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Man charged in fight with border agent

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

An illegal border crosser who grappled with a U.S. Border Patrol agent, causing the agent's gun to go off and wounding both men, is facing charges of aggravated assault on a federal officer, officials said.

If convicted, Jorge Breton Rodriguez, 37, of Mexico, faces up to 20 years in prison.

On March 10, Breton Rodriguez was being taken to a van at the

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Nogales Border Patrol station to be deported to Mexico when he attacked the agent and removed his .40-caliber Beretta, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The gun went off during the struggle, striking the agent in the groin and Breton Rodriguez in the upper thigh, leaving him in critical condition.

The agent, who was treated for his injury, was not identified by federal authorities.

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