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February 7th 2006, Jose Cruz Serratos-Ponce, a 42 year old Mexican citizen, was arrested in Woodburn, Oregon by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force based on a provisional arrest warrant with a view towards extradition to Mexico for the charge of Murder. Mexican authorities indicate that Jose Serratos-Ponce is suspected of shooting and killing Juan Arredondo Sanson in LaGrita, Guanajuato, Mexico on December 20, 1998. U.S. Marshals have been working with Mexican law enforcement authorities after investigative leads indicated that he may have fled to the United States.

U.S. Marshals Service investigators recently learned that Jose Cruz Serratos-Ponce was most likely living in Woodburn, Oregon under several false identities. After conducting surveillance at several locations in the Woodburn area, Deputy U.S. Marshals observed Serratos-Ponce leaving a residence located in the 1000 block of 5th Street in Woodburn, Oregon. Serratos-Ponce attempted to flee in a vehicle after being approached by Deputies and was arrested after a brief vehicle pursuit along Highway 211 east of Woodburn, Oregon. Serratos-Ponce is being held at the Multnomah County Detention Center based on a provisional arrest warrant for the charge of murder with an immigration hold. Serratos-Ponce is scheduled to appear in federal court on Monday February 13, at 1:30 p.m. for an extradition and detention hearing before a U.S. Magistrate in Portland, Oregon.

The U.S. Marshals Oregon Fugitive Task Force is made up of personnel from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Portland Police Bureau, the Oregon National Guard, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the North Plains Police Department, the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, and the Clackamas County Department of Community Corrections. For more information about the U.S. Marshals Service and the Oregon Fugitive Task Force, go to www.usmarshals.gov.