

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released the following statement concerning the recent shooting of a Mexican national by an American Border Patrol agent. The Mexican national has been identified as Sergio Adrian Hernandez Huerka, an individual charged with alien smuggling in 2009. Huerka also appeared on a “most wanted” list of juvenile smugglers compiled by authorities in El Paso, Texas.

**“When faced with a life threatening situation, this agent appears to have responded to lethal force with lethal force as authorized. But this incident could have been avoided if the Administration had lived up to its responsibility under the ‘Secure Fence Act’ to build fences on our border.” □**

**“A border wall would dramatically reduce illegal immigration and it would give Border Patrol agents protection from violent assaults that they now face. If we are serious about ending violence along the border, we must make the construction and completion of border fences our priority.” □**

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