Video: Daughters of Rómulo Avelica-González, detained for deportation in Los Angeles, speak out

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Rómulo Avelica-González was picked up by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials on Tuesday morning while dropping two of his daughters off at school. He is currently being held in an ICE facility in Adelanto, California and faces deportation if his emergency visa application is denied.

González has lived in the United States for 25 years and has four daughters, who are all US citizens. The family has not been able to visit González at the detention center because the facility to which he was sent is under quarantine for a measles outbreak.

González was pulled over by unmarked ICE cars shortly after dropping off one of his daughters. He was hauled away as his wife and other daughter remained in the vehicle. The detention and deportation has sent shock-waves through the school that one of his daughters attends, with children fearful that their own parents could be forcibly removed from the country.

The WSWS spoke to two of Gonzalez's daughters, Brenda, 24, and Jocelyn, 19, about their ordeal.



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