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U.S. Marshals take another dangerous fugitive off Albuquerque's streets

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- The U.S. Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico's South West Investigative Fugitive Team task force apprehended Dec. 20 a man wanted out of Tempe, Arizona, for alleged aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful discharge.

Xavier Heron Amaya, a New Mexico Probation and Parole absconder with the underlying charges of felony assault, had been featured on a KOAT7 news brief June 9, 2015, where a social media video showed a man identified by law enforcement as Xavier Amaya. The video captures Amaya's alleged violent nature.

(<http://www.koat.com/article/charges-refiled-in-pistol-whipping-case/5064539>)

SWIFT received information that Amaya was possibly in Albuquerque and quickly opened a fugitive investigation in the local area. After a couple of days the SWIFT task force was able to ascertain a possible location for Amaya. The task force found that Amaya was hiding out with his girlfriend at her mother's home in the Albuquerque metro area. Amaya was apprehended, and a gun was recovered from the scene.

"Throughout the last 48 hours, relying on exhaustive surveillance techniques and effective investigative skills, deputy U.S. marshals, along with a marshals-led task force of special deputized marshals, apprehended a dangerous fugitive," U.S. Marshal for the District of New Mexico Conrad E. Candelaria said. "We must applaud their efforts of pursuing the worst of the worst criminals so that communities can be a safer place for our families. It cannot be overstated the importance of the media that assists law enforcement efforts in pursuing those that commit violent behavior."

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