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Department of State Offers Reward for Information

Bring Honduran Traffickers to Justice

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Together, the Department of Justice's indictment and the Department of State's reward offers are part of a whole-of-government effort to combat drug trafficking and transnational organized crime globally and in Honduras. Today's action supports U.S. government efforts to fight the destabilizing effects of transnational crime in Central America.

This reward is offered under the Department of State's Narcotics Rewards Program (NRP). The NRP has helped bring more than 75 transnational criminals and major narcotics traffickers to justice since its inception in 1986. The Department has paid more than \$135 million in rewards for information leading to apprehensions and convictions.

The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs manages the NRP in close coordination with federal law enforcement partners and other U.S. government agencies. These actions demonstrate the Department's commitment to supporting law enforcement efforts to bring transnational criminals to justice.

For more information on the individuals listed above and the NRP and TOCRP, please see <https://www.state.gov/bureau-of-international-narcotics-and-law-enforcement-affairs/inl-rewards-program/>.

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