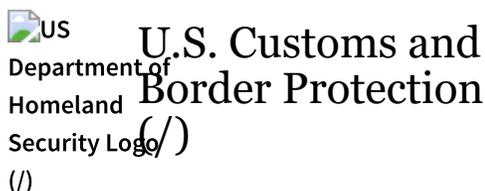


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Update: CBP Officer Involved Shooting

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Tucson, Ariz. – A U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer was involved in a shooting incident at the Port of Nogales, DeConcini Crossing in Nogales, Arizona, Thursday evening.

At approximately 7 p.m. MST, Feb. 7, a team of CBP officers conducting outbound vehicle inspections were alerted to an older model, tan-colored Ford pick-up truck, with a license plate registered to a different vehicle, attempting to exit the United States with two male occupants.

CBP officers approached the truck and questioned the driver before he exited the country. During questioning, the driver accelerated the vehicle towards Mexico. At this time, the officer discharged his firearm. After crossing a few yards into Mexico, the driver of the truck collided into a cement barrier.

The driver of the truck, a 21-year-old adult male U.S. citizen, sustained a gunshot wound and was transported to a hospital in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. He has since been moved to a hospital in southern Arizona for advanced medical care and is in critical condition.

The passenger of the vehicle did not sustain injuries and was released on scene by Mexican authorities. The CBP officer was not injured.

CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility and Homeland Security Investigations are currently involved in the ongoing investigation. This incident remains an open investigation, no further details are expected to be immediately released.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with securing the borders of the United States while enforcing hundreds of laws and facilitating lawful trade and travel.

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