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(U) In response to ref A, Post submits the information below detailing Embassy Guatemala's CARSI activities for June 2012.

June CARSI Success Stories

(SBU) On June 11, DEA coordinated the arrest of major narcotrafficker Walter Alirio MONTEJO Mérida in the western department of Huehuetenango. Montejo is considered to be a key operator for the Mexican Sinaloa Cartel and he was arrested pursuant to a U.S. provisional arrest warrant.

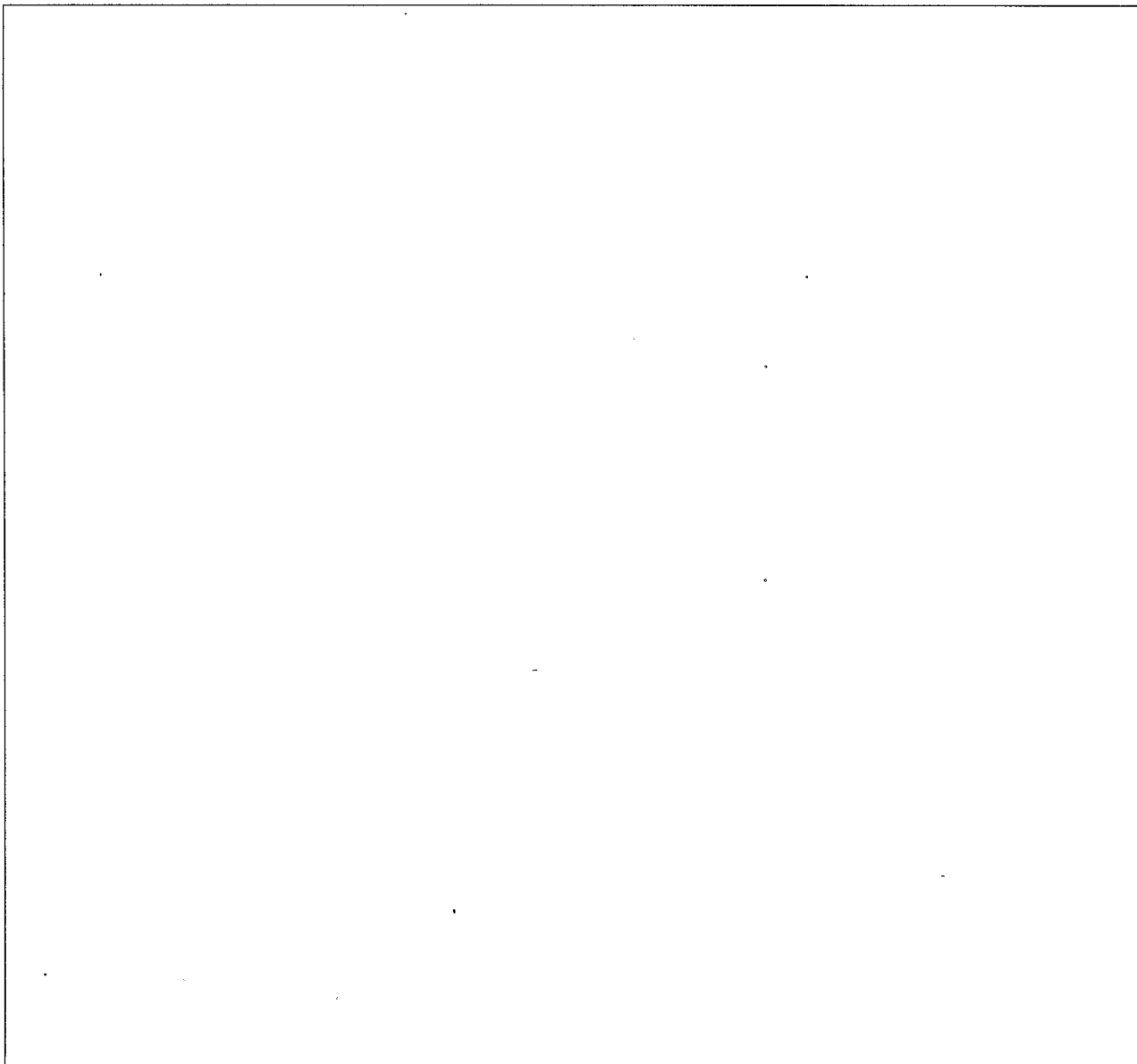
(SBU) On June 19, the FBI-supported Transnational Anti-Gang Unit (TAG) arrested U.S. fugitive Victor Taracena, wanted in Los Angeles for public corruption and government fraud. The TAG unit's swift coordination with Guatemalan immigration authorities allowed FBI agents to fly Taracena back to Los Angeles on an expulsion order.

