



Drug Enforcement Administration Survivors Benefit Fund

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The President of the United States

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the family of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent (SA) Enrique "Kiki" Camarena the DEA Survivors Benefit Fund wishes to make an appeal to President Donald J. Trump to renew requests that have been made previously to the leadership of the Government of Mexico (GoM) to pursue all available measures in their attempts to locate, arrest and then extradite fugitive Rafael Caro-Quintero, a Mexican citizen wanted in the United States (US) and Mexico for his involvement in the February 1985 kidnapping, torture and murder of SA Camarena.

Chronology

- On February 7, 1985 SA Camarena who was assigned to the Guadalajara, Mexico office was kidnapped.
- On March 5, 1985 SA Camarena's body was recovered 60 miles outside of Guadalajara. Medical evidence showed he was brutally tortured and murdered. Bones in his face had been broken, his windpipe crushed, ribs broken and a hole had been drilled into his head. Other medical evidence indicated he had been drugged in an effort to keep him conscious during the time he was being questioned and tortured.
- Subsequent investigation resulted in US indictments of Caro-Quintero in California and New York for his involvement in the murder of SA Camarena and also his leadership role in international drug trafficking. Similar charges were also brought against Caro-Quintero in Mexico.

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- Subsequent to SA Camarena's murder Caro-Quintero fled Mexico. He was later arrested in Costa Rica and extradited by the government of Costa Rica to Mexico where he was tried and sentenced to 40 years in prison.
- On August 9, 2013 Caro-Quintero was released from prison in Mexico after his conviction was overturned based on a legal technicality that he had been tried in a Mexican federal court for what were state crimes. At the time of his release he had served only 28 of his 40 year sentence.
- On August 14, 2013 in response to the August 9th decision a federal court in Mexico issued an arrest warrant for Caro-Quintero. Caro-Quintero was never arrested on that warrant nor any of the outstanding US indictments and remains a fugitive.
- In July 2016 Caro-Quintero appeared for an interview conducted in Mexico by the Proceso magazine.
- In April 2018 Caro-Quintero was added to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) 10 Most Wanted List.
- Caro-Quintero is currently the subject of a \$20 million reward sponsored by the US Department of State Narcotics Rewards Program for his arrest and/or conviction.

The Camarena Family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the current and all previous Administrations that have made efforts to encourage the GoM to locate and apprehend Caro-Quintero. In addition, The Camarena Family acknowledges and sincerely appreciates the ongoing efforts made by DEA, the FBI and the Department of Justice as it relates to ensuring Caro-Quintero faces justice here in the United States.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Crock

Chairman

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