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## McAllen man presumed dead after pirate shooting on Falcon Lake

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ZAPATA — Law enforcement officials here gave up their search for the body of a McAllen man presumed dead after pirates shot him and toward his wife on the Mexican side of Falcon Lake.

Investigators believe David Michael Hartley, 30, died after he was shot in the back of the head as he and his wife fled from three approaching boats, said Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez.

Tiffany Hartley, 29, swung her personal watercraft around in an attempt to retrieve her husband's body but had to leave it in order to escape the continuing onslaught of bullets.

"The boats actually followed her back past the (United States) boundary," Gonzalez said. "They acted very boldly."

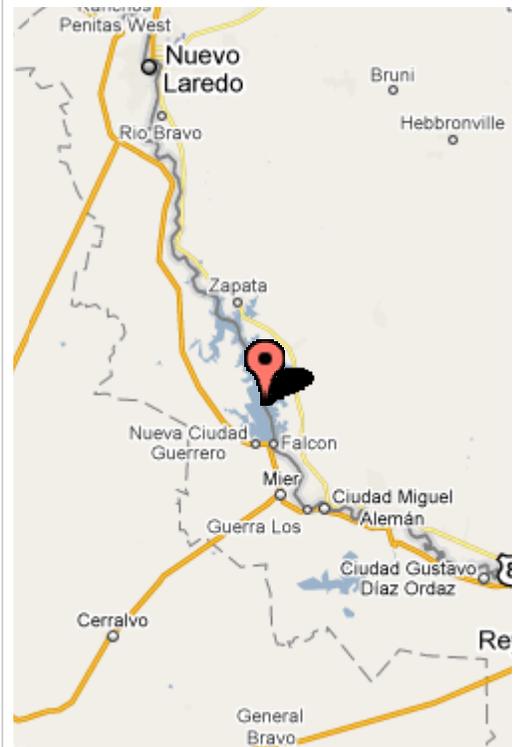
The sheriff said the wife was unharmed and had returned to McAllen late Thursday night with family friends.

By 9 p.m. Thursday, law enforcement called off searches for David Hartley's body. His wife was forced to leave his body about two miles past the international boundary — beyond any U.S. law enforcement's legal jurisdiction.



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“We can only stay at that anything,” said Capt. Ferr Wildlife Department in Za to go to Mexico, and if an help them.”

The sheriff said the three they made their way back and taking pictures of sub

Tiffany Hartley told invest and her husband revved t faster — leading Gonzale

“These cartel members ar  
“This is of course specula  
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to run off, they used their

Falcon Lake has seen a r  
shakedowns of fishermen

Victims told authorities ca  
boats that had wandered

Those pirates were actua  
ranks of the Zetas, one of  
cartels, Gonzalez said.

“If it’s the same pirates th  
ago, it’ll be these gophers  
wannabes,” he said. “The  
graduate to the next level as enforcers.”

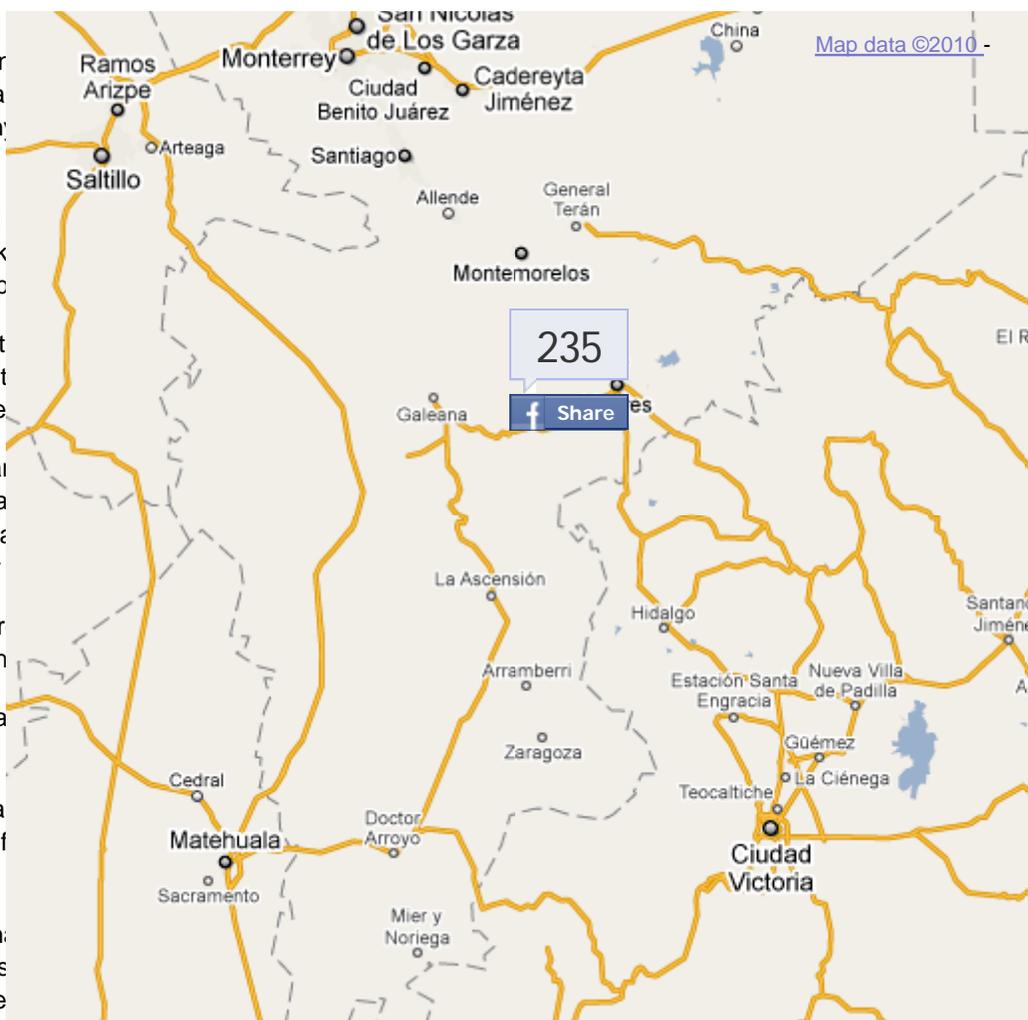
The sheriff met with FBI, U.S. Border Patrol and state investigators Thursday evening. Gonzalez said authorities were contacting Mexican counterparts to deploy military personnel to search for David Hartley’s body.

