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Case No. F-2014-12902

Segment: MPD

Mr. Larry Kawa
20423 State Road 7, Suite F-18
Boca Raton, FL 33498

Dear Mr. Kawa:

I refer to your request dated July 21, 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) for certain records concerning Andrew P. Tahmooressi. Since Mr. Tahmooressi is eligible to submit requests under the Privacy Act (Title 5 USC Section 552a) as well as the Freedom of Information Act, we have considered the request under both Acts.

We initiated searches of the following Department of State record systems: the Central Foreign Policy Records (the principal record system of the Department of State), and the Office of Overseas Citizen Services (OCS).

The Central Foreign Policy Records search has been completed, resulting in the retrieval of five documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released in full, and four may be released with excisions.

The material in the excised portions of two of the documents released in part is of such a nature that its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act. This material is about other persons and as such, it does not constitute a record about Mr. Tahmooressi for the purposes of the Privacy Act and is not germane to your request. Release of this information without the consent of the persons concerned is prohibited by the Privacy Act.

The material in two of the documents released in part is currently and properly classified under Executive Order 13526 in the interest of national defense or foreign relations. As such, it is exempt from release under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Some material has been excised because it is not responsive to your request; those portions are marked NR (non-responsive).

All released material is enclosed.

You have the right to appeal our determination by writing, within 90 days, to the Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LA, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100. The appeal letter should refer to the case number shown above, clearly identify the decision being appealed, and provide supporting arguments when possible. For further information, see the Code of Federal Regulations, 22 CFR 171.13.

The Privacy Act permits individuals to request amendment of the information that Federal agencies maintain under their names. If Mr. Tahmooressi believes that the information maintained by the Department is not accurate, relevant, timely, or complete, he may request that we amend this information. An information sheet outlining the procedure for requesting amendment of personal information is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,



Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

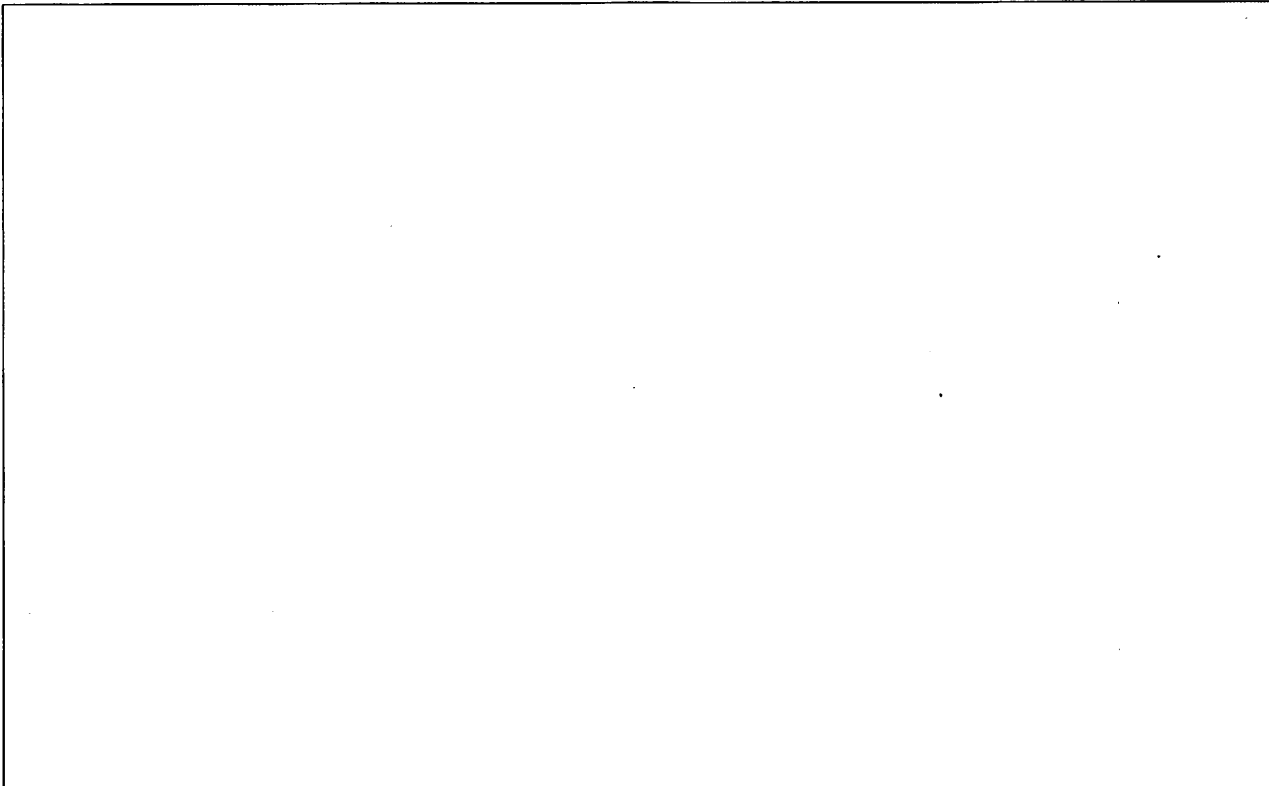
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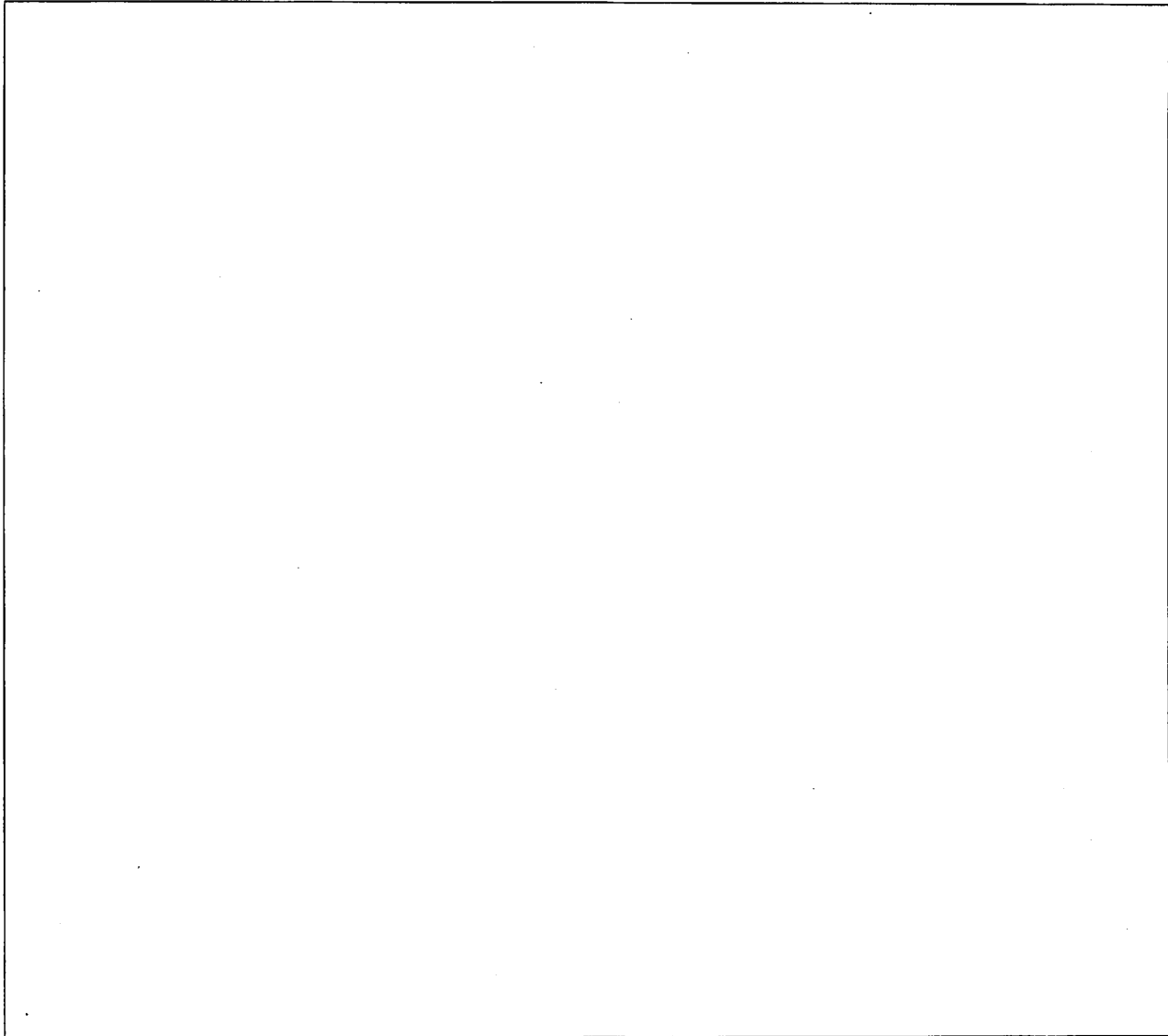
