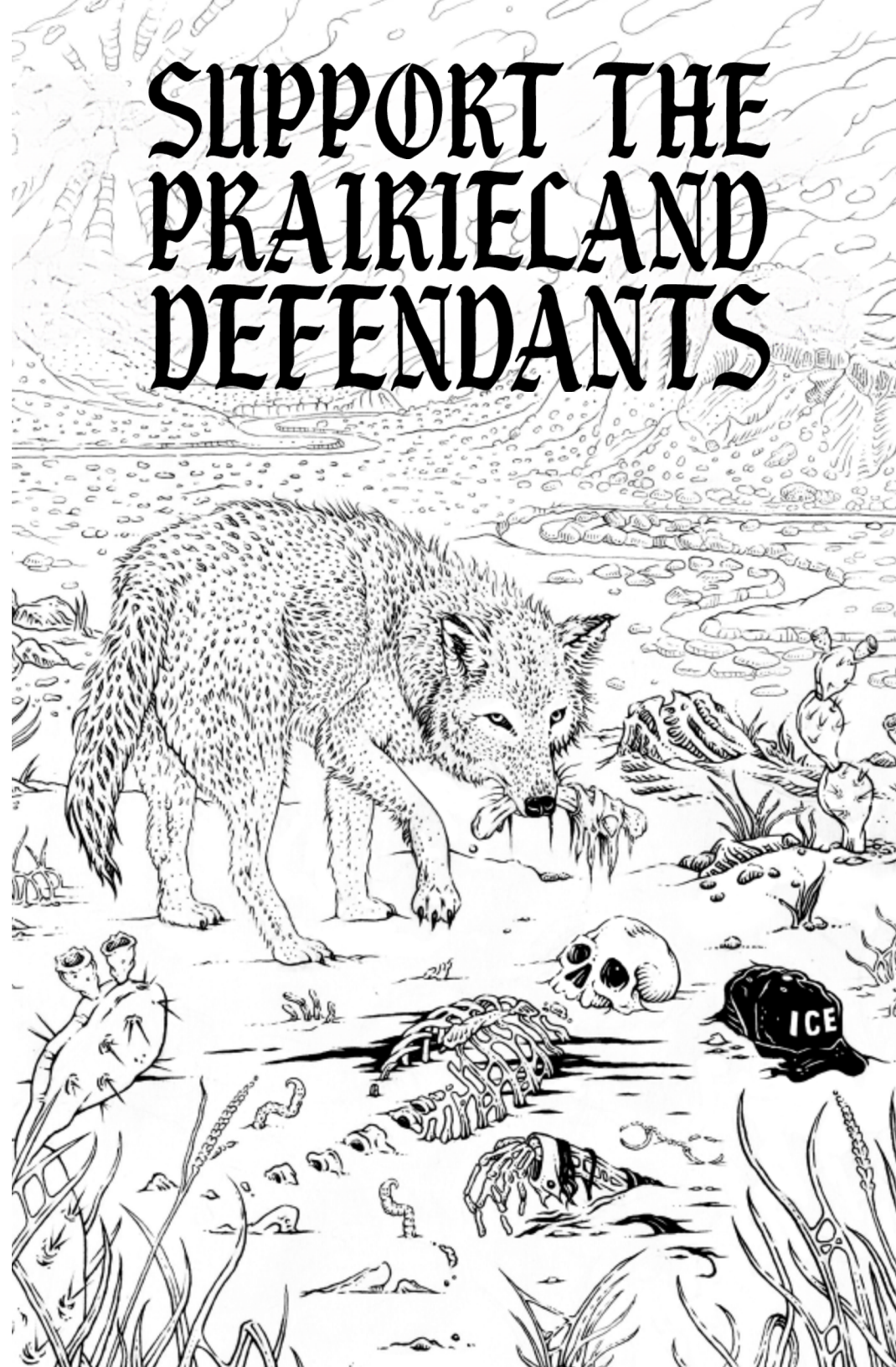


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On the night of July 4th, local police arrested 10 people outside the ICE Prairieland detention facility in Alvarado, Texas. We don't know all of the circumstances leading to the arrests. We do know that popular outrage and resistance to deportations is growing across the country. Organizers, activists, and affected communities have spent the year organizing rallies and protests outside of detention centers just like the one in Alvarado. The now 17 people arrested on July 4th (and in the days after) currently face serious charges aimed not only at ruining their lives, but signalling an authoritarian criminalization of dissent and protest against ICE. Local authorities have set bail at \$10 million per person.

This is a fundraiser to raise at least \$20,000 in legal fees and living expenses for all those facing repression connected to the protest at the Prairieland Detention Center. Due to the serious nature of the charges, the majority of money raised will go towards legal fees. Those arrested have jobs, families, and rent that needs to be paid. As they remain incarcerated due to punitively high bail, some funds may be used to cover expenses like child support, rent, or other basic necessities. In the event that we raise funds beyond what defendants need as they go through the legal process, these excess funds will be used to support other Texans facing arrest and prosecution for organizing and protesting.

The DFW Support Committee is a group of loved ones, friends and comrades of the defendants who are committed to supporting them through the legal process and have experience with legal support and anti-repression organizing. We will post regular updates about the case, the use of funds from this fundraiser and the specific support needs of the co-defendants at dfwdefendants.wordpress.com. DFW Support Committee can be contacted at dfwsupportcommittee@hacari.com.

Whether or not you're in a position to help monetarily, please share this fundraiser with your community. We encourage people to donate anonymously.

