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WANTED IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF TEXAS

Sought for Sexual Assault

AUSTIN, Texas – The Austin Police Department requested assistance from the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force Sept. 19 to locate and apprehend an Austin man wanted for an Aug. 15 sexual assault of a juvenile female.

Cody Rutledge Wilson, 30, a known gun enthusiast in Austin and owner of Defense Distributed, which is listed as a nonprofit, private defense firm, was last observed on video surveillance driving a 2015 black Ford Edge sport utility vehicle registered to the business, and may have fled the Austin area, according to authorities.

Austin police obtained an arrest warrant from the 427th District Court in Travis County for Wilson for sexual assault. According to the affidavit, a counselor contacted the police Aug. 22 and advised authorities that a juvenile female, under the age of 17, had sex with a 33-year-old male, who was later identified to be Wilson.

The police investigation determined that Wilson initially engaged with the juvenile on the SugarDaddyMeet.com and met the girl at a coffee shop in South Austin before going to a North Austin Hotel, where Wilson allegedly assaulted the juvenile and paid her \$500 in cash.

The U.S. Marshals are asking for the public's assistance. If you have information concerning Wilson's location you are encouraged to contact the U.S. Marshals tip line at (512) 800-4213 where your identity will remain anonymous.

Members of the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force in Austin –

Austin Police Department-Tactical Intelligence Unit

Buda, Cedar Park, Kyle, Leander, Round Rock, San Marcos Police Department

Travis, Caldwell, Hays and Bastrop County Sheriff's Office

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice OIG

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