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**Synopsis:**

An additional 14 bodies attributed to Sinaloa Cartel discovered in Nuevo Laredo.

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**Narrative:**

On May 4, 2012, Mexican authorities located an abandoned vehicle at the intersection of Avenida Cesar Lopez de Lara (Avenida Mexico) and Belesario Domniguez which contained the decapitated bodies of 14 black plastic bags containing the decapitated bodies of 14 males. The heads were discovered in a cooler placed near City Hall. Also discovered was a narco banner which addresses Galván Gómez, Mayor of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; Alfonso Olvera Ledezma, the Director of the Municipal Police; and Víctor Almanza, Agente Primero del Ministerio Publico del Estado. The Banner was also addressed to Miguel Angel Trevino-Morales referring to him as a "car washer". ALL of these subject denied the presence of the Sinaloa Cartel in Nuevo Laredo.

This event was probably prompted by the following actions:

April 23, 2012 - a press conference attended by the mayor, Benjamin Galvan Gomez (PRI); DEM Colonel Carlos Seanez Lemon, head of the Safety Program Tamaulipas, in charge of the Office of the Public Security Secretariat; Alfonso Olvera Ledezma, the Director of the Municipal Police; Roberto Garza Balmori, the Agents of the State Public Ministry; Victor Hernandez and Ricardo Almanza Mancillas Castillo. This press conference denied the presence of an armed group representing El Chapo in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas following the grisly discovery of 14 mutilated bodies placed near City Hall in Nuevo Laredo on the

17th of April 2012. (below). Officials claimed the victims were "construction workers, street vendors, immigrants, simple and modest workers" rather than estacas linked to Los Zetas.

•On April 17 2012, a MexMil patrol discovered an abandoned vehicle parked behind the City Hall in Nuevo Laredo containing 21 black plastic bags with legs and upper torsos of 14 males. A narco banner was also placed inside the vehicle which was addressed to the citizens of Nuevo Laredo and to Miguel Angel Treviño-Morales aka (Z-40). The banner conveyed a message indicating that the Sinaloa Cartel is cleansing the "Zetas" out of Nuevo Laredo. It also addressed Treviño-Morales in a derogatory manner.

April 24, 2012 - an explosion occurred outside the headquarters of the attorney general of Tamaulipas. The explosion caused minor injuries to civilians and minor damage to the facilities, damaged a vehicle and totally destroyed one vehicle gutted following the event. This explosion was very likely a response by Juan "Chapo" Guzman-Loera in response to the news conference held on the 23rd of April.

May 3, 2012 - State Ministerial Police, whose offices suffered an explosive attack last week, were involved in a raid on a residence downtown. The Ministeriales took two men into custody, and seized six long guns, a vehicle, and five tactical vests with "CDG" printed on them.

May 4, 2012 - Nine bodies, (five men and four women), were found hanging from a bridge over a highway in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico early on May 4, 2012. Reportedly these killings were attributed to Los Zetas as these victims were members of the Gulf Cartel deployed to Nuevo Laredo. Open Source indicated that a narco banner was discovered with the bodies. As previously reported the Gulf Cartel and Sinaloa Cartel have joined forces to eradicate Los Zetas.

Comment: The Sinaloa Cartel response to the killings of the nine members of the Gulf Cartel was swift.

#### Additional Information

The vehicle discovered by the Mexican Authorities was described as a two-toned (Gray - Cherry), 1992 GMC, Safari type, bearing (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Subsequent inquiry of the (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) revealed the van had an outbound crossing on the 25th of April 2011 at 23:59 (EST). The vehicle was not reported stolen by the last known registered owner identified as (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

The following timeline is provided:

(FOUO/LES) The Sinaloa Cartel's members deployed to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, México have begun a brutal campaign targeting Los Zetas Transnational Criminal Organization's (TCO) members. The following events highlight the high profile incidents of violence:

• March 4, 2012, police discovered the mutilated remains of two bodies inside the trunk of a Chevrolet Malibu parked across the street from the Coca Cola distribution center, located at Calle Lago de Chapala 4730 Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. A narco banner from Chapo was also found.

- March 10, 2012, a dismembered body was discovered in multiple black garbage bags accompanied by a narco-banner addressed to Miguel Angel Treviño Morales. The body was discovered behind the local HEB grocery store located ½ mile south of the U.S. Consulate in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

- March 15, 2010, two bodies were discovered hanging from Gonzalez Bridge in Nuevo Laredo located at Calle Gonzalez 3814 and Avenida Mexico. According to sources there was a cartel message similar to the ones found at Coca-Cola and H.E.B., with the dismembered bodies. The banner was removed prior to the arrival of the military. Los Zetas probably removed the manta to avoid panic/demoralization within their ranks.

- March 23, 2010, trucking companies in Nuevo Laredo have reported that sicarios have entered the yards and stolen tractor-trailers to be used as road blocks. Additionally one company reported that another cartel had arrived in the city. At least five trucks carrying 6 – 8 sicarios were observed.

- On March 26, 2012, Mexican Military (MexMil) found an abandoned vehicle with nine black plastic bags containing seven dismembered male bodies. It was reported that the Sinaloa Cartel was responsible for killing the suspected Zeta members.

- On March 28, 2012, Los Zetas responded to Sinaloa's Cartel leader, Joaquin "Chapo" Guzman Loera, by leaving five dismembered male bodies in Culiacan, Sinaloa. A narco banner was placed with a message to "Chapo" and signed by Z-40.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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**SUBJECTS:**

**CONVEYANCES ( 1 )**

**1. Conveyance LAND AUTO**

**VIN:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Seized Indicator:** No  
**Vehicle Year:** 1992  
**Vehicle Model:** Van  
**Plate Number:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Plate State:** (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)  
**Plate Country:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**Vehicle Color:** GRAY  
**Vehicle Make:** GMC / GENERAL MOTORS CORP / GENERAL MOTOR CORP (TRUCK & COACH DIV)  
**Vehicle Body Style:** VAN  
**Encounter Date:** 05/04/2012 08:00

**Remarks:** 14 decapitated bodies discovered in vehicle.

**LOCATIONS (1)**

**1. Location**  
**City:** Nuevo Laredo  
**State:** TAMAULIPAS  
**Country:** MEXICO

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