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**U.S. Marshals Capture Fugitive Wanted for Seventeen Years**

**CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –** The Cold Case Unit of the U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offenders and Fugitive Task Force - Corpus Christi Division, working in conjunction with the USMS in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, located and arrested in Wisconsin a fugitive on the run for over 17 years.

Agustin Rivera-Contreras was wanted on a Nov.7, 2007, arrest warrant issued by a U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of Texas for violating the conditions of supervised release. Rivera-Contreras was under court ordered supervision for aiding and abetting to possess with intent to distribute 2.06 kilograms of cocaine. Additionally, Rivera-Contreras was wanted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for being an alien unlawfully present due to an order of removal.

On May 9, 2025, the Cold Case Unit submitted a collateral lead request to the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Deputy U.S. Marshals followed up on the lead, which ultimately resulted in Rivera-Contreras’ capture.

On July 1 Rivera-Contreras’ 17-year run finally ended when Marshals located him at a residence in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, hiding in a closet under a pile of clothes.

The GCVOTF Cold Case Unit was formed to devote specialized investigative efforts to capturing fugitives who have been on the run for several years.

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