

Accused child rapist on Massachusetts “Most Wanted” list tracked to Illinois and captured

An accused child rapist from Leominster, who was added to the Massachusetts State Police list of Most Wanted fugitives last month, was captured yesterday in Aurora, Illinois after the MSP’s Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section tracked him to a location there.

ZION P. VASQUEZ, 31, is wanted by the MSP and Leominster Police as a suspect in multiple sexual assaults against a child, who was under age 10, over an extended period. Leominster Police obtained a warrant for his arrest in 2013, but upon learning of the investigation targeting him, VASQUEZ fled. The Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section (MSP VFAS) began working with Leominster to find him, and on June 20 added him to the MSP Most Wanted list.

Following VASQUEZ’s addition to the Most Wanted list, MSP VFAS received several anonymous tips. Further investigation by Trooper Thiago Miranda led him to learn of the existence of an abandoned house with an attached garage, where VASQUEZ was possibly working as an independent mechanic. Trooper Miranda then narrowed the location of the garage to Plain Avenue in Aurora, Illinois, and contacted the United States Marshal’s Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force for assistance.

Yesterday, an officer assigned to that Task Force was conducting surveillance of the location and observed a man matching VASQUEZ’s description arrive around 2 p.m. Task Force officers approached the man, positively identified him as

VAZQUEZ, and took him into custody without incident. Officers transported VAZQUEZ to the Kane County Adult Justice Center in St. Charles, Illinois, where he be arraigned as a fugitive from justice and await rendition to Worcester County to stand trial on the child rape charges.



**VIOLENT FUGITIVE
APPREHENSION SECTION**

MOST WANTED

ZION P. VAZQUEZ



Rape of a Child

DOB: 12-05-1977
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 170 lbs
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Race: Hispanic
FBI #: 114923MC3
Aliases: Zion Cruz, Juanito Sanchez, Zion Vasquez
Notes: Multiple tattoos on arms and shoulders
Mole on corner of lip

In 2013, an arrest was made in Leominster Superior Court for Zion Pierre VAZQUEZ for the charge of Rape of a Child after an investigation by the Leominster Police Department. VAZQUEZ is alleged to have committed multiple sexual assaults against a child who was under ten years old over an extended period of time. Upon learning of the investigation, VAZQUEZ fled the area and has been at large since. Additionally, he has two other Massachusetts arrest warrants for charges to include Fail to Provide DNA Sample and Motor Vehicle Violations. VAZQUEZ has utilized multiple aliases in the past which have included several different dates of birth. He has tattoos on both forearms, arms, upper arms and shoulders. VAZQUEZ has an extensive criminal record in Massachusetts and has previous arrests in Illinois. In addition to Leominster, VAZQUEZ has ties to Fitchburg and throughout Central Massachusetts. Warrant #1385CR000081, warrant #1568CR000075 and warrant #1216CR002295 have been issued for the arrest of VAZQUEZ with Continental United States Extradition authorized.

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