

LIVE Press Event with DEA, FBI, US Marshals, and StateINL

April 12, 2018

02:47

all right good afternoon today we're

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announcing the addition of Rafael Caro

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Quintero to the FBI's ten most wanted

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fugitives list he's considered one of

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the Mexican Godfather's of drug

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trafficking he helped to form the

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Guadalajara cartel in the late 1970s and

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he became one of the primary suppliers

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of heroin cocaine and marijuana to the

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United States he was also charged he was

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also in charge of the cartel in Costa

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Rica and along the us-mexico border in

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1984 Mexican authorities raided Karl

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Quintero's 2,500 Acre marijuana

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plantation following the raids the

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Guadalajara cartel blamed DEA Special

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Agent Enrique Camarena Salazar and

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decided to retaliate based on Karl

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Quintero's order agent Camarena was

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kidnapped brutally murdered tortured

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before his murdered and killed Karl

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Quintero was arrested for his role in

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the murder found guilty and imprisoned

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in Mexico where he remained until 2013

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unfortunately he was released on a

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technicality and quickly returned to the

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drug trade today he's a top leader in

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the Sinaloa cartel considered the

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largest drug trafficking organization in

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Mexico responsible for smuggling

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hundreds of tons of methamphetamine

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marijuana and cocaine indeed in the

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night into the United States Karl

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Quintero remains in hiding and we need

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the public's help in finding this

04:35

violent fugitive who is currently a

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menace to society we're using all the

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tools at our disposal to track him down

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and one of those most valuable tools is

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a ten most wanted list

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this kind of worldwide publicity is

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crucial to catching daemons dangerous

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criminals like Caro Quintero and

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bringing them to justice since 1950 we
05:00
518 fugitives which have been placed on
05:03
the on the top 10 list of those 484 have
05:08
been captured or located which is just
05:10
south of 95 percent success rate
05:13
today we're joining together with our
05:16
partners from the DEA the US Marshal
05:19
Service and the US Department of State
05:22
we are pooling our resources and our
05:24
capabilities to find Carl Quintero and
05:27
to bring to justice this dangerous
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criminal and cartel leader responsible
05:32
for the brutal brutal murder of a DEA
05:34
agent agent Camarena
05:37
was devoted to breaking the cycle of
05:40
drug-related crime and violence that
05:42
strangles communities throughout this
05:44
country both here in the US and south of
05:47
the border he also showed tremendous
05:49
courage that drove him to pursue the
05:52
most violent drug traffickers even
05:55
though it put him in grave danger it's
05:58
because of that courage and that

05:59
selflessness that we're not going to
06:02
stop looking for Carl Quintero not ever
06:05
until we find him and put him back
06:08
behind bars where he belongs
06:10
we're grateful to the media and to the
06:14
public who have helped us catch
06:16
fugitives over the years who've been
06:18
added to the top 10 fugitive list it is
06:20
our sincere hope that someone comes
06:23
forward with new information so we can
06:25
catch Carl Quintero and ensure justice
06:27
for agent Camarena and his family we
06:31
have photographs of caro quintero as
06:36
both a younger man and what he looks
06:38
like today these images are posted on
06:40
most wanted posters throughout the
06:42
country please take the time to review
06:44
them as well as the detail of
06:47
descriptive information of Carl quintero
06:50
on the FBI's website that website is WWF
06:55
bi gov remember that Carl Quintero is
06:59
considered extremely armed and extremely
07:01
dangerous so please do not take any

07:04
independent action we are asking the
07:06
public not to do that if you know
07:08
anything about him or his location
07:10
please call 1-800 call FBI or contact
07:13
them there
07:14
American Embassy or consulate thank you
07:18
next up I'd like to introduce Acting
07:20
Administrator Robert Patterson thank you
07:25
Dave and thank you to the media that is
07:27
here today I want to start by saying
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that obviously the seriousness of this
07:33
it's critical has been always for DEA
07:36
employees but not just DEA for all the
07:39
Department of Justice and I want to say
07:41
thank you to the FBI and the u.s.
07:43
marshals here today as well as our
07:45
friends from the Department of State and
07:47
their all upcoming announcement as well
07:49
I view today's announcement is another
07:52
example of all DOJ components not just
07:55
the law enforcement components but the
07:56
federal prosecutors under the strong
07:58
leadership of Attorney General sessions

