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Reward increased for Most Wanted fugitives from Corpus Christi and Irving *Featured January fugitives announced*



Morin



Lopez

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 January.

Information leading to the arrest of Javier Morin, Jr. of Corpus Christi, this month's featured Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitive, will bring tipsters up to \$12,500. Information leading to the arrest of Jose Luis Lopez of Irving, 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.**

Morin, 39, is wanted by the Nueces County Sheriff's Office. He is affiliated with the Texas Syndicate gang, and has several previous convictions, including Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Evading Arrest, Theft and Burglary. Morin has family in the Corpus Christi area. He has tattoos of a joker on the outside of his upper left arm; a demon, female and angel on his upper right arm; "Ariel" on the back of his neck; "Javier Morin" on his

upper back; and "Texas" on his lower back. For more information on Morin, see his DPS Most Wanted poster:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/topTenFugitives.htm#;view=Details/fugitive=4>.

Lopez, 63, is wanted by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office for failure to register as a sex offender. He has previously been convicted of Sex Offense Against Child – Fondling and Indecency with a Child by Exposure. Lopez has used many alias names, including Jose Flores, as well as several dates of birth and social security numbers. He was last seen in 2003 in the Irving area after being deported in 2000. He is believed to have family in the Arlington area. Records indicate Lopez did not attend school beyond third grade and he has worked as a laborer and maintenance worker. For more information on Lopez, see his DPS Most Wanted poster:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/sexoffenders/topTenSexOffenders.htm#;view=Individual%20Details/fugitive=5>.

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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