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U.S. MARSHALS HUNT FOR FORMER MARINE WANTED FOR MURDER SUSPECT BELIEVED TO BE IN SOUTH AMERICA

Reward of up to \$5,000 offered for information leading directly to McLeod's arrest

SAN DIEGO – The U.S. Marshals are seeking the public's help in locating Raymond "RJ" McLeod, who is wanted for the June 2016 murder of his girlfriend.

On June 10, 2016, San Diego police responded to an apartment where a woman was reported not breathing. The woman, identified as 30-year-old Krystal Mitchell, was pronounced dead on the scene. Mitchell was in San Diego visiting friends with McLeod. Authorities said McLeod fled the scene before they arrived. On June 14, 2016, an arrest warrant was issued for McLeod.



"Krystal Mitchell was the mother of two young children," said Deputy U.S. Marshal Frankie Sanchez, lead case agent. "Raymond McLeod may hold the key to her death. We need the public's help in locating him so we can bring some sense of closure to Krystal's family."

A former Marine, McLeod is a 5-foot-11 white male weighing 245 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes. He has a tattooed muscular physique and is known to frequent gyms. He is also known to use cocaine and marijuana, and seek entertainment in strip clubs.

McLeod is from Arizona, but authorities believe he may have fled across the border, and made his way into Central America. McLeod should be considered armed and dangerous.

A reward of up to **\$5,000** is being offered for information leading directly to McLeod's arrest. Anyone with information is urged to contact the nearest U.S. Marshals Service office or the U.S. Marshals Service Communications Center at 1-800-336-0102, or email.usms.wanted@usdoj.gov.

Note to media: To contact the lead investigator on this case, email Deputy U.S. Marshal Frankie Sanchez at frankie.sanchez@usdoj.gov.

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