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### **FBI Director Commends Texas Ranger Owles**

During today's Public Safety Commission meeting, Texas Ranger Louis Owles was presented with a certificate of commendation from Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Robert Mueller for his role in an operation that saved the lives of three kidnapping victims.

On April 8, 2011, Ranger Owles, then with the DPS Criminal Investigations Division and member of the FBI Multi-Agency Gang Task Force, provided tactical support for an operation to rescue two adults and one juvenile being held by well-armed kidnappers known to be connected with the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) gang. Investigative efforts later determined that the victims were to be moved to another location and killed within one hour of law enforcement intervention.

"I join FBI Director Robert Mueller in commending Ranger Owles for his heroic efforts in this life-saving operation," said Public Safety Commission Chairman Allan B. Polunsky. "I would also like to commend the other members of the FBI's Multi-Agency Gang Task Force who participated in this high risk operation.

Two suspects were arrested during the operation, and two additional suspects, also connected with MS-13, were subsequently identified and arrested.

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