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On Nov. 16, Judicial Technical Police spokesperson Daniel Alonso announced the death of Alexis Cherigo, a former military intelligence officer under deposed general Manuel Antonio Noriega. Cherigo was shot in the chest the previous week. According to Alonso, the wound was self-inflicted, resulting from an accident. Weekly magazine *Sucesos* published an article stating that Cherigo's death may have been a homicide. *Sucesos* pointed out that because Cherigo was left-handed, the bullet trajectory discounts the possibility that he shot himself. Cherigo was employed by the Panama's national police force, established after the US invasion. (Basic data from AFP, 11/16/90)

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