

AUGUSTIN CHACON CAPTURED

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Notorious Graham county Desperado and Outlaw Taken Near the Mexican Border.

A telephone message was received here this morning, says the Tombstone Prospector of September 4, announcing the capture of Augustin Chacon, the noted outlaw and murderer, by deputy marshals Mossman and Stiles, at the Greene ranch, near Hereford, at daylight this morning.

Chacon has for some time been known to have been on the other side of the line and a job was put up on him by Stiles, Stiles having met Chacon while the later was in the company of Alvord and himself while they were in Sonora. Stiles informed Chacon and his pal, another Mexican, that there were a number of head of fine horses in the Greene pasture that could be easily stolen, and they agreed to undertake the job at daybreak this morning. Stiles, in the meantime, notified Burt Mossman, late captain of the rangers, who, which one other man, hid themselves in the brush near the pasture gates.

About daylight Stiles, with the two Mexicans, came riding up and Chacon dismounted to open the gage when he was quickly covered by Mossman and his partner, while Stiles covered the other Mexican. The men were taken to Packard station and put aboard the train and taken to Solomonville, where Chacon is wanted for murder.

Chacon was convicted in Graham county in 1897 for the murder of a countryman [Pablo Salcido, a reputable citizen.] at Morenci, and sentenced to be hung on the 18th of June of that year, but on the night of the 9th he succeeded in digging out of the adobe jail at Solomonville and made his escape, since which time he has committed a number of crimes and he is supposed to have been the Mexican who was with Alvord when he made a trip to Sulpher Spring valley about a year since, and stole several head of horses. Chacon, with several of his gang in Graham county, also murdered two prospectors, in the fall of 1896, on Eagle creek, and also a lone prospector whom they killed and then threw his body down an old shaft.

Chacon was a man about five feet eight inches high, and would weigh in the neighborhood of 160 pounds. A reward of \$500 had been offered for his capture and the officers several times have had him located, but before the arrangements could be perfected he always managed to escape.

The capture of Chacon will rid the southern counties of one of the most noted outlaws and bloodthirsty murderers, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the officials of Graham county will now speedily carry out the sentence pronounced against Chacon and the country be rid of him forever.