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1. SUMMARY: ON NOVEMBER 6 AND 7, THE BODIES OF EIGHT YOUNG WOMEN WERE FOUND DUMPED IN A DRIED COTTON FIELD IRRIGATION DITCH IN JUAREZ. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS FROM THE STATE JUDICIAL POLICE (PGJE) INDICATE ALL THE WOMEN MIGHT HAVE BEEN RAPED AND STRANGLED. THE D.A. IN CHARGE OF THE WOMENQS CRIMES DIVISION OF THE PGJE, ZULEMA BOLIVAR, STATED THAT AS OF TODAY, HER AGENCY HAS 5 MISSING REPORTS ON WOMEN. FEARING FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS RUNAWAY DAUGHTER, CONTACTED ACS SO THEY CAN VERIFY IF IS ONE OF THE WOMEN FOUND. END
SUMMARY


3. ON NOVEMBER 6, PGJE AUTHORITIES FOUND THE BODIES OF THREE WOMEN DUMPED IN A COTTON FIELD. POST CONTACTED STATE JUDICIAL POLICE AUTHORITIES WHO REVEALED THAT ON NOVEMBER 7 FIVE MORE BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE SAME AREA. AT LEAST ONE OF THE VICTIMS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, BUT THE DECOMPOSITION OF THE REMAINING BODIES WILL REQUIRE DENTAL & DNA TESTING FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. IN FEBRUARY 2001, LILIA ALEJANDRA GARCIA, A YOUNG MAQUILA WORKER, WAS FOUND MURDERED JUST 100 METERS AWAY FROM WHERE THESE BODIES WERE FOUND. AT THAT TIME, THE MURDER OF MS. GARCIA WAS CONSIDERED AN ISOLATED ASSAULT RATHER THAN A SERIAL MURDER CASE.

4. THE WOMEN'S CRIMES DIVISION OF THE PGJE HAS FIVE PENDING MISSING REPORTS ON WOMEN AS OF TODAY. THREE OF THEM ARE MAQUILA WORKERS WHO LEFT HOME FOR THEIR JOBS AND NEVER RETURNED, ONE IS A COLLEGE STUDENT MISSING SINCE SEPTEMBER 2000 (REF A) AND THE FIFTH IS A WOMAN WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED IN JUAREZ TO LOOK FOR WORK. THEY ALL FIT THE SAME PROFILE AS PREVIOUS VICTIMS.
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5. ON NOVEMBER 7, ACS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM [REDACTED] WHO HAD HEARD ABOUT

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THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODIES. HIS DAUGHTER,

FEARS HIS DAUGHTER MIGHT BE
ONE OF THE WOMEN FOUND IN THE COTTON FIELDS AS
HE BELIEVES SHE HAD BEEN LIVING ON THE
STREET AND MAY HAVE COME TO THE EL PASO/JUAREZ
OR LAREDO AREA. [REDACTED] HAS
PROVIDED POST WITH A DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH
WHICH WILL BE SENT TO PGJE FOR
COMPARISON WITH THE VICTIMS.
6. COMMENT: LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CLAIMING A MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN STOPPING THESE VICIOUS MURDERS BY CITING THE DROP IN SEXUAL MURDERS THIS YEAR. UNFORTUNATELY THIS LATEST DISCOVERY SHOWS THE PROBLEM IS FAR FROM SOLVED. THE BASIC CAUSE Q EXTREME VULNERABILITY OF MANY YOUNG GIRLS WORKING IN THE MAQUILA SECTOR TO SEXUAL PREDATORS Q REMAINS UNCHANGED. END COMMENT.

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