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2007 MOST WANTED FUGITIVE GOSSETT IS A.M.W. CAPTURE #1090

Greeley, Colo. – Joseph Gossett, featured on Weld’s Most Wanted since November of 2007 was arrested in Cancun, Mexico yesterday.

Joseph Gossett has been wanted since October 16, 2007 when a Weld County District Court warrant was issued for his arrest for sexual assault on a child by a person in a position of trust. In December of 2007 a second warrant was issued by the Court for failure to comply on a 2002 burglary case.

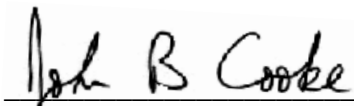
In July of 2009 Weld County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) Fugitive Unit deputies contacted America’s Most Wanted to feature Gossett on their website and television show. On July 23 Gossett was featured on the AMW.com webpage. Tips received from AMW were turned over to the sheriff’s office; all the information gathered indicated Gossett was living in the Cancun and Playa del Carmen areas of Mexico.

WCSO sent the leads of Gossett’s whereabouts to the US Marshals Service through the Denver Fugitive Location and Apprehension Group (FLAG) who worked the case with the US Marshals Mexico City Foreign Field Office (USMS MCFFO). USMS MCFFO investigators verified this lead in mid August, provided the information and coordinated Gossett’s arrest with the Instituto Nacional Migratorio (Mexican Immigration Institute or INM). Gossett was arrested by Mexican Immigration Agents without incident on 09-30-2009 in the hotel area in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. Gossett was then deported to the United States by INM based on his illegal alien status in Mexico.

Gossett arrived in Houston, Texas today where he was taken into custody by the US Marshals Service. He will be booked into the Harris County Jail. An extradition from Houston to Colorado will follow.

"Our partnerships with the US Marshals Service and America's Most Wanted have paid off several times over the years. This should be a warning to those with outstanding warrants, surrender to the courts or law enforcement as we will never stop looking for you", said Weld County Sheriff John Cooke.

For additional case information visit <http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=66850>



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JOSEPH GOSSETT 2002 BOOKING PHOTO

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