

Arrests for illegal U.S. re-entry

2 deported after serving time now held without bail

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A man who belonged to MS-13 was the second gang member to be arrested on Long Island in less than a week for illegally re-entering the United States after serving time in state prison in connection with a killing, according to officials.

William Martinez Chavez, 38, a Salvadorean national who had served 15 years in state prison in connection with a stabbing death, was arrested Tuesday morning outside his Huntington house by agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

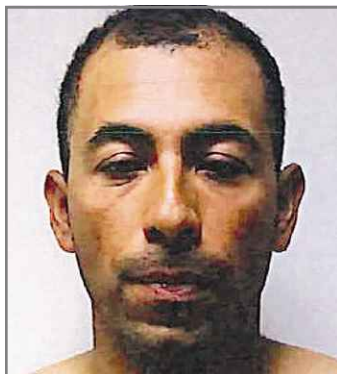
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Maradiaga, 28, of Levittown, a member of the 18th Street gang, also was arrested for illegal re-entry, officials said.

Turcios, who was arrested in Nassau County, had served about 5 years in prison in connection with a 2008 crime in Westbury in which 18th Street gang members opened fire on four people they mistakenly believed to be members of MS-13, officials said. One of the victims was killed and the other three were wounded. Turcios, a Honduran national, had been deported to Honduras in 2012 after serving his sentence, officials said.

"This office is firmly committed to prosecuting criminals who illegally re-enter the United



William Martinez Chavez

States, especially MS-13 gang members who break into the country after deportations resulting from violent criminal convictions," Eastern District U.S. Attorney Richard Donoghue said in a statement.

Martinez was convicted in 2002 of manslaughter for stabbing a man to death during a 2000 fight outside a Huntington deli, according to court

records. A Suffolk jury acquitted him of murder in the case.

In 2017, after serving 15 years, Martinez was released from prison and deported to his native El Salvador, the records said. Shortly after he was deported, Martinez re-entered the United States, according to sources familiar with the case.

Martinez told officials who arrested him Tuesday that he had belonged to MS-13 in the past, but said he was no longer a member, according to a federal complaint in the case. Sources said Martinez now claims that at the time of the stabbing he was not a member of MS-13, but joined the gang in prison for protection.

A photo of Martinez attached to the complaint shows his chest and abdomen covered with MS-13 tattoos.

Officials would not say how they located Martinez. He was held without bail at arraignment

in federal court in Central Islip.

Turcios was also held without bail after arraignment last week at federal court in Central Islip. Turcios was initially arrested last week by Nassau police when he was found with marijuana after a car he was riding in was stopped, officials said.

In 2008, according to officials, Turcios, then 17, was one of the five members of the 18th Street gang who attacked the four victims outside Club La Boom on Old Country Road in Westbury.

Turcios was originally charged with murder, but pleaded guilty to manslaughter after an investigation showed he was not one of the shooters, according to his lawyer, federal public defender Randi Chavis.

Chavis said at the hearing for Turcios on Friday that several of the people he was with got much longer prison sentences, and that her client has always denied he was an 18th Street member.

President of Molloy plans to retire in 2020

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Molloy College President Drew Bogner will retire in June 2020, capping a 20-year reign at the school during which enrollment more than doubled and the Rockville Centre campus added dorms and other features, college officials announced Tuesday.

The Catholic college is launching a nationwide search for his successor, officials said.

"My time at Molloy has been the most satisfying professional experience of my life," Bogner, 61, said in a statement. "Our enrollment and reputation have never been stronger, and I am proud of the Molloy we have created together."

Enrollment grew from 2,200 to 4,900 during Bogner's tenure, and the college built three dorms on a campus that previously had none, Molloy said. Molloy's board of trustees has decided to name one residence hall after Bogner and his wife, Karen.

