

Massachusetts State Police assist Nevada Police in track and arrest of suspect in multiple child rapes

Police in Reno, Nev., acting on information provided by the Massachusetts State Police, yesterday arrested a former Marlboro man suspected of committing sexual assaults against multiple children in and around that town. State Police had added the suspect, DANIEL ESCALANTE, 42, to their Most Wanted List in late March.

In recent weeks, the Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section (MSP VFAS), working with the State Police Cyber Crime Unit, the State Police Watch Center, Marlboro Police, and the US Marshals Service, conducted an extensive investigation into ESCALANTE's whereabouts. Investigators recently developed information that ESCALANTE had fled Massachusetts and was living in Nevada under an alias.

MSP VFAS then began working with the US Marshals' Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force for Reno, Nevada. Members of the Task Force, acting on information provided by MSP VFAS, located and arrested ESCALANTE without incident at approximately 9 p.m. (Pacific) yesterday.

ESCALANTE is currently being held in Nevada on a fugitive from justice charge. He was expected to appear in the Reno Justice Court today. Prosecutors in Massachusetts will work with Nevada authorities to arrange his rendition to answer to the child assault charges here.

The charges ESCALANTE faces in Middlesex County are: five counts of rape of a child with force; two counts of assault

with intent to rape a child; and four counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

The Massachusetts State Police are grateful to the Pacific Southwest Regional Task Force for its assistance in apprehending this Most Wanted fugitive.