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Crime Solvers Tip Leads Police to Wanted Fugitive

HARRISONBURG, VA – A tipster is responsible for the apprehension of Juan Jose Matuz Renteria, 44, of Harrisonburg. Matuz Renteria is the suspect in a child sex crimes investigation where he's charged with rape, aggravated sexual battery, forcible sodomy and object sexual penetration.

On June 13, 2022 a tipster contacted HPD through Crime Solvers and alerted police that Matuz Renteria was in Waynesboro, PA working on a local farm under an alias. Detectives from HPD's Major Crimes Unit immediately contacted the Pennsylvania State Police which assisted in locating and apprehending Matuz Renteria without incident. He is being held in Pennsylvania pending extradition to Virginia.

Crime Solvers provides an anonymous platform to provide information for criminal investigations or the whereabouts of wanted persons. Crime Solvers of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County is a non-profit organization that supports law enforcement by providing eligible tipsters with financial rewards. Visit <u>www.hpdcrimesolvers.org/support-crimesolvers</u> for information on how to support Crime Solvers.

If you have any further information to assist in the investigation, please call Detective Wetherell at 540-432-7788 or email her at leslie.wetherell@harrisonburgva.gov. Anonymous tips related to this incident, or any crime can be sent to Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or by texting "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

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Pictured above: Juan Jose Matuz Renteria

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Approved for release by: Captain Jason Kidd

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