

# Murder suspect hid behind new identity

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NEW YORK - For nearly two decades, Luis Gonzalez cloaked himself in the trappings of an ordinary life.

Family man, hard worker, upstanding citizen: All were apt descriptions. Murder suspect was not - until this week.

Gonzalez, whose real name is David Galletti, was arrested Wednesday in South Carolina in a 1976 slay-

ing in Brooklyn. A routine fingerprint check revealed his true identity, unknown even to his wife and two children, police said.

Galletti, 42, was extradited Thursday to New York City. He was to be arraigned on a murder charge in state Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

Authorities said the fugitive evaded the law for 19 years by skillfully reinventing himself and ending up in Hemingway, S.C.

New York homicide investigators

knew Galletti as a drug-using street tough whose yellowing mug shot - taken in 1975 after he allegedly assaulted a police officer - was taped to their office wall, said Detective Bobby Alongi. They were astonished by what they discovered when they flew south to make the arrest.

"He turned his whole life around," Alongi said. "We expected the guy in the picture. We found this clean-cut executive. He looked great."

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