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**STATEMENT ON THE ARREST OF ALFONSO PORTILLO**

"Alfonso Portillo was arrested earlier this afternoon in the Guatemalan state of Izabal. He is now in custody and is expected to appear later today in criminal court in Guatemala City."

"We will continue to work with our partners in Guatemala to bring Portillo to justice for his crimes. We remain grateful to law enforcement authorities in Guatemala and the United States for their roles in this important investigation," said PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

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