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Nina Discombe, Edward Kular Dead: Ontario Couple Killed In Mexico, Say Police

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Two Canadians are dead in Mexico after police say thieves broke into their home during a violent robbery on Sunday.

Police in Ajijic, Mexico, have identified the couple as an 84-year-old man and a 72-year-old woman but would not release the victims' names. Both the CBC and Guadalajara Reporter, a Mexican newspaper, have identified the man as Edward J. Kular and the woman as Nina Discombe.

Kular's Facebook page says he lived in Toronto before moving to Ajijic. Activity on Discombe's account suggests she was a Montreal author and that she travelled regularly to Mexico during winters over the last 12 years.

Kular's son confirmed his father's death to CBC News.

["He was an amazing father to all of us, he had several grandchildren and was a great man."](#) said Steve Kular.

Police chief Ernesto Robles [Juan Carlos Berra, the couple's gardener discovered the two bodies](#) on Sunday morning, according to the Toronto Sun.

After discovering the door open, Berra went inside to find [the house looted, the resident's two vehicles gone and two bloodied and beaten bodies suffering knife wounds](#), according to the Guadalajara Reporter. Kular was reportedly found half naked, only in his underwear while Discombe was found in her robe, face down in a pool of blood.

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Officials in Mexico say Kular was beaten on the head with a small statue while Discombe was stabbed in the stomach with a kitchen knife.

Ajijic is roughly 50 km south of Guadalajara, the state capital and the country's most popular city, AFP reports. It's a town popular with retirees, with [5,000 foreigners living in the area](#). The area has seen a rash of break-ins since 2013 but most have occurred while home owners were away. This is the first violent incident, according to the Guadalajara Reporter.

In an email to the Huffington Post Canada, officials with Canada's department of Foreign Affairs said they are working with Mexican authorities.

"Our thoughts are with the family of two deceased Canadians in Mexico. Canadian officials are in contact with local authorities and are providing assistance to the family during this difficult time," said Béatrice Fénelon.

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I lived in Ajjic for 11 years. I know Mexico well and can say with confidence that the tourist areas are safer than ever. The government has made sure of that. That' being said, you DO NOT go outside the protected tourist area. Our greatest fear was always Spring break with young people who take risks. They would give the area a bad reputation from the problems of leaving the tourist areas. The tourist areas are heavily protected and have Tourist police who speak English to help you.

Ajjic is in the interior, 5 hours from Puerta Vallarta, a mile high in the mountains and has the second best weather in the world. There is an expat community of approx. 15K Canadians and Americans. It used to be an almost perfect area when I moved there in 2000. We left last year due to the violence and bad health care, and came home to the worst winter ever!! But, I'm still happy with my decision but truly miss my friends and the weather.

The area where these people were killed is an upscale area, with beautiful cobblestone streets and wonderful mature trees including the Jacarandas. It's a mostly expat community that was safe, but recently has been targeted by small gangs looking for money for drugs.

I'm truly sorry this happened to these people and very sad for the Mexicans in this area that depend on the expat community for their living. This will send more people back north.

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Thanks for the information, Jean. I would have assumed they lived in a terrible part of the country due to Mexico's reputation for violence.

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This is tragic. Mexico has a terrible corruption problem, particularly in Juarez, Monterrey, Acapulco, and Guerrero state. Crime will never end, but I'm sure cutting billions in untaxed, black market methamphetamine, cocaine, and morphine revenue wouldn't hurt. In other words, I'm suggesting we legalize coca leaves, opium poppies, and cannabis plants.

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