

## **Illegal Immigrants Die in Field Fire**

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At least five **illegal immigrants** hiding in a sugar cane field were killed today when **fire** swept through the field, authorities said. One person was injured.

The field was set on **fire** about 10:30 a.m. as part of the harvesting process, Willacy County Sheriff Larry Spence said.

Minutes after the blaze began, a man ran out yelling that he was on **fire** and that there were five more people in the field, Spence said.

He said three burned bodies were found in the field. A man and woman people were taken by ambulance to hospitals, where they **died**. He said a sixth person was taken by medical helicopter to a burn center in Dallas.

Spence said it is believed the group was sleeping in the field when the **fire** was set. He said wind may have caused the **fire** to burn faster than normal.

Authorities were checking on the identities of the group. The sheriff said one of the men may have been from Guatemala, but he was unsure about the others. He said they were undocumented **immigrants**.

The fields are burned every spring to clear away weeds and undergrowth so the cane stalks can be harvested.

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