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U.S. MARSHALS TASK FORCE NABS FOREIGN FUGITIVE MS-13 Gang Member Wanted for Homicide, Arrested on Immigration Charges

VALLEJO, Calif. – U.S. Marshal Don O'Keefe is proud to announce the arrest of Fermin Aguilar-Agueta, 26, a suspected MS-13 gang member, who is wanted in El Salvador for aggravated homicide.

Aguilar-Agueta is suspected by Salvadorian authorities of being involved in a drunken altercation between rival gang factions, which resulted in the shooting death of an individual in March 2007. He was formally charged with aggravated homicide in El Salvador in 2009. An Interpol Red Notice was issued by El Salvador in 2013 for Aguilar-Agueta initiating an international manhunt.

On September 22, Aguilar-Agueta was spotted in a vehicle by Concord Police Department officers during a routine traffic stop. Officers gathered information about him, as well as his associates, and forwarded the information to the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, which specializes in the apprehension of domestic and foreign fugitives.

The following day, based on the information from the Concord Police, and in coordination with Deputy U.S. Marshals at Interpol Washington, the U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), in Washington, D.C., the U.S. Marshals Service Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force in the Bay Area, which consists of several federal, state, and local agencies, to include officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), were able to determine that Aguilar-Agueta was residing illegally in the U.S., and that he had no record of legal entry.

U.S. Marshals Task Force members located the vehicle associated with the traffic stop at the 1200 block of Georgia Street, Vallejo, CA, and established surveillance. Soon after, Aguilar-Agueta was spotted getting into the vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted and he was taken into custody without incident. Aguilar-Agueta is currently in immigration custody pending deportation.

To find more information on fugitives currently being sought by the U.S. Marshals in Northern California, or to submit an anonymous tip on the whereabouts of a fugitive, please visit: <u>http://northerncaliforniamostwanted.org</u>. The U.S. Marshals Service is the primary federal agency charged with conducting fugitive investigations throughout the country. The U.S. Marshals regularly works in concert with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to seek out and arrest violent fugitives and sex offenders, and has established task forces throughout the nation to facilitate the apprehension of fugitives.

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