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Steve Kwon and Jae Hwan Shim

FALCON investigators arrested Steve Kwon and Jae Hwan Shim June 23 at the Port of Entry in Douglas, Ariz., after the two were deported from Mexico. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) in California wanted Kwon and Shim, South Korean nationals, on four counts of murder. Authorities in Los Angeles County allege Kwon and Shim murdered four individuals; a NASA engineer, an unidentified woman, a 10-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl, at a home in Quartz Hill, Calif. Firefighters discovered the bodies after extinguishing a house fire June 23. LASO developed information identifying Shim and Kwon as the alleged assailants as well as leads indicating they fled to Mexico and contacted the U.S. Marshals for assistance. FALCON investigators subsequently coordinated the location, arrest and deportation of Kwon and Shim with LASO, Arizona's Cochise County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Marshals foreign field office in Mexico City, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Mexican immigration authorities. Kwon and Shim currently remain in custody in Arizona pending extradition to California.