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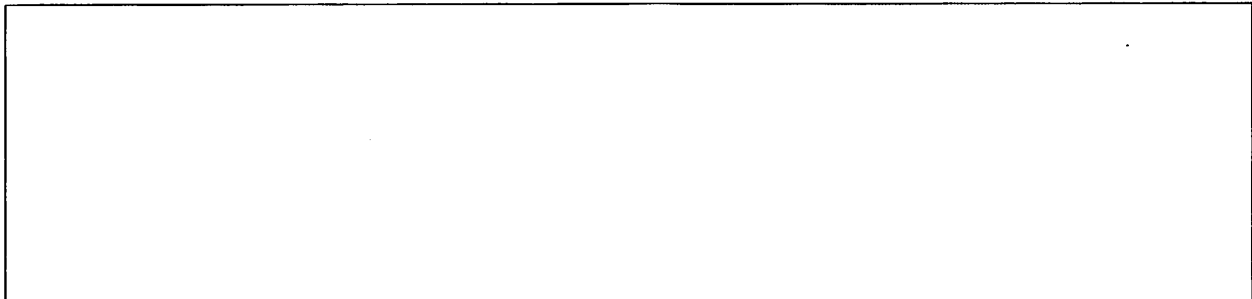
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CALLER: LTC Byrd of Office of Defense Coordination at Embassy Mexico

