John Gamboa Tijuana Students 12/03/2008

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The recent increase in violence in Tijuana is affecting local students not only personally, but how they get work done.

K-C-T-I reporter John Gamboa has the details.

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IN: "Many students at SDSU..."

OUT: "...reporting for KCTI News."

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For students that cross the border each day... commutes can be dangerous, stressful and unpredictable.

With that in mind...Professor Norma Iglesias-Prieto (Pree-eh-tow)...who teaches Chicano studies fully understands the problems of her students.

Iglesias-Prieto says when students can't make it to class because of problems out of their control…like secondary inspections or the kidnapping of family members… she uses tools like Blackboard and email to make sure class work still gets done and ease some tension.

Stress has even pushed former Tijuana resident and international business student Alejandra Fernandez to live in San Diego instead of commuting across the border.

Fernandez, who says she recently saw a shooting, says her parents told her to live in San Diego so she could spend more time participating in campus activities instead of border lines.

John Gamboa...reporting for K-C-T-I news.