

MEXICAN CARTELS AND CULTURE

PRESENTED BY THE WOODWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INSTRUCTOR: ROBERT ALMONTE



WHEN: JUNE 29, 2021

TIME: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

WHERE: High Plains Tech Center
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COURSE SYNOPSIS: PLEASE NOTE: THIS COURSE CONTAINS EXTREMELY GRAPHIC MATERIAL

This course will delve into the culture, beliefs, and music of the Mexican Cartels. Drug and human traffickers, gang members, jail inmates and others involve their culture, saints, and music in their criminal activity for protection from law enforcement and for a favorable outcome in a court case.

Embedded in the traditions and culture of the Hispanic community are legitimate Catholic saints that the faithful pray to for protection and/or assistance such as St. Jude (patron saint of impossible causes) and San Ramon (patron saint of silence). Some of the legitimately recognized Catholic saints are also used by drug traffickers for “protection” from law enforcement. There are still other unrecognized saints or spirits that drug traffickers and others have adopted and use to protect them from law enforcement in their illegal activities. They include Jesus Malverde (patron saint of drug traffickers); San Simon and Santa Muerte. Santa Muerte’s popularity in the United States has become increasingly alarming and has been associated with violent crimes to include murders and human sacrifices in the United States. Recently, there has been a significant increase in the use of the Santeria Religion by the Mexican Cartels and information will be provided regarding the use of items within the Santeria Religion to enhance officer safety and to assist in detecting criminal activity.

Cockfights, horse races and rodeos are a part of the Mexican Cartel culture where drug dealings and drug negotiations occur. There is also music known as “Narcocorridos” that glorifies the Mexican Cartels and their violence. Information will be provided on the meaning and purpose of the music, as well as the musicians that are performing the music throughout the United States. There will be discussion on how all to use this information to assist in conducting Mexican Cartel Investigations.

After 25 years of dedicated service, Robert Almonte retired as Deputy Chief with the El Paso Police Department spending most of his career on the frontline of the drug war. Robert was appointed by President Barack Obama as the United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas and served from 2010 to 2016.

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