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Wanted Fugitive Accused of Molesting 6-year-old Espanola Girl is Arrested in NE Albuquerque

Albuquerque – A joint effort by the New Mexico Corrections Department’s (NMCD) Fugitive Apprehension Team and the United States Marshals Service (USMS) has resulted in the arrest of wanted fugitive, Gilbert Martinez (52). He was declared an absconder from probation supervision after failing to report and attempts to contact him were unsuccessful. According to an arrest warrant, Martinez is accused of molesting a 6-year-old girl in her grandmother’s home on several occasions during December 2023 and threatening her with a knife. The girl’s school officials alerted police.

On January 7, 2024, NMCD’s Security Threat Intelligence Unit (STIU) confirmed Martinez was inside of an apartment unit in Northeast Albuquerque. A coordinated team of STIU and the USMS responded. Officers were forced to breach the door of the apartment and then arrested Martinez without further incident or injury.

Martinez is facing new charges, including two counts of criminal sexual penetration, two counts of criminal sexual contact, and one count of child abuse.

Martinez was booked into MDC.