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NEWS RELEASE



San Antonio Man Added to Most Wanted Fugitive List

Texas Mexican Mafia member wanted in South Padre Island assault

AUSTIN - Felix Velasquez Jr., 30, has been added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive list. The Texas Crime Stoppers Program is offering a \$7,500 cash reward for information leading to his arrest. He has outstanding warrants from the South Padre Island Police Department for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity. **All tips are anonymous.**

Velasquez, whose last known address is in San Antonio, was one of several men with ties to the Texas Mexican Mafia and is wanted in connection with a March 17 attack in South Padre Island in which several gang members, including Velasquez, allegedly beat and stabbed a man on the beach during Spring Break. Earlier this month, DPS and other agencies arrested 11 suspects in the San Antonio area who were tied to this case, but Velasquez has eluded capture.

Velasquez is 5 feet 9 inches tall and 220 pounds. He has several tattoos: a dragon on his outside upper right arm, a devil face on his outside upper left arm, "Felix" on his abdomen, and a baby's

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face on his left outside leg. His criminal history includes Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon and several drug related convictions.

For more information, view Velasquez's wanted poster at:

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=127>.

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).

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.

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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