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FUGITIVE MAKES FAILED ATTEMPTS TO AVOID DEPORTATION OUT OF MEXICO

Phoenix, Ariz. – Tuesday evening, Joshua Amaya, 26, was arrested at the DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona. Amaya was wanted on multiple warrants issued out of Maricopa County and by Maricopa County Adult Probation.

In March of 2016, warrants were issued for the arrest of Amaya, a U.S. citizen, for Failure to Appear on Charges of Theft and Trafficking in Stolen Property. Amaya was also wanted on two Probation Violation warrants with underlying offenses of Burglary and Forgery. Several leads were developed to indicate Amaya was likely residing in Mexico in an attempt to avoid apprehension.

Tuesday afternoon, after a lengthy and coordinated investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service and Mexican Authorities, Amaya was located and arrested in central Nogales, Sonora, Mexico and was detained by Mexican Authorities without incident. At the time of his arrest it is alleged that Amaya attempted to negotiate his freedom by offering a Customs and Border Protection Official \$50,000. Ultimately, Amaya was processed through Mexican Immigration where he was deported from the Republic of Mexico and arrested by U.S. Authorities at the DeConcini Port of Entry. Amaya was booked into custody at the Santa Cruz County jail Tuesday evening where he will await extradition back to Maricopa County.

"Mr. Amaya is an example of a fugitive who will use any measure to avoid apprehension," said David P. Gonzales, U.S. Marshal for the District of Arizona. "In this case he tried to bribe law enforcement officials. He was, predictably, unsuccessful."

The United States 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 Fifteen Most Wanted fugitives and USMS Major Cases, go to www.usmarshals.gov.

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