

Wall of

Resistance



Commissioner Shannon Singleton
District 2, North & Northeast Portland, Maywood Park

Introduction

This Wall of Resistance was prepared by the office of Commissioner Shannon Singleton to commemorate Juneteenth, Pride, and June being Immigrant and Refugee Heritage month. It shows just a fraction of the people who have helped, been helped, passed away, and who have been taken from us.

"This wall is for everyone. When you look at this wall you should see the many intersections of communities. We intentionally wanted to recognize people who are living proof that intersectionality is to be celebrated and seen. We can say Happy Pride, Happy Juneteenth, and Happy Immigrant and Refugee Heritage Month. Let us be bold and not simplify ourselves. In the words of Black queer activist Christopher Griffin " Don't shrink yourself to be digestible, let them choke." "

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Resources

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Those Giving

This portion of the wall represents people and organizations who have fought for equity. Some are nationally known and others are more local, but their influence will impact generations to come. Through them we have learned different ways to organize, how to uplift those most impacted and carry an intersectional-centered movement forward. There are many more not on this wall who also do amazing work that the County supports and partners with.

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Kathleen D. Gunnell Saadat



Born in St. Louis, Missouri, and raised in a family committed to justice and education, Kathleen Saadat graduated from Chicago's Farragut High School in 1957 and from Reed College in 1974. Kathleen's grandmother taught her to sing; and since her arrival in Portland in 1970, Kathleen has raised her voice in positions from janitor and quality control chemist in a drug company to executive director of Oregon's Commission on Black Affairs and director of affirmative action for the state of Oregon. Perhaps most simply and fittingly, Kathleen has been called "the social conscience of Oregon".

For over 40 years, Kathleen has served Oregon's LGBTQ community as a mentor and confidante. In 1976, she and six others organized Portland's first gay rights march. Later, she helped craft Portland's civil rights ordinance prohibiting discrimination against gay and lesbian people and income-based discrimination. In 1992, she served on the steering committee for the campaign against Ballot Measure 9, a profoundly divisive ordinance that would have effectively defined Oregon gays and lesbians as second-class citizens.

Kathleen's activism has extended far beyond queer issues. She's been a constant and vocal advocate for people of color, women, and the economically disenfranchised. Kathleen has helped plan Portland's International Women's Day celebrations, has been a member of the Oregon American Leadership Forum, a 1992 fellow with the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C., and was invited to participate in the Hedgebrook Women's Writers Retreat. Oregon Business magazine put her on their list of '100 Who Lead in Oregon'. In 2012, Kathleen returned to her alma mater Reed College as the speaker for SEEDS Centennial Day of Service.

Today, Kathleen lives with her wife on a quiet street corner in Portland's Rose City Park neighborhood.

Rev. Cecil Charles Prescod



As an eighth grader, the Rev. Cecil Charles Prescod remembers white adults hurling insults at him and his Black classmates as they were bussed to a Queens, N.Y. school. He saw his parents stand fast against such antagonism, organizing Black and sympathetic white parents to advance integration.

After middle school in Queens, Prescod attended Loomis Chaffee, a college preparatory boarding school in Windsor, Connecticut. After high school, he earned a bachelor of arts in Philosophy from Haverford College in Pennsylvania and a master's of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He served with the Caribbean Conference of Churches, where he worked with peace and human rights groups and later as an associate pastor stateside before moving to Oregon 36 years ago.

Prescod's most enduring achievement was his cofounding of People of Faith Against Bigotry (PFAB) in 1992. The group was a coalition to oppose the Oregon Citizen Alliance (OCA) sponsored anti-LGBTQ Ballot Measure 9. The group was a grassroots interfaith group of Muslim, Jewish, and Catholic subcommittees which organized in their respective communities.

Prescod helping organize the PFLAG Portland Black Chapter, and Brother to Brother. He had a long-term commitment to groups like Love Makes a Family. He produced his KBOO show "More Talk Radio" for about 27 years. His program seeks to inform and educate people on current issues.

As the minister of faith formation at Ainsworth United Church of Christ in Portland, Prescod has helped his congregation learn about the issues faced by marginalized and disenfranchised people, including the poor, people of color and LGBTQ people. He has also influenced his congregants to help people with mental health issues. A friend calls him: "a leader in liberation theology."

Immigrant and Refugee (IRERG)

Employee Resource Group

Background:

An employee resource group (ERG) specifically touching on the lives of individuals who are immigrants and refugees or first generation. This group identifies the challenges and barriers that have been faced as well as highlighting beneficial opportunities. The Immigrants and Refugee group helps employees in gaining better self-awareness, advancing their knowledge about the American workforce, and in enhancing and utilizing their skills. This ERG also assists employees in achieving their full potential, helping in their career progression, and preparing the Multnomah County workforce to meet future needs. This group is open to all Multnomah County Employees.

Over the past year the IRERG hosted several proclamations, organized a picnic, and worked with the County commission to inform the strengthening of the County's Sanctuary Ordinance and Resolution. IRERG will continue to work with the Board and the Chief Operations Office to implement the internal and external policies making a safer workplace and safer county.



**IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP**

Multnomah County



Queer Trans People of Color (QTPOC)

Employee Resource Group

Background:

The Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) ERG works to celebrate Queer and trans staff of color at Multnomah County. We work to bridge the gap between racial and LGBTQ+ issues by using an intersectional approach to advocate for equity, inclusion and fairness in the workplace.

QTPOC envisions a workplace where staff who identify as both people of color and LGBTQ+ can bring their full selves to work in order to thrive in the workplace.

Many of the QTPOC members were immigrants or 1st-2nd generations immigrants. Because of this QTPOC partnered with Immigrant and Refugee Employee Resource Group to advocate for the Multnomah County Sanctuary Ordinance and updated sanctuary protection and employee policies.



*Queer and Trans People of Color
Employee Resource Group*



Multnomah County Sanctuary for All

Sanctuary Ordinance, Resolution, and Funding

Background:

Chair Vega Pederson and Commissioner Singleton drafted three major pieces of legislation regarding the County's Sanctuary position. This work came together to not just reaffirm the county's position but to put dollars behind it.

Resolution:

- Updated stronger position on Sanctuary while explicitly stating it is ALL County departments not just law enforcement.
- Further clarified that the County will not share data
- Enacted mandatory training for employees along with protections for immigrant and refugee employees.

Ordinance:

- Prohibited immigration enforcement in restricted access areas of ALL County owned and leased properties
- Made trainings available for County partners and contractors
- Prohibits the County from selling land, or operating/staffing a detention center

Funding :

- \$175,000 awarded to existing contractors (30 who have immigration legal services)
- \$75,000 awarded in small grants (8) to new contractors who work with immigrant and refugee families



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Chair Jessica Vega Pederson

Immigrant Defense Oregon

Metropolitan Public Defenders (MPD)

Background:

As an organization, Metropolitan Public Defender is dedicated to informing and influencing the trajectory of an immigrant client's criminal case to minimize immigration consequences wherever possible. That is why as part of its holistic defense practice, each non-citizen criminal defense client receives advice from an immigration attorney regarding the potential immigration consequences of their criminal charges as early as possible in their case. This gives both the criminal defense attorney and the client as much assistance as they might need in navigating the treacherously complicated intersection between criminal law and immigration law, as well as during potential subsequent removal proceedings.

They believe our non-citizen community members are especially at risk when they enter the criminal justice system and even a speeding ticket may lead to deportation proceedings. MPD seek to help people achieve a more permanent status in order to lower or eliminate the risk of removal through asylum and other immigration benefits. Many of our clients in removal proceedings are unaccompanied minors, a particularly vulnerable immigrant population. Immigrant Defense Oregon understands the unique needs and vulnerable position our clients are in and this understanding informs all stages of representation.



Immigrant Defense Oregon

Metropolitan Public Defenders (MPD)

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**METROPOLITAN
PUBLIC DEFENDER**



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SOAR Immigration Legal Services

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Background:

SOAR Immigration Legal Services provides culturally competent, immigration-related legal representation and education to refugees and immigrants with limited income throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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SOAR Immigration Legal Services is recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice as an authorized provider of immigration legal services. Their attorney-driven legal program has a staff of six attorneys and five Department of Justice accredited representatives. They also have an ESL education team, a mental health advocate and an outreach coordinator to support their clients.



**SOAR IMMIGRATION
LEGAL SERVICES**
— A Program of EMOregon

SOAR Immigration Legal Services

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Those Helped

This portion of the wall represents people who have been helped by the work the County has done through it's "Multnomah County for All" which provided increased funding to existing County providers for immigration legal services and the "Sanctuary County Mini Grants" that funded efforts with groups who did not have contracts with the County.

- **In times of despair or feeling lost, may these names and stories bring you the fire of motivation.**
- **In times of doubt and minimization, may these stories remind you that what you do matters to people you may never even meet.**

Case Narrative:

Marie* was referred to Community Law by her DV advocate after recently losing her job due to a domestic violence incident. She was staying in a shelter with her children and feared she could not regain employment because she believed her work permit had expired.

After looking into it, her Community Law attorney was able to confirm that Marie's work authorization remained valid. She had been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) upon entering the United States, and although TPS policies have shifted under the current administration, her status remains valid pending a Supreme Court decision. This clarification provided significant relief.

Her attorney drafted a letter for a potential employer confirming that Marie is authorized to work in the United States. They also explored additional immigration options, including a U-Visa for survivors of domestic violence. Marie's attorney is in the process of requesting police reports to gather evidence, and together they filed a FOIA request with USCIS to obtain more information about her long-pending asylum application. Marie and her caseworker are deeply grateful to have legal support to navigate complex systems during this challenging time.

*Not real name

Case Narrative:

Yasmin* first connected with our immigration team in March 2026, as she prepared for a Master Calendar Hearing scheduled for April in her deportation proceedings. She sought assistance in requesting that the hearing be conducted remotely and needed legal support to file the appropriate motion. At the same time, she was interested in exploring potential forms of relief, including a U-visa, which is available to victims of a crime.

Her Community Law immigration attorney promptly gathered the necessary documentation and filed a Motion for Remote Appearance, which was granted. Despite this success, Yasmin encountered unexpected challenges on the day of her hearing. She accidentally overslept and was unsure how to access the Webex platform to join the proceedings. Her attorney intervened quickly, assisting her in logging in and ensuring her attendance, thereby preventing the entry of a default order.

In addition, Yasmin received notice of an annual asylum fee renewal that she could not afford. Her attorney informed her that financial assistance was available to cover this cost, providing significant relief during an already stressful time.

