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INTERNATIONAL FUGITIVE ARREST - OPERATION FALCON III REPUBLIC OF MEXICO CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 18, 2006



On October 18, 2006, Mexican citizen Tomas Rosales was arrested in Ixtlahuacatengo, Guerrero, Mexico on a Provisional Arrest Warrant by a specialized unit of the Agencia Federal de Investigacion, which worked in concert with the U.S. Marshals *Mexico City Foreign Field Office* as part of activities related to Operation FALCON III. Local authorities in the *Central District of California* wanted Rosales for Kidnapping, Forcible Rape, Forcible Oral Copulation, Assault with Personal Use of a Deadly Weapon, and Sexual Battery by Restraint. These charges relate to Rosales' alleged sexual assault of a female victim in December 2003. Authorities implicated Rosales in this incident through the use of DNA collected from the victim, and compared that sample to a DNA sample taken from Rosales following a 1998 conviction for Sexual Assault in Illinois. Investigators from the U.S. Marshals *Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force* and the *Mexico City Foreign Field Office* coordinated with Mexican law enforcement in developing information indicating that Rosales fled to the Republic of Mexico to avoid apprehension and prosecution. Investigators requested and received a Provisional Arrest Warrant naming Rosales, which agents from the Agencia Federal de Investigacion acted on and successfully executed. Rosales remains in custody in the Republic of Mexico pending further extradition proceedings.