



Mexican police have confirmed that Reginan Duane Joseph Lang, who died while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta, was the victim of homicide.

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PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — Mexican police have confirmed that a Canadian citizen who died while on vacation in Puerto Vallarta last month was the victim of homicide.

The Canadian has been identified as 46-year-old Duane Joseph Lang, of Regina.

Puerto Vallarta police spokesman Adan Leyva says when friends and neighbours couldn't get a hold of Lang for a few days, his landlord decided to check up on him on July 30.

Leyva says Lang was found in the bedroom of his apartment in a pool of blood lying face-up with seven stab wounds.

Leyva says although the neighbourhood isn't considered dangerous, another expat was found dead in the same apartment a few years ago.

The investigation is being handled by the state public prosecutor.

A spokesman for Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada refused to confirm that Lang was the victim of a homicide, citing privacy concerns.

"Apart from the information that we've told you already, unfortunately we can't speak to anything else regarding consular cases, including this one, to protect the privacy of the people involved," Jean-Francois Lacelle said Tuesday.

The federal department had no further information to provide to the public at this point, Lacelle said.

"We're offering consular services to the family and that's essentially the only change — they've consulted with the family and we have offered them our assistance so we are helping them out," he said.

Lacelle said there has been no change to the level of travel warning to Mexico — currently advising Canadians to exercise a high degree of caution — as a result of the latest incident. The department's website lists tips for Canadians to follow when visiting the country to help them stay safe.

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