



 by [Sarah Lane](#) on February 16, 2012.

Bainbridge Islander Pat Warga was assaulted and beaten in Mexico early Christmas morning, the apparent victim of a mugging. He was put on life support until his wife and children could be by his side. He died yesterday from his injuries.

Forty-five-year-old Warga is a tugboat captain for Foss Marine. He was on assignment in the Gulf of Mexico over the holidays. Colleagues who know him as an early morning tea drinker hypothesize that he had left the hotel early that day to find some tea. Hotel videotape shows him in the lobby that morning.



Detective Trevor Ziemba of the Bainbridge Island Police Department is the Warga Family's neighbor and also attends Bethany Lutheran Church with the Wargas. Ziemba describes them as wonderful neighbors, "the kind of people who bring homemade soup when you're sick."

He and other police officers in the department have been working to help the family in this time of crisis. Commander Sue Shultz told me how the department, which is powerless to do anything about a police investigation in Mexico, helped connect Congressman Jay Inslee with the family to assist them in their dealings with the Mexican government.

A suspect is in custody. Shultz said she believes there were witnesses to the assault.

Pat Warga is survived by his wife Kelly and his three children. Read more at [More Details Surface on Beating Death of Bainbridge Islander Pat Warga](#).

You can make a donation to the family through the Patrick Warga Memorial Fund at any Wells Fargo bank.