08:00
working together to ensure that
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individuals are held accountable for
08:05
their crimes many outside of DEA already
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know the history of special agent
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Camarena an individual who in his role
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as a special agent was as Dave badest
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just said targeted kidnapped tortured
08:19
and murdered because of his role and
08:23
what he had done what sa Camarena means
08:26
the DA will never be diminished or
08:27
forgotten but what also needs to
08:30
remember is Enrique Camarena was a son a
08:33
brother most importantly a spouse and a
08:36
father a recently released interview
08:39
with Quintero where he's conveniently
08:41
rewriting history portrays him is an old
08:44
man who simply wants to be left alone
08:46
for his final days an individual was
08:49
involved in marijuana in the 1980s and
08:51
he added the continued attempt to arrest
08:55
and apprehend him is simply drug driven
08:58
by misplaced vengeance that's his quote
09:01
what he claims his vengeance is actually

09:04
both the governments of Mexico and
09:05
United States jointly attempting to hold
09:08
an individual accountable besides the
09:11
torture and murder of special agent
09:13
Camarena in 1985 Quintero has continued
09:16
as criminal enterprise moving narcotics
09:19
into the United States equally as
09:22
important he is no issue of carrying out
09:26
acts of violence
09:27
on his own fellow countrymen to maintain
09:30
his ability to continue this enterprise
09:33
that is why we have come together today
09:35
to make these announcements and are
09:37
broadcasting this to a number of states
09:39
not just on our border but also in
09:42
Mexico he's not just an old man trying
09:44
to live out his final days he's an
09:47
individual that continues to run a
09:48
criminal organization I'm happy to
09:51
announce that the Eastern District of
09:53
New York has just unsealed an indictment
09:54
and is simultaneously issuing a press
09:57
release which we will have for you later

10:00
this activity shows his role in these
10:03
organizations up through 2017 so as he
10:08
attempts to revise history we want you
10:10
to all know that law enforcement has
10:11
always known the truth as does he I am
10:14
proud of our working relationships with
10:17
prosecution law enforcement and military
10:19
partners in Mexico I have no doubt that
10:22
that government in conjunction with our
10:24
efforts will bring Quintero back into
10:27
custody with that I would like to
10:29
introduce James James Walsh with the
10:31
Department of State Thank You Acting
10:38
Administrator Patterson I'm honored to
10:40
be here today to represent the State
10:42
Department where I'm currently leading
10:44
the Bureau of international narcotics
10:45
and law enforcement Affairs or INL I
10:47
know the effort to bring Rafael Caro
10:50
Quintero to justice is a high priority
10:52
for the DEA as indeed it is for all of
10:56
us the State Department is pleased to be
10:58
part of this effort deputy director

11:01
Bowditch associate director Driscoll
11:03
it's an honor to be alongside both of
11:05
you as well that all four of our
11:08
agencies are represented here today is
11:11
more than just symbolic it underscores
11:14
how closely we work together to bring
11:16
the unique tools and authorities of our
11:18
agencies to bear against the
11:19
transnational criminals and the
11:21
transnational criminal organizations
11:22
that threaten American interests and our
11:25
people there's a particular State
11:28
Department tool that we are applying
11:29
here today and that is the narcotics
11:32
rewards program through this program I'm
11:35
pleased to announce we are offering 20
11:37
million dollar reward
11:40
or 360 million pesos for the information
11:43
leading to the arrest or convinces of
11:46
Carl Quintero this 20 million dollar
11:49
reward is among the highest the
11:52
narcotics rewards programs offers and
11:53
the largest reward of the current 33

11:56
active targets I ask for your help in
11:59
highlighting this reward offer as it
12:02
could play a pivotal role in bringing
12:04
Carl Quintero to justice since the
12:07
inception of the program the Department
12:09
of State has paid out more than 108
12:11
million dollars in rewards helping to
12:14
bring more than 67 criminals to justice
12:17
the narcotic rewards program is one tool
12:20
among many that the State Department is
12:22
using to address the drug threat is
12:24
affecting so many Americans around the
12:27
world the State Department is building
12:28
international cooperation and helping
12:30
partners develop capable institutions to
12:32
combat drug trafficking on other
12:34
transnational criminal threats my
12:37
counterparts have already told you of
12:39
Carl containers role as the mastermind
12:41
and organizer of truly atrocious acts I
12:44
just like to close my remarks by
12:46
recognizing the ultimate sacrifice
12:47
sacrifice paid by so many especially

