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NEWS RELEASE



Reward Increased for Most Wanted Sex Offender *Fugitive with Austin ties also known to travel in Mexico, Central America*

AUSTIN – The reward for Mark Steven Bauman, 51, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender and this month's featured fugitive, has increased to \$13,000 for information leading to his capture if the tip comes in during the month of June. Texas Crime Stoppers tips are **guaranteed to be anonymous**.

Bauman was last seen in the Austin area in the summer of 2010 and has strong ties to Mexican/Central American immigrant communities in the Austin area. He speaks fluent Spanish and has used Spanish-language matchmaking websites to meet women. He may currently reside in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras or Colombia; however, anyone with a tip that leads to his arrest, inside or outside of the U.S., will receive the reward money.

Bauman, who has gone by various aliases, including Marcos Bauman, is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs approximately 170 pounds. He is currently wanted for Improper Photography/Visual Recording (involving two teenage girls), Possession of Child Pornography, Flight to Avoid Prosecution, Failure to Register as a Sex Offender and Probation Violation.

For more information on Bauman, please view his wanted poster at: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/featured.aspx>.

One offender from the Texas 10 Most Wanted Program is 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 fugitive is featured.

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.

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 (<http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/>).

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

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