



## Suspect in Child Molestation Case Extradited from Mexico

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A suspected child molester wanted in Escondido was extradited to the United States on Wednesday after being arrested in Mexico, according to the Escondido Police Department.

Ricardo Lopez Borbon was booked into the Vista jail on two counts of child molestation and a charge of parole violation, Lt. Craig Carter said. The molestation charges stem from an incident that occurred Aug. 17, 2009, authorities said.

On that date, officers were called to investigate a sexual assault involving a 9-year-old girl. The victim was visiting an auto shop in the 1000 block of West Mission Avenue when a man assaulted her.

The officers found few leads in the case, Carter said. However, the following day, Escondido detectives received a call about a registered sex offender living in the city who had cut off his electronic monitoring device, Carter said.

Through questioning, detectives determined that the registrant was the suspect in the molestation case, Carter said. Eventually, a \$2 million warrant was issued on Lopez Borbon, a naturalized U.S. citizen, police said.

During their investigation, authorities found that the suspect was in Mexico, police said. On Oct. 6, 2010, Mexican authorities arrested the man and began extradition procedures.

Lopez Borbon is scheduled to be arraigned Friday at the courthouse in Vista.

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## French Appeals Court Delays Extradition of Noriega to Panama

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An attorney representing Manuel Noriega said Wednesday that he plans to ask a French judge to authorize the former Panamanian leader's conditional release.

Attorney Antonin Levy told CNN en Espanol that he plans to make his case Thursday despite a French court's announcement Wednesday that apparently delayed Noriega's extradition to Panama.

"I hope that in a few hours the judge will consider his conditional release and see beyond the

strategies that have been used," Levy said, alleging that officials were trying to stall Noriega's return.

On Wednesday a French appeals court said it needed more time to weigh an extradition request from Panama's government -- apparently delaying the Panamanian leader's possible return to his home country.

France ordered Noriega's extradition last month, responding to a Panamanian government request for the former dictator's return to face charges he had a political rival killed.

But on Wednesday the French court said it needed more time and information to review an additional extradition request filed by Panamanian officials connected with another case.

Last year, a French court sentenced Noriega to seven years in prison for money laundering. Noriega also was fined almost 2.3 million euros (\$2.9 million), the amount of drug money he was accused of laundering through French banks.

Noriega denied the charges.

The U.S. government has portrayed Noriega as the ultimate crooked cop -- a man who was paid millions by the Medellin drug cartel in Colombia to protect cocaine and money shipments. He was convicted of drug trafficking and other crimes in the United States.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton cleared the way for Noriega to be sent to France in April 2010 after he spent 20 years in a U.S. federal prison.

"He is very tired. He is 77 years old and has spent 21 years in

prison. That's a lot," Levy said Wednesday. "Nonetheless, he has a fighter's spirit and he is ready to face this."

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## Trucker Admits Smuggling Drugs into Canada

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A Canadian truck driver who pleaded guilty Wednesday to smuggling cocaine in the floorboards of his truck was part of an operation that sent more than 1½ tons of drugs across the U.S. border into Canada since 2009, federal authorities said.

Ravinder Arora, 30, of Brampton, Ontario, pleaded guilty in federal court Wednesday to conspiring to export cocaine. He faces at least 10 years in prison at his December sentencing.

Arora was about to cross the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge from western New York into Ontario last September when his nervous demeanor led U.S. border agents to

search his truck, authorities said. Agents found 213 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$3.8 million in a compartment beneath the trailer's floor. It was believed to be the largest single narcotics seizure in the region's history.

As part of his plea agreement, Arora admitted making four other trips and agreed to cooperate in the continuing investigation into what authorities believe is a larger smuggling operation.

Two other people, including the owner of the trucking company that employed Arora, are awaiting trial.

Investigators said Arora would pick up the cocaine at a warehouse in Chino, Calif., and drive to a warehouse in the Buffalo suburb of Cheektowaga, where legitimate cargo was piled on top of a false floor concealing the drugs. He then drove into Canada to deliver the drugs to a warehouse in Mississauga for eventual street sale in the Toronto area.

Arora was promised \$8,000 per smuggling trip, according to court documents.

Arora's attorney, Parmanand Prashad, said Wednesday that his client "deeply regrets his actions and was used by others who were making the big money.

"He has since realized that the risks he took were not worth the penalty," Prashad said.

Based on ledgers seized during the investigation, the operation is believed to have made nine successful trips before Arora's arrest in September 2010. The group ushered an estimated 3,500 pounds of cocaine across the border, according to U.S. and Canadian law enforcement authorities, who highlighted Wednesday's plea at a news conference at the international Peace Bridge.

"It was a very good concealment technique, under the floor in the support structures of the trailer," said James Engleman, director of field operations for U.S. Customs

and Border Protection. He said an X-ray of Arora's trailer and a pass by a drug-sniffing dog were inconclusive, leading officers to "follow their gut" and pull up the floorboards.

"With some X-ray inspections ... some a second-grader could say, 'I can see what's there.' Other times you look at it and there's no definition, there just appears to be something unusual in a given area," Engleman said. "This was a very professional job. This wasn't an afterthought, quick concealment technique. They spent a lot of time to build a professional quality concealment on these trailers."

The group also is believed to have smuggled ecstasy and marijuana into the United States, as well as cash.

Parminder Sidhu, who hired Arora as a driver at his company, Prime 9, is in custody in Canada and awaiting extradition, U.S. Attorney William Hochul said. Sidhu is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and conspiracy to export cocaine. It was unknown whether he has an attorney. A home telephone listing was disconnected and a phone number for Prime 9 could not be located.

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# Suspect in 2001 Murder Arrested in Mexico Faces Extradition to US

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A fugitive was arrested this week in Mexico in connection with a Schaumburg slaying that went cold for 10 years.

Jose Camacho, 43, was arrested by Mexican police and is expected to be extradited to the U.S. on first-degree murder charges in the 2001 death of 28-year-old Flavio Venancio, of Hanover Park, Schaumburg police said Wednesday.

On May 25, 2001, Venancio was found by a mosquito abatement employee floating in a pond near the Schaumburg Metra station. An autopsy showed Venancio had been beaten, stabbed and drowned.

Investigators believe Camacho, who also once lived in Hanover Park, stabbed Venancio during an alcohol-fueled argument. The two were acquaintances and had been drinking in Hanover Park the night of Venancio's death, said Sgt. John Nebl.

The pair decided to go out to buy food and more beer when they took a wrong turn, ending up near the Schaumburg train station and crashed their car into a guard rail, Nebl said. At that point, an argument broke out and Venancio was stabbed, he said.

Investigators within weeks identified Camacho as the offender, and issued an arrest warrant for first-degree murder charges. But, Nebl said, Camacho fled the state around that time.

Police said he was living in Anaheim, Calif., for a while, but learned in the last year Camacho was in Mexico. A 2009 FBI profile of Camacho led to his whereabouts, Nebl said, adding he couldn't go into specifics on how police found him.

Nebl said he isn't sure of the circumstances surrounding Camacho's arrest in Mexico. Cook County prosecutors are working with the Mexican government in the extradition process. No hearing dates have been set.

"This doesn't happen very often in Schaumburg," Nebl said. "For us to have such a long time (without an arrest) in a case of this nature, it is more of a rarity."

Venancio, who was a janitor in Streamwood, arrived in the United States from Mexico about nine months before he died, police said at the time of his death. Venancio also used the name Pasqual Fernandez, according to police.

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