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Local fugitive busted in U.S.

Marshals nab gang member wanted in slaying

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AN OTTAWA street gang member wanted for first-degree murder in the shooting death of Bashir Sahal last summer has been captured in the U.S. Ledbury-Banff Crips member Ahmed Aden, 20, had been on the lam for more than a month when U.S. marshals collared him Thursday at a residence in Columbus, Ohio.

"It was a quick and clean capture," marshals spokesman David Sacks told the Sun yesterday.

"When they asked him who he was, he told them his real name right away."

Aden, who goes by the street nickname "Mojo," was wanted on a Canada-wide arrest warrant for plotting and carrying out the Aug. 11 murder of Sahal, a 23-year-old father of two. Sahal was shot five times after answering the door at a Caldwell Ave. apartment.

According to Sahal's adoptive father, Hassan Sahal, Aden was an acquaintance of Bashir's and once lived in the basement of Sahal's Ottawa home.

Ahmed Mohamed Ali, 22, known as "China" on the street, is already facing charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the slaying.

Sacks said Aden made his first appearance in a Columbus court Friday. He is to appear in U.S. District Court tomorrow for an extradition hearing.

Two detectives from the Ottawa police major crime squad are travelling to Ohio today. Aden will likely be returned to the capital in the next few days to face charges of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

LIKELY HIDING OUT

Sacks said Ottawa police informed the U.S. marshals headquarters in Washington, D.C., that Aden was likely hiding out in Ohio, where he had lived prior to coming to Canada.

Marshals in Washington then contacted a district office in Columbus, which received a provisional arrest warrant from a district judge.

"(The warrant) was based on information that he was probably in Columbus," said Sacks.

Sacks said two Columbus-based deputy marshals and another from the Minnesota office surrounded the residence at about 6 p.m. before arresting Aden without incident.

The deputy was brought in from the Minnesota office because of his experience in dealing with Somalis.

"They felt he would be a good resource," said Sacks, adding there is a large Somali community in Columbus.

Sacks said there was another adult and several children in the residence at the time.

Deputy marshals said they were worried that Aden might flee to Somalia, where was born, although he is a Canadian citizen.

Ottawa police Det. Sgt. Greg Brown said the marshals did an exceptional job of tracking down the fugitive.

"They did the legwork to find out specifically where he was in that city," said Brown. "We are very happy they were able to catch him so quickly."

Aden's arrest comes only days after Ottawa Police Chief Vince Bevan revealed his plan to ask for more federal and provincial money to fight street gangs in the capital.

Last Tuesday, Bevan outlined dozens of crimes allegedly involving the Ledbury-Banff Crips, including shootings, stabbings, drug trafficking and prostitution.

As a result of the seven-month Sahal murder investigation, police seized more than \$100,000 in crack cocaine and cash and have charged 22 gang members and associates with weapons and drug charges unrelated to the murder.