



Press Release

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Subject : Murder Suspect Captured

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On Tuesday, May 13th, the Redondo Beach Police Department conducted a joint press conference with the FBI to announce a reward of up to \$10,000 for the capture and prosecution of murder suspect Erick Ortega. Ortega was wanted in connection with the brazen murder of Bobby Darren Reynolds in Redondo Beach on June 21, 2013.

On Wednesday, May 14th the Redondo Beach Police Department received an anonymous tip via NIXLE that a person matching Ortega's description was employed as a dish washer at an Italian restaurant in the Salt Lake City area. Redondo Beach investigators promptly forwarded that information to the FBI's Salt Lake City, Utah office for further investigation.

Today at about 11:00 a.m., FBI agents contacted an individual resembling Ortega at the Italian restaurant in Utah. Ortega refused to identify himself and was in possession of identification with his photo in someone else's name. FBI agents were able to identify Ortega and arrested him on a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Ortega has been booked into the Davis County, Utah jail where he will be awaiting federal extradition to California.