As Yasmin awaits her Individual Hearing, her attorney is actively obtaining police reports to assess her eligibility for a U-visa and to determine the most viable path forward.

*Not real name



Case Narrative:

Mariel* connected with our immigration team in December of 2025 through our Equity Corps program. She had an individual hearing for deportation defense scheduled for this coming summer and needed legal representation. Community Law signed on to represent Mariel in her deportation defense. Mariel and her husband and their two children were simultaneously trying to apply for asylum while also fighting the deportation case. In February, the court rescheduled her individual hearing to an earlier date (in April), spinning this poor family into panic. During the navigation of their newly imminent legal issues, Mariel and her husband failed to pay March and April rent.

They were charged late fees and at risk of eviction. Mariel and her husband did not have the funds to pay their rent. Because of the sanctuary funding, we were able to provide Mariel's family with the funds for the two months of unpaid rent and the associated late fees. Because of this funding, Mariel and her family have secure housing and can focus on their immigration case. Mariel and her entire family are very thankful for this help at this trying time.

*Not real name

Case Narrative:

Marcus* connected with our immigration team in early February through his caseworker at IRCO because he had an immigration hearing three weeks away on the east coast. Marcus was required to attend the hearing in person. If he did not, the judge was required to issue an order of removal, and Marcus would be deported. Marcus had never lived on the east coast, but when he entered the United States that address was put on his paperwork. Marcus lives here in Gresham with his pregnant wife and two young children. He had no money to get to the east coast for the hearing. His case manager at ICRO was trying to obtain funding for a last-minute plane ticket that still would have left him with no money for a hotel, meals, or ground transportation.

Because of the DCHS Sanctuary Funding, we were able to take this case on to try and help Marcus avoid deportation. Significant legal advocacy was required to ensure Marcus did not have to attend the hearing in. That advocacy included over-night mailing motions to the immigration court and emailing and calling (multiple times) the ICE Attorney's office and filing additional motions on the case. Three days before the hearing was scheduled to take place, Marcus's attorney got notice that the hearing was rescheduled for September of 2029. Normally to move the date of an immigration hearing the court needs 3-6 weeks, it is a testament to the advocacy and work of IDO that this client was granted the needed delay. The attorney is confident that the court will grant the motion to change the venue of the case to Portland.

It was a joy for Marcus's attorney to be able to assure him that he no longer needed to determine how to travel across the country with only \$100 in his bank account and three days to make the trip. The attorney also notified the caseworker that IRCO did not need to secure emergency funding for a last-minute plane ticket. As a result, the family can now rest assured knowing they have several years to prepare for this hearing—and will likely be able to attend it in Portland.

*Not real name



Case Narrative:

John is a 23-year-old Haitian who fled his country with his uncle due to religious persecution. The two were members of a Baptist church in Haiti. Out of curiosity and their friendly connections with a mosque in the area, they decided to attend services there for a month to learn more. After returning back to their Baptist church, they were met with hostility from the other members of the church. The congregants heavily beat John's uncle and eventually came after John too. The police would not intervene, and the two eventually fled the country. John fears returning as gangs in Haiti often target those who have fled. We filed John's asylum application with our office.

*not real name



Case Narrative:

Chris is from Venezuela and was admitted as a refugee on November 21, 2024 after living in Colombia for a few years. Chris wanted to adjust his status. After vetting for refugee fraud and inadmissibility red flags, we determined that Chris was eligible to adjust now without risk and provided information to obtain the refugee medical exam at no cost.

*not real name



Case Narrative:

Dan is a refugee from Iraq, admitted to the US in early 2024 with his wife and three children. After vetting for refugee fraud and inadmissibility, the entire family of five appeared eligible to adjust without risks. They have completed the refugee medical exam through a program assisted by Catholic Charities in Beaverton. We took on the five refugee family members as clients and filed for refugee green cards.

*not real name



Those Gone

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Marsha P Johnson

Country of Origin: United States **August 24, 1945 - July 6th, 1992**

Marsha P Johnson was one of the most prominent figures of the gay rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s in New York City. Born in 1945 in New Jersey, Johnson grew up in an African American, working-class family. After graduating high school, she moved to New York City and adopted the full name Marsha P Johnson, the "P" standing for her motto, "Pay It No Mind".

Johnson's life changed when she found herself on the front lines of the raid on Stonewall Inn on June 28th, 1969. Johnson, like many other transgender women, were not only angered by the police raid but also the oppression and fear they experienced every day. In the wake of the raid, Johnson and Rivera led a series of protests. The raid on Stonewall galvanized the gay rights movement.

Throughout the 1970s, Johnson became a more visible and prominent member of the movement, often speaking up against the absence of transgender recognition in the overall gay rights movement. In 1970, Johnson and Sylvia Rivera founded Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR), "an organization dedicated to sheltering young transgender individuals who were shunned by their families." The two also began STAR House, a place where transgender youth could stay and feel safe. STAR House was of personal importance to Johnson and Rivera as they had both spent much of their youth experiencing homelessness and destitution.

On July 6, 1992, Johnson was found dead at 46. At her funeral, hundreds of people showed up at the church; it was so crowded that people stood on the street. Marsha P Johnson remains one of the most recognized and admired LGBTQ+ advocates, and her legacy continues to live on.



Sylvia Rivera

Country of Origin: United States **July 2, 1951 - February 19, 2002**

Sylvia Rivera was born in 1951 in New York City, to a Puerto Rican father and a Venezuelan mother. She was forced to leave home at 10 years old due to her grandmother's disapproval of her gender expression. As a result, Rivera began living on the streets of the city, where she would eventually meet Marsha P Johnson. This began a lifelong relationship between the two that shaped the rest of their lives.

Rivera is one of the most well known figures of the Gay Liberation Movement of New York in the 1960s and 1970s. Identifying as a drag queen and a transgender woman, Rivera fought tirelessly for the rights of gay individuals as well as the inclusion of transgender people in the movement. She became most well known for her involvement with the Stonewall Riots of 1969, an event that revolutionized the gay rights movement.

After several setbacks from within mainstream gay organizations, Rivera organized the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) with her friend Marsha P. Johnson. STAR became a space to organize and discuss issues facing transvestites in New York City. In addition, Rivera and Johnson started STAR House in order to assist the homeless in the gay community, with a focus on LGBT people of color.

Rivera's legacy has led to organizations like the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, which "works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race." The SRLP provides much-needed legal services for those who cannot afford representation. This organization is continuing Rivera's lifelong work to ensure a stable and safe existence for transgender, intersex, and gender nonconforming people.



Dr. Carolyn Marie Leonard

Country of Origin: United States **November 20, 1943 – July 28, 2024**

Dr. Carolyn Marie Leonard was born on November 20, 1943 in Portland, Oregon, the same city she would spend her lifetime transforming. Carolyn grew up in Southeast Portland, graduated with honors from Girls Polytechnic High School, and had a love of learning. Her family's connection to Portland Public Schools spanned five generations. She did not simply study education, she lived it, breathed it, and spent more than 30 years fighting to make it equitable for every child.

Dr. Leonard served Portland Public Schools as a teacher, supervisor, compliance officer, and consultant. She was a nationally recognized expert in multicultural education and civil rights, serving on the Executive Committee of the National Council for Black Studies. Closer to home, she chaired both the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission and the Oregon Commission for Black Affairs and served as president of the Black Resource Center at the North Portland branch of the Multnomah County Library.

Among her most lasting civic contributions: she chaired the committee that successfully fought to rename Union Avenue as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard—a campaign that required political tenacity, community organizing, and a fierce belief that names matter and that history must be honored in the landscape of a city.

Dr. Leonard received numerous honors throughout her distinguished career, including: Commendation from Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts, Mary McLeod Bethune / Carter G. Woodson Award for outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of Black Studies, Cheikh Anta Diop Award for outstanding scholarly achievement in multicultural education, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast recognition



Avel Louise Gordly

Country of Origin: United States

February 13, 1947 - February 16, 2026

Avel Gordly was born on February 13, 1947 in Portland, Oregon. Gordly graduated from Girls Polytechnic High School in 1965 and worked at Pacific Northwest Bell until 1970. That year, she enrolled at Portland State University, where she earned a degree in the administration of justice. After graduation, she worked for the Oregon Corrections Division as a women's work-release counselor and later as an adult parole and probation officer.

A key affiliation for Gordly was the Black United Front (BUF). In addition to handling media work for the group, Gordly coordinated the Front's Saturday School, whose African American history program was tied to curriculum reform in the public education system.

In 1979, Gordly joined the Urban League of Portland as head of its Youth Service Center. In 1983, AFSC hired her to lead their Southern Africa Program, which was focused on anti-apartheid and refugee relief, and Gordly made national headlines when she was promoted to regional director of AFSC.

Gordly was subsequently elected to Oregon's House of Representatives in 1995, and later as Oregon's first African American female state senator in 1996. She served until retiring in 2009. Her legislative record includes an array of initiatives that focus on cultural competency in education, mental health, and the administration of justice, and she was a champion of social justice and civil rights causes. She also achieved notable reform in the Senate caucus system and traveled in seventeen African nations, including South Africa and Zambia in 1997 as part of an Oregon trade delegation.



Dr. Kelvin Hall

April 23, 1967 - February 18, 2026

Country of Origin: United States

Dr. Kelvin Hall was born on April 23, 1967, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. A graduate of Portland State University as well as Concordia University, and later a professor at the latter school, Dr. Hall was a devoted community advocate.

Dr. Hall was also a member of the Oregon and Southwest Washington chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This group lead an important initiative to collect data about health disparities in the black community to learn how health care providers can reduce barriers for black women to access support. They received a grant from the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program to survey the region's demographics, breast cancer screening habits and barriers to screening and treatment.

When speaking on his commitment to service in his community, Dr. Hall stated that: "I have worked with church groups and various community stakeholders on countless issues. It was in these neighborhoods that I received the best education I ever had, and where I learned the true meaning of servant leadership. It was here I learned to disagree without being disagreeable -- that it's possible to compromise so long as you know those principles that can never be compromised; and that so long as parties are willing to listen to each other, we can assume the best in people instead of the worst."

Dr. Hall sadly passed away this year. When speaking of his character, his family said, "He was a leader — not because he sought recognition, but because he lifted others. He stood with people, not above them. He spoke encouragement when others felt defeated. He built bridges where others saw barriers. His leadership was quiet, steady, and rooted in heart."