The college also expanded beyond undergraduate studies to offer masters' programs and

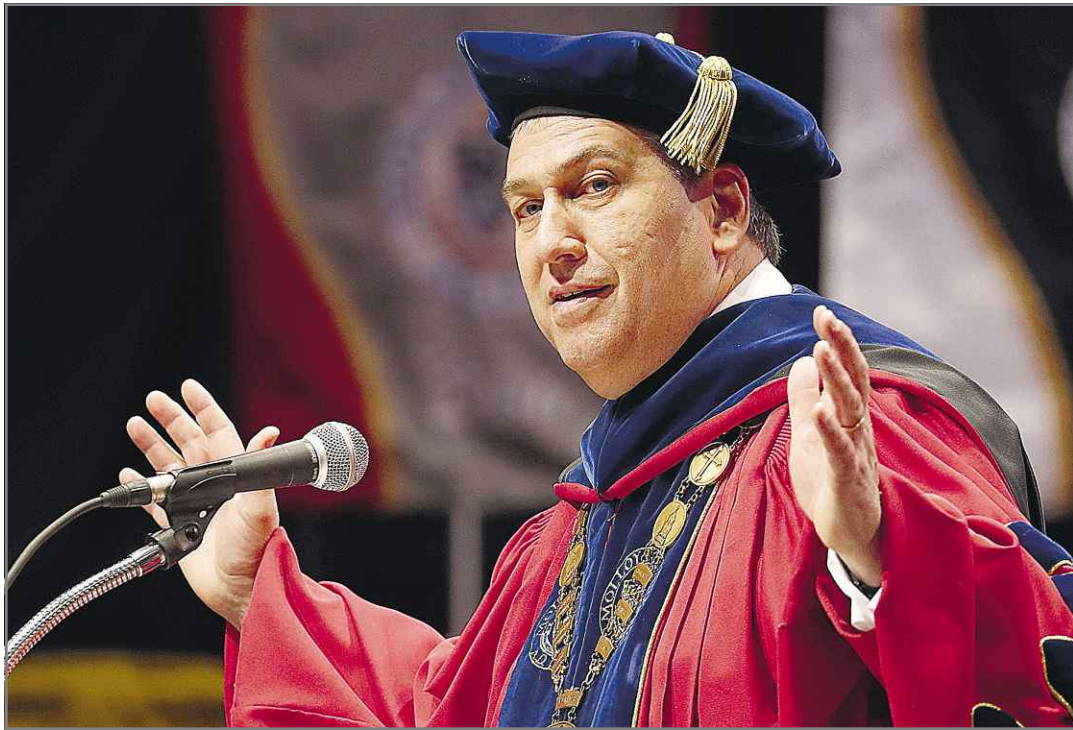
three doctoral programs. It opened the Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing, and created The Public Square student center that houses the Madison Theater, a performing arts center, college officials said.

"Drew has provided us with incredible leadership during his time at Molloy," said John P. McEntee, chairman of the Molloy College board of trustees.

Bogner also sought to expand the college's work beyond its campus by creating a group called Energeia Partnership, which brings together leaders to try to resolve seemingly intractable issues on Long Island, from institutional racism to poverty to transportation.

"Drew's leadership has propelled Molloy to new heights," said Edward Thompson, Molloy's vice president for advancement. "He has gone far beyond the usual metrics of a college's success — enrollment, graduation rates, fundraising — by reimagining how a college can have major impact on the wider community."

Bogner has worked with the Long Island Association, a



President Drew Bogner speaks at Molloy's 2018 commencement ceremony at Nassau Coliseum.

group that promotes economic development and other issues in Nassau and Suffolk counties

"Drew has been a terrific member of the LIA board of directors for years and his service at Molloy College has benefited all of Long Island, educating our future workforce and helping to spur economic

growth in the region," said Kevin S. Law, president & CEO of the group.

An independent Catholic college, Molloy was founded in 1955 by the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville.

Bogner, a native of Kansas, serves on numerous boards regionally and nationally. He

earned bachelor's degrees in biology and history from Kansas Newman College. He received a master of science and a doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Education.

He plans to take a one-year sabbatical after he retires; his plans after that are unclear, college officials said.