U.S. officials will resume search efforts today.

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Sad story, but we have no business going over there and taking chances with our lives.

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[bigtex2010](#)

9:20 PM on September 30, 2010

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If she would have shot one of those men, the DA would bring her in front of a grand jury to face charges. Criminals have a government guarantee that their victims will be unarmed in gun free zones. The law only stops law abiding citizens from carrying a gun in gun free zones. But even when you're not in gun free zones if a law abiding citizen shoots a criminal attacking him or her, that citizen will face charges for defending himself. On the other hand, if a criminal shoots a law abiding citizen, the criminal will face the same treatment IF he or she is caught. The justice system is so messed up, I don't think it can be called justice.

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[tx2ak07](#)

9:23 PM on September 30, 2010

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Yep, stay well on the U.S. side. That way you can carry a firearm for protection.



[rucraze](#)

9:31 PM on September 30, 2010

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Thanks AP. Wait couldn't the ace reporters at the Monitor have covered this one.

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[machogabcho](#)

9:42 PM on September 30, 2010

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Americans being murdered by Mexican citizens inside the U.S by the hundreds., Americans being murdered inside of Mexico by the dozens and most misinformed Mexican citizens, their corrupt media, their incompetent politicians vilify those of us who want to protect our borders and enforce our laws?

The minutemen have never murdered an illegal alien but illegal aliens murder hundreds of Americans every year.

Members of our military have never murdered an illegal alien yet Mexican military members have murdered American citizens and dozens of their own citizens.

Whenever a Mexican citizen is killed by our police officers there is always a politically driven, hypocritical cry for justice by the Mexican government and the anger of their citizens palpable and exasperated by their media and our own PC goons. Yet when innocent Mexicans are murdered by Mexican police or members of the Mexican military there is hardly a peep, covered up and only minimally reported if at all.

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[lechuntaro](#)

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From the Department of Education of the U.S.A. ---Demographics Division Of all- Levels of schools in the U.S. :

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- . 0.10% ARE MEXICAN - AMERICAN / HISPANIC OR FROM ANOTHER MINORITY GROUP .
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[indianwoodsman](#)

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11:34 PM on September 30, 2010

Some know a lot, some know a little, and some know nothing at all.  
This is the general attitude about the ongoing drug cartel war and violence on the border and in Mexico. They should not have ventured into Mexico but then again they could get kidnapped and carjacked in any of the valleys Walmart or Heb parking lots. At least here we can carry a firearm in our vehicle or on our person with a CHL.  
For the latest cartel news with photos and videos check out [www.borderlandbeat.com](http://www.borderlandbeat.com) and [www.blogdelnarco.com](http://www.blogdelnarco.com)

    
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[imfedup](#)

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5:48 AM on October 1, 2010

sounds to me like a good story. did anyone witness this?

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[pgv989](#)

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7:44 AM on October 1, 2010

    
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too bad, what a horrible outcome.

Unless you are on a toll road (and even that is a bit sketchy)  
Mexico is a no go zone.



[bmpndrd](#)

8:25 AM on October 1, 2010

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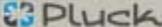
    
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I'll bet a dollar that the Democrat's president will not pursue this incident.

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