Those Taken

This portion of the wall represents people who have been died by the increase in ICE activities. Many are those lost their life while in ICE custody. This list continues to grow. Most of these names are unknown to the public. But we remember them. It does not matter what crime they were accused of (if any), they deserved to have their day in court.

- **In times of erasure, may these names and stories help you find your voice.**
- **And may you find comfort knowing these names have joined the ancestors and their stories can be used as examples for why no one should have to experience this ever again.**

Genry Ruiz Guillen

Age: 29 Country of Origin: Honduras

Guillén had come to the United States from Honduras in 2023. He worked in construction.

In October 2024, he was apprehended by local law enforcement, and then transferred to the Krome immigrant detention center in South Florida. His mother told Univision that in December, Guillén called her from detention and told her he wasn't feeling well, and that he was experiencing fainting spells. It was the last time she spoke with him, she said.

According to ICE, Guillén "had difficulty breathing, prompting a medical emergency" before he died.

"I never thought my son would come to this country to die like this, nor did I ever think I would receive that news," his mother told Univision.



Died January 23rd, 2025



Serawit Gezahegn Dejene

Age: 45

Country of Origin: Ethiopia

He was a dedicated and hardworking individual who dreamed of building a better life in the United States, not only for himself but for his loved ones.

He had come to the US in August 2024, and was apprehended by the border patrol, which transferred him to the Eloy detention center. He had cleared the initial steps to apply for asylum according to ICE.

On December 20, 2024, his condition worsened. He reported extreme fatigue, dizziness and significant weight loss. Since entering custody, Serawit had lost approximately 20% of his body weight.

He was transported to a local emergency room. Imaging revealed diffuse lesions in both lungs. He was discharged—and returned to detention. Between Dec 24 and December 31, 2024, Serawit was repeatedly hospitalized. On Dec 31, he was transferred to the ICU at Banner University Medical Center in Phoenix. In early January, his condition escalated rapidly. He was diagnosed with sepsis, supraventricular tachycardia and Ischemic stroke. On January 3, he was also diagnosed with tuberculosis and placed on a ventilator.

He never recovered. Serawit Gezahegn Dejene died at a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Serwait G. Dejene was finally laid to rest at St Lideta EOT Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in the morning hours of Monday Feb 10, 2025.

Died January 29th, 2025



Maksym Chernyak

Age: 44

Country of Origin: Ukraine

Chernyak and his partner fled Ukraine in 2022 following the Russian invasion, and helped evacuate women and children in their community. Chernyak was arrested on 26 January over a domestic violence claim. His partner described the incident as a “family misunderstanding” exacerbated by a language barrier, according to the Miami Herald. He was “kind and warm-hearted”, she told the outlet. Chernyak was then transferred to the Krome detention center in Miami.

While in custody, he experienced “vomiting and seizure activity”, according to ICE. Chernyak was then transferred to a hospital on 18 February, where staff “established a stroke alert due to unresponsive state”, according to ICE. A preliminary cause of death was listed as “bleeding from the brain”.

An investigation by the Miami Herald said that medical experts who reviewed his case have raised concerns about whether Chernyak received adequate care due to the length of time that elapsed before Krome staff called 911. ICE denied allegations that Chernyak did not receive proper medical attention.



Died February 20th, 2025

Juan Alexis Tineo-Martinez

Age: 44 **Country of Origin:** Dominican Republic

Juan Alexis Tineo-Martinez, 44, of the Dominican Republic, died at the Centro Medico hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was taken into custody by US Customs and Border Protection air marine operations two days prior to his death, according to ICE. Agents contacted local 911 after Tineo-Martinez said he was experiencing leg pain, according to the agency, and he was transferred to the hospital for evaluation.

An independent forensic report by Damara Guevara-Morales suggests that Juan may have died from injuries sustained in a boat accident. Family members say he was a fisherman and had no involvement in drug trafficking.

Documents show that arrest warrants connected to this incident were issued on February 24th—the day after Juan died. Juan himself is not listed among those formally charged.



Died February 23rd, 2025

Brayan Garzón-Rayó

Age: 27 Country of Origin: Columbia

Brayan Garzón-Rayó's mother, Lucy Garzón, told St Louis Public Radio that she and her family came to the US in November 2023, fleeing growing threats of violence and harassment from law enforcement in Bogotá.

His mother said that Hh loved zipping around on his motorcycle, watching soccer with friends and sledding down Art Hill during a fresh snowfall. Most of all, he was devoted to his family, his mother said, and fought tooth and nail to ensure they would have a better life here than in their native Colombia. At his funeral his mother described her son as "En la tierra, mi guerrero. En el cielo, mi angel." On Earth, my warrior. In heaven, my angel.

In March Garzón-Rayó was charged with a misdemeanor for credit card fraud, and then transferred to ICE custody. He spoke to his mother a few days before he died. He complained about stomach pains and the poor quality of the jail's food. Lucy Garzón said that officials told her that her son appeared to have died by suicide. ICE has still not confirmed an official cause of death.



Died February 23rd, 2025

Ruben Ray Martinez

Age: 23 Country of Origin: United States

Ruben Ray Martinez was a US citizen from Texas. His mom said her son planned to enroll in trade school to become a mechanic. He felt ready to move out of his family's home in San Antonio and had found an apartment he liked, "He would speak with enthusiasm, like he was looking forward to doing things. He thought he'd have more time," she said. "We all thought he would have more time."

On March 15, 2025 Martinez and his friend went to South Padre Island, Texas on a spring break trip. Officers from HSI were assisting local police in directing traffic after an accident. ICE documents claimed Martinez did not initially respond to commands to stop, then accelerated forward, hitting an agent. Another agent, after being struck and damaging the driver-side mirror, fired three shots through the open driver's side window, killing Martinez. Lawyers for Martinez's family say that eyewitness accounts were not consistent with the government's report, and Martinez's mother said a Texas Rangers investigator told her there was video of the shooting that contradicted the federal account. Although local sources reported on the shooting in March 2025 shortly after it occurred, ICE's involvement was not disclosed until internal documents were obtained as part of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by the watchdog group American Oversight in February 2026.



Died March 15th, 2025

Nhon Ngoc Nguyen

Age: 55 Country of Origin: Vietnam

Nhon Ngoc had come to the US in 1983 and became a legal resident as part of the Refugee Act of 1980. He did serve time in prison After his sentence, in 2013 ICE opened a deportation case against him. While it was pending, he moved to Albuquerque and began rebuilding his life. He had a loving partner and a huge community of friends, Tin Nguyen said: “He was kind.”

He was apprehended in February 2025 in Albuquerque, according to his family’s lawyer, Tin Nguyen, and his partner and friends couldn’t locate him for days. Eventually, they realized he was being held at the El Paso processing center in Texas. Tin Nguyen said that Nhon Ngoc had been showing early signs of dementia and possible side effects from a head injury prior to his detention.

Shortly after his detention, he began experiencing health complications. ICE eventually offered to release him, so long as his family was able to provide him with round-the-clock acute care, the attorney said – but he didn’t have health insurance and his family was unable to pay for such care. In the meantime, Nhon Ngoc’s condition began rapidly worsening. He died of acute pneumonia, according to ICE.

Nhon Ngoc Nguyen, 55, died at a hospital in El Paso, Texas.

Died April 16th, 2025



Marie Ange Blaise

Age: 44

Country of Origin: Haiti

Blaise entered the US on an unknown date and location, according to ICE. She was apprehended by Customs and Border Protection on 12 February while attempting to board a flight to Charlotte, North Carolina, according to authorities. Two days later, CBP transferred her to ICE custody in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was sent to Louisiana the following week, where she spent over a month detained at the Richwood Correctional Center. On April 5, she was transferred to the detention center in Pompano Beach, Fla. She died there nearly three weeks later.

ICE has not released an official cause of death. According to reporting by WLRN Public Media on the medical examiner's report about her death, Blaise spoke to her son hours before she died. "She complained of having chest pains and abdominal cramps, and when she asked the detention staff to see a physician, they refused her," her son told investigators, according to WLRN Public Media. According to the outlet, ICE offered a conflicting account, saying that Blaise did not take blood pressure medication she was offered.



Died April 25th, 2025

Abelardo Avellaneda Delgado

Age: 68 Country of Origin: Mexico

Abelardo Avellaneda Delgado was originally from El Huariche, Mexico. During his nearly 40 years in the US, he raised a large family and worked on tobacco and vegetable farms. His family described him as "a devoted father whose unwavering work ethic and deep love for his family defined his life. Whether through quiet moments at home or shared adventures, he treasured every opportunity to be with those he loved most."

Delgado, who did not have legal status, was apprehended in Statenville, Georgia, on a parole violation on 9 April. His family told the reporters they grew alarmed by his deterioration in jail, and worried about the medications he was being given.

Eventually, Delgado died while in transit from a local jail to a federal detention center, but he never made it. Instead, he became "unresponsive" in the transport van with highly elevated blood pressure; the driver called 911, but Delgado died on the scene. He first detainee to die in this manner in at least a decade.



Died May 5th, 2025

Jesus Molina-Veya

Age: 45 Country of Origin: Mexico

Jesus Molina-Veya entered the country entered undocumented on numerous occasions, starting in 1999, according to authorities. During his time in the US, Molina-Veya was arrested on charges including child molestation, a hit-and-run and possession of controlled substances, ICE said.

On 7 June, Molina-Veya was found unresponsive in his cell. While an official cause of death has not been released, an ICE spokesperson has called the death “an apparent suicide”. His death was the second reported in Georgia within a month, a state with one of the highest numbers of detainees in the US.

Died June 7th, 2025



Johnny Noviello

Age: 49 Country of Origin: Canada

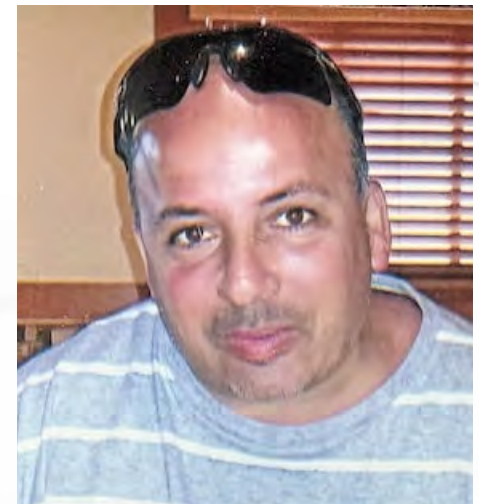
Johnny Noviello moved with family from Quebec to Florida in 1988 and became a lawful permanent resident in 1991. His father, Angelo, told the Guardian that Johnny was diagnosed with epilepsy shortly after he was born, and would often become ill during the winter. So the family settled in Daytona Beach, seeking a warmer climate.

