R 271020Z FEB 03
FM AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7029
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO
ALL USCONS MEXICO 0789
XMT AMEMBASSY MEXICO

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 CIUDAD JUAREZ 3692

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, PGOV, SOCI, PHUM, KWNM, MX
SUBJ: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN JUAREZ WOMEN'S HOMICIDES

REF: A) CDJ 2684

1. SUMMARY: ON FEBRUARY 26, 2003, THE FOURTH PENAL JUDGE IN JUAREZ REAFFIRMED THE CONVICTION OF ABDEL LATIF SHARIF FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

HOMICIDE OF A 19 YEAR OLD GIRL IN 1995 IN JUAREZ, BUT LOWERED SHARIF'S SENTENCE FROM 30 TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT. BOTH THE DEFENDER AND THE PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCED THEY PLAN TO APPEAL. ON FEBRUARY 17, 2003, AUTHORITIES FOUND THE REMAINS OF THREE MORE YOUNG WOMEN DUMPED IN THE CERRO DEL CRISTO NEGRO DESERT AREA IN JUAREZ. END SUMMARY.

---------------

ABDEL LATIF SHARIF SENTENCED AGAIN
---------------

2. IN 1995, EGYPTIAN ABD EL LATIF SHARIF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: NORMAN M BOUTON
DATE/CASE ID: 05 JUL 2006  200502506

UNCLASSIFIED

3. SINCE HIS ARREST ALMOST 8 YEARS AGO, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED SHARIF AS THE PERPETRATOR AND/OR MASTERMIND OF OVER A DOZEN HOMICIDES, THOUGH NO OFFICIAL CHARGES OTHER THAN THE ONE MURDER CHARGE HAVE YET BEEN BROUGHT. THE CHIHUAHUA STATE

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 CIUDAD 03692 01 OF 02 271813Z PROSECUTOR SAID ON FEBRUARY 26 THAT HIS OFFICE WILL APPEAL THE 20-YEAR SENTENCE AND ADDED THEY ARE ABOUT TO FILE NEW CHARGES AGAINST SHARIF. COMMENT: SINCE 1995, CHIHUAHUA STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE CLAIMED THEY HAVE EVIDENCE TO PROVE SHARIF WAS INVOLVED IN OTHER HOMICIDES. A REQUEST FOR WARRANTS FOR SHARIF (RELATED TO THE CASES OF THE BUS DRIVERS ACCUSED OF MURDERING SEVERAL WOMEN AT HIS REQUEST) HAS BEEN PENDING FOR MORE THAN A YEAR BUT THE JUDGE HAS NOT ISSUED A DECISION ON WHETHER THOSE WARRANTS WILL BE GRANTED. FEW OUTSIDE THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE BELIEVE THAT SHARIF IS INVOLVED IN THOSE CASES. END COMMENT. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY ALSO SAID THEY PLAN TO APPEAL THE VERDICT, CLAIMING THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIS CLIENT IS EXTREMELY WEAK.

-------------------------
MORE VICTIMS FOUND
-------------------------

4. POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE NOW INVESTIGATING THE DEATHS OF THREE YOUNG WOMEN WHOSE BODIES WERE FOUND IN NORTHWEST JUAREZ IN AN AREA CALLED CERRO DEL CRISTO NEGRO ON FEBRUARY 17, 2003. THE REMAINS OF TWO OTHER GIRLS WERE FOUND IN THE SAME AREA IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. THE VICTIMS FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF MOST OF THE PREVIOUS SERIAL MURDER VICTIMS IN THE LAST 10
YEARS OLD THEY WERE ALL YOUNG GIRLS IN THEIR

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 CIUDAD 03692 01 OF 02 271813Z

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CIUDAD 03692 02 OF 02 271814Z
ACTION IO-00

INFO LOG-00 MFA-00 NP-00 AID-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 DOEE-00
WHA-00 SRPP-00 DS-00 EB-00 ED-01 FBJE-00 UTED-00
VC-00 HHS-01 TEDE-00 INR-00 I-00 VCE-00 AC-01
NSAE-00 NSCE-00 OIC-02 OMB-01 OPIC-01 PA-00 PER-00
PM-00 PRS-00 ACE-00 P-00 SP-00 IRM-00 STR-00
TEST-00 TRSE-00 USIE-00 ASDS-00 PMB-00 DSCC-00 PRM-00
DRL-01 G-00 SAS-00 /008W

R 271020Z FEB 03
FM AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ
TO SECSSTATE WASHDC 7030
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO
ALL USCONS MEXICO 0790

UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 02 OF 02 CIUDAD JUAREZ 3692

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, PGOV, SOCI, PHUM, KWMN, MX
SUBJ: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN JUAREZ WOMEN'S
HOMICIDES

EARLY TEENS OR 20'S WHO HAD BEEN STRANGLED AND
THEIR BODIES DUMPED IN THE DESERT. THESE LAST
THREE VICTIMS HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING BY
RELATIVES OVER A NINE-MONTH PERIOD FROM A
THREE-BLOCK AREA IN DOWNTOWN JUAREZ. ONE OF
THEM WAS A STUDENT AT ECCO COMPUTER SCHOOL. IN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CIUDAD 03692 02 OF 02 271814Z
THE LAST THREE YEARS, AT LEAST SEVEN WOMEN
WITH SOME AFFILIATION WITH ECCO HAVE
DISAPPEARED OR BEEN FOUND MURDERED.
AUTHORITIES REPORT THEY ARE FOLLOWING SEVERAL
INVESTIGATION LEADS, INCLUDING ONE OF POSSIBLE
POLICE INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISAPPEARANCES, BUT
NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN REPORTED.