

## Mexican babysitter's 'drug-crazed' boyfriend 'drowns two-year-old U.S. boy in vacation home pool after his parents went out'

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A two-year-old boy from Colorado was killed in Mexico last week while on an extended winter vacation with his family, and now the child's baby sitter and her boyfriend are facing murder charges.

According to the boy's parents, Jen and Randy Charrette, of Ridgeway, two-year-old Axel was in the care of a local 16-year-old girl at their rented home in Sayulita, Mexico, when tragedy struck last Thursday.

In a statement released to [The Watch News](#), the Charrettes wrote that the teenager, whom they hired to look after their two children, Axel and seven-year-old Kalden, let her boyfriend come onto the property.



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Angel: Axel Charrette, age two, was attacked and left to drown in a pool while on a three-month vacation with his family in Mexico

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**Family adventure: Jen and Randy Charrette, and their two sons, Kalden, bottom left, and Axel, headed down to Mexico in early January on what was supposed to be an extended vacation**

The parents said that the babysitter then realized that the man was in a violent drug-induced state, and she locked herself in a bathroom, leaving Axel outside the house and his brother playing in another part of the home.

'The boyfriend, for reasons unknown, hurt Axel, then threw him in the pool, leaving him to drown,' the statement read.

The heartbroken parents stated that the 16-year-old and her boyfriend have been arrested and charged with murder in Mexico City.

The Charrettes have been told by a source in the US State Department that the case is 'Mexico's number one priority right now.'

In a statement released to MailOnline Wednesday morning, an official with the State Department confirmed the death of Axel Charrette, adding that the agency extends its deepest condolences to his family and friends.

The statement goes on to say that the US consulate in Guadalajara and the consular agent in Puerto Vallarta have been in contact with the Charrettes and are providing assistance.

Axel's father, Randy, owns Peak to Peak Bicycles in Ridgeway, [The Denver Post](#) wrote. His wife, Jen, is a software engineer and competitive bike racer with a blog called Velo Mom, where she has been carefully documenting their exploits and travels.



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**Home away from home: The Charrettes rented this house in Sayulita, Mexico, not far from the resort town of Puerto Vallarta, for three months from a Canadian landlord**

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**Tragic death: The parents wrote in a statement that their 16-year-old baby sitter's boyfriend came onto their property while high on drugs, hurt Axel and threw him into this pool, leaving the child to drown**

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According to the blog, the Charrettes left their home in Colorado in early January and headed to Sayulita, where they had rented a home for three months from a Canadian national.

In the statement to The Watch, the parents mentioned that it was their landlord who helped them hire a local woman as a housekeeper and her 16-year-old daughter as a babysitter to look after their children.

One of the numerous entries on the site mentions that Mrs Charrette was surprised that the teenage caretaker, who was supposed to arrive at work at 10am, came 45 minutes early.

The horrific killing of their toddler son came about two months into their planned eight-month vacation.

On the blog, Jen Charrette wrote that her husband and their kids decided as a family to rent their home in Ridgeway, sell off most of their possessions, pack the rest into their truck and to go on an adventure south of the border.

To finance their travels, the Charrettes have been working remotely using the Internet, cutting their expenses, and they also have been home-schooling their two boys.



**Modern family: The Charrettes, who are avid biking enthusiasts, sold off most of their possessions, rented their home in Colorado for eight months and headed down to Mexico to spend time with their two boys riding bikes and surfing**

'We did not win the lottery or even have a huge savings to devote to travel,' Mrs Charrette wrote on her blog. 'We are just putting experiences and time together before a big house and all the comforts of home.'

The family arrived in Sayulita on January 4 after a two-day trip by car, and they had planned to stay there for three months before switching to another locale in Mexico, or making heading back to the U.S.

For the past two months, the Charrettes have been spending their time in Mexico surfing, biking, exploring the jungle and learning Spanish.

Just days before Axel's death, Jen Charrette wrote on her blog that her older son, Kalden, came down with what appeared to be a stomach bug that required a brief hospitalization.

A memorial service for Axel will be held at the Sherbino Theater in Ridgeway on Tuesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. A fund has been set up in Axel Charrette's name