

## Former wrestler 'Vampiro' to take bite out of Mexico City crime

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Bandits in Mexico City better watch out. Vampiro, a former professional wrestler turned vigilante, is coming to reclaim the city's crime-ridden streets.

The Guardian Angels are unleashing the retired wrestler, whose real name is Ian Hodgkinson, to head the group's new chapter in the Mexican capital.

"The person leading this effort is like the Hulk Hogan of Mexico," Curtis Sliwa said Tuesday.

Hodgkinson, 40, who has wrestled professionally in the U.S., Mexico and Japan, will be commanding a group of 40 recently trained Mexican Angels.

Hodgkinson, who is a single dad with a young daughter, said his motivations are personal.

"I live in the most crime-filled city in the world and I wanted to change the streets for her," he said.

Mexico is the 11th country to be patrolled by the Angels. There are now red-clad crimefighters walking the streets of 102 cities, said Sliwa, who founded the group in New York in 1979.