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New information regarding the killing of a US immigration agent in Mexico points to it being a sanctioned hit by the Zetas drug cartel and not a rogue incident, said a Texas congressman [also chairman of the Homeland Security Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee], who said he has been briefed by federal immigration officials.

The ICE agents were driving back to Mexico City from a meeting with U.S. officials from Monterrey and stopped for sandwiches at a Subway shop in the city of San Luis Potosi. It is possible that the attackers began tracking them from that point, the congressman said.

Once on the highway, two vehicles carrying what are now believed to be members of the Zetas bracketed the agents' SUV, he said. The car in front of them braked, and the agents' vehicle made contact with it and went off the road, he said.

According to the reports that the congressman received, the agents put the car in park, which automatically unlocked the doors and which gave the assailants an opportunity to try to open the door. In the struggle to lock the doors, the SUV's window was partially rolled down.

The agents reportedly told the 10-15 gunmen, "We're Americans, we're diplomats," according to the congressman. They [gunmen] responded by opening fire through the opening. Investigators recovered 83 shell casings at the scene.

"The question is whether they were rogue Zetas operating on their own, or if it was a sanctioned Zeta hit," the congressman said.

Mexico's ambassador to the United States said his country will do everything it can to apprehend those who shot the two agents.

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