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Carlos Alberto Paez Pereda

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Carlos Alberto Paez Pereda. Photo from the FBI’s individual wanted poster.

Date of birth: 27.09.1995 — по карточке ФБР

Status: Listed on the FBI’s wanted list; facing criminal charges in the US

Other names: Carlos Alberto Páez Pereda; Carlos Paez Pereda; “Carlitos Rugrats”; “Carlitos”

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Brief profile

Field	Details
Name in sources	Carlos Alberto Páez Pereda
Date of birth	27 September 1995 — according to the FBI file
Jurisdiction and international links	Mexico; USA; Sinaloa; Tijuana
Legal status	Listed on the FBI's wanted list; facing criminal charges in the US
Other names and aliases	Carlos Paez Pereda; "Carlitos Rugrats"; "Carlitos"

Drug shipments and an armed organisation

According to the FBI, the group was involved in trafficking fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine from Sinaloa via Tijuana into the US. The individual profile also mentions an alleged armed wing that used violence to support the network's operations. [1][2]

The arrest warrant issued by the Southern District of California is dated 27 March 2026. The charges include drug-related terrorism, providing material support to a foreign terrorist organisation, drug offences and money laundering. This is an indictment, not a conviction. [1][2]

Why news of the arrest of his associates does not mean he has been arrested

In October 2026, the media reported the arrests of alleged associates and relatives from his inner circle. Reports of such operations do not in themselves confirm the arrest of Paes Pereda. His own FBI profile continues to serve as the basis for his wanted status in this case. [1][2]

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Timeline of the case

Date	Event
27.03.2026	Issuance of a federal arrest warrant.
October 2026	Reports of arrests of individuals from his alleged inner circle.

Verified on 4 November 2026. The status of the case is based on the sources cited; charges and allegations do not constitute a conviction.

Sources

1. FBI – Individual Wanted Notice for Carlos Alberto Páez Pereda
2. N+ — arrests among Carlitos Rugrats' associates, 15 October 2026

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