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Fugitive Michael Lachappa

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San Diego County Crime Stoppers and the San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force would like to thank the media for airing fugitive Michael Lachappa's photo on the news on November 26, 2010.

We are glad to report that Michael Lachappa is no longer a fugitive. Crime Stoppers received several tips after the photo of Lachappa aired indicating that he may be hiding on the Quechan Indian reservation in Winterhaven, CA.

Fugitive Task Force detectives followed several tips leading them to Lachappa's location. Lachappa was arrested without incident in Winterhaven, CA and is on his way back to San Diego. At the time of his arrest he was in possession of a rifle.

Michael Lachappa is expected to arrive today at 5:00 p.m. in San Diego. It is not known yet whether Lachappa will face a judge at the El Cajon courthouse before being booked into Central jail. If the media would like to take video of the suspect please contact Sgt. Russ Moore from the Fugitive Task Force at (619) 572-3507.

Michael Edward Lachappa was wanted by the San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force on a \$250,000 bail felony warrant for robbery, sexual battery and false imprisonment.

Lachappa has an extensive criminal record that includes attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited dwelling and domestic violence. He was considered armed and dangerous.

Fugitive Description: Michael Edward Lachappa is a 33-year-old Native American male with a shaved head and brown eyes. He is 5'6" tall and weighs about 380 lbs.

Lachappa has numerous tattoos all over his body. The most predominant ones are two tattoos of feathers on his face; one under each eye.

A picture of the fugitive can be seen on page 2 of this release.

- Media inquiries about Michael Lachappa can be directed to Sgt. Russ Moore at (619) 572-3507.
- Questions about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.



Suspect: Michael Edward Lachappa

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