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MAGDALENA TRAVEL ADVISORY

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Sells, AZ --- Tohono O'odham Nation

This Advisory supersedes any and all other information you may have received regarding travel to Magdalena, Mexico.

Due to an increase in violent activity in the Magdalena, Mexico area, the Tohono O'odham Nation is strongly advising members of the Nation NOT to travel into Mexico. There has been confirmed violent activity in the Santa Ana area, which is the community directly south of Magdalena and other surrounding areas. There have also been *unconfirmed* threats of violence in the Magdalena area. At this time the Tohono O'odham Nation's Magdalena office will remain open to assist O'odham in the area.

Chairman Norris said, "Many of our members are either planning, or are in route for the annual pilgrimage to Magdalena to participate in the Feast of St. Francis celebration. While an important event for many O'odham, these recent acts of violence are a significant cause for concern. We strongly advise members of the Nation to NOT travel into Mexico."

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