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RICHARD PARIAS

USA



SHOT BY IMMIGRATION AGENTS LEFT SUFFERING IN DETENTION

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Carlitos Ricardo Parias, known as Richard, is a citizen journalist and father of two who has made Los Angeles his home for over 20 years. Through TikTok, he reports on issues affecting his community, including immigration enforcement raids. At home, he enjoys afternoon walks and watching television with his family.

In June 2025, Richard was assaulted by federal agents as he was documenting and following an Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") vehicle and wearing a 'PRESS' vest. Reportedly, local bystanders took him to get medical attention and federal agents did not pursue him further that day. Four months later, on 21 October, masked immigration agents surrounded his car near his home. One agent shot him in the arm, seriously injuring him.

Richard was hospitalized and charged with assaulting a federal officer. Although judges ordered his release on bail and the criminal charges were dismissed in December 2025, he had already been transferred to an immigration detention centre, where he remains in unlawful and arbitrary detention.

Richard has not received adequate treatment for his gunshot injury. He is suffering severe pain and swelling and limited mobility in his arm. His family, from whom he has been separated for more than a year, fears for his health.

Demand that Richard Parias is granted immediate release, urgent access to medical care, and the liberty to return to his community and exercise his right to freedom of expression.

WRITE TO THE LOS ANGELES ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR

Demand that Richard Parias is granted immediate release, urgent access to medical care, and the liberty to return to his community and exercise his right to freedom of expression.

ADDRESS: ICE Field Office Director
300 North Los Angeles Street, Room 7631
Los Angeles, CA 90012
UNITED STATES

SALUTATION: Dear Field Office Director
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EMAIL: LosAngeles.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov
X: @EROLosAngeles
HASHTAGS: #W4R26
#freeRichard
#releaseRichardLA

SHOW RICHARD THAT HE IS NOT FORGOTTEN

Send Richard a message of hope and solidarity to let him know that people around the world support him.

Richard loves spending time with his family, going for afternoon walks and watching television together. You could tell him about your favourite places to walk, share something you love about your own community, or draw something inspired by Los Angeles, the city he calls home.

Let him know that you believe in his right to report freely and that you are standing with him.

ADDRESS: Amnesty International
89 South Street, Suite LL01
Boston, Ma 02111
UNITED STATES
Attn: W4Rs

SOCIAL MEDIA: TikTok: @richardla18

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