

Trans woman seeking asylum in U.S. dies in ICE custody



Albuquerque, June 4 (RHC)-- A transgender woman who was part of the caravan of Central American migrants who arrived at the U.S. border last month seeking asylum has died in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE.

BuzzFeed News reports that Roxsana Hernandez died after suffering a cardiac arrest at a hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hernandez was one of scores of asylum seekers who crossed into the United States in May after taking part in a month-long caravan that began more than 2,000 miles away in the Mexican state of Chiapas.

Hernandez's supporters say she was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection after asking for asylum at the border. She was reportedly held in a freezing cell with the lights turned on 24 hours a day and denied adequate food or medical care.

Last month, Hernandez told BuzzFeed News that she fled Honduras after facing discrimination and violence -- only to face more violence and abuse, and eventually her death, in the United States: the land of her dreams.



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