(SBU) On June 21, DEA and Guatemalan authorities learned that Omar Alexander MADRID Castañeda was transporting contraband within a hidden compartment of a vehicle. Guatemalan police units located the vehicle in Teculután, Zacapa Department and discovered a compartment within the bed of the pick-up truck which contained nine cellophane wrapped AK-47 rifles. Madrid was arrested and is being held pending trial. Madrid is believed to be a member of an organization which supplies weapons and narcotics to the Los Zetas drug-trafficking organization in Guatemala.

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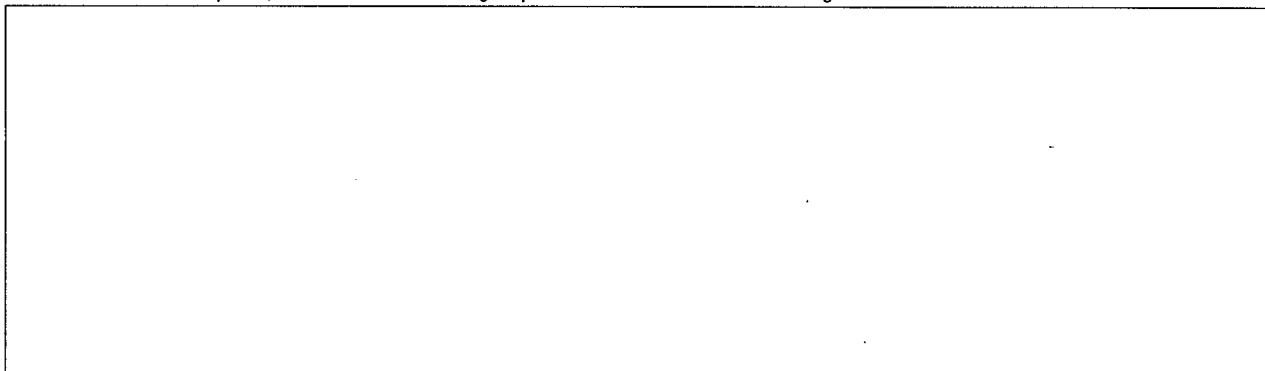
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(U) **1207 Project:** NAS provided training to prosecutors and judges in Cobán on investigative techniques. Training included discussions on the structure of reports for financial investigations, financial profiles, suspicious and unusual transaction reports, and other accounting topics related to financial investigations.