SUBJECT: Andrew Tahmooressi, Amcit in jail in Tijuana on weapons charges

DETAILS: LTC Byrd was curious about the progress of the case against the subject. Said he was receiving inquiries from his higher-ups in the Marine Corps. Provided LTC Byrd with ACS Chief's cell phone number for more information.

STATUS: NO FOLLOW UP REQUIRED



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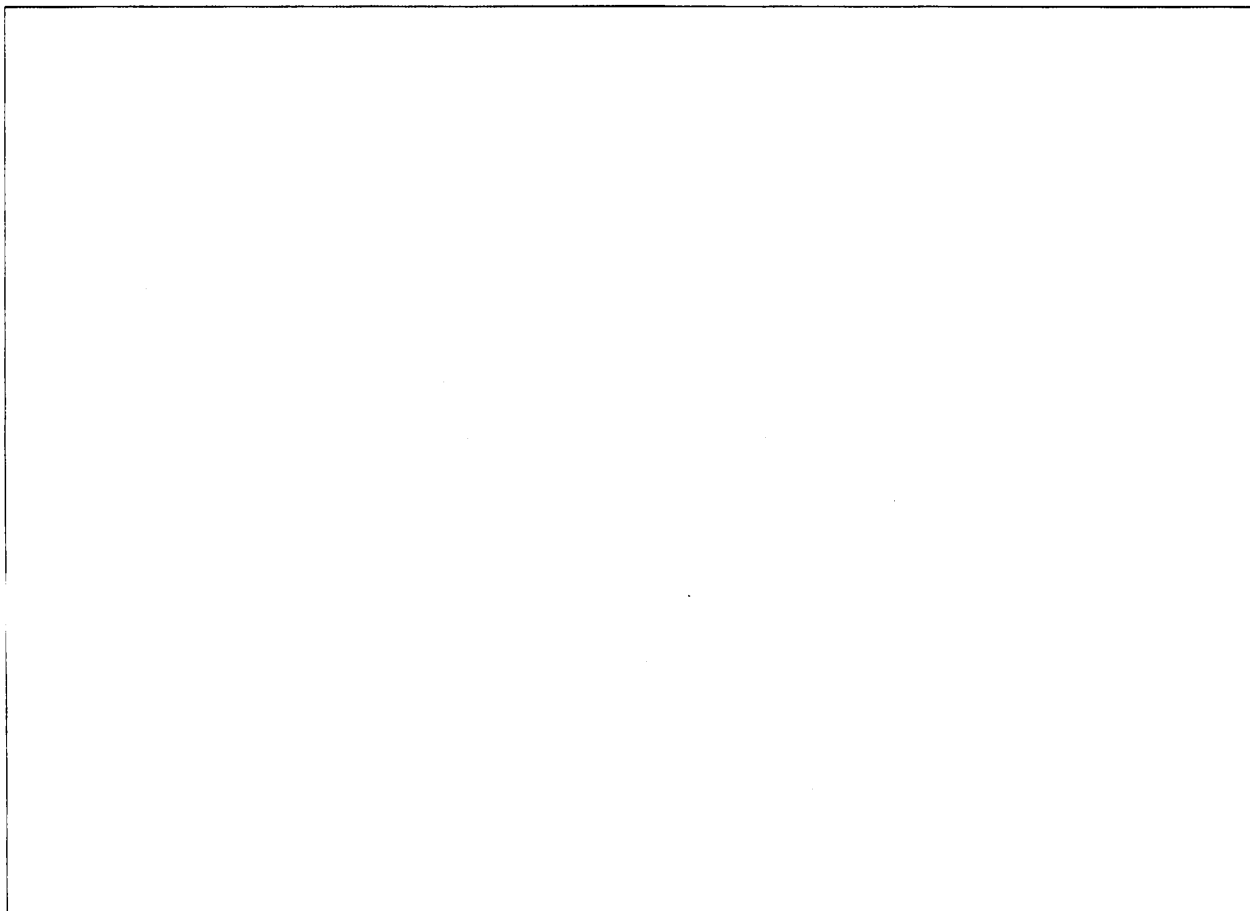
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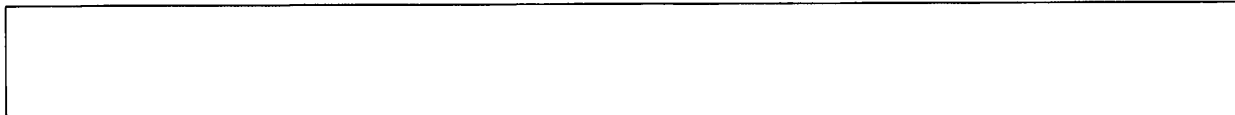


Tahmooressi Case

7. (C) [redacted] the case of former Marine Andrew Tahmooressi, who was arrested on March 31 at the San Diego-Tijuana border for possession of firearms prohibited in Mexico. [redacted]

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Subject: Mistreatment in the Arrest of Andrew Tahmooressi

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Barbara
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Mistreatment in the Arrest of Andrew Tahmooressi