He spent most of his life in Florida. He worked at a Dollar Tree and loved going to the beach and playing pool in his spare time, his father said. He maintained close ties to Canada, making regular trips to see family in Montreal.

He spent time in prison but was released early on good behavior. He was apprehended by ICE agents on 15 May at the Florida department of corrections probation office. Noviello's cause of death is under investigation.

Noviello's father said the family has not received an autopsy report. "We're in limbo, we don't know what happened," he said. "I don't know why they didn't send him to Canada right away."

Died June 7th, 2025



Isidro Pérez

Age: 75

Country of Origin: Cuba

Isidro Pérez spent his life by the sea: first, during his childhood in Cuba, and at the end, on a house-boat off the coast of Key Largo with his dogs. He arrived in the US in 1966 at the age of 16.

He was convicted of marijuana possession in the 1980s and served time in prison. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison with two years probation, and was granted extra time in order to support his family before turning himself in, documents show.

After he got out of prison, he began to rescue cats and dogs. His stepdaughter told the media that, during his time behind bars, Pérez studied to become a mechanic, and that when he got out of prison, he began rescuing animals. "We're all humans, you know, we make mistakes, but we remake ourselves," she told the outlet.

On 5 June, five immigration officers apprehended Pérez at a community center. Officers took him to the Krome north service processing center in Miami. Three weeks later, Pérez died in ICE custody.



Died June 26th, 2025

Jaime Alanis

Age: 57

Country of Origin: Mexico

Jaime Alanis was originally from the town of Huajúmbaro in Michoacán, Mexico and eventually resided in Ventura County, California. He was the sole provider for his family which included his wife and daughter. His niece wrote, “My uncle Jaime was just a hard-working, innocent farmer. He has his wife and daughter waiting for him.”

Jaime Alanís died a day after a frenzied immigration raid of Glass House Farms in Ventura county where authorities arrested at least 200 workers. The 57-year-old was the first known person to die during the Trump administration’s enhanced immigration enforcement operations in southern California. During the raid Alanís called his family to say he was hiding and possibly fleeing agents before he fell about 30ft (9 metres) from the roof, according to information from family, hospital and government sources. Family members said he suffered catastrophic injuries – including a broken neck, fractured skull and severed artery – during the “reckless” raid.

His family is demanding answers and accountability from United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Attorneys for relatives of Jaime Alanís Garcia filed a federal court claim. They allege ICE agents conducted an illegal search and seizure and used excessive force.

Died July 11th, 2025



Tien Xuan Phan

Age: 55

Country of Origin: Vietnam

Tien Xuan Phan was detained earlier in June for failing to leave the US after a removal order, and held at the Karnes county immigration processing center in Karnes City. He was transferred to a hospital for evaluation after experiencing seizures and vomiting, and becoming unresponsive, according to ICE. His cause of death remains under investigation.

Tien Xuan Phan, 55, died at the Methodist hospital north-east in Live Oak, Texas.

Died July 19th, 2025



Chaofeng Ge

Age: 32

Country of Origin: China

Chaofeng Ge was born in 1992 in Luoyang, Henan province, China, and worked in construction. He arrived in the US via the southern border in 2023, when he was detained for unlawful entry. According to an attorney for his family, he spent his time while incarcerated trying to learn English, practicing by writing out scripture and short stories.

He was eventually released and settled in Queens, New York, where he worked as a delivery driver, according to his attorney. In 2025, he was arrested for possessing several stolen credit card numbers in his cell phone and for unauthorized access to a device, and was eventually detained by ICE. Ge died four days after entering ICE custody in Pennsylvania. ICE and the Pennsylvania state police said that he died by suicide while detained.

His family filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security in the southern district of New York, requesting more information about his death. "I am devastated by the loss of my brother and by the knowledge that he was suffering so greatly in that detention center," said Yaofeng Ge in a public statement. "He did not deserve to be treated that way. I want justice for my brother, answers as to how this could have happened, and accountability for those responsible for his death."

Ge is survived by four siblings and his parents, who live in China.

Died August 5th, 2025



Roberto Carlos Montoya Valdez

Age: 52

Country of Origin: Guatemala

Family and community members are mourning 52-year-old Roberto Carlos Montoya Valdez, a father and grandfather from Guatemala who died while attempting to escape an anti-immigrant raid at a Home Depot in California last week. Montoya, a day laborer who had lived and worked in the United States for about three years, was struck and killed by a car while fleeing across a nearby freeway.

He ran from a Home Depot in Monrovia, about 20 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, as Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents began the operation Thursday morning, Monrovia City Manager Dylan Feik said in a statement.

He was heading north across eastbound Interstate 210 when he stepped in front of an SUV going about 60 mph in the far-left lane, the California Highway Patrol said in a release, citing investigators. The vehicle's right front end hit the man, who suffered major injuries and died at a hospital.

Roberto Carlos Montoya Valdez's daughter said of his death, "We want people to remember my dad in the same way we will remember him: as a loving, respectful, brave man. He died because he was afraid. He died because of these injustices, this persecution. I want him to be remembered as a brave and hard-working man."



Died August 14th, 2025

Lorenzo Antonio Batrez Vargas

Age: 32

Country of Origin: Mexico

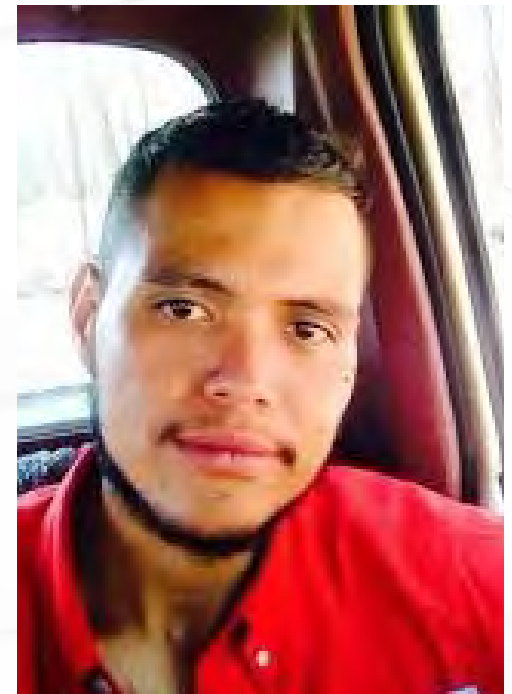
Known as “Lenchito” by friends and family, Batrez Vargas was a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient who was brought to the US from Mexico as a five-year-old.

His family wrote this about him: "The light came through in the way he loved his family. In the tenderness he showed to those he trusted. He had a great, generous heart. He was more than his pain, more than his past. He was a human who was worthy of love, of care, of dignity."

He was arrested by police in Flagstaff, Arizona, on 2 August, and charged with possession and use of drug paraphernalia. Immigration enforcement agents said they took Batrez Vargas into custody in Phoenix before transferring him to the detention center in Florence, where his family believes he contracted Covid-19, according to media reports.

ICE said that his cause of death was unknown and remained under investigation.

“We want justice. We want this to never happen to anyone else, especially not to undocumented immigrants,” Jaime Vargas, Batrez Vargas’s uncle, told media.



Died August 31st, 2025

Oscar Rascon Duarte

Age: 58

Country of Origin: Mexico

Duarte, 58, had first come to the US in 1976, was deported in 2004 and then re-entered via the southern border. He served a 20-year sentence in prison. After he completed his sentence, he was transferred to ICE custody.

At first, he was held at the Florence staging facility, according to ICE, but was later transferred to Promise hospital in Mesa, Arizona, “due to late-stage Alzheimer disease, right kidney cancer, and hepatitis C all of which required a higher level of care”, where he eventually died, ICE said.

Died September 8, 2025



Silverio Villegas González

Age: 38

Country of Origin: Mexico

Silverio Villegas González was an undocumented Mexican immigrant from Irimbo, Michoacán, and had lived in Chicago for nearly twenty years. He lived with his girlfriend, her 13-year old daughter, and his two sons, aged 3 and 7, and he was working as a line cook at the time of his death. A vigil for Silverio Villegas González, 38, a “devoted father” of two and “kind soul”. Neighbors and activists remember Silverio Villegas González as a friendly dad. Villegas González had no criminal record, but in an official statement, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) claimed that he had “a history of reckless driving”.

ICE agents were conducting a targeted traffic stop in Franklin Park, where Villegas González reportedly resisted arrest and attempted to flee. Video posted to social media showed ICE agents breaking the driver's side window of Villegas's vehicle and Villegas being pulled from and away from the vehicle already wounded. It was later reported that Villegas was shot at close range, with the bullet traveling through the back of his neck and stopping in his chest, with graze wounds found on two fingers.

He was killed after he dropped his children off at school.



Died September 12th, 2025

Santos Banegas Reyes

Age: 42

Country of Origin: Honduras

He was a construction worker and a father of two daughters, one of whom lives in the US while the other lives in Honduras, according to local news reports.

He was apprehended on 17 September by federal immigration agents just hours before he was found “not breathing” in his cell at the Nassau county correctional center. ICE officials said the 42-year-old went through medical intake and was cleared for detention, but was found dead in his cell 18 hours later. According to ICE, the preliminary cause of death appeared to be liver failure complicated by alcoholism. His family is contesting his cause of death, and have requested an independent autopsy.

The death comes after Nassau entered a partnership with ICE that set aside 50 cells at the East Meadow jail to hold detainees nabbed by ICE in New York City and Long Island. Under the deal, migrants can be held in the jail for up to 72 hours before ICE either deports them or ships them off to a long-term detention facility, with the feds reimbursing the county \$195 per detainee, per night.



Died September 18, 2025



Ismael Ayala-Urbe

Age: 39

Country of Origin: Mexico

Ismael Ayala-Urbe had come to the US from Mexico when he was five, crossing the US southern border along with his sister and cousin to join his mother and father. The family settled in Westminster, California, and later moved to Huntington Beach.

He spent a year studying graphic design, and then began working – first at a factory that produced cleaning supplies and later at car washes. Lucía said that Ismael loved listening to music. He was always willing to help others, and often helped his sister, a single mother, with childcare.

Urbe had been protected from deportation under the Daca program, but he was denied renewal because he had been convicted of driving under the influence.

He was apprehended in August during an immigration raid at the Fountain Valley Auto Wash, where he had worked for about 15 years, and was transferred to Adelanto. There, he fell ill – first with a cough and fever, and then other medical complications, according to his family. He was transferred to a hospital, where he died.

