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Nine-Year Manhunt Ends with Apprehension of Convicted Child Sex Offender in Mexico

TUCSON, Ariz. — A convicted sex offender wanted for sentencing in Pima County has been captured in Mexico and returned to the United States after evading law enforcement for more than nine years.

On November 10, 2026, Adalberto Rodriguez,45, was located and detained in Tequilia, Jalisco, Mexico, by the Secretaría de Seguridad del Estado de Jaliso (SSP). Later that evening, Rodriguez was deported to Arizona where he was booked into Pima County Jail to await sentencing for his crimes.

On April 24, 2017, an arrest warrant was issued in the Pima County Superior Court for Rodriguez after he failed to appear for a hearing to review conditions of release. The underlying charges included sexual conduct of a minor under 15, indecent exposure of a minor under 15, and continual sexual abuse. The case involved the sexual abuse of a family member, who at the time was under the age of twelve when the offenses occurred. Rodriguez fled prior to the case going to trial.

On August 4, 2023, Rodriguez was found guilty in absentia of all charges. He faces a minimum of 50 years in prison. That same week, the Pima County Attorney's Office (PCAO) requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service led Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force in locating Rodriguez and apprehending him.

Investigators determined that Rodriguez had fled to Jalisco, Mexico. During the investigation, they learned he was performing as a drummer in a band and producing music under the name AL OMEGA Productions. Investigators also learned that he was associated with a music school offering lessons to elementary school students. On Nov. 10, at approximately 10 a.m., authorities initiated an operation that led to his capture.

"Rodriguez fled the country to escape accountability for his crimes, but our commitment to finding him never wavered," said Van Bayless, U.S. Marshal for the District of Arizona. "His capture reflects the persistence of our investigators and the strong partnerships we share with law enforcement in Arizona and Mexico. Together, we will continue pursuing those who prey on children and bringing them back to face justice."

"Children deserve to grow up feeling safe and free from harm. And when that trust is violated, there must be accountability," said Laura Conover, Pima County Attorney. "This jury's verdict sends a clear message that these crimes will be taken seriously and vigorously prosecuted. We recognize the courage it takes for victims to come forward and participate in the criminal justice process. Our office remains committed to standing with these victims, pursuing justice on their behalf, and doing everything within our authority to protect the children of our community."

The investigation and successful apprehension of Rodriguez was the result of coordinated efforts between multiple agencies, including Arizona Department of Public Safety, Pima County Attorney's Office, U.S. Marshals Service Mexican Foreign Field Office – Guadalajara, Secretaría de Seguridad del Estado de Jaliso (SSP), Instituto Nacional de Migracion (INM), the U.S. Marshals Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force, and Tucson Police Department (TPD). Agencies working in partnerships can leverage their combined strengths to achieve successful outcomes, leading to safer communities.

Following his detention in Mexico, Rodriguez was deported later that day to the United States and booked into the Pima County Jail, where he will face sentencing on his criminal conviction.

The Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force is a U.S. Marshals Service led multi-jurisdictional fugitive apprehension unit responsible for more than 1748 arrests in the last year. The task force is comprised of 22 agencies bringing together the resources of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the community's most violent offenders and sexual predators. Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at: www.usmarshals.gov

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