

## **Man Falls to Death Fleeing U.S. Agents**

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Six illegal immigrants who had been stopped by Federal agents near the Mexican border fell off a 120-foot cliff after they ran away in the dark, the Border Patrol said on Sunday. One man died and the others were injured, as was the Border Patrol agent who went to their assistance.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was looking into the incident, which occurred Saturday night, to make sure that proper procedures were followed, said a Border Patrol supervisory agent, Ron Henley.

The fall occurred about four miles north of the border here, at Otay Lakes Dam, on a route often used for border crossings. A Border Patrol agent fell to his death there last year.

United States Attorney Alan Bersin said smugglers who guide aliens to such trails were responsible for the deaths and injuries.

The man who died was declared dead at the scene, the authorities said. The other aliens were taken to local hospitals, where four remained today. The condition of the injured agent was not disclosed.

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