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Shooting Suspect Arrested

San Diego– On Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 12:00 in the afternoon, Mexican authorities along with the U.S. Marshal Service San Diego Fugitive Task Force located Ray Koloseta Pitoau on the southern outskirts of Tijuana Mexico. The US Marshal’s Office along with the Policia Estatal Preventiva de Baja California (Baja California State Police) were working in conjunction to locate and apprehend Pitoau, who fled to Mexico after shooting off-duty San Diego Sheriff’s Deputy Jason Philpot on August 7, 2017. The week long joint operation led Mexican authorities to a home south of Tijuana where Pitoau was hiding. Pitoau was arrested without incident and later deported to the U.S. from Mexico. U.S. Marshals helped facilitate the transfer of Pitoau from Mexican authorities to San Diego Police detectives. Pitoau was processed and booked into San Diego County Jail on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

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