

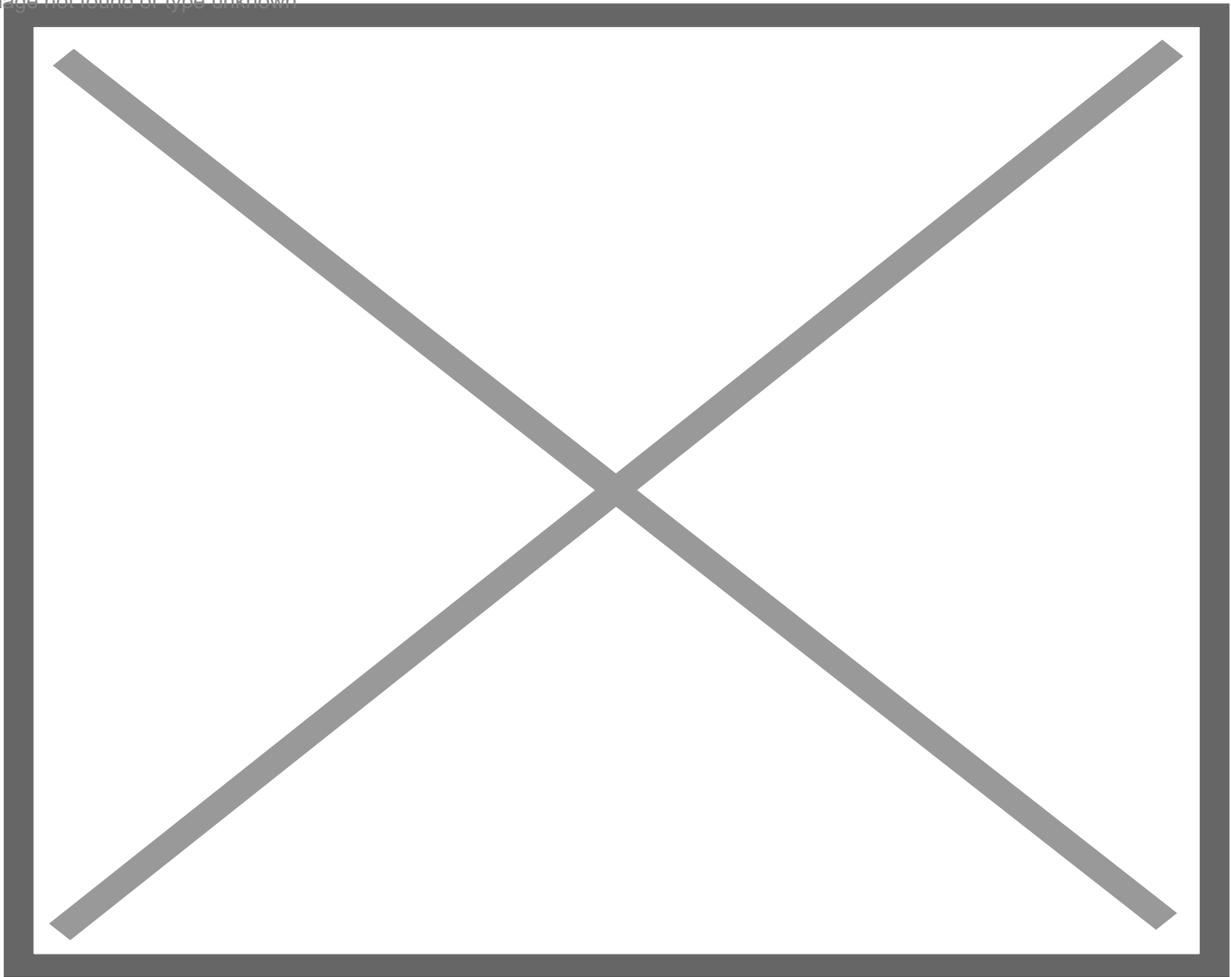
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Patrol Agents Seize \$2 Million Worth of Cocaine Near Abandoned Vessel in Puerto Rico; Man Found Dead on Scene

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Cocaine found in the area of Guajataca beach in Quebradillas, Puerto Rico. By. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

U.S. Border Patrol agents of the Ramey Sector in Puerto Rico seized 198 pounds (90 kilos) of cocaine Wednesday morning abandoned next to a makeshift “yola” vessel and the body of a man in the area of c. The estimated value of the contraband is \$ 2 million, according to Customers and Border Protection.

CBP said that during the early morning hours of Nov. 16 agents detected a vessel traveling without navigation lights approximately one nautical mile northwest of Quebradillas.

When the Border Patrol agents reached the location, they found the “yola” vessel capsized and discovered the presence of narcotics scattered on site. Agents also discovered a deceased male subject trapped under the vessel.

Emergency Medical Services and the Puerto Rico Police Department (PRPD) were notified. PRPD responded and took lead in the investigation of the deceased subject, CBP said.

Border Patrol agents seized three bundles and four bricks which field tested positive to the properties of cocaine.

The smuggling vessel identified as a 23-ft makeshift vessel with two outboard engines was recovered and transported to Ramey Station. A firearm found in the smuggling vessel was turned over to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The deceased subject was taken by the Puerto Rico Forensics Institute.

The Ramey Sector is one of the twenty-one Sectors spread out across the United States. Encompassing the U.S. territorial islands of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, it is the only Border Patrol Sector located outside the continental United States. The Sector's entire border area is made up of coastline and its area of responsibility is made up of some 6,000 square miles of land and water area, including the twelve-mile band of territorial water surrounding the Islands.