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ICE AGENTS IN ORANGE COUNTY ARREST MAN WANTED FOR KILLING MEXICAN STATE SENATOR

SANTA ANA, CA — A man suspected of assassinating a Mexican politician in central Mexico in July is now in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Los Angeles.

Jorge Salazar-Solis, 37, was arrested without incident at a residence at 1426 South Spruce Street in Santa Ana earlier this week. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Santa Ana Police Department aided in the arrest.

Salazar and his brother Arnulfo are wanted by authorities in the State of Durango for the murder of Mexican Senator Jose Manuel Diaz Medina. Senator Diaz was gunned down July 24 on a busy freeway. Mexican police believe the two men hired a driver to “box in” the Senator’s truck and once the vehicle was stopped, the brothers allegedly riddled it with multiple rounds from two AK-47’s. Authorities suspect the murder was motivated by a long-standing family dispute.

Since Jorge Salazar is a legal permanent resident of the United States and has ties to Southern California, Mexican authorities sought ICE’s assistance in locating him. Jorge Salazar’s conviction in 1988 on child molestation charges makes him potentially subject to removal from the United States.

“ICE is working with law enforcement agencies here and around the globe to protect our communities from violent criminals,” said Loraine Brown, Special Agent-in-Charge for ICE investigations in Los Angeles. “This arrest should send a strong signal to fugitives that our borders will not serve as boundaries for the law.”

Salazar is being held without bond by ICE on immigration charges while Mexican authorities seek his extradition based on the arrest warrants issued in the State of Durango. ICE agents continue the search for Salazar’s brother Arnulfo, who remains at large.

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