12:49
Special Agent Cameron it's my sincere
12:52
hope that our narcotics reward program
12:55
offer can help move us toward the goal
12:58
of bringing Rafael Caro Quintero to
13:00
justice thank you for being here today
13:03
I'm going to turn it over to Acting
13:05
Director with your skull
13:05
[Applause]
13:11
good afternoon everyone and thank you
13:13
for covering such a noteworthy event
13:14
it's an honor to be here today alongside
13:17
my fellow leaders and partners with the
13:19
FBI DEA and of course the Department of
13:22
State
13:22
my hope is with all of us up here you
13:25
can all see and feel the whole of
13:27
government effort and actually I would
13:29
say relentless effort across two fronts
13:31
the first is our strength and
13:34
determination to enforce the rule of law
13:36
by locating and apprehending caro
13:38
quintero and of course the other is our
13:41
steadfast pursuit of justice for our

13:44
brother DEA Special Agent Kiki Camarena
13:48
to that end we'll persistently continue
13:52
to lever leverage all resources and work
13:54
with our law enforcement partners both
13:56
here and in Mexico to develop
13:59
information that will lead to the
14:01
capture of caro quintero we routinely
14:04
provide support to the government of
14:06
Mexico our partners to ensure the
14:09
capture of dangerous and violent
14:10
international fugitives so
14:12
collaboratively across our components I
14:15
know we have the critical relationships
14:18
in place to be successful we are
14:21
confident the addition of caro quintero
14:23
to the FBI's most wanted list along with
14:26
the increased award amount from the
14:29
State Department will produce the vital
14:31
leads that finally bring this
14:33
international fugitive investigation to
14:35
a close Caro Quintero - justice thank
14:38
you
15:00
to understand the house it was a

15:03
mastermind in the criminal enterprise
15:04
and in second a what - what's the role
15:08
of Mexican government how come you're
15:10
not here because here in this
15:11
partnership I'll take the second part of
15:15
that question first we had an incredibly
15:17
strong partnership at the working level
15:20
with both the prosecutor's office the
15:23
the police and the military and that
15:25
that relationship has continued to be
15:27
strong as they pursue and continue these
15:30
efforts going back to the first part
15:32
like I said Eastern District has
15:34
released or unsealed and now released
15:37
information related to the ongoing
15:39
activities of Carlo Quintero
15:43
I defer any of those questions because
15:45
they're active prosecutions to either
15:47
the Eastern District of New York or the
15:49
Central District of California as I said
15:55
we know is
15:58
this was a skewer from processor - in
16:01
New Mexico for you mr. Patterson is a

16:04
follow up to mention is a top member of
16:08
the Sinaloa cartel where'd you put Caro
16:12
Quintero
16:13
besides my new sam bodda who is the
16:15
leader of the Sinaloa cartel the champ
16:18
is already arrested and there are
16:19
several several members of the Sinaloa
16:21
cartel
16:25
what numbers came on the inside of
16:28
Sinaloa when I was down in Mexico I had
16:31
the same similar question is to the
16:33
hierarchy of any of the organizations
16:35
and I'll simply leave at this these
16:37
organizations although having leadership
16:39
roles in them don't matter to us right
16:42
the organization or holders was as the
16:44
impact to place one in front of the
16:47
other
16:47
they think probably doesn't help the
16:49
effort is a host of folks they continue
16:52
to cause and play customers of the
16:53
problems we have in the United States
16:55
and we target mo on a similar fashion

16:57

but they're the signs are ranking today

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[Music]

17:02

but you mentioned he's one of the top

17:05

leaders what submit purposes mentioned

17:07

human topple even if any one of the see

17:09

how that they say look I think it's a

17:11

fair statement say he still remains one

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of the top leaders of the cartels on

17:15

that David turtle CNN / deputy director

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baggage what's American law enforcement

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most recent interaction with Carlton

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kiddo and is it believed that he's still

17:25

in Mexico do we know where he is now we

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believe he's still in Mexico

17:31

the most recent law interaction with him

17:34

I do not know as I mentioned earlier in

17:37

2013 he was released based on a court

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ruling down in Mexico wao Colombia

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our culture was shocked because an

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expert either his page was captured and

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basically the reason why he was captured

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is because he was supposed to be having

17:56

or trying to have business with graphic

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I mean they even sent a picture to Rafa

18:02

expressing his admiration so now I

18:03

wonder if there is any relationship

18:05

between the two announcements from the

18:07

DEA in this week and if you hope that

18:09

maybe out now that mr. sandwich is

18:11

captured maybe he can lead you to refine

18:13

tattletale can I jump in right here any

18:15

questions you have related to the

18:16

progress that you just mentioning to be

18:18

directed to embassy we can other

18:21

questions here though I think the safest

18:28

way to discuss this is to understand

18:30

that all of these organizations have

18:32

enter relations they're important for

18:34

them to not only stay in business but to

18:36

maintain their power how one relates to

18:40

the other I mean you've seen these

18:41

reports in other organizations where

18:43

they talk about their admiration of

18:45

other leaders and that's why I go back

18:47

to the point of it really doesn't matter

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where they are there is a host of people

