

# 2 kidnapped Americans found dead in Mexico, 2 survivors have returned to the US; victims identified: Live updates

The two surviving Americans in a group of four violently abducted last week in Mexico returned to U.S. soil Tuesday, one of them with a leg wound not considered life-threatening.

Mexican authorities said the two other members of the group traveling for cosmetic surgery were killed Friday after getting caught in the crossfire of rival cartel groups in the border city of Matamoros in Tamaulipas state, just south of Brownsville, Texas.

Tamaulipas Gov. Americo Villarreal said the Americans, traveling in a white minivan, had crossed the border only 2 1/2 hours before the shooting occurred. A 33-year-old woman not linked to the group was killed by a stray bullet, he said.

Attorney General Irving Barrios said no ransom was demanded and all signs point to the U.S. travelers being the victims of mistaken identity. They were kidnapped after the attack and located Tuesday around 8 a.m. in a house outside Matamoros, Barrios said. A suspect who was standing guard over them has been arrested.

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