



Rhode Island Violent Fugitive Task Force



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THE RHODE ISLAND VIOLENT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES THE ARREST OF MICHAEL DOMENECH IN SAN DIEGO, CA

Michael Domenech was arrested by U.S. Border Patrol Agents in San Diego after he attempted to cross into Mexico. Domenech was wanted by U.S. Marshals for a Federal Supervised Release Violation issued in U.S. District Court in Rhode Island as well as charges of Murder and Assault with Intent to Commit Robbery by the Providence Police Department. These charges stemmed from the fatal stabbing of Cory Vargas which occurred on September 24th in Providence.

The Rhode Island Violent Fugitive Task Force initiated an in-depth fugitive investigation which spanned across multiple states to include Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Maryland, Tennessee and California. Lookouts were sent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the event Domenech attempted to flee the United States.

Early Saturday morning, Domenech approached a Border Patrol checkpoint in California. When a K-9 detection team approached the vehicle to speak with him, Domenech fled at a high rate of speed. Border Patrol agents were able to utilize a tire deflation device but Domenech continued his attempt to flee for another 20 minutes before he was finally taken into custody.

The Rhode Island State Police, Providence Police, U.S. Marshals in Rhode Island, New York/New Jersey, Tennessee, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection provided significant assistance throughout the investigation.

The Rhode Island Violent Fugitive Task Force is run by the U.S Marshals Service along with the Rhode Island State Police. The Task Force is made up of members from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Rhode Island State Police, and the Warwick, Cranston, Coventry, East Providence, Middletown, Pawtucket, Portsmouth and Providence Police Departments who work full time to track down and apprehend the most violent and dangerous fugitives both within the United States and internationally.