

# U.S. agent kidnapped in Guadalajara

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MEXICO CITY — The United States Embassy announced yesterday that an agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration had been kidnapped in the western Mexico city of Guadalajara.

The kidnapers, believed to be drug traffickers, forced the U.S. agent into a car at gunpoint, in a daylight operation just after he left the U.S. Consulate to go to lunch with his wife.

The kidnapping was the first-ever of a U.S. narcotics agent in Mexico, and the most brazen counterattack yet by criminals incensed by U.S.-Mexican efforts to cut down on the flow of drugs into the United States.

U.S. officials yesterday offered a \$50,000 reward for information that could help in tracing veteran U.S. narcotics agent Enrique Camarena Salazar, 37. Camarena Salazar was kidnapped Thursday, but the abduction was not publicized until yesterday.

In what appeared to be a related development, authorities said a close friend of Camarena Salazar, pilot Alfredo Zavala Avelar, was abducted two hours after the DEA agent.

U.S. officials said the relationship between the two kidnappings was not clear. Zavala Avelar, a Mexican citizen, was a pilot for the Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources Ministry.

Yesterday, U.S. Ambassador John

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