His mother learned of the detention through one of his co-workers, and said she was unaware of any medical condition he had.

Died September 22th, 2025



Norlan Guzman-Fuentes

Age: 37

Country of Origin: El Salvador

Norlan Guzman-Fuentes is survived by his partner, Berenice Prieto, and four children. He had worked mowing lawns and trimming trees, and in his free time he liked fishing around the Dallas-Forth Worth area.

Guzman-Fuentes was arrested by Dallas police in late August, due to an outstanding warrant for driving under the influence and other charges that were later dropped.

“We had just bought our first home together, and he worked hard every single day to make sure our children had what they needed. His death is a senseless tragedy that has left our family shattered,” Prieto said in a public statement shortly after his death. “I do not know how to explain to our children that their father is gone.”

He was killed when a gunman opened fire at the ICE field office where he was being held.



Died September 24th, 2025



Miguel Ángel García Medina

Age: 31

Country of Origin: Mexico

Miguel Ángel García Medina was born in San Luis Potosí, a central state in Mexico, and crossed the US border without papers when he was a teenager, settling in Arlington, Texas.

García Medina is survived by his wife, Stephany Gauffeny, two stepdaughters and a son – who was born three days after his death – his mother and grandparents, who live in Mexico, and three siblings.

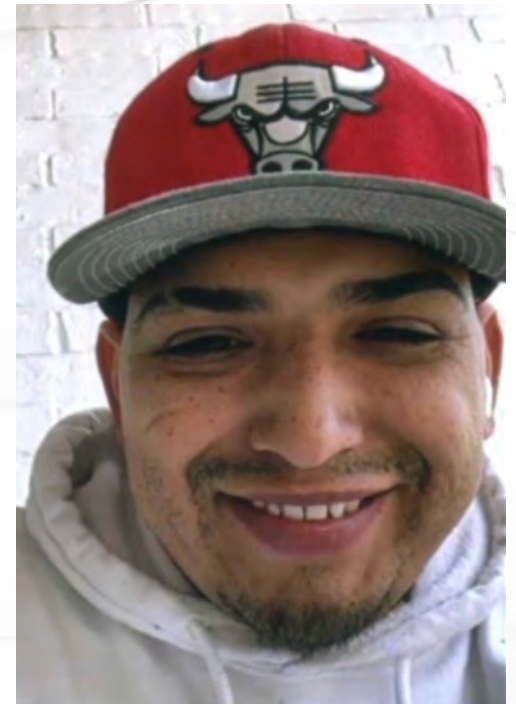
He had lived in the Dallas area for nearly two decades, most recently making a living painting and remodeling homes. In his free time, he liked to work on his truck.

“Everyone tells me the same thing: he was very funny. He always made us laugh, and that’s why we miss him so much,” Gauffeny told the Guardian. “He was very goofy, you almost always saw him laughing, joking or singing.”

He ended up in ICE custody early on 24 September, after a short time in jail for a DUI. While he was shackled inside a government van outside the ICE field office, a gunman opened fire. He died five days later of his gunshot wounds.

He would have turned 32 on 5 January, which is also the day of his 10th wedding anniversary. He had been in the process of obtaining a green card and planning to open his own painting company.

Died September 29th, 2025



Huabing Xie

Age: 53

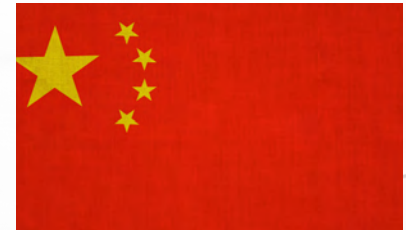
Country of Origin: China

Huabing Xie was an undocumented migrant from China.

The border patrol had apprehended Xie on 12 September in Indio, California, and transferred him to the Imperial regional detention facility, according to ICE. In 2023, he had been placed under removal proceedings, the agency said.

The agency said that Xie experienced “what appeared to be a seizure and became unresponsive” and medical personnel at the detention center tried to administer life-saving measures, before emergency medical services arrived and took him to the hospital, where he died.

Died September 29th, 2025



Leo Cruz-Silva

Age: 34

Country of Origin: Mexico

Leo Cruz-Silva had likely entered the US before 2010, when he was a child. Cruz-Silva was arrested by police on Sept. 30, 2025, for public intoxication, according to federal immigration officials.

Cruz-Silva suffered an acute mental health crisis following his detention. For two nights in Missouri's Ste. Genevieve County Jail, Cruz screamed, hid under his bed and reported hallucinations. He was transferred to ICE custody on Oct. 3 and taken to the Ste. Genevieve Detention Center. He died one day after arriving.

Suicide was the alleged cause of death reported by ICE.

About 50 people organized a vigil to mourn him. "He was a person, he was a brother, he was a son, he was a person," Susie Johnson, the founder of Abide in Love, a non-profit that works with ICE detainees in Missouri jails, told media. "All loss of life, in my opinion, is tragic, and I hate that it happened in our community," she said.

Died October 4th, 2025



Hasan Ali Moh'D Saleh

Age: 67

Country of Origin: Jordan

Hasan Ali Moh'D Saleh first came to the US in 1994 and became a lawful permanent resident a few months after he arrived in the country.

Saleh managed a convenience store in Fort Lauderdale. In 2017, he was charged – along with a dozen other clerks and store owners – in a scheme to exchange food stamps for cash. He had served time in prison, and after his release in 2020, ICE placed him under an “order of supervision” that required him to regularly check in with immigration officers. In 2025, he was apprehended and placed at Krome.

He was taken to a local hospital due to a high fever, and became unresponsive. A physician listed his preliminary cause of death as cardiac arrest.

Died October 11th, 2025



Josué Castro Rivera

Age: 25

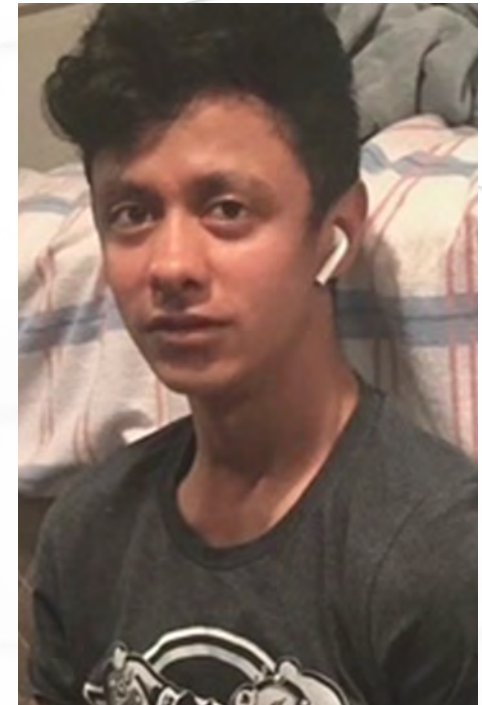
Country of Origin: Honduras

Josué Castro Rivera had come to the United States in 2021. He had been working to help support family in Honduras. His brother described him as "having a very good heart."

Josué had been on his way to a gardening job when ICE agents pulled over his vehicle. When agents tried to detain Castro Rivera and three other passengers, he fled, running into traffic. He was struck while crossing Interstate 264 in Norfolk.

He did not have deportation orders at the time of his death.

Died October 23rd, 2025



Gabriel Garcia Aviles

Age: 54

Country of Origin: Mexico

Gabriel Garcia Aviles had been living in the United States for almost 40 years and had a work permit. He was a father of two and grandfather of three, according to his family. His daughter, Mariel, told LA Taco she used to speak with him every day, and described him as someone who was “always happy and loved bikes”.

Customs and Border Protection agents grabbed him during a “roving patrol” in the southern California city of Costa Mesa on 14 October. In the days that followed, his family tried repeatedly to contact him, but said that officers at the Adelanto detention facility refused to connect them.

A week after his detention, Mariel received a call informing her that her father was in critical condition at the Victor Valley global medical center. The last time his family was able to see Aviles, he was unconscious in a hospital room guarded by immigration officers.

His family has questioned ICE’s assessment that Aviles died of “natural causes” and complications of alcohol withdrawal. He had been healthy, his daughter said, prior to his detention.



Died October 23rd, 2025

Kai Yin Wong

Age: 63

Country of Origin: China

Kai Yin Wong had first come to the US in 1970 as a permanent resident. He was convicted of a crime and served a 14-year sentence. He was then transferred to ICE custody and ordered deported from the US.

Before his death, he had been detained at the South Texas ICE processing center in Pearsall. In October, he was first transferred to a local hospital after he complained of shortness of breath, and then airlifted to another hospital in San Antonio when he started to experience heart failure and possible pneumonia. He was transferred to another medical center for heart valve repair surgery, according to officials, and died from complications.

Died October 25th, 2025



Francisco Gaspar-Andrés

Age: 48

Country of Origin: Guatemala

Francisco Gaspar-Andrés and his wife, Lucía Pedro Juan, had separately crossed the US-Mexico border undocumented more than 18 years ago and lived near Homestead, Florida, where they raised their family and eventually ran a plant nursery. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Lucía Pedro Juan, and their four daughters. Pedro Juan has described him as a hard-working husband who fought to provide for their family.

He and his wife Lucia Perdo Juan had gone on a grocery run during the Labor Day holiday when they were pulled over by a highway patrol officer who asked to see their identification papers, and then turned them over to ICE; they were eventually separated by immigration officers. "I hugged him, I tickled him on his ribs and I gave him a kiss on his cheek," she said of their goodbye. "I never saw him again." Pedro Juan was detained for three months and later deported to Guatemala.

Gaspar-Andrés was repeatedly seen by medical staff for symptoms including bleeding gums, sore throat and body aches, fever, jaundice and hypertension. He was transferred to a hospital on 16 November, where he was diagnosed with hyponatremia. He was later placed on dialysis and palliative care, before he died in December, according to ICE.

His wife told the El Paso Times that Gaspar-Andrés had been relatively healthy prior to his detention, and disputed ICE's assertion that he had hypertension or other underlying conditions.

Died December 3rd, 2025



Pete Sumalo Montejo

Age: 72

Country of Origin: Philippines

Pete Sumalo Montejo had first come to the US from the Philippines in 1962, as a lawful permanent resident. In 1992, he was convicted of a crime.

In February, ICE detained Montejo at the Montgomery processing center, where he began to experience several medical complications including shortness of breath and hypoxia, anemia, and septic shock resulting from pneumonia, according to the agency.

