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Black still at large

Sirius Black, possibly the most infamous prisoner ever to be held in Azkaban fortress, is still eluding capture, the Ministry of Magic confirmed today. "We are doing all we can to recapture Black," said the Minister of Magic, Cornelius Fudge, this morning, "and we beg the magical community to remain calm." Fudge has been criticized by some members of the International Federation of Warlocks for informing the Muggle Prime Minister of the crisis. "Well, really, I had to, don't you know," said an irritable Fudge. "Black is mad. He's a danger to anyone who crosses him, magic or Muggle. I have the Prime Minister's assurance that he will not breathe a word of Black's true identity to anyone. And let's face it -- who'd believe Black is carrying a gun (a kind of magical wand that Muggles use to kill each other), the kind of megalomaniacal wizard who lives in a crowded cell like that of twelve years ago, murdered thirteen people with a single curse. The event, remembered by all, was one of the many isolated events of violence which followed the fall of You-Know-Who at the hands of infant Harry Potter. It was reported, thirteen years ago, that Peter Pettigrew of Smunning Gardens was murdered at the hands of Black in a crowded Muggle street. The nature of the grudge between the two Wizards remains unclear however it is widely believed that Pettigrew hunted Black down for revenge. Black who is now rumored to have been You-Know-Who's most faithful Death Eater -- story continues on page 3.

Photo taken of Black on November 1, 1981 upon incarceration in Azkaban Fortress. Although this photo is by no means recent, it is believed that it still bears a true resemblance to Black. Minimal editing was made to the image to remove the disturbing presence of the Azkaban Guards. This is in compliance with the Wizarding Lord of Integreity and Truth Act of 1986. Photo taken by and property of Nummarus Ahmedus, Daily Prophet Photographer (ID No. 66666666)



Minister met Black
 It has emerged after a press conference with the Minister for Magic, Cornelius Fudge, that a mere week before his miraculous breakout from Azkaban Fortress, Sirius Black had a face to face encounter with the Minister. The Minister, who says that he was visiting Azkaban on a routine inspection, is reported to have spent an unspecified amount of time in close quarters with Black. Many fear that in these moments of careless disregard to the Minister's safety, the Minister may have been compromised by Black by means of the Imperious Curse. In response to this allegation, the Minister reacted indignantly. "Now see here," he says, "the prisoners of Azkaban are in no condition to affect anyone's sense of self control. They don't have wands and they're all half mad anyway." When faced with the rumor that Black always remained in a state of perfect mental stability during his incarceration at Azkaban, Minister Fudge would offer no comment.

Azkaaban escapee still missing

Sirius Black, son of Orion and Walburga Black, is the first Wizard in history to break out of Azkaban

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Arthur Weasley, Head of the Misuse of Muggle Artefacts Office at the Ministry of Magic, has won the annual Daily Prophet Grand Prize Galleon Draw. A Delighted Mr... Weasley told the Daily Prophet, "We will be spending the gold on a summer holiday in Egypt, where our eldest son, Bill, works as a curse breaker for Gringotts Wizarding Bank." The Weasley family will be spending a month in Egypt, returning for the start of the new school year at Hogwarts, which five of the Weasley children currently attend.

Tresspass
 Strurgis Podmore, 38, of number two, Laburnum Gardens, Clapham, has appeared in front of the Wizengamot charged with tresspass and attempted robbery at the Ministry of Magic on 31st August. Podmore was arrested by Ministry of Magic watchwizard Eric Munch, who found him attempting to force his way through a top-security door at one o'clock in the morning. Podmore, who refused to speak in his own defense, was convicted on both charges and sentenced to six months in Azkaban.

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