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PUERTO RICO MOST WANTED ARRESTED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The U.S. Marshals Service-led Puerto Rico Violent Offenders Task Force in the District of Puerto Rico arrested a man wanted on a federal warrant as well as three counts of murder from the local jurisdiction.

Miguel Rosario Lugo, aka "Mochomo," was wanted by the U.S. Marshals for numerous violations of federal and state law. The Puerto Rico Police requested the assistance of the PRVOTF in an effort to apprehend Rosario Lugo, after the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico charged him with five counts of murder, attempted murder and firearms violations back in 2014.

In March 2016 a federal grand jury indicted Rosario Lugo as one of the leaders of a violent drug organization in the area of Ponce on charges of narcotics and firearms violation.

The PRVOTF has been searching for Rosario Lugo for many months without results. The U.S. Marshals in PR developed information that led them to the fugitive in a small town in the Dominican Republic. U.S. Marshals in the Foreign Field Office D.R. continued developing information and confirmed the fugitive's identity.

On Dec. 17 U.S. Marshals in the Dominican Republic along with Dominican authorities located Rosario Lugo in the town of Icaiyagua, Baraona, 50 miles east of Santo Domingo. U.S. Marshals took custody of Rosario Lugo, and he was extradited to Puerto Rico where he faces numerous federal and state charges.

Rosario Lugo was featured as one of the U.S. Marshals most wanted in the District of Puerto Rico as well as by the Puerto Rico Police.

The following agencies collaborated and provided support during the investigation and arrest of Rosario Lugo. U.S. Marshals Investigative Operations Division, FBI, Customs and Border Protection Air Unit, National Drug Control Directory in the Dominican Republic and the Police of Puerto Rico.

U.S. Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico, Orlando Rivera, said, "This case is an example of how the U.S. Marshals Service, the Puerto Rico Violent Offenders Task Force and our federal, state and local partners will not rest to bring a violent fugitive to justice, no matter where they go or hide."

The PRVOTF is a multijurisdictional task force composed of investigators from the Puerto Rico Police Department, San Juan Municipal Police, PR Department of Corrections, PR State Marshals and the State Internal Revenue Service.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <http://usmarshals.gov>

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