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TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE OCTAVIANO JUAREZ-CORRO CAPTURED

MILWAUKEE – After 16 years on the run, a Milwaukee man who is one of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted Fugitives is now in custody, announced Michael E. Hensle, Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Milwaukee Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). SAC Hensle is joined by Chief Jeffrey B. Norman of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) in announcing the capture of Octaviano Juarez-Corro. Acting on a public tip, FBI Milwaukee, in conjunction with the FBI's International Operations Division, Legal Attaché Office in Mexico City, coordinated with the Criminal Investigation Agency of Mexico's Attorney General Office (Agencia de Investigacion Criminal de la Fiscalia General de la Republica – FGR/AIC) to successfully locate and apprehend Juarez-Corro in Zapopan, Guadalajara, Mexico on the evening of February 3, 2022.

Juarez-Corro was added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list on September 8, 2021, wanted for double homicides and multiple attempted homicides in Milwaukee. Authorities allege on May 29, 2006, Juarez-Corro shot and killed two individuals and wounded three others at a large holiday picnic.

Juarez-Corro entered South Shore Park on the banks of Lake Michigan, where hundreds of people were gathered for a Memorial Day picnic, including many families with children. Juarez-Corro approached a friend of his estranged wife's and began a conversation. Juarez-Corro and his wife were reported to be in the final stages of their divorce. The couple share a daughter, who was three years old at the time of the shooting.

Shortly after entering the park, Juarez-Corro reportedly pulled out a gun and began firing. Two people were killed. Juarez-Corro's wife suffered two gunshot wounds in the chest but survived. Two others were also injured, one of them gravely.

"Octaviano Juarez-Corro spent the last 16 years running from law enforcement, hiding in another country, and believing time and distance was on his side," said Special Agent in Charge Michael Hensle of the FBI's Milwaukee Field Office. "The FBI has a long reach and extraordinary law enforcement partnerships across the globe. I commend the tireless efforts of all our partners from Milwaukee to Mexico in closely coordinating with the FBI in capturing this wanted fugitive and helping to bring this violent offender to justice, as well as closure to the victims and their families."

"The Milwaukee Police Department appreciates all of the efforts by the FBI and assisting law enforcement agencies involved in the apprehension of Octaviano Juarez-Corro. With his capture, we are one step closer to bringing justice and closure to the victims, the victims' families and everyone that was impacted by this tragic incident. I am committed to working with our community and system partners to build sustainable neighborhoods free of crime that are built on positive relationships," said Milwaukee Police Chief Jeffrey Norman.

SAC Hensle and Chief Norman would like to thank the Municipal Police of Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico and Mexico's Attorney General Office (Agencia de Investigacion Criminal de la Fiscalia General de la Republica – FGR/AIC) for their coordination in the arrest of Juarez-Corro, and the public for their assistance in this investigation.

Juarez-Corro was the 525th person to be placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list, which was established in 1950. Additional information concerning Juarez-Corro and the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives can be found by visiting the FBI's website at <u>www.fbi.gov</u>

The public is reminded that a complaint is not evidence of guilt and all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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