

# WANTED

## FBI app puts 10 Most Wanted list in your pocket



**T**he Federal Bureau of Investigation could use your help. Not with influencing elections — they've got that covered — but with good, old-fashioned crime fighting.

The FBI has employed a 10 Most Wanted list since 1950 as a way of enlisting the public's help in capturing its most dangerous fugitives. Traditionally, the list would be publicized using posters in public places, such as post offices.

The posters feature photos of the alleged villains along with names, aliases, physical descriptions and information on their crimes. The



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public is asked to contact the authorities if they have information that could help find the bad guys, or girls, on the list. Cash rewards are offered for information that leads to an arrest.

No strangers to technology, the FBI started posting the list on its website, **FBI.gov**, in the '90s. Bank robber Leslie Isben Rogge was the first person on the list to be apprehended because of the

internet after someone in Guatemala, where he was hiding out, spotted him on the website.

This month, the bureau is again embracing technology to expand its public outreach. **FBIWanted** is a free app for iOS and Android devices that puts the 10 Most Wanted list in the pocket of anyone with a cell phone or tablet.

The app is like a digital version of the posters, but it encompasses more than just the top 10 fugitives. You can also view profiles of the FBI's case of the week, fugitives who did not make the top 10, wanted terrorists, kid-

nappings and missing persons, parental kidnapers, bank robbers and unsolved cases for which the bureau needs information. There also are listings for two FBI programs, the Endangered Child Alert Program and the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program.

Each case profile features the same information as the original wanted posters. A map locates the FBI field office handling the case. Users can sort the profiles by date, location, status or category. At the bottom of each listing are links to call the FBI, submit a tip, share the listing or bookmark it for later.

The design of the app is straightforward and functional. The listings — featuring a thumbnail of the fugitive, a brief synopsis and a Read More button — are stacked vertically for scrolling. An icon of handcuffs takes you to the settings, where you can choose which listings you want to see and how. Finally, a search field lets you look for specific crimes or criminals. The app is simple to use and makes for some interesting reading.

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