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## FUGITIVE SOUGHT IN MORENO VALLEY SHOOTING FOUND IN MEXICO

RIVERSIDE – A fugitive sought for the attempted murders of two men driving in a Moreno Valley shopping center parking lot a year ago has been located in Mexico and brought back to Riverside County to face criminal charges.

James Robert Tielens, DOB: 8-26-82, is charged in case RIF1400317 with two counts of attempted murder and is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Hall of Justice in Riverside.

Riverside County DA's investigators assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Pacific Regional Fugitive Task Force investigated the case in an attempt to find Tielens. Their investigation led them from Southern California to Las Vegas and then to information that Tielens had fled to Mexico. DA's investigators determined that Tielens was in Rosarito, Mexico so they contacted authorities in Mexico and provided them with information about the wanted fugitive.

On Thursday, May 15, 2014, members of a fugitive task force in Mexico saw Tielens on Rosarito Beach with some friends and he was taken into custody without incident. Tielens, who is a U.S. citizen, was then processed through Mexican immigration, deported, and released to DA's investigators at the border. Tielens was brought back to Riverside County where he was booked and held in lieu of \$2.1 million bail.

Tielens is charged with the May 2, 2013, attempted murders of two men as they drove in a pickup through the parking lot of a Home Depot near Hemlock Avenue and Pigeon Pass Road in Moreno Valley. Based on the evidence in this case, as the truck the two victims were in was being shot at several times, the driver of the pickup pulled onto Pigeon Pass Road and was hit by an oncoming vehicle. The driver of the pickup was injured in the crash and the passenger received a gunshot wound to a shoulder. Both men were treated at a nearby hospital and survived their injuries.

Moreno Valley police conducted an investigation into the shooting and Tielens was identified as the suspect. The case was presented to the DA's Office which filed criminal charges against Tielens and a warrant for Tielens' arrest was issued by a Superior Court judge in February 2014.