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Shooting near Naco, Ariz. results in death of one Border Patrol agent, injury of another

TUCSON, Ariz. – One U.S. Border Patrol agent was killed and another wounded after a shooting early this morning near Naco, Arizona.

Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie, 30, was killed after he and two other agents responded to a sensor hit near mile-maker 352 on Highway 80. One other Border Patrol agent sustained non-life threatening wounds and was airlifted to a local hospital. He is reported in stable condition at this time.

“First and foremost, our thoughts and prayers are with Agent Ivie’s family during this terrible time,” said Jeffrey D. Self, commander of the Joint Field Command – Arizona. “This is a tragic loss for Customs and Border Protection. We have an unwavering commitment to pursue and bring the perpetrators of this heinous act to justice.”

Acting Chief Patrol Agent Manuel Padilla added, “Tucson Sector mourns the loss of one of our own. It stands as a reminder of the dangers that agents of CBP face every day. We appreciate our state, local, federal and international partners for their support and commitment in seeking justice in this tragedy,” he stated.

The investigation is being led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office. More updates will follow as appropriate.

Agent Ivie was a native of Provo, Utah and joined the U.S. Border Patrol in January-2008.

Authorities are urging members of the public to report any activity they may have seen, and be on the lookout for anything suspicious by calling **1-877-872-7435** toll free.

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All CBP assets in Arizona were realigned under a unified command structure in February 2011. Joint Field Command – Arizona unifies the Tucson and Yuma Border Patrol Sectors and Air Branches, as well as the Tucson Field Office, to enhance border security, commercial enforcement and trade facilitation missions to meet Arizona’s unique challenges. Follow us on Twitter @CBPArizona or visit <http://www.cbp.gov/Arizona> for more information.

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