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MEDIA RELEASE

Waukegan Man Wanted for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse Apprehended in Louisiana Following Combined-Investigation

On March 2, 2020, the Lake County Sheriff's Office Warrants Team in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Service – Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (USMS-GLRFTF), and U.S. Marshals Service – New Orleans Fugitive Task Force (USMS-NOFTF), apprehended Mario J. Colindres-Galeano, 26, of the 2100 block of Williamsburg Drive, Waukegan.

On December 4, 2019, Waukegan Police Officers obtained an arrest warrant for Colindres-Galeano for aggravated criminal sexual abuse. On December 10, 2019, another warrant was issued for Colindres-Galeano for failure to appear on aggravated criminal sexual abuse and child pornography charges. The collective bond on the warrants was \$1,500,000.00.

Warrants deputies learned Colindres-Galeano was actively attempting to avoid apprehension. During the course of the fugitive investigation, warrants deputies learned Colindres-Galeano fled Illinois and was hiding in Louisiana. On February 27, 2020, warrants deputies contacted the USMS-NOFTF, and through a joint investigation, determined Colindres-Galeano was hiding at a residence in the 19400 block of Slemmer Road, Covington, LA.

On March 2, 2020, USMS-NOFTF served the arrest warrant. After approaching the residence, Colindres-Galeano was observed trying to flee the residence from the rear access hatch of a chicken coup, which was attached to the home. Colindres-Galeano was taken into custody without further incident and transported to the St. Tammany Parish Jail, where he remains held pending extradition hearings.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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