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Amarillo man added to Most Wanted Sex Offender list

An Amarillo man has been added to the Texas Most Wanted Sex Offender list at the request of the Amarillo Police Department. Jose Manuel Vazquez, 50, is wanted for aggravated sexual assault of a child and failure to register as a sex offender.

Vazquez is currently on probation for five and 10 years for two sexual offenses involving female victims who were 9 and 12 years old. He is required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

A young woman recently went to authorities alleging that Vasquez had sexually assaulted her when she was a child. Several other long-term victims were discovered during the subsequent investigation. Vasquez fled his residence on July 16 when a relative confronted him about the allegations and he is now considered a fugitive.

The Most Wanted Sex Offender program identifies violent sex offenders who have either violated parole or failed to comply with sex offender registration. These offenders are now fugitives and are considered a threat to our communities. Some of the victims of these sex offenders were children.

DPS, along with its local and federal partners, will actively pursue these sex offenders. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office has authorized a crime stoppers reward of \$1,000 for tips leading to the arrest of a Texas Top Ten Most Wanted sex offender.

The 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders are listed on the DPS website at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/sexoffenders/topTenSexOffenders.htm#> and have last known addresses in the following cities:

- Amarillo
- El Paso
- Grand Prairie
- Houston
- Lufkin
- Rowlett
- Whitney

The public should not try to apprehend these criminals as they are considered dangerous. Anyone with information on these offenders can provide anonymous tips in three different ways:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Text the letters DPS—followed by your tip—to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
- Submit a tip through the DPS website by selecting the sex offender you have information about, and under their picture is a link to submit a web tip.

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