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DS Aids U.S. Marshals in Capture of Two Fugitives

Diplomatic Security assisted the U.S. Marshals Service in the arrest of two high-profile fugitives in Europe. In January 2003, Luis Luciano was arrested at the U.S. Consulate General in Amsterdam. Only days later, German local police apprehended Lord Sekyi outside the American Consulate in Dusseldorf, Germany. Wanted on separate charges, both Luciano and Sekyi were federal fugitives charged with conspiracy to sell and distribute large quantities of illegal drugs in the United States. Their capture attests to the successful partnership between Diplomatic Security and the U.S. Marshals Service in locating and arresting fugitives abroad.

The only remaining fugitive from an indictment in the southern district of West Virginia, Luis Luciano allegedly was involved in a multijurisdictional, multi-million dollar drug conspiracy. Case documents indicated that from 1996 to 1997, Luciano was a main supplier to a New York-based cocaine and crack cocaine drug distribution ring. Law enforcement officials estimated that he sold close to 100 kilos of cocaine and crack cocaine worth millions of dollars. Other members of the drug ring had been convicted and had provided information regarding Luciano. However, he remained a fugitive as U.S. Marshals traced him through several countries including the Dominican Republic, Spain, and the Netherlands.

The Diplomatic Security Criminal Investigative Liaison Branch learned that

when Luciano applied for a new U.S. passport in Amsterdam, a background records check by consulate officials revealed he was a wanted federal fugitive.

Special agents from Diplomatic Security in Washington, the Bureau of Consular Affairs, the regional security officer in The Hague, and the U.S. Marshals immediately formulated a plan to apprehend the fugitive. With approval from the Dutch government, Luciano was asked to retrieve his passport at the Consulate General where local police would be standing by to arrest him. However, Luciano's girlfriend arrived to pick up his passport in his place. Consular officials informed her that Luciano had to pick up his passport in person. There was no further contact with him for the next 2 weeks.

Unexpectedly, Luciano arrived at the Consulate General in Amsterdam on December 31 to retrieve his passport. Quick-thinking consular officers advised Luciano that the passport would not be ready until January 3, 2003, providing enough time for Diplomatic Security, the U.S. Marshals, and local police to prepare for an arrest. Finally, when Luciano arrived on January 3, Dutch police were on site and he was taken into custody without incident. He is currently in local custody awaiting extradition.

The arrest of Lord Sekyi was similar to the capture of Luciano. Sekyi entered the American Consulate in Dusseldorf,

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Germany, on December 19, 2002, and applied for a new U.S. passport. In processing his application, Sekyi was discovered to be a fugitive. Convicted in Chicago in 1994 for attempting to distribute 300 grams of heroin, Sekyi fled prior to sentencing and was a fugitive for almost 9 years. After receiving this information, Diplomatic Security contacted

their U.S. Marshals Service liaison who began to coordinate Sekyi's arrest with local German law enforcement authorities. When Sekyi returned to the consulate on January 7 to pick up his passport, local police arrested him. Sekyi, a fugitive for almost a decade, is now in German custody pending return to the United States. ⚙