18:51
at the top echelons of these groups that
18:53
all need and use each other to conduct
18:56
their business how they string together
18:58
we're aware that they all know each
18:59
other and they communicate and all of
19:01
these other pieces because that's how
19:03
they stay in business
19:10
you mentioned that Mexico government
19:12
made a mistake or it was a technical
19:14
problem when they release him that 2014
19:16
can you explain what what does that
19:18
mistake in Italy
19:26
well we have had a number of successes
19:29
with the Mexican government working on
19:31
drug traffickers along the past couple
19:33
of decades at least I'm not going to get
19:36
into the court ruling how it was made
19:38
and by whom I think that should be
19:40
deferred to or referred rather to the
19:43
Mexicans what I will say is the reason
19:46
for this announcement is to again
19:51
discuss our relentless pursuit and I
19:53
think it's very important to understand

19:55
why this case is so significant why we
19:58
are putting up so much the Department of
20:00
State is offering such a large and
20:03
significant reward number one mr.
20:05
Camarena was abducted off the street
20:08
number two he was brutally tortured
20:10
number three he was murdered number four
20:14
mr. Karl Quintero is known as a senior
20:18
leader in the Sinaloa cartel and number
20:21
five because of his activities and the
20:23
activities of many of his his associates
20:27
you have hundreds of tons of various
20:31
amounts of various narcotics to include
20:34
marijuana cocaine and methamphetamine
20:35
that have made it into the streets of
20:37
the US that is a very significant reason
20:40
that we are here today who turned
20:52
himself in if he was really guilty if
20:53
you got at the DEA and
20:55
I think as such what's your response to
20:58
that I think Dave would probably had the
21:04
same answer which we would be more than
21:05
happy if he wants to turn himself in to

21:07
the authorities and we can work through
21:09
all these issues in a court of law news
21:17
agency buddy Mike said this is a
21:18
question for the deputy director you
21:20
mentioning you interrupt the remark good
21:23
the family of mr. Cullen entero what
21:26
exactly do you mean it doesn't mean that
21:27
your turkeys are going to target also
21:31
members of the family Mr curry Quintero
21:35
sir I'm not fully understanding your
21:38
question the family you just say that
21:41
you do will be going after mr. cogito
21:44
talking about the family of mr. Kemal
21:47
Rana and we want to make sure that they
21:51
receive justice for the loss of their
21:53
father their husband their grandfather
21:55
that's what I was referring to the
21:58
America Washington Post this question
22:00
for deputy director Walsh was anyone
22:02
from the Mexican government invited
22:03
today this is a United States program a
22:09
State Department Rewards program and
22:12
certainly we work closely with the

22:13
government of Mexico but for this for
22:16
this announcement this is a u.s.
22:17
announcement yes there was a big push in
22:26
2013 - fine I don't be dead
22:28
the fact that you're having those press
22:30
conferences trail about cold beverage
22:33
and have you had any recent ascent of
22:37
this trail because first of all I'm not
22:40
gonna talk about where we are in the
22:41
investigation of him because there are a
22:46
number of efforts underway to find him
22:47
what I will say is we have found over
22:49
the years we have well over 500 members
22:52
of the FBI's top 10 and most want top 10
22:56
most wanted list roughly a 95% rate of
23:00
solution and so we believe that that is
23:04
an opportunity this is an opportunity to
23:06
bring more publicity more focus and more
23:09
attention to it out of the 500 plus
23:11
fugitives that we have solutions as a
23:15
result of being on the list 162 of those
23:19
162 were found because of citizen
23:23
recognition based on the attention that

23:25

is provided to them as a result of them

23:28

making the top 10 most wanted list

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because your your cases

23:34

yes it's not come to fruition yes well

23:37

it's not obviously we're not at fruition

23:39

we don't have them behind bars yet but

23:41

it's it's simply to bring more attention

23:43

to it we need the public's assistance

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what happened was terrible

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and we need the public's assistance to

23:49

find mr. Caro Quintero allen label from

23:53

McLain's magazine of canada for any or

23:55

all of you given the current state of

23:57

relations between the United States and

23:59

Mexico if you say that mr. Koller

24:01

Quintero you believe is in Mexico why

24:03

would any Mexican come forward to help

24:05

the United States I think it's probably

24:13

critically important to note and we just

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left idec over in the Netherlands

