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Avoid travel to Nuevo Laredo this July Fourth weekend

Warning does not apply to the city of Laredo

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Webb County Sheriff's Office recommend against traveling to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, during this Fourth of July holiday. Both agencies have received credible intelligence from multiple sources that indicates the Zetas Cartel is planning to target U.S. citizens who travel to Nuevo Laredo this weekend.

“According to the information we have received, the Zetas are planning a possible surge in criminal activity, such as robberies, extortions, car-jackings and vehicle theft, specifically against U.S. citizens,” said DPS Director Steven C. McCraw. “We urge U.S. citizens to avoid travel to Nuevo Laredo this weekend if it can be avoided.”

There is no indication that these cartel-related criminal activities will occur in Texas, but the DPS and Webb County Sheriff's Office cannot discount the information received that supports possible crimes against U.S. citizens in Nuevo Laredo and perhaps the surrounding Mexican suburbs. (This warning does not apply to the city of Laredo.)

The DPS and local authorities are fully prepared to respond to any criminal activity that occurs within Texas.

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