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CRIME STOPPERS OF HUNTERDON OFFERS LARGEST CASH REWARD EVER FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION OF FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE



Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, announces that Crime Stoppers of Hunterdon County has offered \$2,500 to anyone providing information leading to the apprehension of a Fugitive from Justice. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office is actively attempting to locate Jorge Mercado, age 40, of Flemington. Mr. Mercado is charged with first degree Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "Mr. Mercado was arrested in April of 2018 after a joint investigation of by the Hunterdon County Narcotics Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was deported back to Mexico and a bench warrant was issued for his Failure to Appear in Court in June of 2018. Investigation revealed Mr. Mercado re-entered the United States illegally and is believed to be in the Hunterdon County area. Mr. Mercado is described as, 5'6", 168 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair.

Prosecutor Kearns continued, “Anyone with information regarding Mr. Mercado’s whereabouts is urged to come forward. Crime Stoppers of Hunterdon County has offered its largest cash reward to date of \$2500 for information leading to the apprehension of Mr. Mercado. We are grateful for Crime Stoppers for all their continued support and assistance.”

Information can be provided to Crime Stoppers anonymously by following the directions below. The Hunterdon County Fugitive Task Force can be reached at (908) 788-1129.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010, going online at www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com, or through the free “P3 Tips” smartphone app. All tips are anonymous and kept confidential.

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