1. On May 29, 2014, post received notification from [redacted] that in a telephone conversation on May 28, [redacted] Andrew Tahmooressi, (DPOB: 16 Feb 1989, FL) claimed he was physically mistreated at the La Mesa Penitentiary in Tijuana, Mexico on April 6, 2014. ConOff interviewed Mr. Tahmooressi on May 29, 2014.
2. In his Affidavit of Mistreatment dated May 29, Mr. Tahmooressi stated that he attempted to escape from the La Mesa prison on April 6. Mr. Tahmooressi said that once he surrendered, guards hit him three times in the leg with batons and stomped on his bare feet with their boots. He stated that handcuffs were placed on his wrists so tightly that they broke his skin open and that he was dragged, and then forced onto his knees with his face pressed up against a steel door, which made it difficult for him to breath. Next, Mr. Tahmooressi claims he was punched in the jaw three times and forcefully slapped by the guards a total of about 40 times in the jaw, face and forehead. Mr. Tahmooressi stated he was also punched in the stomach five times and in the rib cage about three times.
3. Mr. Tahmooressi claimed that he was next taken to a room where his clothes were stripped off and was handcuffed to a bed and forced to stay overnight naked. Mr. Tahmooressi stated the following day he was moved to another cell where he was handcuffed to a bed with one leg attached to one wall and a hand cuffed to the opposite wall for approximately 24 hours.
4. Consulate had no notice and no indications of abuse prior to the recent claim. Inquiries to Mr. Tahmooressi during visits prior to May 29 regarding his condition and welfare had not elicited any claims of mistreatment. As soon as allegations were made the consulate took appropriate action as indicated here to protest the alleged mistreatment.
5. Mr. Tahmooressi's Affidavit of Mistreatment authorizes post to protest his mistreatment Post will send

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an oficio protesting the alleged mistreatment to Lic. Jesus Hector Grijalva Tapia, Secretary of the State Prison System and share the facts with the Office of Human Rights in Baja California.

Signature: ERICKSON

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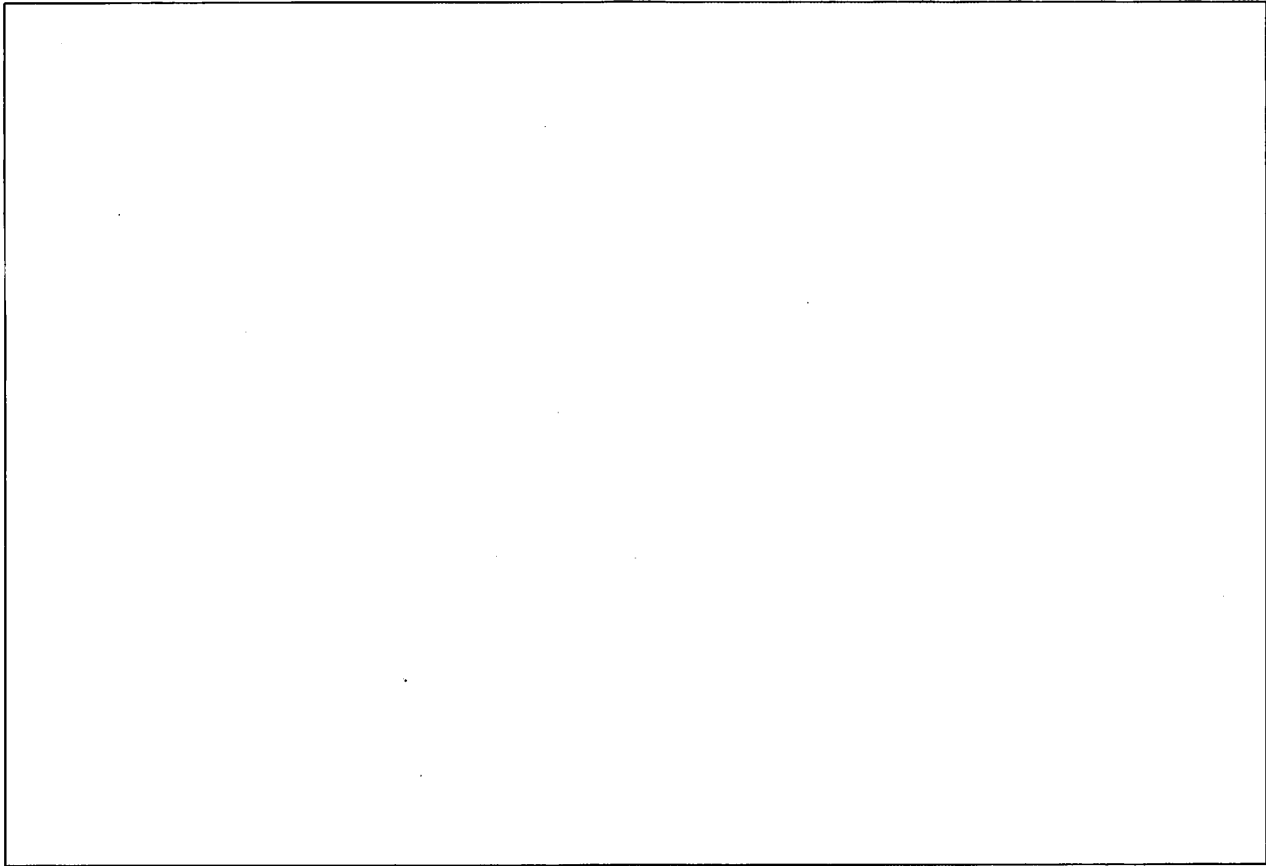
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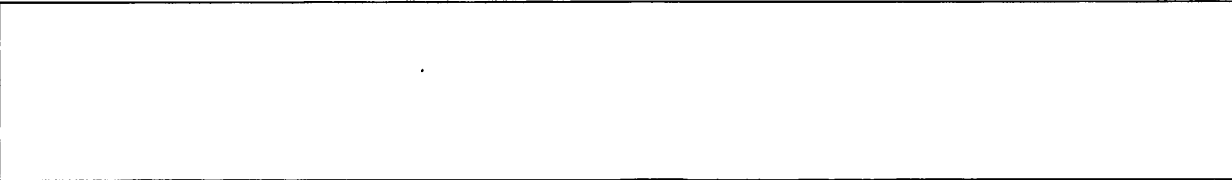


