## OKC Bounty Hunters Speak Out After 'Bounty Boys' Terrorized Innocent Family

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OKLAHOMA CITY -- They chase down fugitives who choose to skip bail. But now some metro bounty hunters are speaking out, after some of their brethren are busted for busting into the home of an innocent family.

The Bounty Boys could face criminal charges for that particular mistake. But their attorney says they are cooperating with police.

In the meantime, News 9 talked to some local bounty hunters who wanted to clear the air about what they do and why they do it.

Blake and <u>Cash Freeman</u> take their job seriously. They call themselves the Elite Fugitive Recovery team, and are all too familiar with the Bounty Boys who are currently under investigation.

"I couldn't believe it. I couldn't believe it at all," says <u>Blake Freeman</u>. "But I thought no way I know those guys they're the most professional guys I've ever been with. But you know you really don't know a whole lot until you see what's behind the curtain and stuff like that."

Now they're trying to clear the air.

"Don't judge all bounty hunters by that incident." Freeman says.

These two brothers always record their take downs, and take every precaution necessary.

They definitely do their research, and they are ready to gear up and go the minute they get the call that a fugitive has jumped bail.

"If you didn't have bounty hunters or fugitive recovery agents you're going to have wanted fugitives running around all over everywhere!"Freeman says.

But they say they don't bust into just every house.

"You know we don't kick in a door unless we are 100 percent sure a fugitive is in the house." Freeman says

The Freeman brothers say they are all for a registry and regulations for bounty hunters, as long as they don't end up protecting the fugitive.

The Midwest City Police Chief says he'd also like to see lawmakers draft legislation to regulate bounty hunters.

A state lawmaker is already pushing the Bounty Hunter Bill, which would close a loophole allowing bounty hunters to carry guns in Oklahoma.



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