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TAGS: CASC, SNAR, MX (PARKER, RITA AND VICTORIA)
SUBJECT: TWO AMERICAN WOMEN FOUND MURDERED IN JUAREZ

1. TWO WOMEN FOUND DEAD SEPTEMBER 29 WITH MULTIPLE EXECUTION-STYLE 9 MM GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD AND TORSO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AMERICAN CITIZENS VICTORIA PARKER (AGE 27) AND HER SISTER, RITA PARKER BARRAGAN (AGE 35). THEIR BODIES WERE IDENTIFIED MONDAY NIGHT BY [REDACTED] AND B6 RELEASED FOR TRANSFER TO THE U.S. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE VICTIMS, BORN IN SPOKANE, WA, WERE UNEMPLOYED AND RESIDENT IN EL PASO. RITA PARKER BARRAGAN IS REPORTEDLY SURVIVED BY FOUR CHILDREN.

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2. EL PASO TELEVISION STATIONS REPORTED EL PASO

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POLICE HAD THE WOMEN IN CUSTODY ON SEPTEMBER 28, CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL TRESPASS IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPARENT BREAK-IN. POLICE SEARCHING THE APARTMENT THEY ENTERED FOUND DRUGS, BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE LEGAL OCCUPANTS AND DID NOT FILE DRUG CHARGES. AFTER THEIR RELEASE ON BOND THAT NIGHT, THE WOMEN CROSSED OVER TO JUAREZ WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED COMPANION.

3. POLICE BELIEVE THE WOMEN WALKED INTO THE ISOLATED FIELD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF JUAREZ (NEAR A MOTORCYCLE RACETRACK) WHERE THE BODIES WERE FOUND APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS LATER. THEY WERE EACH SHOT SEVERAL TIMES IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD, A STYLE COMMON IN JUAREZ DRUG-RELATED KILLINGS, AND LEFT TEN METERS APART TOGETHER WITH THE 9MM CARTRIDGE CASINGS. THE POSITION OF THE BODIES SUGGESTS THE YOUNGER WOMAN TRIED TO ESCAPE BEFORE MEETING HER DEATH. PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST THE WOMEN MAY HAVE DEFAULTED ON A DRUG DEAL; IT APPEARS UNLIKELY ANY SUSPECTS WILL BE IDENTIFIED OR ARRESTED. COLBERT

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