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yesterday to come back for this event

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where a hundred and twenty five nations

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are gathered to essentially talk about

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transnational criminal organizations
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this transcends politics right these are
24:30
men and women that work day in and day
24:31
out to target and bring these groups to
24:34
justice our working relationships like I
24:37
said in my statement with both the
24:39
prosecutors level with the the military
24:42
and with law enforcement counterparts
24:44
down there have continued in our world
24:47
bust fashion through all of the other
24:49
political issues that may be out there
24:50
so I don't think that one impacts the
24:53
other I think it's a valid question but
24:55
I think that we are aggressively working
24:57
with very competent and good partners
24:59
down in Mexico most wanted since 1957
25:03
after 28 of ordinary citizens you expect
25:06
an ordinary Mexican citizen who sees
25:08
this man on the street to come forward
25:10
in my opinion which is he has to have
25:12
people logistically moving him all day
25:15
long
25:15
he states that in the Huffington Post

25:17
article as you just said at some point
25:20
those people will turn on them as well
25:23
so part of this is that so first of all
25:31
the borders don't necessarily mean that
25:34
you don't have in fact they don't mean
25:36
that you don't have good citizens on
25:37
both sides of those borders some of
25:40
which have most of which have zero
25:42
tolerance for the murder and mayhem that
25:45
is derived from some of the cartel
25:47
violence certain
25:48
some do because there's a lot of fear
25:50
but the fact is we're not going to
25:53
expose a citizen a good Samaritan or
25:57
quite frankly somebody who needs the
25:59
money we would never expose them if they
26:02
did provide a lead that led to led to
26:05
the capture and ultimately the
26:07
conviction of mr. Karl Quintero this is
26:09
how we arrest a lot of people most
26:11
people don't want their names
26:12
highlighted when they do something like
26:14
this but they do provide valuable

26:17
intelligence so that we it leads to an
26:19
arrest
26:29
if you could please the significance of
26:33
pin Cara Quintero on the ten most wanted
26:36
list is that you can increase the
26:38
resources right ah should we understand
26:41
that you have increased the resources
26:43
those resources in inside Mexico at the
26:46
FBI and the DEA and the other agencies
26:48
that they're here to look for Cara
26:50
Quintero or your dependence on the
26:53
Mexican police and the Mexican army and
26:55
authorities in Mexico I think it's a
26:57
fair question and the answer is we are
27:00
here because we do not have him in
27:03
custody we do need additional valuable
27:06
intelligence and tips and leads to come
27:09
in from from the public when and if that
27:12
happens we will apply all the resources
27:15
necessary to ensure that we the FBI in
27:20
combination with our partners here as
27:22
well as the Mexican officials that we
27:24
are able to bring him to justice number

27:29
of agents for instance working
27:36
hand-in-hand with our Mexican partners
27:38
we also have a number of assets and
27:42
agents and analysts that work throughout
27:44
the southwest border and throughout the
27:46
country in conjunction with our other
27:49
partners most prevalent DEA on some of
27:52
the cartel yield which includes border
27:55
corruption which includes drugs going
27:58
from the cartels to the gangs on the
28:00
streets so in this four
28:02
ticular no it would be it would be not
28:06
necessarily something we would do to
28:08
increase the resources right before an
28:10
announcement but if we get leads that
28:12
come out of this and I'm sure we will we
28:15
will immediately increase the resources
28:18
as much as necessary this is something
28:20
we take very seriously or we would not
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have called this right here this is Ali
28:25
Watkins with the New York Times and
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forever
28:26
whoever answers since the 1980s the

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Justice Department has six board or four
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made clear to the Mexican government
28:34
that they would like to look into
28:36
extraditing caro quintero and given the
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new interest that you hope is going to
28:41
come from that said that conversation
28:42
continued obviously you made this
28:43
interest clear and used overly stones
28:46
charisma so where what are the status of
28:48
that conversation
28:53
with regards extradition we just really
28:55
can't come on in a plans or discussions
28:57
we have with the government X go on
28:58
extradition that's something just we
29:00
just don't discuss an interest of the
29:05
United States were interested in various
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diagnoses they're tools available to to
29:11
bring him to justice this week have you
29:15
guys reached the Mexican reporter
29:17
another Landis who has recently
29:20
interview Caro Quintero and put the
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video of the website she to the
29:23
interview twice lately in January she

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was him understandable question but we

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would never discuss who we talk to in

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the pursuit of a fugitive investigation

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it just wouldn't happen

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you

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