

B.C. senior shot to death in Mexican robbery

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Mexican police have confirmed that a 67-year-old man from B.C.'s Salt Spring Island was shot and killed during a robbery at a home in a town popular among Canadian snowbirds.



Police in Melaque say Robin Wood was shot during a robbery. (Facebook)

Police in the Pacific coastal town of Melaque confirmed Robin Wood was killed early Tuesday morning at the holiday home of fellow Canadian Arvid Chalmers, a well-known realtor on Salt Spring Island.

According to the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, Chalmers confirmed the news in an email.

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"Unfortunately it is true," Chalmers wrote in a brief email from Mexico on Tuesday afternoon.

"We had a home invasion ... by two robbers, one of whom had a pistol. Robin got involved and was shot as a result.



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"The robbers left and I called the police, however, we did not get to Cihautlan [the nearest major hospital] in time."

Police director Ruben Hernandez Bonilla told CBC News that robberies in the area and associated murders are very common.

According to the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, Wood is the former owner of the Beddis Road Garage and a mechanic at the old Payless Gas station on Rainbow Road.

Melaque is located between Puerto Vallarta and Acapulco, just north of Manzanillo.

It is a favourite destination of so-called snowbirds from Canada.



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