

Los Angeles Times reports on crimes committed at U.S. government jails



Los Angeles, October 22 (RHC)-- An investigation by The Los Angeles Times has uncovered 265 calls to police reporting physical and sexual violence against asylum seekers inside California's four privately run immigration prisons — nearly all of which went unprosecuted.

According to the newspaper, half of those reports were cases of rape and sexual assault, and the rest were reports of assault and battery.

One case involves an asylum seeker from El Salvador who was beaten by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement deportation officer in 2018 after the agent threatened to "F— him up" if the asylum seeker refused to sign paperwork. The asylum seeker says the agent then slammed him into a concrete wall. Altogether only three cases of prisoner abuse were prosecuted.

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