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U.S. MARSHALS

ARREST WOMAN IN CALIFORNIA WANTED IN PUERTO RICO

San Juan, P.R. - The U.S. Marshals apprehended Koty Hawthorne a woman accused of Illegal deprivation of custody.

On April 4, 2017 The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Superior Court in the town of Aguadilla, PR, issued an arrest warrant against Koty Hawthorne for illegally taking her children out of the local jurisdiction, after a court had issued full custody of the children to the father.

The U.S. Marshals have been searching for Hawthorne for several months. Information developed led The Puerto Rico Violent Offenders Task Force (PRVOTF) to Chicago, Ill, Franklin, TX and Elk, CA without results.

On December 14, 2017 the PRVOTF received information indicating Hawthorne was residing in the town of Fort Bragg, CA. The N/CA Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) was immediately notified and Hawthorne was apprehended. Hawthorne was taken to the Mendocino County Jail. She faces extradition to Puerto Rico.

U.S. Marshal, Orlando Rivera said, “This case is an example of how the U.S. Marshals Service and the Puerto Rico Violent Offenders Task Force will not rest to bring a fugitive to justice, no matter where they go or hide.”

The U.S. Marshals Puerto Rico Violent Offender Task Force is comprised of investigators from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Puerto Rico Police Department, San Juan Municipal Police, Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Puerto Rico Revenue Service and the Puerto Rico State Marshals.

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