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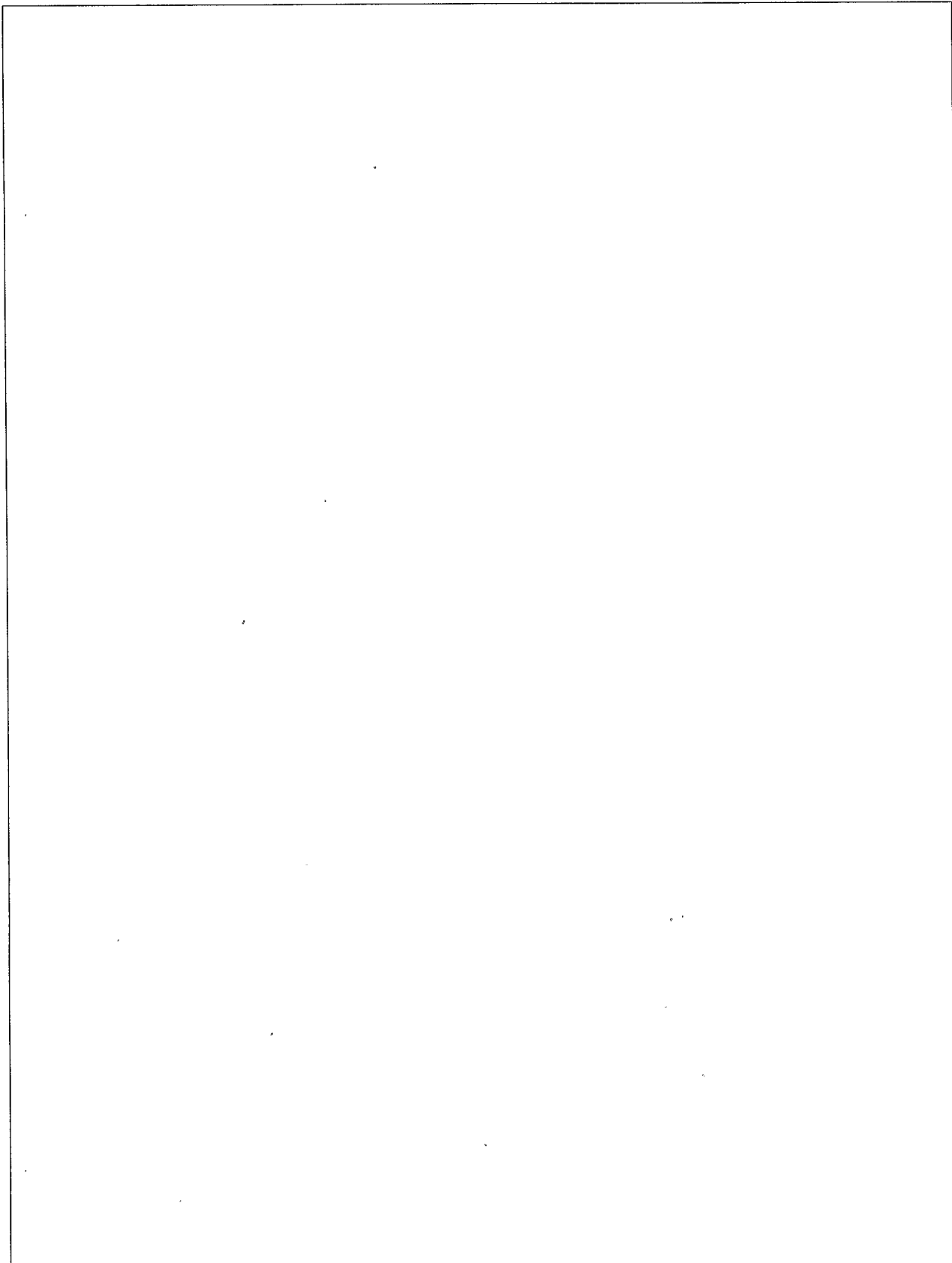


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(U) **1207 Project/ Model Police Precinct:** The Mayor of San Pedro Carchá, Victor Hugo CIFUENTES Delgado, rented a space for the PANDA (anti-gang/anti-extortion) unit in his municipality in support of the Model Police Precinct (MPP) program, a component of Post's 1207 project. In addition, Mayor Cifuentes hired a music teacher as part of the city's commitment to the Police Athletic League (PAL) program for the municipality. The Mayor then approached NAS and said that the area's Chamber of Commerce offered to pay for surveillance cameras if NAS would pay for the fiber optic line to connect the cameras to a central monitoring station. NAS is considering the request.

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