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NEWS RELEASE



Arrest photo top left; wanted photo top right

Most Wanted Fugitive Captured in San Antonio

Drugs and weapons seized after arrest of Texas Mexican Mafia member

AUSTIN – Felix Velasquez Jr., 30, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive, is in custody today after his arrest in south San Antonio. Velasquez was one of several Texas Mexican Mafia members accused of attacking a man during Spring Break on March 17 in South Padre Island. His arrest led to the seizure of multiple weapons and drugs.

Velasquez was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by DPS Criminal Investigations Division agents with the assistance of the San Antonio Police Department. The arrest and subsequent search warrants led to the seizure of six handguns (one stolen), one assault rifle, body armor and various amounts of heroin, cocaine and marijuana. Velasquez now faces additional charges. Two other suspected Texas Mexican Mafia members were arrested in connection with Velasquez's capture yesterday. No tip was involved in the arrest, so no reward will be paid in this case.

Read about DPS online at www.txdps.state.tx.us

Velasquez was added to the Most Wanted Fugitive list last month based on warrants issued by the South Padre Island Police Department related to the March 17 beating and stabbing incident. Early last month, several other alleged Texas Mexican Mafia members were arrested in the San Antonio area in connection with the attack, but Velasquez had eluded capture until yesterday.

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

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

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; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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