Tahmooressi Arrest Case

11. (C) Another issue that should be raised is the March 31 arrest of Andrew Tahmooressi's at the San Diego-Tijuana border for possession of firearms prohibited in Mexico. [Redacted]



[Redacted] A CODEL is trying to visit Mr. Tahmooressi on June 22 in prison. [Redacted]



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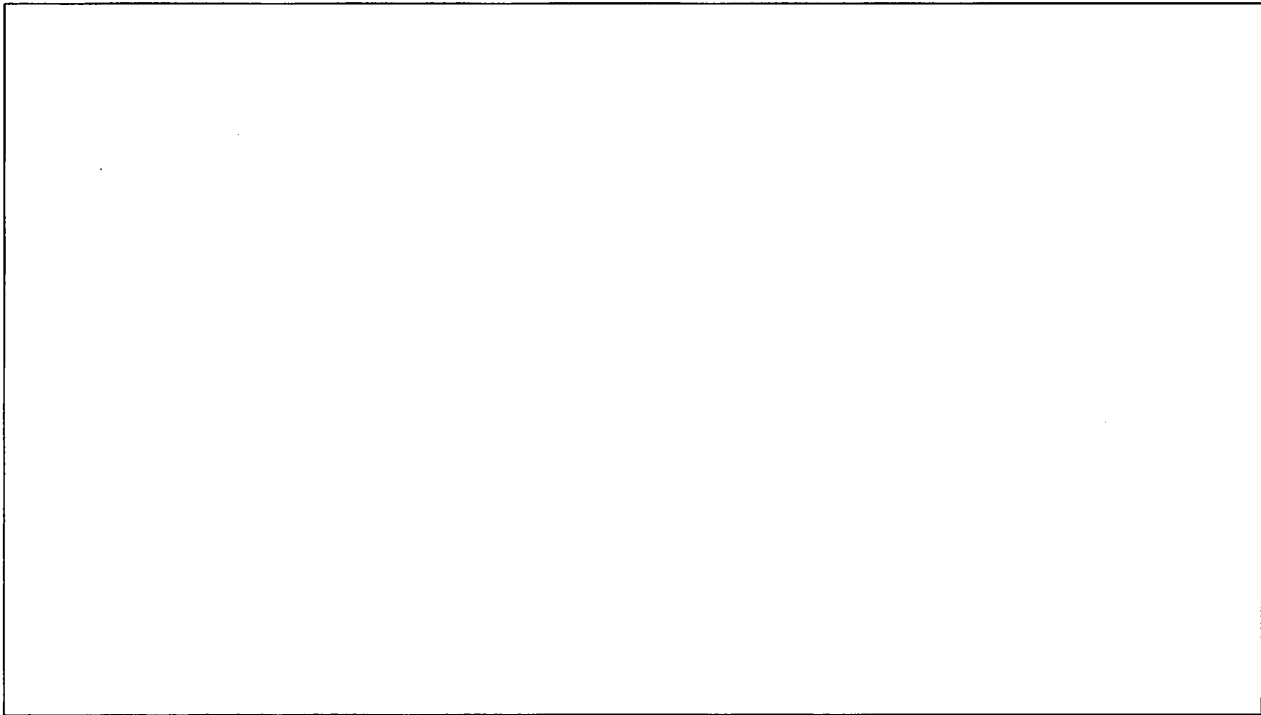
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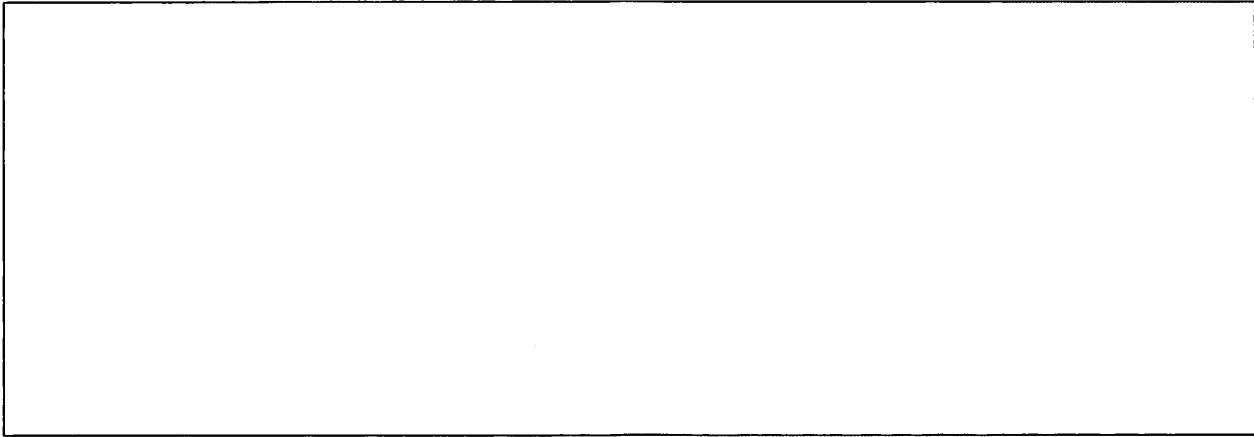
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0115 [redacted] victim's mother; [redacted] victim's friend.

Arrest: Andrew Tahmooressi (P/DOB 16 FEB 1989, Miami, FL), callers' son and friend.

Andrew apparently had parked in San Ysidro, walked across the border to Tijuana, returned to San Ysidro, and then "accidentally" drove his vehicle into Mexico. Mexican authorities searched his vehicle and found guns, including an assault rifle, and possibly explosives. Andrew is a former U.S. Marine. DO explained to [redacted] that U.S. citizens are subject to Mexican laws. DO provided a list of lawyers and explained that if Andrew remained detained after Consulate opening hours, an officer would contact him to conduct an interview. [redacted] to relay the information.

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