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# BEATEN UP IN A RACIST ATTACK

**PARASKEVI KOKONI**  
GREECE

**WRITE A LETTER  
CHANGE A LIFE**





Paraskevi Kokoni, 35, is a Roma woman living in western Greece. She and her 23-year old nephew Kostas, who has a learning disability, were beaten in a violent, racist attack while they were out shopping in October 2012. Her 11-year-old son could only look on as they were punched, kicked and beaten with logs by a group of local men.

Paraskevi says that one of her attackers singled her out as a relative of a local Roma leader. What's more, before the attack she was the victim of one of a series of vicious racist raids on Roma families in the same village. Many Roma people have fled their homes to escape the on-going intimidation and violence, during which houses have been set on fire.

The police have since charged three men with serious bodily harm for the attack in October 2012. But the potentially racist motive has been ignored during the investigation. Any conviction which fully recognizes the racist intent behind the assault will send a strong message and help protect Roma people across Greece from further attacks.

**Please urge the Minister of Justice to ensure the men responsible for the attack on Paraskevi and her nephew are convicted without delay, and that any sentence takes into account the racist motive of the crime.**



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### Write to the Minister of Justice in Greece

Please urge the Minister of Justice to ensure the men responsible for the attack on Paraskevi and her nephew are convicted without delay, and that any sentence takes into account the racist motive of the crime.

**Write to:** Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, 96 Mesogeion Avenue, 115 27 Athens, Greece

### Write a letter of support to Paraskevi

Send her a postcard with images or drawings of flowers, in Greek Romani or your own language.

Suggested message in Greek Romani dialect:

Σκεμπτζαβα ι τούκι ('I think of you')

Τίτσερεζ δύναμη ('Be strong')

Σινάμ ετούσα κα τι τσαβέντζα ('We are with you and your children')

**Send it to:** Paraskevi Kokoni,  
c/o Amnesty International Greece, Sina 30,  
10672, Athens, Greece

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