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[On the Move](#) American Stock Trader, Adventurer Found Murdered in Mexico

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Although this story is not about the Asia region, nevertheless being two-wheel enthusiasts, adventure travelers, and finance guys here at *knowmadic news*, we feel compelled to discuss this story out of respect and grief for a free-spirit like ourselves.

Harry Devert, an American, who set off on an adventure of a lifetime to ride from the US to Brazil by motorcycle to catch the World Cup this summer, unfortunately **never made it** out of Mexico alive.

DESAPARECIDO

HARRY DEVERT ha estado desaparecido en Mexico

desde el 25 e Enero del 2014, Harry estaba camino a Zihuatanejo donde tenia previsto visitar la playa ese dia. El ultimo texto que envio a su novia Sarah a las 3:18pm, ponia: "Acabo de salir de un area elcortada despues de casi una hora y media, zona demasiado peligrosa para mi. Voy a comer algo en el camino, y accesar internet, voy a tratar de volver a la via pronto. Aparentemente hay otro escolta militar esperandome en alguna otra ciudad, estoy un poco retrasado por tantos militares en la via, una locura, espero poder hablar contigo esta noche cuando finalmente llegue [espero]". Harry manejaba una Kawasaki verde, placa: NY67SD67
Esa fue la ultima comunicacion de Harry. Las embajadas de Francia y Estados Unidos estan trabajando con las autoridades Mexicanas para localizar a Harry. Tienen una ubicacion aproximada del lugar desde el que Harry envio el texto a Sarah, a pesar de que no tienen medios para localizar su telefono celular. Ann, su Madre, esta liderando esta busqueda y puede ser contactada por deverta@hotmail.com si usted tiene alguna verdadera conexcion en Mexico por favor hagale saber. Muchas gracias !



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Devert, traveling alone by motorcycle through the Mexican Pacific coast, **last contacted his girlfriend** on January 25th with a somewhat foreboding message regarding a military escort out of a dangerous area in **Michoacán**, Mexico, and possible more issues as his travels continued.

Mexico, especially the State of Michoacán, has been under civil-war like conditions for some time now. The battle is for the heart and soul of that region in Mexico and it involves drug cartels, local militia (farmers), and the Mexican military. It's an ugly and dangerous situation, and probably a place you would not ever want to stumble upon, especially alone on a motorcycle.

Not a naive traveler by any means, Devert, a self-taught day trader, had quit his day job at 27 years of age to travel the world. He has apparently traveled extensively from S.E. Asia to Iceland and many places in between—on a budget and high on the hog.

Obviously not one to scare easy, he broke 3 ribs running from the bulls in Pamplona, spent "time" in a jail in Paraguay, slept on a street in India, and has even taken a nap with a tiger... and these are just some of the things he **has listed** on his blog.

The consummate adventurer unafraid of this big beautiful world we live in... but his luck had run its course in a small beach community in Mexico, where the illicit world of the illegal drug trade rules the streets, the beaches, and the communities.

It's an extremely sad situation, our heart and sympathy are extended to his family and his friends. But it's also a reminder to take care when traveling, and never believe that you're singularly greater than a serious situation or complex issue, especially if you don't fully understand all of its moving parts.

Not that we should jump to conclusions and assume that Devert was in some sort of frame of mind where he felt bigger or more entitled than the situation in Michoacán. But travelers, especially young and single ones, need to understand that being an outsider doesn't prevent you from being absorbed into a situation very fast and spontaneously without any warning.

I myself have stumbled into situations where I wish I had either took a pass or shown up 5 – 10 minutes later. Once in particular where I had merely opened a door to a bar, and then was thrust into the middle of rotten circumstances that I later regretted because I paid for it with a beating I took from a group of thugs.

We all know this, accidents and seemingly unavoidable things happen all the time, but most of the time they don't so this leads us to a false sense of security, especially when we're happily on the road and/or when alcohol possibly is an added factor.

Traveling is, for me at least, the greatest single pleasure a human being can experience, learn from, and grow with, but it's also something not to discount or sleep on. When we travel, our senses heighten and certain instincts are tweaked. These tools are very important for us because they allow us to judge situations, people, and surroundings. Unfortunately though, they can become dulled and clouded from the road, continuous unfamiliarity, exhaustion, excitement—maybe even one too many cheap beers. It's part of the ups-and-downs of **extended travel**, but this is why we love it... each new step something new awaits!

By all means, get out there, travel, roam, wander, just remember to listen to your body, mind, and those certain internal tools that keep us reasonably safe and instinctively out of harm's way.

RIP **Harry Devert**, your wandering spirit lives on in all of us....

Just to familiarize yourself with the situation in Mexico, take 20 minutes and watch this short documentary from **Vice**.

Warning: Extremely Graphic