El 4 de julio por la noche, la policía arrestó a 10 personas fuera del Centro de Detención de ICE Prairieland en Alvarado, Texas. No sabemos todo lo que pasó para que los arrestaran. Lo que sí sabemos es que la gente está cada vez más indignada y decidida a oponerse a las deportaciones. Este año, se han realizado numerosas marchas y manifestaciones frente a centros de detención como el de Alvarado. Las 17 personas detenidas el 4 de julio (y en los días sucesivos) se enfrentan a graves cargos que buscan arruinarles la vida y reflejan la criminalización de la disidencia y la protesta contra la migra. Las autoridades locales han puesto una fianza de 10 millones de dólares por persona.

Se trata de una recaudación de fondos para reunir al menos 20.000 dólares en honorarios legales y gastos de manutención para todos aquellos que enfrentan la represión relacionada con la protesta en el Centro de Detención de Prairieland. Dado lo graves que son los cargos, la mayoría del dinero recaudado se destinará a los abogados. Las personas detenidas tienen trabajo, familia y gastos. Mientras permanezcan encarcelados por las fianzas punitivamente altas, algunos fondos podrán utilizarse para cubrir gastos de manutención de los hijos, renta y otras necesidades básicas. En el caso de que recaudemos fondos que excedan los que necesitan los acusados a medida que pasan por el proceso legal, estos fondos excedentes se utilizarán para apoyar a otros tejanos que enfrentan arresto y procesamiento por organizarse y protestar.

El Comité de Apoyo de DFW es un grupo de familiares, amigos y compañeros de los acusados, comprometidos a apoyarlos durante el proceso legal y con experiencia en apoyo legal y organización contra la represión. Publicaremos aquí actualizaciones periódicas sobre el caso, el uso de los fondos de esta recaudación y las necesidades específicas de apoyo de los coacusados dfwdefendants.wordpress.com. Puede contactar al Comité de Apoyo de DFW en dfwsupportcommittee@hacari.com.

Independientemente de si puede o no contribuir económicamente, comparta esta campaña con su comunidad. Animamos a las personas a donar de forma anónima.

