

Ramón Arellano Félix

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Ramón Eduardo Arellano Félix (August 31, 1964 – February 10, 2002) was a Mexican drug trafficker whom authorities linked to the Tijuana drug cartel (aka the Arellano-Félix Organization).^[1]

The 188 cm (6 foot 2 inch) and 100 kg (220 lb) frame of Arellano Félix was allegedly one of the most ruthless members of the cartel and was a suspect in various murders. Arellano Félix had been linked by Mexican police to the 1997 massacre of twelve members of a family outside of Ensenada, Baja California. The family was related to a drug dealer that had an unpaid debt to the Arellano Félix Cartel. On September 18, 1997, Ramón Arellano Félix became the 451st fugitive to be placed to the Ten Most Wanted list. Leading to his Most Wanted Fugitive listing in the United States, he had been charged in a sealed indictment in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, with Conspiracy to Import Cocaine and Marijuana in drug trafficking.

Some of his aliases were "Patrón", "Colores", "Comandante Mon". He was believed to have a soft voice. He also had gold incrustations in his gun. His favorite vehicles were Chevrolet Silverados and Tahoes. He also favored Chevrolet Suburbans.

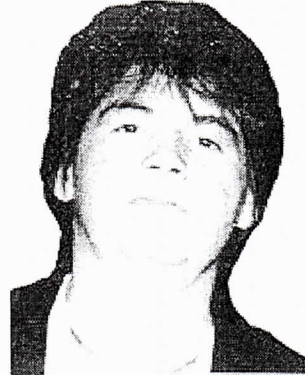
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Death and aftermath

Ramón Arellano Félix was killed in a gun fight in Calvillo, Aguascalientes, where he was stopped due to a traffic infraction by a Mexican police officer who did not know at the time who Ramon Arellano Felix really was. Due to his violent nature, Arellano Félix drew his gun and shot the police officer, who shot him back while falling to the ground on February 10, 2002. It is suspected that he was in Mazatlán to kill his bitter rival Ismael Zambada García. Arellano's older brother, Benjamín Arellano Félix, the cartel's mastermind, was arrested weeks later on March 9. The youngest of the Arellano brothers,

Ramón Arellano Félix FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives



Ramón Arellano Félix

Born: August 3, 1964
Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico

Died: February 10, 2002
Mazatlán, Mexico

Charged with: Conspiracy to import cocaine and marijuana

Date Added: September 18, 1997

Number on #451 List:

Deceased

Francisco Javier Arellano Félix, was arrested with some associates at sea, by the United States Coast Guard, on August 14, 2006. They were in international waters 25 km (15 miles) off the coast of Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur. He was extradicted to the U.S. on September 16, 2006.

The only brother of the Arellano Félix cartel then at large, Eduardo Arellano Félix, was captured by the Mexican Army on October 26, 2008. At the time, the US State Department had been offering a reward of up to US\$5,000,000 for information leading to his arrest. According to a Mexican official at the time of Eduardo Arellano Félix's capture, control of the cartel passed to Luis Fernando Sanchez Arellano, son of Eduardo Arellano Félix's sister, Enedina Arellano.

External links

- The Internet Wayback Machine's archive of Felix' FBI top ten most wanted poster
- U.S. Department of State rewards page for Ramón Arellano Félix]

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See also

- Mexican Drug War
- Illegal drug trade
- Mérida Initiative



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