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### **DA Captures Two Defendants in Cold Cases**

*The defendants were both wanted for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child*

District Attorney Devon Anderson announced today that her Office's Fugitive Apprehension Unit captured two defendants wanted for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. In 2004, Armando Gonzales, 50, of Highlands was charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. Jesus Zamarripa, 68, of Houston was charged in 1987 with Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. Both men were arrested yesterday.

"It is our mission to get the most violent offenders off the street and to seek justice for all victims. Today I am happy to announce that we apprehended two men who have been on the run for several years. They will finally be held accountable in a court of law, bringing their victims much deserved closure," said DA Anderson.

Gonzales is being held in the Harris County Jail without bond. His case is in the 208<sup>th</sup> District Court. He will appear in court on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Assistant District Attorney Tiffany Larson in the Child Abuse Division will handle the case. Zamarripa is currently in the process of being extradited from Chicago, IL. He is being held with \$50,000 bond. Assistant District Attorney Melissa Munoz will handle the case.

"The District Attorney's Office's Extradition Unit receives tips on wanted fugitives frequently. That's how we found Gonzales," said Kim Bryant, Extradition Administrator, Fugitive Apprehension Unit. "However, our Fugitive Apprehension Specialist and DA Investigator Charlie Propst and I are always actively searching for wanted fugitives. It was through our proactive efforts that we were able to find Zamarripa."

The arrests were part of a joint effort with the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Baytown Police Department, and the Chicago Police Department. The Harris County District Attorney's Office Fugitive Apprehension Section and Extradition Unit are responsible for the return of all fugitives.