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DFW Support Committee Statement

July 11, 2025

Texans are facing increasing repression by both the federal and state governments. Those on the frontlines of protecting people targeted by the state are especially being met with this repression in spite of our constitutional right to protest and dissent. Instead of listening to us, the government is arresting protestors, creating false narratives about their actions, and wholly ignoring their own obligation to due process.

Acknowledging this, we have formed a committee of loved ones, friends and comrades of defendants who are committed to supporting them through the legal process and have experience with legal support and anti-repression organizing.

We do not know what happened at the Prairieland Detention Center on July 4th, but we do know that 11 people were arrested and still sit in jail without legal representation. The framing of the case by the federal government should be concerning to all of us. The glaring inconsistencies in the official narrative and the alarmist accusations are a clear attempt to bolster the Trump administration's claims that the United States is on the verge of chaos, warranting a dramatic increase in militarized police action. This, in turn, will almost certainly be used as a justification for broader expansion of repression not only of popular movements but all political activity in opposition to Trump and his regime. As such, what is happening to the 11 people connected to the Prairieland Detention Center protest should be a concern for anyone who does not want to see this country descend further into authoritarianism.

The Trump administration has consistently shown that it lies and distorts facts to advance its political narratives. In particular, they created news and propaganda that seem to confirm the far-right conspiracy theories that have fed Trump's rise to power. Time and again these narratives have been proven false and dangerous.

These 11 people are some of the first arrested under this unbelievable narrative, but we should expect this sort of repression to spread further and wider. Trump does not distinguish between these defendants, Zohran Mamdani, the Democratic Socialists of America, 50501, or anyone else standing against him. They are coming for undocumented migrants, they are coming for supporters of Palestine, they are coming for those protesting ICE's violence.

Write a Letter

The first months of this administration have been a disaster. People have been kidnapped in broad daylight by masked agents and sent to hellish prison camps in other countries, with detention centers like Prarieland as stopping points along the way. Natural disasters have killed hundreds with little warning or care from the government, and even now we're still trying to count the losses from flooding in North Texas. Decades of advancement in public health have being eviscerated: measles killed more children in Texas in the last month than in the last 30 years. Transgender people are being erased from our society. US-made bombs are slaughtering millions around the world. The list goes on. People see the nightmare that is unfolding, and the state is furiously looking for ways to distract, confuse, immobilize, and terrify. In this context, it should be clear that these recent criminal charges in Alvarado, Texas, are a dangerous and unconscionable stunt in service of this goal.

We are all affected by these disasters already, but criminalization of protest means that we risk arrest and worse as the state moves to crush everyone under its power.

However, the people of this country will not accept authoritarian rule. From the initial waves of protest, resistance and antagonism have generalized and deepened. It has involved not only elected officials and formal organizations, but more importantly, millions of ordinary people taking bold action to protect their communities and reclaim their autonomy. This spreading resistance has been met with violent state repression such as deployment of active duty military on the streets of Los Angeles and the arrest of sitting judges and US senators. Now the state is attempting to ruin the lives of 11 people and their communities in North Texas. It is clear that no amount of appeasement and capitulation will stop these threats to our freedoms. We must then support those facing repression and not bow to this state terror.

This is a historic moment and what will happen next is not clear. What we do know is that the best chance for all of us to live full and free lives is to join together and be brave. We in the DFW Support Committee have no choice but to push forward and fight for those we care deeply about who are currently sitting in jail. To the rest of you, we call on you to join us in our support. We will be releasing future updates and statements about concrete actions people can take. The first and most important action today is raising funds so that these 11 people have the best legal defense possible.

