



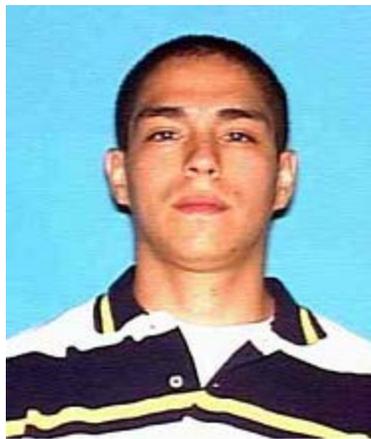
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Garcia



Smith

Reward increased for two Most Wanted fugitives from Edinburg and Aubrey

Featured October fugitives announced

Two of the fugitives on the Texas 10 Most Wanted lists now have an extra \$5,000 in cash added to their rewards for the month of October.

Information leading to the arrest of Ernesto Alonzo Garcia of Edinburg, this month's featured Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitive, will bring tipsters up to \$12,500. Information leading to the arrest of Sean Michael Smith of Aubrey, this month's featured Texas 10 Most Wanted sex offender, will bring a reward of up to \$6,000. Your Texas Crime Stoppers tip is **guaranteed to be anonymous**.

Garcia, 28, is wanted for murder and aggravated assault in connection with a March 11, 2011, incident in Harlingen in which Garcia is believed to have stabbed two men. He is also wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration for marijuana trafficking. Garcia, who has gone by "Rooster," "Gallito," and as many as 96 variations of "Ernesto Alonzo Garcia Gomez," has a scar on his left arm, a tattoo on his upper left arm, and "Garcia" tattooed on his back. Garcia has also previously been convicted of various crimes, including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault causing bodily injury, and possession of a controlled substance. For more information on Garcia, see his DPS Most Wanted poster:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/topTenFugitives.htm#;view=Details/fugitive=7>

Smith, 36, is wanted for failure to register as a sex offender. He was convicted of an aggravated sexual assault of a child that occurred in 1999, and has since been arrested twice for failing to comply with his annual duty to register as a sex offender. He also goes by Sean Michael Carroll and Sean Michael Carroll-Smith. Smith has several tattoos: "wild child" across his abdomen; "young guns/the kid," a cow skull, tribal art, and "Irish" on his upper left arm; skulls with rope, an eyeball, and "Irish" on his upper right arm; as well as other tattoos on his back, chest, right leg, and left ankle. Smith's other previous convictions include indecency with a child by contact, assault causing bodily injury – family member, evading arrest and burglary of a habitation. For more information on Smith, see his DPS Most Wanted poster:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/sexoffenders/topTenSexOffenders.htm#;view=Individual%20Details/fugitive=7>

One offender from the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list and one from the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list are featured each month in hopes the higher reward money from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division will generate additional tips. The higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip comes in the same month the fugitives are featured.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders. Anyone with information can provide anonymous tips in three different ways: Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

- Text the letters DPS—followed by your tip—to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
- Submit a tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture to submit a web tip.

All calls, texts or e-mails are anonymous, and tipsters will be given a tip number. You do not have to give your name.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives yourself; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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