

# WANTED BY THE FBI

Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution - Escape

## WILLIAM "GUILLERMO" MORALES



**Aliases:** Willie Morales, Guillermo Morales

### DESCRIPTION

**Date(s) of Birth:** February 7, 1950

**Used:**

**Place of Birth:** New York, New York

**Height:** 5'10"

**Weight:** 170 pounds

**NCIC:** W159237450

**Occupation:** Morales has worked as an airline reservation agent, assistant teacher, laboratory technician, lifeguard, and photographer.

**Hair:** Gray

**Eyes:** Brown

**Sex:** Male

**Race:** White (Hispanic)

**Nationality:** American

**Scars and Marks:** Morales has scars on the right side of his chin and over both eyebrows. He has no fingers on either hand and may wear prosthetics. The remaining portion of his hands are severely scarred. Morales has minimal vision in his left eye.

**Remarks:** Morales speaks both English and Spanish. He is known to wear glasses and may have a beard. Although he grew up in New York, Morales is thought to have lived in Cuba since June of 1988.

### CAUTION

William "Guillermo" Morales was an explosives expert/bomb maker for the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas Liberacion Nacional), an extremist organization advocating for Puerto Rican independence through acts of violence. The group, active in the 1970s and early 1980s, is credited with committing more than 100 bombings that caused several deaths, multiple injuries, and millions of dollars in damage.

On July 12, 1978, Morales was working on a bomb at a house in East Elmhurst, New York, when it exploded prematurely. Morales was severely injured, taken to a hospital, and arrested. Due to his injuries, Morales was held at the Bellevue Hospital prison ward in New York City until his potential transfer to federal prison. Morales escaped from Bellevue Hospital and fled to Mexico, where he was captured in May of 1983. He was imprisoned in Mexico, but eventually handed over to Cuban authorities and is believed to still be in that country.

Morales was convicted on February 28, 1979, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York of possession of explosives (pipe bombs) and possession and transportation in interstate commerce of pipe bombs and a sawed off shotgun. Morales was sentenced to ten years in prison and five years probation.

On June 1, 1979, Morales was charged with unlawful interstate flight to avoid prosecution for the crime of escape.

## **REWARD**

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest of William "Guillermo" Morales.

**SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS AND AN ESCAPE RISK**

**If you have any information concerning this person, please contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.**