Bradford Winston Morris* #11136-512

**(address letter to Meagan Morris)*

Benjamin Hanil Song #11137-512

Cameron Arnold* #11138-512

**(address letter to Autumn Hill)*

Zachary Evetts #11141-512

Ines Houston Soto #11144-512

Prisoner Name & Number

FMC Fort Worth

Federal Medical Center

PO Box 15330

Fort Worth, TX 76119

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DFW Support Committee Statement “Immigration Is Not a Crime”

Write a Letter

August 15, 2025

Lynette Sharp #202502085
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Janette Marie Goering #202503019

Johnson County Jail, TX
Prisoner Name & Number
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We are aggrieved to report that the Johnson County Sheriff's Office has arrested another member of the Dallas-Fort Worth community in relation to the July 4th Prairieland ICE Detention Center protest, bringing the total number of defendants in the case to seventeen. This person, Susan Kent, was also a member of the DFW Support Committee, the defense committee for the Prairieland Defendants. Like the rest of the defendants, their bond amount is set to an absurd and prohibitive \$10 million. We denounce this escalation by the state in its desperate attempts to criminalize people showing solidarity with those being kidnapped by ICE and to undermine dissent against rising authoritarianism.

From the beginning, this case has been rife with inconsistencies, unbelievable accusations, and violence against the defendants and their loved ones. We do not know the state's allegations against Susan, but we believe this arrest is part of the state's attempt to terrorize the residents of Dallas-Fort Worth. To arrest someone well over a month after the July 4th event signals the state's dogged attempt to tear through this community. Susan was actively working to support the defendants, to advocate for them to get the best legal defense possible and encourage them to exercise their constitutional rights. Forcing this person to endure the same horrific conditions as the defendants they were working to support fits the state's tactics of repression in this case: brutalizing defendants' family members, conducting violent raids, subjecting defendants to solitary confinement, incessantly strip searching defendants, and other cruelty, such as forcing a defendant to clean feces off the walls of their cell. This case is emblematic of the outrageous arrests happening around the country, including in Spokane, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, as well as the unnecessary federalization of police in Washington DC, all while legal cases against protestors in Los Angeles are falling apart due to lack of evidence. These actions by the state are not meant to seek justice or truth. They instead intend to terrify us and fracture solidarity among our movements. But we won't let them succeed.

Our friends and loved ones sought to show support for immigrants and ICE detainees facing brutal violence at the hands of the state. The Prairieland defendants are not terrorists. The real terrorists are the ICE agents kidnapping people off the street, destroying families and communities. We are devastated at Susan's arrest, but we are not deterred. We call on those who support resistance and seek a freer world to stand up against this brutality and repression.

The National Lawyers Guild Stands in Support of the Prairieland Defendants Facing Unchecked Federal Repression

August 7, 2025

From the Dallas-Fort Worth NLG Chapter:

On July 4th, a noise demonstration took place outside of the ICE Prairieland Detention Center in Texas. What was a typical pro-immigrant protest has turned into a massive federal investigation, with 16 defendants now facing criminal charges. The National Lawyers Guild (NLG), the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, the TexOma region of the NLG, the San Antonio Chapter of the NLG, and the Mass Defense Committee of the NLG stand in support of the Prairieland Defendants.

Community members went to the Prairieland Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center in Alvarado, Texas, to rally against ICE's violent and relentless attacks on immigrants, and to express solidarity with those imprisoned inside the detention center. There was a planned noise demonstration at the facility, where fireworks were used, and other loud noises were made. Making noise outside of jails is an extremely common form of protest, extending solidarity to those behind bars. As the rally went on, ICE agents called the local police department. After local police arrived, one officer claimed to have sustained a minor injury to his neck by what the state claims was a gunshot. In response, the government has arrested 16 people, some through raids and traffic stops. Yet, through all of the federal government's criminal complaints, only two people have been described as alleged shooters.

Expansive and Unchecked State Repression

Due to unchecked state repression, people present at the noise demonstration are now facing decades of prison time and years of pre-trial detention, regardless of their actions or knowledge. For weeks, local and federal agents have terrorized friends and family members of those arrested at the rally, serving no-knock warrants and conducting widespread surveillance. Multiple people arrested were not even at the demonstration on July 4th. Most defendants remain detained without formal charges, without legal representation, and in limbo between state and federal jurisdiction. Finding attorneys has been extremely difficult given the incredibly repressive behavior of the government.

