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MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: April 23, 2026, around 7:25 p.m.
Suspect: Alejandro Castellanos Tovar, 88-Year-Old Man MCSO Booking# G250586

Sexual Assault Suspect Extradited Back to Arizona

On April 23, 2026, 88-year-old Alejandro Castellanos Tovar was extradited to Arizona and booked into the Maricopa County Jail on a warrant related to sexual assault investigations dating back to 2014.

Between January 2014 and May 2019, several women reported that Tovar, a self-employed “healer” inappropriately touched or sexually assaulted them while they visited his home for treatment. After learning he was under investigation, Tovar fled the country to Nigeria, where he reportedly had family.

In late 2019, investigators submitted criminal charges against him, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. From 2019 through 2020, the Adult Sex Crimes Unit worked alongside the U.S. Marshals service to locate and coordinate his return to the United States

In 2025, the U.S. Marshal’s Service, and the U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) partnered with INTERPOL in Nigeria, to arrange Tovar’s arrest and removal from the country. On December 22, 2025, Phoenix detectives were notified that Tovar had been taken into custody and was en route to the United States. Upon his arrival, he was booked into the Loudon County Adult Detention center, pending further proceedings.

On April 23, 2026, Tovar was formally extradited back to Arizona and booked into the Maricopa County Jail on the outstanding charges.

The Phoenix Police Department remains committed to working closely with federal and international partners to ensure Tovar is brought to justice and to help provide long-awaited closure for the survivors and their families.

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