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UPDATE: Austin High-Risk Sex Offender Captured

AUSTIN – Wanted fugitive and high-risk sex offender Robert Lee Moone Jr., 55, was arrested this evening at a bus stop in Austin by the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, Austin Police Sex Offender Apprehension Registration Unit, Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Office of Inspector General and the Texas Attorney General Fugitive Apprehension Unit.

Moone was just added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders list today. Since no tip was involved, no reward will be paid.

On April 4, Moone, who was staying at Encore House in Austin, fled the facility without the required authorization and cut off his ankle monitor. This action led to the issuance of arrest warrants for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and parole violation.

He was recently seen in Austin, as evidenced by the photo (above right) that was taken earlier today at an area convenience store.

In 1989, Moone was sentenced to 45 years in prison by a Travis County jury after he broke into a home armed with a knife and tried to sexually assault a 13-year-old girl. In 2010, he was granted parole and placed on a “Super-Intensive Supervision Program” with 24-hour electronic monitoring.

For more information, see his wanted poster and an additional photo at:

[http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?&fugitive=Robert Lee Moone, Jr.&id=125](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/Texas10MostWanted/SexOffenderDetails.aspx?&fugitive=Robert+Lee+Moone,+Jr.&id=125).

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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