

## Press Release

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## USCIS SAN DIEGO DISTRICT ASSISTS IN ARREST OF WANTED PERSON

San Diego – A man wanted for child molestation was arrested Monday, November 13, at the Chula Vista Customer Service Center of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), where he was seeking an immigration benefit. The arrest of Eddie Juan Estrada came after a USCIS officer discovered an outstanding warrant for his arrest during routine criminal history checks that are conducted for every applicant requesting an immigration service or benefit. Officers from the Federal Protective Service took Estrada, a native of Mexico, into custody for extradition to Utah.

"It is our duty to the American public to maintain the integrity of the immigration system and help ensure public safety, and we work closely with our law enforcement partners to achieve these goals," said District Director Paul M. Pierre. "I am proud of the quick and thorough job done by my staff; there is now one less sexual predator on the street."

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.