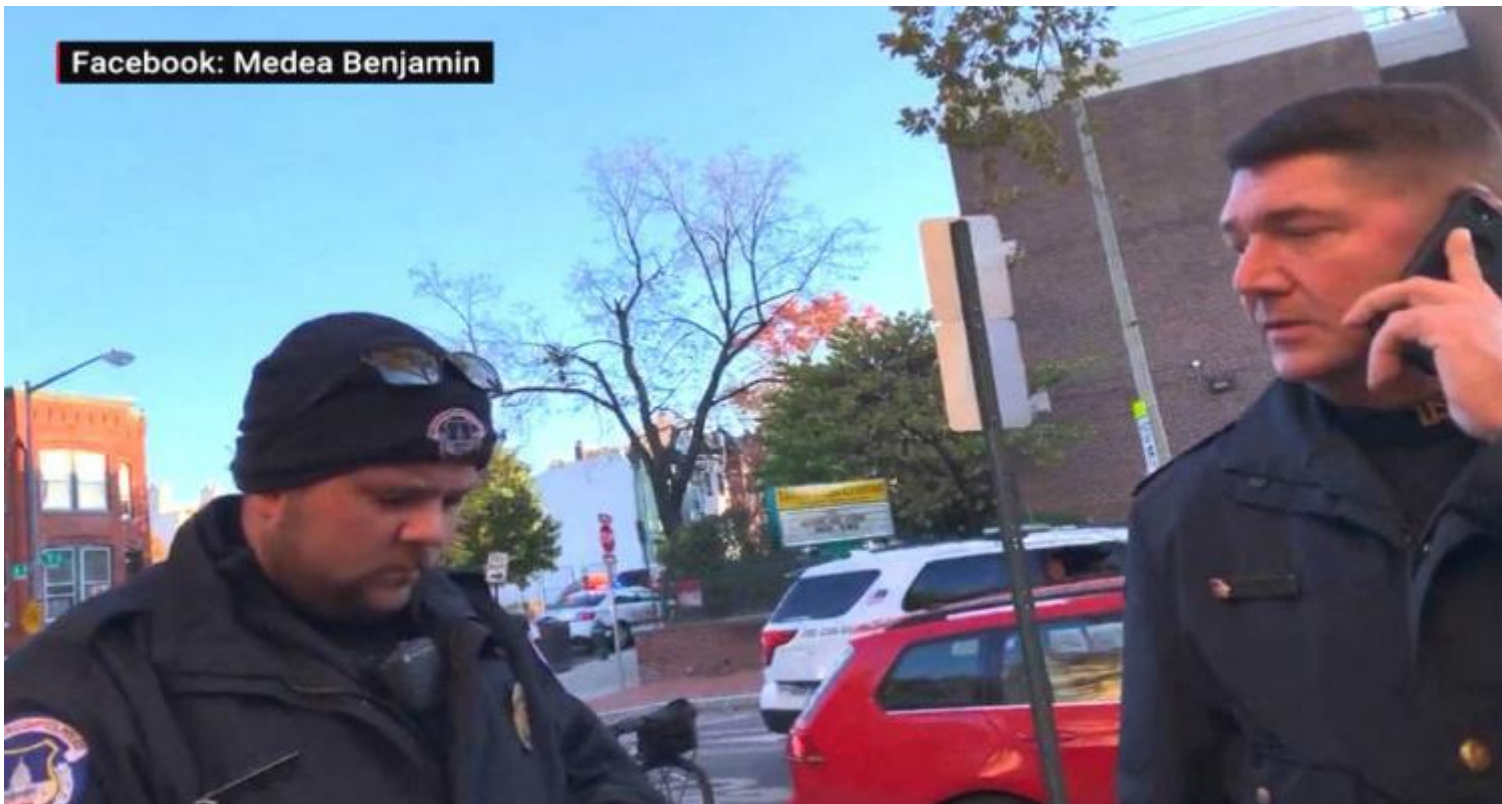


U.S. police threaten to arrest Medea Benjamin after Venezuela protest



Washington, November 14 (RHC)-- CodePink founder and longtime peace activist Medea Benjamin was threatened with arrest in Washington, D.C. and accused of assaulting a sitting congressman after being forcibly removed from a press conference for opposing the U.S.-backed coup and U.S. sanctions in Venezuela.

Benjamin vehemently denies the accusations and says she was in fact the one assaulted when she and other activists demonstrated at a press conference hosted by Florida Democrat Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Florida Republican Mario Díaz-Balart condemning President Nicolás Maduro and announcing the launch of a Congressional Venezuela Democracy Caucus.



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