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TWO-TIME ESCAPEE CAPTURED AND DEPORTED FROM MEXICO

PHOENIX – Rocky Delgado Marquez, 34, was detained Tuesday in Hermosillo, Sonora, in the Republic of Mexico by Mexican law enforcement authorities. Marquez escaped from a jail in May 2012 in Maricopa County, after allegedly conspiring with another inmate to swap identities. Marquez had been awaiting trial on charges of misconduct involving weapons, influencing a witness, perjury, felony criminal damage, forgery and driving under the influence. Marquez was also the subject of charges stemming from a federal drug distribution conspiracy, resulting from an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations in Arizona.

The U.S. Marshals Service and task force partners in Arizona and Michigan arrested Marquez in January at a residence in Detroit where several fraudulent identification documents were discovered as well as a loaded AK-47 assault rifle. Marquez made his second jail break soon after he was booked into the Wayne County (Mich.) jail pending extradition to Arizona. Further investigation revealed Marquez escaped by convincing another inmate to switch wristbands with him, a similar method he used in his prior escape.

Deputy U.S. Marshals and law enforcement partners immediately resumed the hunt for Marquez and followed numerous leads across the country to Mexico. The USMS led coordination efforts with Mexican law enforcement partners, who quickly acted and detained Marquez pending deportation to the United States.

“After his brazen escape from the Maricopa County Jail last year, Mr. Marquez was on the run for approximately eight months when he was finally arrested in Detroit,” said David P. Gonzales, U.S. Marshal for the District of Arizona. “Marquez’s arrest in a city center apartment in Hermosillo, Sonora, will bring an end to his extensive criminal activities in the U.S. and Mexico. The U.S. Marshals Service

owes a debt of gratitude to our Mexican criminal justice partners in Sonora for their quick response and professionalism in the capture of Mr. Marquez.”

“There's nowhere on God's green earth where you can run and our people won't find you,” said Robert M. Grubbs, U.S. Marshals for the Eastern District of Michigan.

“This arrest is just the latest testament to the dedication of the men and women of the United States Marshals Service in their dogged pursuit of those who think they can escape justice,” said Matthew Allen, Special Agent in Charge of ICE/Homeland Security Investigations in Arizona. “We thank the Marshals Service for their efforts and their tremendous partnership with HSI.”

Marquez, a U.S. citizen, was deported today from Mexico to the United States.

“Rocky Marquez escaped from two jails using an unusual ruse. But thanks to the cooperative efforts of the U.S. Marshals Service, my office and Mexican authorities, he is back in custody,” said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. “Upon his arrival, Marquez will be placed in 23 hour lockdown to prevent any future escape attempts. As someone who worked in Mexico years ago as a federal drug enforcement official, I certainly appreciate the help of the Mexican authorities.”

The U.S. Marshals Service is the nation’s oldest federal law enforcement agency. Annually, U.S. Marshals arrest more than 50 percent of all federal fugitives and serve more federal warrants than all other federal agencies combined. For more information on USMS 15 Most Wanted fugitives and USMS Major Cases, go to www.usmarshals.gov.

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