



Federal Bureau of Investigation – Houston Field Office

Office of the Special Agent in Charge

Alan Reeder, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Reeder,

I want to recognize you and your colleagues at Lamar Advertising for your hard work and continued commitment to public service in our community. On behalf of the FBI Houston Field Office, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the timely and critical assistance provided during several recent fugitive investigations. With the help of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas and its member companies, Lamar Advertising and Clear Channel Outdoor, we were able to quickly and safely apprehend two dangerous federal fugitives within the past several months.

The timely assistance has been a great tool in our efforts to successfully and safely apprehend violent fugitives in our area. Notably, in January, Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas companies promptly featured fugitive John Christopher Ferguson on Clear Channel Outdoor digital billboards throughout the greater Houston area and across Texas. Ferguson was wanted for a series of federal charges involving the production of child pornography. The digital billboards began publishing Ferguson's photograph on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. By the following day, the fugitive was in communication with our office making arrangements to surrender without incident to our agents in Houston, Texas. On Friday, March 11, 2016, Lamar Advertising and Clear Channel Outdoor began publishing a wanted serial bank robber on digital billboards across Texas through the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas. The armed bank robber was wanted for robbing at least six banks in three Texas cities over the past year. Within two weeks, a tip provided to law enforcement resulted in the robber's identification and arrest on March 24, 2016. Once again, it was the safest possible outcome for law enforcement and our community.

Lamar Advertising's partnership with the FBI for digital billboard use has been an asset to us here in Houston, across the state of Texas, and across the country. We thank you for your service to our community and for the assistance to our personnel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perrye K. Turner", is written over a horizontal line.

Perrye K. Turner
Special Agent in Charge
FBI – Houston Division