Died December 5th, 2025



Shiraz Fatehali Sachwani

Age: 48

Country of Origin: Pakistan

Shiraz Fatehali Sachwani first came to the US in 1996 as a non-immigrant visitor, according to ICE, and overstayed his visa. He was arrested by border patrol in 2017, in North Dakota, and ordered to leave the US after he did not appear at a 2019 immigration court hearing. Then, in June, ICE located him at a jail in Euless, Texas, where he had been booked.

He spent more than five months at the Prairieland detention center in Alvarado, Texas, before he died. ICE has said Sachwani had a history of medical conditions – including chronic respiratory, liver and kidney issues – and died of “natural causes”.

Died December 6th, 2025



Isaias Sanchez Barboza

Age: 31

Country of Origin: Mexico

CBP agents encountered a group of pedestrians who were dressed in camouflage clothing. After the agents identified themselves as CBP, the group attempted to flee on foot towards Mexico. Agents were reportedly engaged in a fight with a 31-year-old Mexican man whom they had attempted to detain, whom they then shot and killed. Sanchez Barboza sustained a total of three gunshot wounds.

Died December 11th, 2025



Jean Wilson Brutus

Age: 41

Country of Origin: Haiti

Jean Wilson Brutus died at the Delaney Hall detention facility in Newark, New Jersey, one day after he was taken into custody. Brutus entered ICE custody on Dec. 11 after he was released from Union County Jail in Elizabeth, New Jersey, following his arrest for criminal mischief—damage to property.

ICE said Brutus died of “suspected natural causes”. His cousin told NBC New York that the family is still searching for answers about what happened. “We haven’t had some kind of closure surrounding his death,” Evans Belony, his cousin, told the outlet. “He was like a loved one, that we all loved, he was like a brother.”

Brutus came to the US in 2023 as an asylum seeker, his cousin said, who added that Brutus had been “very depressed and very sad” following the death of his mother.

The conditions at Delaney Hall, where Brutus was held, have come under scrutiny from lawmakers and advocates. Andy Kim, a Democratic senator from New Jersey, toured Delaney Hall the day after Brutus’s death and spoke to about 80 detainees, who he said described receiving poor medical care and “disgusting” meals that included raw meat. He called for the facility to be closed.

Brutus fled Haiti to escape the violence and fear that had taken over his hometown, with the hope of building a better future with safety and stability in the US. His family members describe him as having been “rich in heart”, and having had a “gentle and selfless soul”.

Died December 12th, 2025



Fouad Saeed Abdulkadir

Age: 46

Country of Origin: Eritrea

Sheikh Fouad Saeed Abdulkadir, former imam at the Islamic Center of Northeast Ohio, spent 7 months in ICE detention before passing away. Abdulkadir filed for an emergency federal motion for medical relief three days before he died.

Abdulkadir had gained a green card in 2018. In 2023, he was charged with misuse of public funds and later sentenced to prison. Supporters wrote to a US district judge requesting leniency, arguing that Abdulkadir may not have fully understood the application process for the benefits programs he was convicted of misusing.

“We miss his teachings, his knowledge. We crave him for our own sake, not just for him. He’s an actively good man,” a supporter wrote, according to the Daily Voice.

ICE took custody of him in July 2024, and detained him at the Moshannon Valley processing center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, where he died a year and a half later. Community members raising funds for his funeral services said that Abdulkadir “spent his life selflessly caring for others, nurturing our children with the wisdom of the Qur’an, healing family rifts, and offering kindness to everyone he met. His boundless generosity touched countless souls, and the space he leaves behind feels immeasurably quiet and deep.”

Died December 14th, 2025



Delvin Francisco Rodriguez

Age: 39

Country of Origin: Nicaragua

Delvin Francisco Rodriguez had been arrested in late September, in Colorado, and was transferred to New Orleans. He was due to be deported to Nicaragua on 13 December.

On 4 December, according to ICE, emergency medical responders were called to the detention facility and Rodriguez was found to not have a pulse. He was transferred to the hospital, where he later died. He failed a “test to determine brain function”, according to ICE, and was removed from a ventilator in accordance with the wishes of his family.

Died December 14th, 2025



Nenko Stanev Gantchev

Age: 56

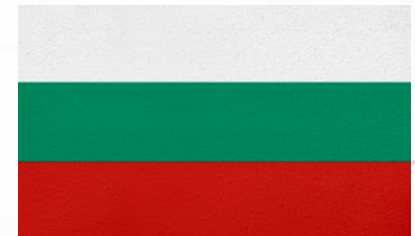
Country of Origin: Bulgaria

Nenko Stanev Gantchev had first arrived in the US in 1995. According to the agency, Gantchev was denied a green card in 2009 and, in 2023, was ordered by an immigration judge to return to Bulgaria. He had been living in Chicago for 30 years when he was apprehended by immigration agents in September as part of the administration's "Operation Midway Blitz", which sent hundreds of federal agents to Chicago to crack down on unauthorized immigrants.

Ganchev died at the North Lake Correctional Facility in Baldwin, Michigan, which has a contract with ICE to house undocumented immigrants. Gantchev was "discovered unresponsive on the floor of his cell during routine checks", and his official cause of death is still under investigation, according to ICE.

His wife, a US citizen, told the Serbian Times that Gantchev had type 2 diabetes and had complained for months about his deteriorating health. "I want people to know what happened to him. A man who lived here for 30 years, worked hard, paid taxes — and they treated him like an animal," said Ganchev's wife, a U.S. citizen who asked to remain anonymous out of fear of retaliation by federal authorities. "They treated him as if he were a murderer." She learned of his death on 16 December, the day of the couple's eighth wedding anniversary.

Died December 15th, 2025



Keith Porter Jr.

Age: 43

Country of Origin: United States

Keith Porter Jr, a 43-year-old father of two, was fatally shot by an ICE officer on New Year's Eve outside his apartment complex.

Much about the incident remains unclear. There's no footage of the shooting. Porter's family and local activists have argued that, contrary to the DHS's portrayal of the events, Porter was not threatening anyone and was celebrating the new year. Jamal Tooson, an LA attorney representing Porter's family, said Porter's actions possibly merited arrest or citation by the LAPD, but the ICE agent, who was not charged with local law enforcement duties, instead subjected him to "a death sentence".

Porter's mother described him as having "a wonderful soul" and a big heart. He held multiple recent jobs, including serving as an aide to students with special needs as well as working at Home Depot. In an interview reflecting on his life in 2022, Porter stated that: "I pray. I talk to God. I talk to family. Because at the end of the day, that's all I really got. But I feel rich ... It's gonna be hard to break me, because I have a strong spirit and I grew up with a whole lot of love."



Died January 1st, 2026

Geraldo Lunas Campos

Age: 55

Country of Origin: Cuban

Lunas died on January 3 in Camp East Montana, a detention site opened by the Trump administration on the grounds of Fort Bliss in Texas, according to ICE. The agency initially said he experienced "medical distress" and that they were investigating the incident.

The Washington Post reported later that month that the local coroner would likely rule the death a homicide. The Post also interviewed a detainee held at the Camp East Montana site who said he saw guards choking Lunas when he refused to enter solitary confinement.

After the report, the Department of Homeland Security issued a new statement, saying Lunas attempted to take his own life while detained at the detention site.

DHS said the security staff "immediately intervened to save his life" but that Lunas "violently resisted" them.



Died January 3rd, 2026



Luis Gustavo Nunez Caceres

Age: 42

Country of Origin: Honduras

Nunez was arrested during an immigration operation in Houston on November 17, 2025, ICE said. He was eventually taken to the Joe Corley Processing Center in Conroe, Texas.

He was transferred to HCA Houston Healthcare in Conroe "due to an exacerbation of congestive heart failure" on December 23, 2025, ICE said. After "multiple life-threatening medical emergencies," he was pronounced dead on January 5, ICE said.



Died January 5th, 2026



Luis Beltran Yanez-Cruz

Age: 68

Country of Origin: Honduras

Luis Beltran Yanez-Cruz began telling his family that he wasn't feeling well a few days after Immigration and Customs Enforcement transferred him to a California facility, his daughter recalled.

Originally from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, he is one of six people who died in ICE custody in the first two weeks of 2026. Beltran was arrested by federal immigration officers in Newark, New Jersey, in November, according to ICE. At some point, he was moved to the Imperial Regional Detention Facility in Calexico, California. On January 4, he complained of chest pain and was transferred to a hospital where he died two days later, ICE said.

"I had hope that my dad would get out of that place but not in this way," Yanez-Cruz's daughter said in Spanish.



Died January 6th, 2026

Renée Good

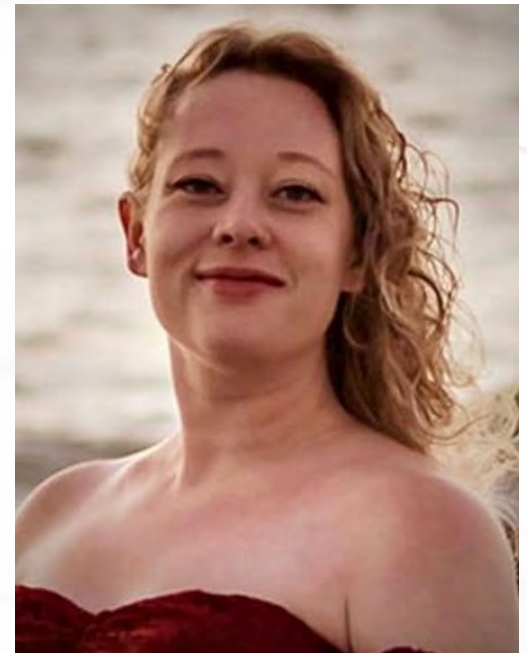
Age: 37

Country of Origin: United States

Renée Nicole Macklin Good, originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado, was a 37-year-old US citizen. She was a writer and poet who lived in Minneapolis with her partner and her six-year-old child.

Good was fatally shot in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent on January 7, 2026. According to Good's ex-husband, she had just dropped her son off at school—around seven minutes away by car—and was on her way home "when they came upon a group of ICE agents". The masked ICE agent shot Renée Good three times on a Minneapolis street when she reversed then drove forward. Agents stated that Good was attempting to ram them with her vehicle. Good died of her injuries.

