



Dr Scott Warren is facing up to 20 years in prison – simply for providing aid to migrants travelling across the deadliest border area in the US. Now the government is prosecuting him for allegedly “harbouring” two undocumented migrants by giving them food, water and clean clothing.

Scott is a geography teacher in his hometown Ajo, Arizona – 35 miles north of the border. He volunteers with No More Death – an organisation that leaves water and essential supplies for people crossing the border. He gives food, water and clean clothes to people making their way across the Sonoran Desert – after their already treacherous journey.

Because of the extreme conditions in the desert, every year many migrants die in the hostile border terrain.

Scott is one of a broad coalition of humanitarian aid volunteers who believe that there are no mitigating factors that warrant a death or injury in the desert.

Scott’s arrest is one of the most aggressive in a series of escalating actions taken by federal law enforcement against border-based aid providers since Donald Trump’s election. No one should be prosecuted for offering humanitarian aid and working to prevent starvation and death.

WHAT TO DO

1. Write to **The US District Attorney, District of Arizona, Two Renaissance Square, 40 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1800, Phoenix, AZ 85004-4408, USA** asking that the charges against Dr. Scott Warren be dropped. There is a suggested template letter over the page but it’s a bit long-winded so just paraphrase it.
2. E-mail the US District Attorney via the AI UK website at:
https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/drop-charges-against-humanitarian-aid-volunteer-dr-scott-warren?from=issue&purls-pers=1&purls-opt-mail=a&client_id=1186437&guid=bdd558b430c068cf&utm_campaign=MEMA2010_ACT_IAR_USScottWarrenHRD&utm_content=4431&utm_source=amnestyuk&utm_medium=email

Drop charges against Dr. Scott Warren

Dear Sir

I am writing to urge you to immediately drop the charges against Dr. Scott Warren (case 4:18-cr-00223-RCC-DTF). His case appear to be a politically motivated violation of his protected rights as a Human Rights Defender.

Dr. Warren volunteers with the organisation No More Deaths. Together, they provide vital humanitarian aid to uphold the right to life of migrants and preventing further deaths of migrants and asylum seekers in the Sonoran Desert.

Human Rights Defenders in humanitarian aid groups, faith-based communities, activist groups, and communities living in towns along the border, have provided assistance to these migrants for many years.

Criminal, civil and administrative laws should not be misused to target and harass people like Dr. Scott working to protect the basic rights of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees.

States should ensure that human rights defenders and their organisations are able to carry out their work in a safe environment, free from fear of reprisals. Criminalising the act of humanitarian aid – and the most basic forms of human kindness, regardless of citizenship status – is an attack on human rights.

I call on you to immediately drop all the charges against Dr. Warren.

Yours sincerely