

## CAMPAIGN FOR YOUNG ACTIVISTS (age 11-14)

### SOLIDARITY ACTION

#### Send a message of support

**Suggested message:** José Adrián, the bravery you have shown in your fight for justice is inspirational. We stand with you and support your struggle.

**Language:** English or Spanish

#### Can I

- Send a religious card or message? **No**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

### APPEAL ACTION

**Send a letter to the Governor of Yucatán State asking him to give José Adrián compensation and bring those responsible for his abuse to justice.**

**Start your letter:** Dear Governor

#### SEND ALL YOUR CARDS AND LETTERS TO

Community Organiser (Youth)  
Amnesty International UK  
17-25 New Inn Yard  
London EC2A 3EA

#### GET CREATIVE

José Adrián loves cooking and music. Send him some of your favourite recipes or songs and music and include some pictures.



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## MEXICO

## JOSÉ ADRIÁN

### Arrested and beaten by the police

**In February 2016, 14-year-old José Adrián was walking home from school when police officers grabbed him. There had just been a fight between a group of young people in which a police car was damaged.**

Even though he wasn't involved in the fight, José Adrián, who has a hearing disability, was thrown against the car and an officer trod heavily on his neck. He was then arrested. The officers did not explain why or tell his parents.

At the police station, José Adrián was handcuffed, hung from a wall and left for what felt like hours. To get him released, his family, who are indigenous Maya and live in a disadvantaged community, had to pay a fine and for the repair of the car – money they didn't have.

Because of all this, José Adrián had to drop out of school for a time. He and his family want to move on with their lives. But they can't until the authorities give them the compensation they deserve and bring the officers who abused José Adrián to justice.

**NOTE José Adrián is his first name – we are not using his family name to protect him.**

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