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### **Fugitive Arrested for Criminal Sexual Assault**

On February 23, 2018, the Lake County Sheriff's Office and US Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (USMS-GLRFTF) arrested Ryan P. Vela, 33, of the 1700 block of E Shannon Ln in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Vela was wanted on a warrant issued on February 13, 2018 for Criminal Sexual Assault after an investigation initiated by Vernon Hills Police Department.

On February 20, 2018, an investigation was opened into the fugitive apprehension of Vela. USMS-GLRFTF Task Force Officers began conducting surveillance at several locations.

On February 23, 2018, USMS-GLRFTF Task Force Officers conducted surveillance at the above residence and observed Vela arrive, exit a vehicle and enter the residence. After numerous attempts to gain the cooperation of the residents inside failed, Task Force Officers breached the front door and immediately identified voices coming from the top of the stairs on the second floor. Commands were given and two subjects came downstairs, identified as Vela and another resident.

Vela was arrested and transported to the Lake County Jail. His bond is \$100,000.00 and he is expected to appear in court on March 22, 2018 at 10:30 am.

**End of Release.**