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Lupita Murillo Reports
Two Border Patrol agents shot outside Nogales

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Two Border Patrol agents injured in shooting outside Nogales

Two Border Patrol agents were airlifted to local hospitals Thursday afternoon. Both had been shot.

Investigators are searching for clues and suspects. Sources tell **Eyewitness News 4** that there's a possibility a high powered weapon was used to shoot at the border patrol agents.

The agents were airlifted out of a canyon east of Nogales and taken to a Tucson Hospital.

Officials say both were shot in the leg. They received non-life-threatening injuries. They're listed in stable condition.

Border Patrol Spokesman Jose Garza says, "Around 12:30 pm, two of our agents were patrolling the area just south from where we're at, about 5 miles east of Nogales. They were assaulted by a number of unknown assailants that we don't have a complete number of how many."

Eyewitness News 4 has learned that the agents returned fire. The assailants make it back into Mexico.

The agents were on foot, checking out sensors on a trail. It's about 1 1/2 miles from the US/Mexico border.

Agent Garza says, "Very remote area of desert, very treacherous. Agents were on foot, away from their vehicles when they got assaulted."

For being so remote, it's also considered one of the busiest trails in the Nogales sector.

Agent Garza says, "It's an extremely dangerous area. We have had another shooting that happened in this area a couple of weeks

ago...extremely dangerous area."

It's so treacherous that some FBI investigators and Santa Cruz County

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