



Statement from the Comal County Democratic Party on the Killing of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo by ICE Agents

Earlier this week in Houston, an ICE agent gunned down a hard-working family man, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo. He worked in construction and had no criminal history, according to the Harris County District Attorney's office. The agency has not named the agent who fired his weapon. Araujo died in a Houston hospital.

ICE claimed that Araujo tried to ram his vehicle into officers, but like other such claims that were later contradicted by video evidence or eyewitness accounts, the agency's statements cannot be trusted unless verified.

The FBI and DHS are leading an investigation. Given that the FBI and DHS have been politicized by the current administration, the Comal County Democratic Party supports the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) in calling for an independent investigation into the facts.

This is the latest in a series of killings on American soil by federal agents. According to the Texas Tribune, in the past year and a half, there have been 14 deaths of immigrants in ICE custody in Texas, which holds the largest number of detainees in the country - over 18,700. These deaths include people of Hispanic and Asian origin—including non-criminals.

As ICE ramps up activity in Texas, they are targeting our neighbors, friends, and community members who deserve to be treated with dignity. No one should be targeted for their background, origin, or the color of their skin.

We should not become desensitized to these killings and the loss of human life. They are unjustified. Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was a father, husband, construction worker, and human being with no criminal history. He deserved better treatment from the United States government. This is not law enforcement; it is tyranny. His family deserves accountability.

By Victoria Locke, County Chair
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