



Texas family killed in Mexico

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MEXICO (CNN) -- The U.S. has issued multiple travel warnings this year on Mexico because of the ongoing drug violence there. But just last week, a family visiting from the U.S. was killed in a gun attack. They leave behind a grandmother and a young son, who saw the whole thing happen.






It was supposed to be a joyful holiday trip; a Texas family traveling by bus in Mexico to spend Christmas with relatives.

Margaret Schneider says her daughter-in-law, 39-year-old Maria Hartsell and her granddaughters, 19-year-old Karla and 13-year-old Cristina Hartsell were traveling in the Mexican state of Veracruz when their bus was attacked by a group of armed gunmen. All three women were shot and killed.

Ten-year-old Mike Hartsell, who witnessed the horrific scene, told his grandmother what he saw. He says, "They turned around and then they come back and they shot her in the head with the gun and they shot Karla and he said he knew that his mom and Karla were dead."





A Mexican Army spokesman said the assailants killed a total of seven people on three different buses on the same day, including

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the Texas family. Schneider says, "I told her not to go to Mexico. I told her not to go to Mexico. I just kept repeating that. It was senseless. It's just senseless."

Violence in the state of Veracruz, where the fatal attack happened, has increased sharply this year as a result of a turf war being fought by two extremely violent Mexican drug cartels.

Military authorities said the same. Assaultants killed a total eleven people last Thursday; ten were shot and another died in a grenade attack.

Five of the hit men later died in a shootout with Mexican armed forces, the military spokesman said. Mexican authorities are also investigating the violent death of another American citizen.

Eighteen-year-old Alexis Marron from suburban Chicago was one of three men whose charred bodies were found in the trunk of a car in the Mexican southern state of Michoacan.

Mexican officials have increased security on highways in the state of Veracruz where the Texas family was killed. In an emergency message, the U.S. State Department is asking American citizens "to maintain a heightened sense of alert" when traveling in Veracruz and also the border state of Tamaulpas, south of Texas, where carjacking and bus robberies have happened in recent months.



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