



# Texas Department of Public Safety

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### Reward increased for Most Wanted fugitives from Pasadena and Houston

*Featured November fugitives announced*



*Cortez*



*Williams*

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

Information leading to the arrest of Javier Cortez Jr. of Pasadena, this month's featured Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitive, will bring tipsters up to \$10,000. Information leading to the arrest of Reginald O'Keith Williams of Houston, 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**.

Cortez, who has numerous family members in Pasadena, is wanted for homicide and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution in connection with an April 8, 2008, incident in which Cortez and an accomplice are accused of robbing and killing a man. It is believed that after the victim was robbed and shot twice by the accomplice, Cortez stood over the victim and shot him an additional nine times. Cortez, 31, is affiliated with the Tango Blast gang, and is known to carry a pistol and a shotgun. He also has a history of drug abuse. Cortez has "JR" tattooed on his upper right arm and "Maria" on his upper left arm, and has a mole on the front of his left ear. For more information on Cortez, see his DPS Most Wanted poster: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/topTenFugitives.htm#:view=Details/fugitive=10>.

Williams, 42, is wanted for parole violation and failure to register as a sex offender. Recently seen in the **Dallas** area, he left a Houston halfway house in 2001, and has family in Freeport. His convictions include aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault of a child and sexual assault. Williams is known to threaten his victims with physical harm while assaulting them, causing them to fear for their lives. He has worked jobs in maintenance and as a restaurant cook. Williams, who also goes by Reggie Williams, has a scar on the back of his left hand. For more information on Williams, see his DPS

Most Wanted poster:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/sexoffenders/topTenSexOffenders.htm#;view=Individual%20Details/fugitive=1>.

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 web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

**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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