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**Subject:** Death of Member of Coast Guard

An early morning maritime drug interdiction operation near Santa Cruz Island (south of Santa Barbara, CA) resulted in the death of a member of the Coast Guard. The deceased was from Coast Guard Cutter HALIBUT, which was in pursuit of a panga (fast launch craft) suspected of illicit activity. During the interdiction effort, the panga altered course and rammed the Coast Guard small boat, ejecting two members of the boarding team into the water. Both members suffered injuries with one member suffering a fatal head injury. The second member suffered non-life threatening injuries. Several Coast Guard and CBP assets continued pursuit of the panga, resulting in the arrest of two suspects. Deceased CG Member is survived by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This is the first death of a member of the Coast Guard in a hostile act (vice work-related accident causing a fatality) in about ten years. Call package will be prepared for you tomorrow.

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