Her death triggered large-scale protests, federal investigations, and tense political standoffs, prompting Minnesota state officials to call for the withdrawal of federal immigration operations in the area



Died January 7th, 2026

Parady La

Age: 46 Country of Origin: Cambodia

Parady La, a 46-year-old Cambodian American father and longtime Philadelphia-area resident, died on January 9, 2026, days after being detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at FDC Philadelphia. ICE has stated that La was undergoing treatment for drug withdrawal when he was found unresponsive in his cell. His family says significant questions remain unanswered regarding his medical care, treatment, and the circumstances leading to his death.

ICE said La was being detained at the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia after a January 6 arrest and was being treated for "severe drug withdrawal" when he was found unresponsive in his cell. He was transferred to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, where he was diagnosed with brain and organ failure and declared deceased on January 9, ICE said.

His wife, Meghan Morgan, stated, "I have known Parady for 24 years. Parady was greatly loved and we all miss him very very much. Parady was a family man— to him, family was the most important thing in his life and there was nothing he wouldn't do for us. I always knew that if I ever needed anything I could call him and he would be there no matter what! And now I have to learn to live without my person. Parady was not perfect and he struggled with addiction but he still always showed up for his family. To us he was a provider, a caregiver and our protector."

Died January 9th, 2026



Heber Sanchaz Domínguez

Age: 34

Country of Origin: Mexico

Heber Sanchaz Domínguez was a husband and father of two. He was detained by ICE after being arrested in Georgia for driving without a license, ICE said. He was found "hanging by the neck and unresponsive in his sleeping quarters" and later pronounced dead at an area hospital, ICE said. The agency said the incident is under investigation.

The Mexican Consulate requested Thursday that the circumstances of the death be "clarified." While the agency provided details on how he was found, ICE has not yet responded to inquiries regarding whether the death is being investigated as a suicide or a homicide.

Heber Sanchaz Domínguez had been in federal custody for only six days prior to his death. His path to the Lovejoy facility began on Jan. 7, when Richmond County deputies arrested him for a traffic violation.



Died January 14th, 2026

Victor Manuel Diaz

Age: 36

Country of Origin: Nicaragua

Victor Manuel Diaz was born in Jinotega, Nicaragua. Family members said he moved to the U.S and was working to pay for his sons' education, and to repair his mother's house. In Nicaragua, Manuel Díaz worked as a farmer, growing corn, beans, and some coffee. His family describes him as God-loving, hard working and family-oriented. "He was really good to his kids, and he was a really good son to me," Díaz García said. He also loved playing sports, especially basketball and baseball.

"He was a person with a lot of strength who wanted to work hard, and who wanted to help his children," said an older brother, Jairo Lenín Díaz. "He was always tired, but he worked really hard."

"And that's how his life ended," Lenín Díaz said. "That's all that life had for him." He expressed the family's doubts that he could have committed suicide in custody.

ICE said that 36-year-old Victor Manuel Díaz died Jan. 14 at Camp East Montana in El Paso, Texas. It attributed his death to suicide, but said the official cause remains under investigation.

"Contract security staff found Díaz unconscious and unresponsive in his room," ICE said in a statement on its website. "They immediately notified contract medical staff on site to conduct life saving measures."

Died January 14th, 2026



Alex Pretti

Age: 37

Country of Origin: United States

On January 24, 2026, Alex Jeffrey Pretti, a 37-year-old American intensive care nurse for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, was shot multiple times and killed by two United States Customs and Border Protection officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The incident occurred amid widespread protests against Operation Metro Surge and especially against the killing of Renée Good on January 7 by a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent.

Pretti was filming law enforcement agents with his phone and directing traffic. At one point, he stood between an agent and a woman the agent had pushed to the ground, putting his arm around her.[6] He was then pepper sprayed and wrestled to the ground by several federal agents, with around six surrounding him when he was shot and killed.

Border Patrol agents in the Whittier neighborhood wrestled Alex Pretti to the ground and shot him at least ten times, killing him. The Department of Homeland Security stated he had a firearm with two magazines. Video analysis concurred he was holding a phone. Civilians rapidly assembled to protest, and federal security forces deployed flashbang grenades to disperse them.



Died January 24th, 2026



Dr. Linda Davis

Age: 52

Country of Origin: United States

Dr. Linda Davis left for work Monday morning like any other day. She never made it home. The beloved Savannah special-ed teacher was killed when an ICE agent pursued a man through her neighborhood and into a school zone. The chase ended in a collision with her blocks from her school.

Davis began teaching at Hesse in September after the school year had begun. Her upbeat personality and her dedication to helping students with special needs thrive soon endeared her to fellow teachers and students alike. As an educator for nearly 18 years, Davis devoted her life to serving others.

"It was extremely difficult to tell 5 and 6 year olds that the teacher they loved and cherished will not be returning to see them," said Alonna McMullen, principal of Herman W. Hesse K-8 School in Savannah's southside suburbs. "To see the looks on their faces, it broke my heart."

Died February 16th, 2026



Jairo Garcia Hernandez

Age: 27 **Country of Origin: Guatemala**

ICE officials said Garcia-Hernandez had his first encounter with immigration officials on April 18, 2021, when the U.S. Border Patrol released him near Santa Teresa, New Mexico.

ICE took Garcia into custody after he was encountered by local police near Rochester, New York, on January 21, 2025, the agency said. ICE said he was immunocompromised and was "already in ill health" when he was detained. On February 16, 2026, more than a year after he was taken into custody, he collapsed unexpectedly and died, according to ICE. His exact cause of death is still under investigation.



Died February 16th, 2026



Alberto Gutierrez Reyes

Age: 48

Country of Origin: Mexico

Alberto Gutierrez Reyes migrated to the United States in 2001, where he settled in Echo Park, Los Angeles. He worked construction and was the father to one son in a close knit family.

Gutierrez was arrested by U.S. Border Patrol agents in Los Angeles in January, ICE said. He reported feeling faint on February 25 and was admitted to Victor Valley Global Medical Center for chest pain and shortness of breath, ICE said. He became unresponsive and died on February 27, ICE said.

Gutiérrez Reyes's wife, Patricia Martínez Hernandez, said her husband suffered from diabetes and high cholesterol, which she said were left untreated by the medical center. Martínez Hernandez has stated: "I want answers. Justice for him. I don't want ICE to just say what happened; they need to pay attention to those who are sick. They can't die simply because of negligence," she said.



Died February 27th, 2026



Pejman Karshenas Najafabadi

Age: 59

Country of Origin: Iran

Pejman Karshenas Najafabadi had lived in the U.S. since 1991 after immigrating to the country from Iran. Najafabadi was incarcerated for nearly a year in a rural Louisiana prison despite suffering from chronic heart disease.

ICE took Karshenas into custody in April 2025 after he was convicted of fentanyl possession, the agency said. He had several chronic health conditions but remained detained and was transferred in October 2025 to the Louisiana ICE Processing Center, a facility opened under the Trump administration, according to ICE.

On February 20, 2026, ICE health staff evaluated him again and he was then transferred to a hospital for long-term care, where he went into cardiac arrest on March 1. He was transferred to the Merit Health Hospital in Natchez, Mississippi, where he was pronounced dead, ICE said.

Died March 1st, 2026



Emanuel Cleeford Damas

Age: 56

Country of Origin: Haiti

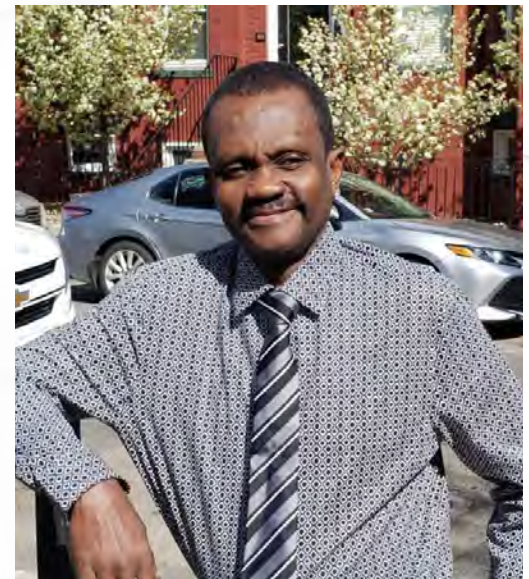
Damas arrived in Dorchester legally in 2024 from Haiti through the Biden Administration's Humanitarian Parole for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans. ICE took Damas into custody after he was arrested in September 2025 in Boston, ICE said. Damas was transferred to the Florence Detention Center in Florence, Arizona. ICE said he reported shortness of breath on February 19 and was sent to a local hospital and then transferred to a Phoenix hospital and placed in an intensive care unit.

On Feb. 19, 2026, Damas reported shortness of breath and was immediately sent to the Florence Anthem Hospital to receive care. He was then transferred to the John C. Lincoln Medical Center Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Phoenix, Arizona, for a higher level of care. On Feb. 28, 2026, the medical liaison for ICE notified Damas' next-of-kin that they were permitted to visit him.

He was intubated on a ventilator the following day and died on March 2, with the cause unknown, ICE said. In an interview with the Associated Press, his brother said he had died due to an untreated toothache and related infection.

Damas came to the US to be reunited with his brothers who had previously immigrated from Haiti. Together, they ran a family business in Massachusetts that provided school and medical transportation. His brother stated that Damas was a hard worker, and carried simple dreams for a better life in the US.

Died March 2nd, 2026



Mohammad Nazeer Paktiawal

Age: 41

Country of Origin: Afghanistan

Mohammad Nazeer Paktiawal was evacuated from Afghanistan to the United States in 2021 after previously working with the U.S. military and serving as a wartime ally in his home country. He sought asylum in the U.S., and had been living with his family in Richardson, Texas as he asylum case remained pending. Paktiawal was a father of six children and worked at an Afghan bakery and cafe while in the U.S.

Paktiawal died in ICE custody less than 24 hours after being detained in Texas. The cause of death remains unknown and a medical investigation is ongoing.

Information from the family indicates that Mr. Paktiawal may have relied on an inhaler for breathing issues. His wife reports that she informed officers at the time of his arrest and afterward, but says she was not allowed to provide the inhaler.



Died March 14th, 2026



Royer Perez Jimenez

Age: 19

Country of Origin: Mexico

Royer Perez Jimenez was born in San Juan Chamula, a municipality in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. His uncle stated that Jimenez was a "hard worker" who immigrated at 15 to "triumph and help his family".

He was arrested in January on suspicion of resisting arrest and giving a false identity to law enforcement, but his uncle insists he was confused because he was not fluent in English. Royer was then brought to the Glades County Detention Center in Moore Haven, Florida.

ICE officials said Royer died of an apparent suicide but the official cause of death remained under investigation. Royer's family has expressed doubts about the circumstances surrounding his death, and have advocated for a thorough investigation into the cause. At the time of his death, he was the youngest person to die in ICE custody.



