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6 found executed on Mexican highway, month after similar incident

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USPA News - The bodies of six executed people were found on a highway in western Mexico, officials said Wednesday, roughly a month after a similar incident in the same area. Local police confirmed that the bodies were found with gunshot wounds on the side of the Mexico-Nogales highway in the municipality of Ahome in the western state of Sinaloa. Preliminary reports said two SUV trucks drove by and dumped the bodies, which had their feet and hands tied up.

All of them were male and were apparently executed by members of an organized crime group. Around a month ago, on May 4, a similar incident occurred at the same location, when authorities located another six bodies, although they had been mutilated before being dumped on the side of the highway. Mexico's drug war was declared over six years ago by then-President Felipe Calderon in December 2006. According to Mexico Evalua, a public policy analysis organization, nearly 90,000 people were killed during Calderon's six-year presidential term. Meanwhile, Italian civil organization Libera reported over 130,000 deaths during the same period. Mexico's illegal drug trafficking organizations gained power since the 1990s, as dominating Colombian drug cartels were being dismantled. According to analysts, illicit drug sale earnings per year range between \$13 billion to \$49 billion.

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