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**The Capture and Redemption of Michael Lucas, “America’s Most Wanted”, and on
the U.S. Marshals Service “Top 15 Fugitive” most wanted list**

A True Account of Courage, Fate, and Gratitude

Dear Mr. Walsh,

I hope you're doing well and staying in good spirits. Besides knowing me from the U.S. Marshals Fugitive unit, below is a picture of us meeting at Ground Zero while I was a First Responder immediately following the terrorist attacks. As a long-time follower of your work and a former supervisor with the U.S. Marshals Service nationwide Fugitive Task Force, I wanted to share with you an extraordinary story from my career—one that speaks not only to the dangers and ironies of law enforcement but also to the unexpected grace that sometimes follows in its wake.

In 1990, I led a task force tasked with apprehending Michael Lucas, a convicted murderer and prison escapee who was serving a 20-year sentence before breaking free from a Texas county jail pending a federal prison destination. For nine exhausting months, my team and I pursued Lucas across state lines, driven by reports that he was heavily armed and determined not to surrender quietly. According to street sources, Lucas had made it clear—he would not be taken alive, and he would not go back to prison without a fight.

Our manhunt eventually led us to Baltimore, where Lucas and his partner, Mr. Freddie Artis, Sr., were finally found. Both men were armed with two .357 magnums, a semi-automatic 9mm, a Mach 11 submachine gun, and a bag of cyanide and a bag of handcuffs. They were tense, and the atmosphere was heavy with the threat of violence. During the arrest, a tense moment occurred: I found myself face-to-face with Lucas, my firearm pointed at his chest as I tightly gripped his hand, which was holding the 9mm gun concealed in his pocket. At that moment, I loudly declared, “U.S. Marshal—It’s over, so stop trying to pull out your gun.”

It was a moment where fate balanced on a razor’s edge as Lucas realized further struggle would cost him his life. Yet, no shots were fired. Lucas and Artis were taken into custody without bloodshed. Artis was convicted and sent to prison and Lucas was returned to federal prison with an additional sentence, where he would serve more than 25 years before his release.

The story, however, did not end there. Approximately 3 years ago, and soon after Lucas was released from prison, I was approached by Lucas and two other men in the parking lot near my residence. Lucas recognized me as they stood around me, and he told me his name. I was unarmed and startled. I then asked, “Were they going to kill me?”.

Lucas quickly responded with a “hell no,” and he was glad he unexpectedly met and recognized me. He further stated that he and his wife were living in the same neighborhood. Still, he had always wanted to thank me for saving his life in 1991 when I arrested him. He later admitted that I had every right to shoot him because in his state of mind on that day, had I not prevented him from pulling out his gun he would have shot me and anyone else trying to arrest him.

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Artis later came to my church and testified about the incident and thanked GOD that I captured them both with no shots fired.

Today, we keep in close touch and are interested in making this a documentary and book outlining his escape to his capture ten months later. I have put a link to your 1991 nationally broadcast on the television show “America’s Most Wanted,” following Lucas and Artis 1991 arrest in Baltimore. We wanted to give you the story for production first, since you profiled it on your show, knowing that our past hunter and hunted relationship today must be a unique Americas Most Wanted American Saga.

Please feel free to contact me with a follow-up on this matter.

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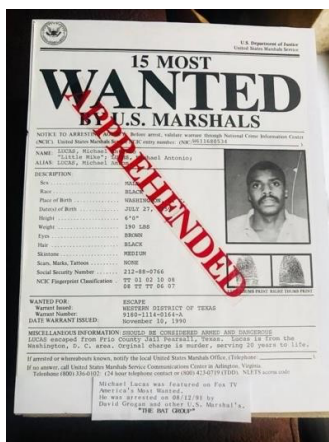
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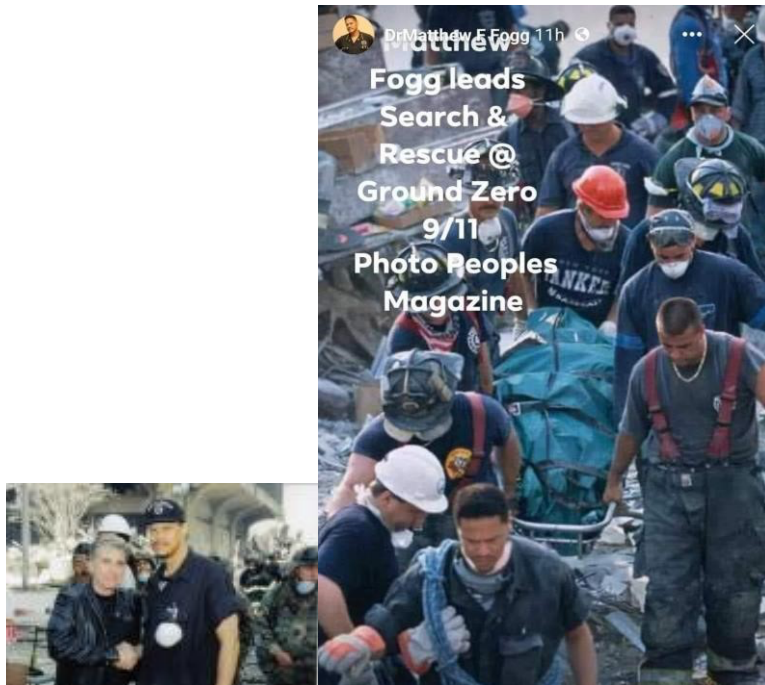
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3cFltHnv6M> (1990 Americas Most Wanted)

<https://conference.nableo.org/presenter.cfm?presenterID=2> (Fogg Latest Speaking Engagement) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtWBNHeM7qc> (Foggs' Recent TV Interview)



(1991 US Marshals Poster), (Fogg, Lucas & Artis, 2022), (Lucas & Artis, 2022)



John Walsh and Matthew Fogg @ Ground 0. Fogg & team recovering the body of a fallen NY City firefighter @ Ground Zero.