Died March 16th, 2026

Jose Guadalupe Ramos

Age: Unknown

Country of Origin: Mexico

Jose Guadalupe Ramos and his partner grew up in Guanajuato, Mexico, and came to the United States in the mid-1990s in search of a better life.

It was February 23 when Ramos was arrested as part of an immigration operation in Torrance, California. He was taken to the Adelanto ICE Processing Center, northeast of Los Angeles. Critics of ICE's facilities have warned that conditions inside the detention centres are so harsh as to be life-threatening. A lawsuit filed in January described mould on Adelanto's walls, insufficient medical care and "rampant" illness. Jesus Arias, the Ramos family's lawyer, believes that the environment contributed to Ramos's death.

What caused Ramos's death is still disputed. According to an ICE press release, he was found unresponsive in his bunk on March 25. The agency says staff tried to resuscitate him before he was taken to a nearby medical centre, where he died.

But the Ramos family alleges that GEO Group, the private company that operates the detention centre, "ignored his emergency". Other detainees had reported that they noticed Ramos's worsening health, but their cries were only answered when he fell unconscious.

Ramos's partner has called for accountability, sharing that, "I'm missing my other half. We dreamed of getting old together, taking care of each other, of having our grandchildren."

Died March 25th, 2026



Tuan Van Bui

Age: 55

Country of Origin: Vietnam

Tuan Van Bui, 55, died April 1 at Miami Correctional Center in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Advocates said Bui came to America as a 29-year-old in 1990 through the Amerasian Homecoming Act, a VISA program established for children born in Vietnam to American fathers during the war.

He was detained during a routine check-in with Philadelphia ICE last August. After he was detained, advocates said his wife suffered a stroke.

They said Bui was held for several months at Moshannon Valley Processing Center. Inmates there recently held a hunger strike to draw attention to the lack of healthcare. ICE said Bui entered custody with a history of asthma and hypertension and was given appropriate medication.

Bui was then shipped to the Miami Correctional Center, where he died. The cause of death remains under investigation. His family is asking the government to send his body back to Philadelphia so he can be buried here. They also request an independent investigation into his death.



Died April 1st, 2026

Alejandro Cabrera Clemente

Age: 49

Country of Origin: Mexico

Alejandro Cabrera Clemente reportedly immigrated to the United States from Mexico around 25 years ago, eventually settling down in Tennessee. Cabrera Clemente was arrested by ICE on January 8 in Chattanooga and was taken to Winn Correctional Center on January 13.

On April 11, 2026, Cabrera was found unresponsive, staff at Winn Correctional Center immediately called a medical emergency and began life-saving measures. Emergency Medical Services transported Cabrera by ambulance to Winn Parish Medical Center (WPMC) for advanced medical treatment. Upon arrival at WPMC, medical staff continued resuscitative efforts. ICE reports that despite life-saving efforts, at approximately 8:51 am, an onsite physician at WPMC pronounced Cabrera deceased.

Died April 11th, 2026



Aled Damien Carbonell-Betancourt

Age: 27

Country of Origin: Cuba

Aled Damien Carbonell-Betancourt arrived to the United States from Cuba on October 30, 2024. Reports say that he was and was encountered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which issued him a notice to appear as an immigrant without valid documents and released him on parole, according to the agency.

The officials said ICE agents encountered Carbonell-Betancourt at Miami Dade County Jail in November 2025, after he was allegedly arrested for resisting an officer with violence. Allegations about his criminal record have not been independently confirmed.

Aled Damien Carbonell-Betancourt was found unresponsive in his cell at the Federal Detention Center in Miami around 6:30 a.m. on April 12, ICE said in a press release. A detention officer called a medical emergency and staff began CPR before Miami Fire Rescue arrived and continued resuscitation efforts. He was pronounced dead at 7:31 a.m.

ICE said the death is believed to be a suicide, but the official cause remains under investigation.

Died April 12th, 2026



Denny Adán González

Age: 33

Country of Origin: Cuba

Denny Gonzalez was arrested in Charlotte on Dec. 11 on assault charges. ICE lodged an immigration detainer against him the following day. He was taken to the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia. Operated by private prison corporation, CoreCivic, the Stewart Detention Center is one of the largest ICE detention centers in the country with an average daily population of over 2,000 people.

González is the fourth person to die by suicide inside the Stewart detention center. In 2017 a young Panamanian immigrant died inside a solitary confinement cell, and in 2018 a Mexican man also died by suicide inside a solitary unit. Last summer, another 45-year-old man from Mexico died by suicide in Stewart. González is the 30th person to die in ICE custody since October.



Died April 12th, 2026



Mamuka Artmeladze

Age: 43

Country of Origin: Georgia

Mamuka Artmeladze was originally from the Republic of Georgia and had entered the United States under circumstances that authorities say involved an immigration violation. ICE said Artmeladze had been detained in February 2026 in New Orleans during an operation focused on commercial vehicle drivers considered potential public safety threats.

Reports indicate that he had been living under ICE supervision since being taken into custody earlier in 2026. Like many detainees at the facility, he did not have a known criminal record, according to official detention data cited in investigative reporting.

His detention at Winn Correctional Centre in Winnfield, Louisiana placed him among more than 1,500 male detainees held at the facility, which is operated in part by a private corrections contractor under ICE supervision.



Died June 4th, 2026



Felix Alcorta-Rodriguez

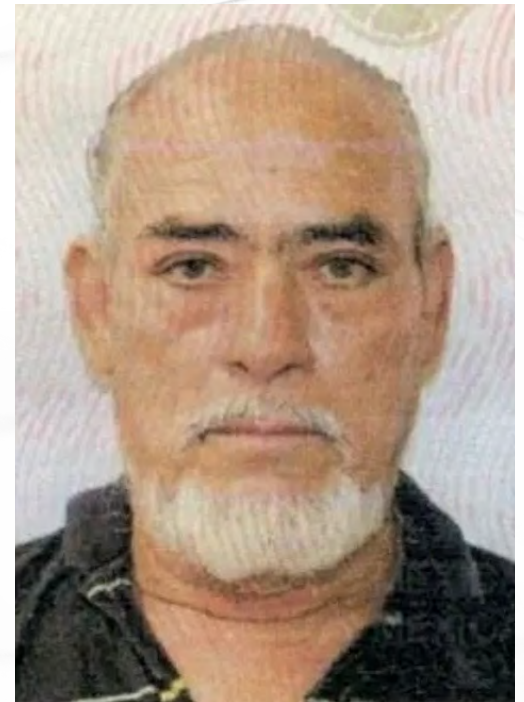
Age: 63

Country of Origin: Mexico

Felix Alcorta-Rodriguez entered the United States a number of years ago. ICE arrested Alcorta on June 16 following his release from custody from the Webb County Jail. Alcorta was arrested by the Laredo Police Department on May 9 due to an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court for a Feb. 5, 2018.

The email sent to Congressional representatives said that Alcorta was found “unresponsive at 9:13 p.m” on June 19. Detention staff called medical emergency providers and began “lifesaving measures.” He was rushed by an ambulance to the Laredo Medical Center and pronounced dead at 10:02 p.m.

His official cause of death is currently pending an autopsy.



Died June 19th, 2026



Lorenzo Salgado Araujo

Age: 52

Country of Origin: Mexico

Lorenzo Salgado Araujo entered the United States in 1991. The father of three built houses in the Houston suburbs, started his own business and established his own crew. He had no criminal record. He was a quiet man who left for work at sunrise and loved to pet his dog and sit on his porch listening to music. A year and a half before his death, he submitted fingerprints while seeking permission to work legally. His family says they have been awaiting a response from the federal government.

On July, 6th he drove his white van, picked up three co-workers, and headed towards a construction site to work on some houses. But Salgado never made it to work. During a “targeted enforcement operation”, officers with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shot and killed Salgado and arrested the three other men.



Died July 6th, 2026



Joan Sebastián Durán Guerrero

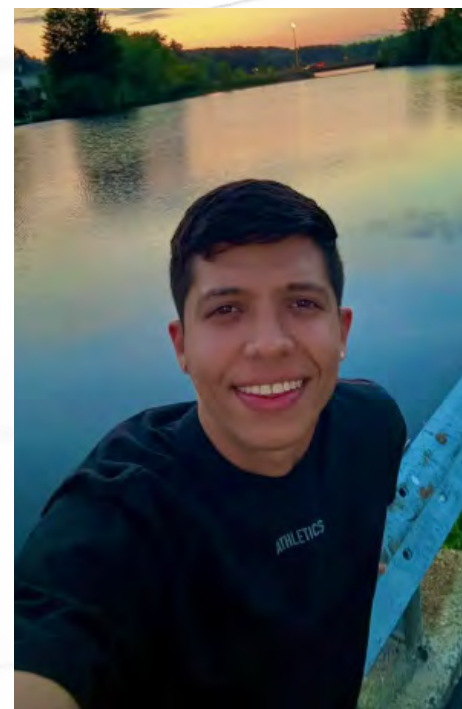
Age: 25/26

Country of Origin: Columbia

Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was authorized to work in the United States and had been issued a Social Security number, according to a joint statement from the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition and Presente! Maine. Guerrero worked as a food delivery driver and frequently collected orders from local vendors and restaurants. He had a partner and a 3-year-old daughter.

On the morning of July 13, 2026, Guerrero was driving in his vehicle when he was approached by plainclothes Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in unmarked vehicles. According to DHS, agents attempted to stop a vehicle leaving the address. The department said the driver tried to flee and that “fearing for public safety, an officer discharged his weapon”. Nearby residents said Guerrero’s partner and daughter witnessed the aftermath of the shooting. Neighbors heard the family’s cries echo through the streets immediately after.

The agents involved were not wearing body cameras and witnesses claim that they had been in Biddeford to arrest someone other than the man who was shot. This investigation is ongoing.



Died July 13th, 2026

Name Not Disclosed

Age: 28

Country of Origin: Mexico

Officials with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), which is a component of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), had an “encounter” with four men in a vehicle in the parking lot of a convenience store along a busy road in St Augustine, Florida. As the four men fled from the agents, one of them ran into the busy road and was struck by a semi truck. The person died at the scene.

This incident is still under investigation. The statement did not clarify whether the person who died was the target of an arrest operation by the HSI agents. The man’s identity has not yet been released. It is also unclear whether the other three men involved in the “encounter” with the federal officials fled, and whether they are in custody.



Died July 14th, 2026

