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Rhode Island Vehicular Homicide Suspect Arrested in Everett

On the run for just four days, enough time to drive across the country, members of the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT) arrested Pedro S. LUX in Everett on Sunday, December 4th. LUX was wanted by the Rhode Island State Police for Failure to Appear for sentencing last Wednesday, November 30, where he was to be sentenced for his role in a vehicle collision that claimed the life of Rosario Rodriguez, and injured three others, in October of 2001.

“While one might think driving 3050 miles away from the law would be enough, we have shown no distance is too far,” said United States Marshal Eric E. Robertson of the Western District of Washington. “Getting this dangerous criminal behind bars and out of our community was done quickly. I am proud of the cooperative effort between task force members in Rhode Island and Washington that led to his arrest.”

On Sunday, October 7, 2001, LUX, with a blood alcohol level of .275, was fleeing the scene of an accident when he ran a stop sign and hit a vehicle in which Rodriguez was a passenger. The 3 survivors, including 2 of Rodriguez’ sons, suffered sever injuries and have lingering effects from the accident. LUX, age 34, a native of Guatemala living in Cranston, RI, was charged with 10 separate criminal charges including driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI), death resulting; driving to endanger; death resulting; three counts of DUI, serious bodily injury resulting; leaving the scene of an accident, property damage resulting; and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license.

LUX failed to appear for his trial in 2003, and subsequently served 90 days in jail for violating the terms of his bail after being on the run for over 9 months. LUX again made bail on the case and had just entered a no-contest plea with the Rhode Island Attorney General’s office on October the 4th of this year in which he agreed to serve 13 years in prison.

When LUX failed to show up for sentencing on Wednesday, the judge in the case issued a warrant for LUX’ arrest and the State Police requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service and the RI Violent Fugitive Task Force in locating and apprehending LUX. Deputy U.S. Marshals from the task force almost immediately developed information that LUX was fleeing towards Everett, WA with his family and may be attempting to flee the country in an attempt to avoid serving his prison sentence. This information was immediately relayed to members of the PNWFAT who established a surveillance operation on the location where it was believed LUX may be fleeing.

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At approximately 10:00 AM, Sunday, December 4, members of the PNWFAT located the vehicle that LUX was believed to be driving in an apartment complex in Everett, WA. Shortly after initiating surveillance on the vehicle, LUX was arrested while trying to replace the RI license plates on the vehicle with WA license plates. LUX admitted to his identity and to the fact that he had arrived in Everett at 8:00 PM the previous evening after driving across the country from RI.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at www.usmarshals.gov. For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at www.psn.gov.



For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601, for information on the criminal case, call the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office at 401-274-4400.