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U. S. MARSHALS RAISING THE AWARD FOR ESCAPED PRISONER

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – The U.S. Marshals are asking for the public's help in finding an escaped prisoner, Jerry Mercado, who absconded from the Carl Robinson Correctional Facility in Enfield, Connecticut on January 7.

Mercado, 25, is a convicted burglar who was serving a state sentence. He is 5'4 and 140 pounds, has two visible tattoos, one on his neck stating "*Time waits for no one*" and a second tattoo on his left temple. Mercado may have fled the state of Connecticut and may be hiding out in neighboring states, including the New York City metro area where a tip was received.

The U.S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force is now offering a cash award of up to \$2,500 dollars for information leading to the arrest of Mercado. Any information will be considered confidential. Persons having information should contact the U.S. Marshals at 1-877-Wanted-2 (1-877-926-8332), email at USMS.WANTED@USDOJ.GOV or by calling 911. Individuals should not attempt to apprehend Mercado themselves.

The media is asked to release this info to affiliates in the surrounding states for distribution.

The task force is working together with Connecticut State Police, Hartford Police, Connecticut Parole and the Department of Corrections.

The Violent Fugitive Task Force is a team of law enforcement officers led by U.S. Marshals from the District of Connecticut. The task force's objective is to seek out and arrest violent fugitives and sexual predators. Membership agencies include; Hartford, New Haven, Hamden, West Haven, Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Waterbury Police Departments as well as CT Parole.

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