

On Tuesday night, Border Patrol Agent Brian A. Terry was shot and killed after he encountered several suspects near Rio Rico, Ariz. During the encounter, one assailant was wounded and immediately taken into custody. Three additional suspects were apprehended shortly thereafter. Border Patrol agents are currently tracking a fifth suspect and I assure you that every effort will be expended to bring this remaining suspect into custody.

Agent Terry's murder is a tragic reminder of the ever-present dangers Border Patrol agents face as they protect our nation's borders.

Agent Terry was a native of Detroit, Michigan, and is survived by his parents, a brother and two sisters. He was 40 years old.

Agent Terry entered on duty with Academy Class 699 on July 23, 2007. Agent Terry was assigned to the Naco Station and was held in the highest esteem by his peers. He was a valued member of the Tucson Sector's BORTAC team.

Agent Terry had a proud history of serving his country as he also served three years in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1994.

The incident investigation is being led by the FBI and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. CBP will continue to be resolute in our commitment to securing our Nation's borders while remembering all of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This is a stark reminder of the realities we face in our mission to protect our borders and our communities. We will continue to stand firm in our commitment to that mission.

Thank you,

Richard Barlow
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