

Body of slain DEA agent flown to California for burial

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GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The body of Enrique Camarena Salazar, who came to Mexico to fight the international drug trade as a U.S. government agent, was sent home Friday to California for burial in his hometown.

Abducted a month before by suspected drug traffickers, Camarena was found dead Tuesday night. His body was in a plastic bag dumped near a country road. Found at the same site was the body of Alfredo Zavala

Avelar, a Mexican pilot who worked with the anti-drug program and was kidnapped the same day.

U.S. Ambassador John Gavin, speaking in a brief ceremony on the airport runway in Guadalajara, thanked the Mexican government for its assistance "at this sad moment for both of our nations."

A branch of the Camarena family lives in Guadalajara, and those relatives were present for the ceremony, the women dressed in black. His 85-year-old grand-

mother Maria Camarena accompanied the body on the E-131 U.S. military airlift command plane to San Diego.

Also accompanying the special agent's body were an aunt, Gavin and his wife, Constance; U.S. Consul Richard Morefield; and Morefield's wife. Services were scheduled for Saturday in Calexico, Calif., Camarena's hometown.

"We are here today for the very sad task of joining our colleague Enrique Camarena Salazar on his last journey home from Mex-