

# Gunmen kill Mexican deputy police chief

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MEXICO CITY --

Gunmen shot and killed a deputy police chief inside his house in the Mexican border city of Tecate on Tuesday, officials said.

The killing of Jose Soriano, 35, came a day after a U.S. Border Patrol agent found a secret tunnel that may have been used to smuggle drugs across the border from Tecate.

Soriano was shot several times by an unknown number of gunmen inside his bedroom, where investigators found 45 spent bullets, state prosecutors said in a news release.

On Monday, a U.S. Border Patrol agent found a secret tunnel and an estimated 10,000 pounds of marijuana inside a nearby trailer in the town of Tecate, Calif., across the border from the Mexican city of the same name.

The U.S. Border Patrol says it's unclear if the tunnel was completed. U.S. and Mexican authorities are investigating.

Authorities have discovered dozens of tunnels along the U.S.-Mexico border in recent years, with many clustered around San Diego and Nogales, Ariz.