

La Calera, Irapuato

Guanajuato, Mexico

20°48'16.0"N 101°20'00.1"W

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Incident Date: July 30, 2025

Fatalities: ~32

Injured: Unknown

Aggressor(s): Unknown; located in region contested by CJNG and Santa Rosa de Lima Cartel

Victim(s) Profile: A mixture of young men and women; full identification is still incomplete.

Summary

In late July of 2025, the Guanajuato Prosecutor's Office discovered a mass grave in the yard of an "abandoned property" in La Calera, Irapuato, while conducting a court-authorized investigation. La Calera residents began to suspect a gravesite days before due to a strong smell. Specialized forensic criminology, archeology, and anthropology teams were sent to unearth and analyze the remains. Within the week, about half of the bodies had been identified, with the remaining ones being difficult due to dismemberment and varying states of decomposition. The state prosecutor's report states that the remains were in a "fragmented and complex" condition. The excavation in La Calera was carried out four days in a row using heavy machinery. About two months prior to the discovery of the site, a mass shooting at a bar during a party that killed 12; however, there is no official forensic connection between those victims and the ones found at La Calera.

The community of La Calera is small, approaching rural, and in the periphery of Irapuato. The road on which the property is situated is gravel, and the homes are simply constructed out of brick, sheet metal, and plastered cement. The property itself was in a state of disrepair and assumed to be abandoned. Neighbors reported people occasionally coming and going from the property in pairs, but this was no cause for suspicion at the time.

Guanajuato suffers from intense violence due to CJNG's presence and turf war with the Santa Rosa de Lima Cartel. This conflict broke out in 2019 as a result of CJNG's aggressive territorial expansion and continues to escalate. Official numbers record over 2,500 homicides in 2025.

Case Location Evidence:

Coordinates/Location:

- The property at La Calera is located at approximately 20°48'16.0"N 101°20'00.1"W
- The property is 0.5 kilometers from the city center and ~14 kilometers from Irapuato.

History/Description:

- "The Guanajuato state prosecutor's office said via X Monday that the bodies were found in clandestine graves on the property in the community of La Calera on Irapuato's north side, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) northwest of Mexico City."

Imagery: The images below will outline the process of finding the site, and then display various images of it.



Fig. 1: A close-up shot from the news report on the grave clearly showing one of the streets it lay near.



Fig. 2: Confirmation of the other street, Felipe Angeles, intersecting Galeana.



Fig. 3: An image of an excavator arriving at the site (at the intersection of Galeana and Felipe Angeles), which is off-camera to the left



Fig. 4: The same building in Fig. 3, visible on Street View at the intersection of Felipe Angeles and Galeana.



Fig. 5: The gravesite itself. Note the shape of the yard and the same building in its vicinity behind the dark water tower near the top of the image. The orientation and sizing of the three windows match the street view image above.



Fig. 6: A recreation of Fig. 5 in Google Earth Pro. With the L shaped yard and black water tower placement lining up with the image from the news.

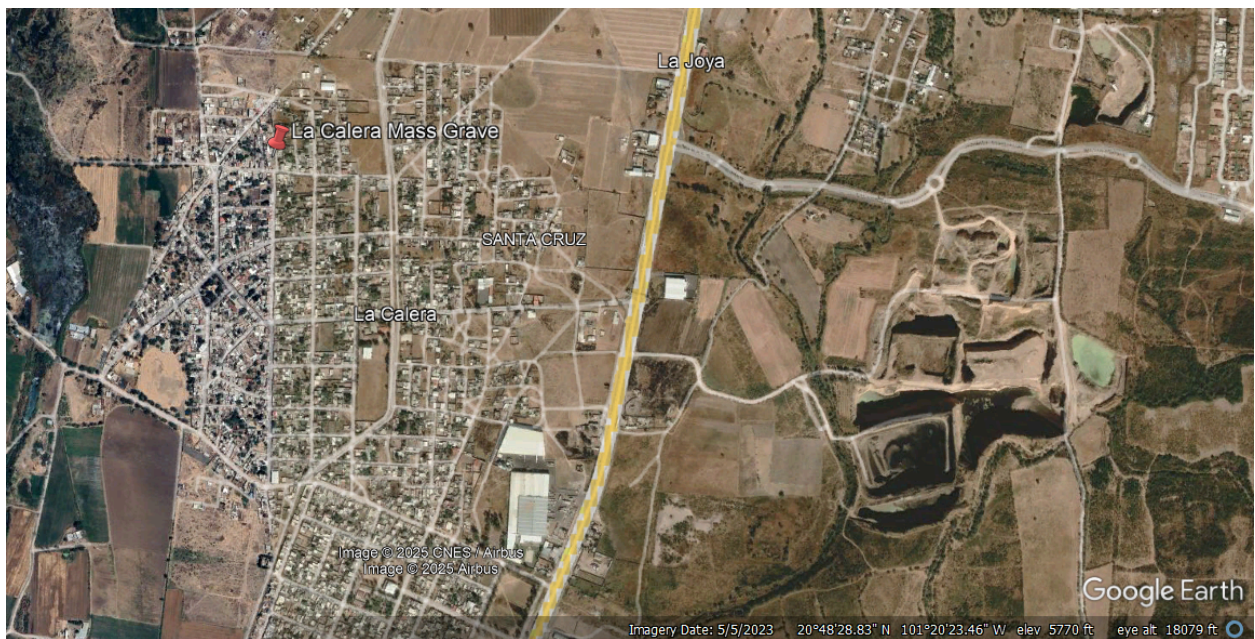


Fig. 7: A zoomed-out image of the site showcasing the entire town of La Calera. The “Border Report” correctly identified the site as being in the North.



Fig. 8: Another view of the site facing towards the East.



Fig. 9: The interior of the property, being searched/excavated by members of “Hasta Encontrarte”, a group that dedicates itself to locating those who go missing at the hands of cartels.

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