



Calexico Police Department

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Office of the Chief of Police
Calexico CA, 92231

CALEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES URGENT ALERT: ARMED AND DANGEROUS MURDER SUSPECT AT LARGE

Incident Report: 24-009157

Calexico, CA - September 11, 2024:

The Calexico Police Department is actively searching for a suspect involved in a murder that occurred on September 10, 2024. At approximately 1914 hours, officers were dispatched to the 2200 block of Estrada Blvd. in response to a report of a woman shot in the face.

Witnesses reported observing a domestic dispute between the suspect and the victim shortly before the shooting took place. Upon arrival, a solo Calexico police officer discovered bloody drag marks leading to a dirt lot, where a woman, bleeding from her injury, was found in need of immediate medical attention. The suspect, identified as Augustine Baca III, a 47 year old Calexico resident, was seen by the officer fleeing the scene on foot.

The Calexico Police Department, with support from the U.S. Border Patrol and the Imperial County Sheriff's Department, swiftly established a perimeter to capture Baca III. At 1921 hours, while officers were securing the secondary crime scene at the suspect's residence, they came under fire from the backyard. Due to limited visibility and thick brush, officers were unable to return fire or apprehend the suspect. Fortunately, no injuries were sustained.

During the pursuit, drones and a helicopter were deployed by the Imperial County Sheriff's Department and U.S. Border Patrol for aerial surveillance. The El Centro Police Department also provided an armored vehicle for tactical support, while man-tracking K-9 units from both El Centro PD and U.S. Border Patrol BORTAC assisted in the search. The Imperial County Sheriff's Scientific Investigations Unit arrived to process the crime scene and collect vital evidence.

The Calexico Police Department activated a tactical alert, and the following agencies have responded to assist in the search and investigation:

- El Centro Police Department
- U.S. Border Patrol BORTAC
- Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST)

- Imperial County Narcotic Task Force (NTF)
- Imperial County District Attorney's Office

The victim has been identified as a 29-year-old female resident of Calexico.

Despite these extensive efforts, the suspect remains at large.

Baca III is wanted for murder and is considered armed and dangerous. The public is urged not to approach him and to remain vigilant.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Augustine Baca III is urged to contact the Calexico Police Department immediately using Case Number 24-009157. Tips, including anonymous tips, can be reported directly to the Calexico Police Department by calling (760) 768-2140.

Please note: Augustine Baca III is considered armed and dangerous. Do not attempt to apprehend him. Call law enforcement immediately if you have any information.

Contact:

Calexico Police Department
Public Information Office
Phone: (760) 768-2140
Email: Police@calexico.ca.gov

End of Release