nancy Hollis at 501-378-1435 or [nancy.hollis@bankofamerica.com](mailto:nancy.hollis@bankofamerica.com). Thanks to everyone who attended this worthwhile event!

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*U.S. Attorney Jane Duke*



*Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Whatley & FBI Special Agent Mike Patkus*



*Assistant U.S. Attorney Barbara Nolan, Northern District of Georgia*



*Nancy Hollis, Shane Hunter, David Yarberry, Jana Harris*

*The U.S. Attorney's Office and the LECC wish you a safe and Happy New Year!*



## U.S. ATTORNEY PARTICIPATES IN RED RIBBON WEEK IN PINE BLUFF

Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas kicked off the Weed and Seed Red Ribbon Week in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on Monday October 27, 2008.

Ms. Duke visited three local elementary schools during her visit to Pine Bluff. She addressed students at Oak Park Elementary School, Southwood Elementary School, and Greenville Elementary School. Many of the students attending these schools live within the Central Park Weed and Seed area.

"The national Red Ribbon Week campaign offers an opportunity for the Prevention, Intervention and Treatment component of Weed and Seed to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse as well as encouraging youth, particularly in the Weed and Seed area, to lead a drug-free lifestyle," said Rev. Jesse C. Turner, Weed and Seed Coordinator.

This year's national Red Ribbon Week campaign encouraged communities to address prescription drug abuse in their Red Ribbon Week events. The Weed and Seed theme for the week was "Mom and Dad Lock the Meds." The Central Park Weed and Seed office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) provided students with drug prevention backpacks, pencils, and pencil pouches, puzzles, dog tags, red ribbons, brochures and "Say it Loud" Halloween bags for approximately 1,000 students who display drug prevention slogans.

National Red Ribbon Week was sparked by the murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique Kiki Camarena, who was abducted, tortured and brutally murdered by drug traffickers in Guadalajara, Mexico in 1985. Communities across the country and the nation then began a tradition of displaying red ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. Now, Red Ribbon Week events are held in cities across the country to provide a platform to deliver the anti-drug message.



*Ms. Duke and Destiny Rice, Student Ambassador for Greenville Elementary*



*Passing out Red Ribbons at Southwood Elementary*



*Ms. Duke addresses a crowd at Oak Park Elementary*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES****COMMUNICATION ANALYSIS & MORE**

We are thrilled to be bringing Joelle Fisher, NDIC, back to the district with her course on Communication Analysis: The Art of Detecting Deception. However, this time we will add ½ day of training to show how you can put the techniques you will learn into practice. Ms. Fisher has received amazing reviews every time she has been here. Mark your calendar for January 27-28, 2009, at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center. Registration information has already been sent out but is also available on our website at [www.usdoj.gov/usao/are](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/are). REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 22, cost for this course is \$20.00 per person.

**IDENTITY THEFT CONFERENCE**

You have continued to request more training on Identity Theft and we have planned another training event on this important subject on March 10, 2009, at Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock. Some of the topics covered will be: nuts and bolts of identity documents; credit card fraud: recent trends and partnering with law enforcement; how the FTC, FCRA, FACTA, & GLB intersect with identity theft; and much, much more. Speakers will include Terry Gearheart, Assistant Vice President of Citigroup Investigative Services, Joanna Crane, Identity Theft Program Manager of the Federal Trade Commission, and Selden Fritschner, Vice President of Law Enforcement Programs at the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administration. Mark your calendar now for this event, registration information will be sent out in late January and will be available on our website.

**EMOTIONAL SURVIVAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Dr. Kevin Gilmartin will join us for this great presentation on April 15, 2009 at the Jacksonville Community Center. If you have never seen Dr. Gilmartin you will not want to miss this opportunity. Registration information will be sent out in March, but in the meantime you can explore his website at [www.emotionalsurvival.com](http://www.emotionalsurvival.com).

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**A WORD ABOUT OUR WEBSITE**

We are trying hard to keep our LECC page on the website updated with all the latest information and registration forms for each upcoming event. This newsletter is also available on the website, along with a lot of other useful information about the U.S. Attorney's Office. To access our website, log on to [www.usdoj.gov/usao/are](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/are). To get to the LECC information, click on the left side of the screen where it says "LECC." You will then see a link to the newsletter and at the bottom of the page a link to the "training schedule." This is where you can see the listings of upcoming classes, and you can click on each class to see the entire training announcement and registration form (if that information is available at that time). We hope this helps you to be more efficient in getting the info that you need! If you have any questions, please contact Mandy Warford, LECC Coordinator, at 501-340-2648, or [amanda.warford@usdoj.gov](mailto:amanda.warford@usdoj.gov).

**Attention Chiefs, Sheriffs, Prosecutors!**

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**MISSING: BE ON THE LOOKOUT**

**RACHEL M. TROYER**  
**DOB: February 27, 1991**  
**Missing date: October 3, 2008**  
**Age Now: 17**  
**Sex: Female**  
**Race: White**  
**Hair: Brown**  
**Eyes: Hazel**  
**Height: 5'6"**  
**Weight: 112 lbs**  
**Missing from: Little Rock, AR**

Rachel may have traveled to Madison, Florida. When she was last week her hair was dyed blonde. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT NCMEC, 1-800-843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST) OR THE LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1-501-371-4829.



**KOBY DEWAYNE MCMILLAN**  
**DOB: June 18, 1992**  
**Missing: October 26, 2008**  
**Age Now: 16**  
**Sex: Male**  
**Race: White**  
**Hair: Brown**  
**Eyes: Brown**  
**Height: 6'1"**  
**Weight: 160 lbs**  
**Missing from: Ozark, AR**

Koby was last seen at his school in Ozark, AR, around 4 p.m. on 10/26/08. He may have traveled to the Conway, AR area. He has dark brown hair and dark brown eyes. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT ARKANSAS MISSING CHILDREN SERVICES PROGRAM, Office of the Attorney General, 501-682-1020 or 1-800-448-3014, or the FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 1-479-667-4127.

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