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DEMAND JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANT RAPE SURVIVOR

Audemio Orozco-Ramirez is a father, construction worker, long-time U.S. resident, and an undocumented immigrant facing permanent separation from his family.

He also is a rape survivor.

Audemio was attacked and raped in his sleep during his first night in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody at the isolated Jefferson County Jail in Montana. It took two days before he found a law enforcement officer he could trust to ask for help. When Audemio reported the rape, ICE officers handcuffed him and forced him to participate in an interview without his lawyer. On top of everything, Audemio has a deportation order that could permanently separate him from his wife and children. Audemio courageously shared his story this week in the [Great Falls Tribune](#).

Use the form below to tell ICE that Audemio deserves justice.



The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) filed a federal civil rights complaint on Audemio's behalf, asking the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to investigate his sexual assault allegations. Because of the assault, Audemio could qualify for a U visa, a special form of protection reserved for immigrant victims of crime; but first, ICE must certify that Audemio has cooperated in its investigation of the rape. NIJC and the Montana Immigrant Justice Alliance call on ICE to certify Audemio's cooperation and demand DHS implements the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in all of its contracted detention facilities.

Tell DHS that Audemio's rape was preventable.

Congress passed PREA to prevent sexual assault in jails, and to ensure victims are able report assaults and have access to medical and mental health treatment. DHS was supposed to implement the regulations in immigration detention facilities by September 2013, but it hasn't yet done so. If the Prison Rape Elimination Act had been in effect at Jefferson County Detention Center, Audemio would have been safer and would not have had to wait two days after his assault to ask for help.

Tell DHS to certify Audemio's U visa and to implement the Prison Rape Elimination Act so that no other detained immigrants have to experience the horror Audemio has endured.

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Subject:

Investigate Audemio's Rape and Implement PREA

Your Letter:

Dear Mr. Sandweg and Mr. Murphy,

I am writing to ask you to fully investigate the rape of Audemio Orozco-Ramirez, certify Audemio's U visa, and implement the Prison Rape Elimination Act in all contracted facilities immediately so that other detained immigrants do not have to experience the horror Audemio has endured.

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