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## Fugitive on DA's Most Wanted List Captured

Mexican authorities arrest 51-year-old Deborah Hill

District Attorney Devon Anderson announced today the capture of one of the District Attorney's Most Wanted Fugitives. Mexican authorities captured Deborah Hill of Houston, age 51, and transported her to Los Angeles, California. Hill is currently pending extradition to Texas for prosecution.

"I would like to commend our Consumer Fraud Investigator Ed Braune, who initially investigated this case, and Extradition Administrator Kim Bryant for her dedication and persistence in coordinating with Mexican authorities to capture Hill," said DA Anderson. "Our office is committed to ensuring that justice is served. No matter where you run, we will work with our law enforcement partners to bring you back to face the music."

On May 8, 2009, Hill received an advance payment of \$100,000 to purchase materials for a construction project. Hill received an additional payment of \$10,000 on June 10, 2009. After Hill started the construction project she disappeared and never finished the project. She then fled to Mexico.

On October 31, 2014, Mexican authorities captured Hill.

"As a direct result of our web-based District Attorney's Most Wanted List, this fugitive was apprehended. An informant contacted our office after doing an internet search of the defendant's name," said Kim Bryant, Extradition Administrator. "I would like to thank the members of the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force for their hard work and cooperation with our office in pursuing this defendant."

Hill faces one count of theft by deception, which is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony. Her case is assigned to the 263<sup>rd</sup> Criminal District Court. Assistant District Attorney Will Mejia will handle the case.

Help Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson catch criminals who violate our laws and then flee from justice. Go to the DA website for the full list.