

## Mexican Drug Cartel Murder Amarillo Missionaries

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A Texas couple mistakenly assumed they could convert Mexican drug cartel mobsters away from a life of criminal behavior. But instead, they were found slain in their home in a remote and violence-plagued region of Northern Mexico where they were running a Baptist church., according to their children.

The Houston Chronicle reports that, "John and Wanda Casia were originally from Amarillo, Texas, but relatives said they moved to an area outside the city of Monterrey in the late 1970s or early 1980s and made it their home." The eldest daughter of John Casias, Valerie Alirez, told the Associated Press from her house in Greeley, Colorado, that one of her brothers discovered her father and stepmother fead in their home in Santiago, Nuevo Leon on Tuesday. According to the Houston Chronicle, "John Casias was a Baptist preacher and the couple ran the First Fundamentalist Independent Baptist Church in Santiago, Alirez said."

Shawn Casia, her brother who lives in Monterrey, explained he visited his parents' house around 4 p.m. Tuesday to pick up a trailer. After hooking up the trailer outside he went inside the house to wave goodbye. However, he discovered Wanda Casias lying on the floor with an electrical cord around her neck and a gash from a blunt object on her skull.

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