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# **BEATEN, SUFFOCATED AND RAPED UNTIL SHE CONFESSED**

**YECENIA ARMENTA MEXICO**

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In July 2012, Yecenia Armenta was driving relatives to the airport when undercover police pulled her over. They forced her out of her car, blindfolded her and drove her away. They accused her of ordering her husband's murder, and they stopped at nothing to make her confess.

Yecenia was hung upside down by her ankles, suffocated and beaten. "They said they would bring my two children, rape them and cut them up into pieces," she told Amnesty. "After many hours of torture and after they'd raped me, I signed the confession. I was still blindfolded. I never even read what I had signed." Her ordeal lasted 15 hours.

In detention, doctors from the same prosecutor's office that detained her examined Yecenia's injuries but failed to document them. Months later, medical forensic staff from the Federal Attorney General's Office also examined her,

only to conclude that she had not been tortured because the previous doctors had found no signs. Since then, independent medical experts have examined her twice and both times concluded that she was indeed tortured.

Yecenia has spent the last three years in prison, charged without proof on the strength of her "confession", for a crime she says she did not commit: "I want my story to be heard, and I'm asking you to help me."

**The Mexican authorities need to know the world is watching. Demand justice for Yecenia now.**

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## Write to Sinaloa's Attorney General

Call on Attorney General Marco Gómez to drop the charges against Yecenia and release her immediately. He must also carry out a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation into her torture and bring those responsible to justice.

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## Send a Christmas card of support

Spending a third Christmas in prison will be difficult for Yecenia. Send her a Christmas card with a message of support to show your solidarity.

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