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NEWS RELEASE



High-Risk Sex Offender Added to Most Wanted List

AUSTIN - A high-risk Houston sex offender on electronic monitoring, who escaped from an east Houston halfway house last Thursday, has been added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted List, and a \$7,500 cash reward is being offered for information leading to his arrest.

Michael Elbert Young, 42, was last seen at the Southeast Texas Transitional Center on 10950 Beaumont Highway around 9:50 p.m. Thursday night. He climbed over a barbed wire-topped fence and discarded his GPS-tracked ankle monitor.

Young, who is considered a sexually violent predator, is 5 feet 6 inches tall, 150 pounds. He has friends and family in and around the Houston area. He is wanted for Failure to Comply with Civil Commitment Requirements, which is a third degree felony.

Young may be mentally unstable, a condition possibly aggravated when not taking medication. He is not known to be armed but has had a history of using weapons, primarily knives, during previous assaults. See his wanted poster for additional information about his crimes:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?&fugitive=Michael%20Elbert%20Young&id=116>.

Young has numerous incision scars on left wrist and several tattoos: "South Park for Life" on right upper arm; "Evelyn" on neck; "Mom" on right chest; "Audra" on left chest.

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He served eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for Aggravated Assault, and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, with both charges carrying a sexual element. Young also spent 20 years in the TDCJ for Sexual Assault of a Child and Attempted Aggravated Sexual Assault.

For additional photos showing tattoos, please visit:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/2012/pr040612photos.htm.

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 Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

Anyone with information can provide anonymous tips in four 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.
- Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the “SUBMIT A TIP” link (under the “About” section).

All calls, texts, e-mails and Facebook messages are anonymous.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists—with photos—on the DPS website at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/>.

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

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