Write a Letter

Elizabeth Soto #100005
Savanna Batten #100006
Rebecca Morgan #100008
Joy Gibson #100009
Maricela Rueda #10010

Wichita County Detention Center, TX
Prisoner Name & Number
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said Sanchez. “At times I’ve felt numb or distraught, but more than anything, I’m angry at how my life has been stolen from me. I’m not about to let anyone make me shy away from who I am or what I believe in.” Sanchez was rearrested on September 22, based on a false claim by the prosecution that he violated his bond conditions. The government was forced to rescind the claim when confronted with proof to the contrary. As part of his release, Sanchez is required to submit to GPS tracking and monitoring and restriction of his electronic device usage. The charges against Sanchez simply stem from him removing someone from private group text chats. “The accusation that someone tampered with evidence for removing someone from a group chat is absurd,” said Popova. “The case against Sanchez shows how desperate the state is to criminalize these defendants.”

“This unending criminal investigation should alarm anyone who believes in the right to protest the government,” reflects Xavier T. de Janon, Director of Mass Defense at the National Lawyers Guild. “We cannot tolerate the dangerous criminalization of a noise demonstration against ICE.”

The Prairieland case has garnered widespread attention and expressions of solidarity. On October 3, the DFW Support Committee called for a Day of International Solidarity. Groups of people from Seoul, South Korea, to Athens, Greece, showed support for the Prairieland defendants in the form of banner drops, letter writing campaigns, and other solidarity events....

The various cases stem from a noise demonstration in solidarity with ICE detainees at the Prairieland ICE Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, on July 4, 2025. Toward the end of the demonstration, an officer with the Alvarado Police Department arrived and allegedly quickly became involved in an exchange of gunfire with someone else on the scene. The officer sustained minor injuries, and was released from the hospital shortly afterwards. Ten people were arrested at the scene, and a manhunt ensued in the subsequent days for another defendant. Eight more defendants were arrested in the days and weeks following the protest.

We are witnessing state repression in real time. It is clear that police and prosecutors hope that the deplorable conditions of imprisonment will break the defendants and compel cooperation under duress. State and federal agents are wielding their power to silence people who dissent, to terrify and deter the public from exercising their rights to protest, and to make an example of the Prairieland Defendants in order to quash anti-ICE speech. The government seems determined to criminalize everyone even remotely related to the July 4th rally, regardless of their level of involvement. The flurry of arrests and severe charges are meant to suppress political organizing and free speech.

Defendants Facing Violent Jail Conditions

Lawyers who have visited the defendants say Johnson County Jail’s conditions are reprehensible. At least two defendants have been placed in solitary confinement without any explanation. One defendant was forced to clean the walls of feces left by a previously held prisoner. The defendants’ ability to communicate with friends and family outside the jail has been restricted at least twice, without any notice or explanation. At least three of the defendants are being strip-searched regularly, even though they are in solitary confinement. Two of the defendants are vegan and were not fed appropriate food. The jail has denied multiple defendants necessary medical accommodations such as a basic pillow and blood pressure medication, resulting in serious pain and potentially lasting injury. Additionally, trans individuals have been dead-named and misgendered by the jail, the media, and their own state-appointed attorneys, even though their names have been legally changed to reflect their gender.

Making matters worse, the majority of the defendants are under federal investigations, yet are still being held on state charges. The state’s actions reflect their aim to criminalize people who stand up to ICE’s excesses. We have seen similar repression in Atlanta, Georgia, Spokane, Washington, and Los Angeles, California. It is abominable to arrest and detain people simply for their proximity to an alleged offense, in the absence of probable cause. The state’s case has failed to afford the defendants their due process and is a clear violation of their rights.

