



MEDIA RELEASE

HAMLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Incident Code: Attempt to Locate Subject

Date of Call: July 11, 2025

Time of Call: 9:24PM

Location: 200 Block 7th Street South; Estelline, SD

Details:

ESTELLINE, SD - On July 11th, 2025, at 9:24pm, Hamlin County Sheriff's deputies attempted to serve an arrest warrant on Luis Rafael Ortega Checa on the 200 block of 7th Street South in Estelline. While trying to make the arrest, Luis fled from deputies. After a consistent five hour search of the region by the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office and other outside law enforcement agencies, Luis was not located.

Luis continues to have an active arrest warrant out of Hamlin County for failure to appear for DUI, No Driver's License, and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility. Luis also has charges pending for Distribution of Controlled Drug, Identity Theft, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Please do not approach. If anyone has information on the whereabouts of Luis, please contact the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office at 605-783-3232.

Images:



Any defendant(s) listed are presumed innocent under the U.S. Constitution.

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