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AMEMBASSY MEXICO FOR CHRIS CAMPBELL, MCCA DEPT. FOR WHA/MEX

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 SUBJECT: ARRESTS IN CIUDAD JUAREZ MURDERS FROM OLD WARRANTS

1. Over the past year, PGR investigators in the office Federal Special Prosecutor Maria Lopez Urbina have reviewed 205 cases of the 323 existent since 1993. In the course of the review, investigators found several outstanding arrest warrants that were never served, some 10 years old. Lopez Urbina's office (federal) turned over the cases to Chihuahua state officials who are pursuing the old warrants and have taken into custody or located 6 of the fugitives. One is the accused murderer of Paula Flores' daughter, Maria Ines Sagrario Gonzalez Flores. Mrs. Flores has been one the most vocal of the victims' advocats and had repeatedly told police who she thought responsible for her daughter's murder.

2. Chihuahua State Attorney General Patricia Gonzalez has promised to pursue 23 of the cases identified by the Federal Special Prosecutor's office. Two of the six were in custody already, one was located in the US and one of those in custody has died of wounds reportedly incurrrred during a fight in jail (it is unclear who inflicted the wounds, guards or inmates). Victims' advocates hope this and other recent actions (authorities have solved ten murders in the last six months) is a sign that serious efforts are being undertaken to solve more of the murders and to pursue new cases more aggressively.

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