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Federal Agents Arrest Another Person in Prairieland Case, Bringing Total Number of Defendants to 18

October 22, 2025

The Arrest Comes More Than Three Months After July 4 Immigrant Solidarity Protest and Less Than a Month After Felony Charges Were Brought Against Johnson County Sheriff Adam King, Who Is Directly Involved in the Prairieland Case

In an early morning raid yesterday, federal agents arrested another person in connection with a July 4 protest at the Prairieland ICE Detention Center. More than three months after the protest, Janette Goering was arrested by federal and local police at her home in Carrollton, Texas, on Tuesday, October 21. Goering is being held at Johnson County Jail on a state charge of aiding in the commission of terrorism and has a bond set at \$5 million.

Goering's arrest continues a trend of escalation by police and prosecutors in a case that now involves 18 defendants. The government is using exorbitant bonds of up to \$15 million to imprison all but one of the defendants. "It's unbelievable that more than three months later the state is still trying to widen the net in this case," said a spokesperson for the DFW Support Committee, a group of family and loved ones of defendants. "They're attempting to prosecute this as an "Antifa" case in order to terrorize the movement in solidarity with immigrants, but it's not going to work."

The case has been hailed by the Trump administration as the first legal case against "Antifa." On October 15, federal charges were formally brought against two of the Prairieland defendants, Autumn Hill and Zachary Evetts; the charges include 1 count of providing material support to terrorists, 3 counts of attempted murder of officers and employees of the United States, and 3 counts of discharging a firearm during, in relation to, and in furtherance of a crime of violence. FBI director Kash Patel called the defendants "Antifa-aligned anarchist violent extremists," sharing Fox News coverage of the indictments on X. "This seems like a coordinated political campaign," said Stephanie Shiver, wife of defendant Meagan Morris. "The feds didn't do anything for months and then they bring everyone into court just days after Trump designated 'Antifa' a priority threat." On September 25, the White House released the National Security Presidential Memorandum-7 (NSPM-7), which ordered all federal law

enforcement agencies to prioritize combating "Antifa" as a domestic terrorism threat.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has doubled down on the political nature of the prosecution. In a lengthy federal hearing to establish probable cause to detain the defendants, the federal government raised political ideas expressed in group messages, political literature known as "zines," and even board games found at defendants' houses. Of significance was commercial printing equipment seized the week prior from the home of two defendants. The DOJ claimed that this equipment and the defendants' production of left-wing reading materials, including zines and books, were evidence of their responsibility for criminal acts.

"The recent federal indictment makes false claims, mischaracterizes facts, and takes quotes out of context," said a spokesperson for the DFW Support Committee. "Claims of adherence to a political ideology, whether true or not, are not grounds to charge someone with terrorism and does not belong in an indictment."

On October 1, the State of Texas indicted 14 people on charges including terrorism, aggravated assault against a public servant, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a peace officer, aiding in the commission of terrorism, smuggling of persons, hindering prosecution of terrorism, and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence; the state imposed an additional charge of "engaging in organized criminal activity" for all 14 defendants. A total of 15 defendants have been indicted on state charges, meaning most defendants will be forced to fight concurrent federal and state cases.

Yesterday's arrest comes just three weeks after criminal charges were filed against Johnson County Sheriff Adam King, whose office is working with the federal government to prosecute the Prairieland defendants. Supporters of the defendants call into question the credibility and integrity of King and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. "I'm just worried about the Johnson County Sheriff's Office respecting defendants' rights and following the law," said Irina Popova, member of the DFW Support Committee. King is facing four felony charges, including aggravated perjury, corrupt influence, and abuse of official capacity, casting doubt about the veracity of the Prairieland case.

False accusations by Johnson County law enforcement play a major role in recent developments in the case against Dario Sanchez, the sole defendant released on bond. Sanchez faces state charges of hindering prosecution of terrorism and tampering with / fabricating physical evidence.

"I've been arrested and released three times, each one more ridiculous than the last,"