

Man wanted in connection with wife's murder in Cheektowaga found in Mexico

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A man wanted in connection with the murder of his wife in Cheektowaga two months ago has been taken into custody in Mexico, U.S. Marshal Charles Salina and U.S. Attorney James P. Kennedy announced Saturday.

Yuriy Bruks, 34, was apprehended Saturday after “an extensive investigation ... conducted by members of the U.S. Marshal’s task force,” according to the announcement. More details will be released in a press conference Monday, officials said.

Bruks was sought on warrants charging second-degree murder and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

His wife, Tetiana, 34, who had recently passed her licensing exam as a dental hygienist, was found dead in their Raymond Avenue home Aug. 4 by Cheektowaga Police. Police said her death was suspicious, but did not provide further information.

Bruks, who was working as a truck driver for a company in the Rochester area, had been sought since Aug. 6.

The couple was married in their native Ukraine in 2007 and had been living in the Buffalo area since 2012. They had a young son, who was placed in foster care following the death.