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Murphy Concerned About Venezuelan Crimes in Outagamie County *Expresses Concern Alleged Criminals Tied to Tren de Aragua Gang*

MADISON – State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) today expressed concern that five Venezuelan nationals arrested in July for allegedly stealing approximately \$38,000 from an ATM in Kaukauna may be part of Tren de Aragua, a Venezuelan gang that has infiltrated the United States due to uncontrolled immigration under the Biden-Harris administration.

“This is alarming,” said Murphy. “We’ve got five illegal immigrants sitting in the Outagamie County jail for allegedly committing an organized theft of \$38,000. I’m very concerned that Tren de Aragua, a dangerous Venezuelan gang, is now operating right here in our own back yard.”

On July 5 and 6 of this year, Jesse Ronald Duque Escobar, Johannel Jose Ortiz Sanchez, Manuel Alejandro Pina-Gonzalez, Yenaiker Yohendy Avila Acevedo and Andres Jose Escobar Rodriguez, all Venezuelan nationals, were arrested by Kaukauna police for alleged robbing an ATM at the Unison Credit Union in Kaukauna of approximately \$38,000.”

“We’ve seen Venezuelan gang members committing crimes all over the country as well as right here in Wisconsin,” said Murphy. “Earlier this month an illegal Venezuelan was arrested for sexually assaulting a young girl in Prairie du Chien. Prairie du Chien’s Police Chief said he suspected that Venezuelan of being a member of Tren de Aragua.”

“This is the same gang that terrorized an apartment building in Aurora, Colorado,” Murphy continued, “and just last week Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared Tren de Aragua a foreign terrorist organization.”

“This should be a wakeup call for the Fox Valley. The immigration crisis is here, and it’s not going away without a strong response. Our local law enforcement does a great job, but I’m worried they could get overwhelmed. I’m calling on our Attorney General to set up a task force to nip this in the bud before it gets out of control.”

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