

MEXICO

Yecenia Armenta



CONFESSED TO MURDER AFTER 15 HOURS OF TORTURE

In July 2012 Yecenia Armenta was arrested by plain-clothed state police who accused her of ordering the murder of her husband, who had died a week previously. The officers took her to an unknown location where she was asphyxiated with a plastic bag, subjected to waterboarding and forced to strip naked. She was hung upside down, beaten and raped. Yecenia gave in to demands to confess after 15 hours of torture, when police officers threatened to bring her children in to rape and kill them. She was still blindfolded when she signed the confession. Independent medical experts have confirmed that she was tortured. Yecenia deserves to be free – and to see her torturers brought to justice.

+ www.amnesty.org.uk/yecenia



‘Not one person has been punished – except for me. I’m still in prison’
Yecenia

SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Yecenia Armenta
c/o Centro de Ejecución de las Consecuencias Jurídicas del Delito de Culiacán (CECJUDE)
Carretera a Navolato Km. 9.5, Col. Aguaruto,
Culiacán, Sinaloa. C. P. 80370
México

- + **Language:** Spanish or English
- + **Salutation:** Estimada Yecenia
- + **Suggested message:** He conocido la terrible injusticia que se está cometiendo en tu contra. Deseo fervientemente que puedas recuperar tu libertad y que las personas que te torturaron sean llevadas ante la justicia. (I have learned of the terrible injustice that is being committed against you. I sincerely hope that you can regain your freedom and that the people who tortured you are brought to justice.) NB Yecenia has been taking jewellery-making classes in prison so including necklaces or bracelets (made of paper or fabric only) would be a great way to show solidarity.

CAN I

- ☞ Send a religious card or message? (Yecenia is Christian, but not Catholic)
- ☞ Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- ☞ Include my name and address?



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SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Ask the Sinaloa state attorney-general to free Yecenia.

Write to: Marco Antonio Higuera Gómez
Procurador General de Justicia del Estado de Sinaloa
Procuraduría General de Justicia del Estado de Sinaloa
Blvd. Enrique Sánchez Alonso No. 1833
Desarrollo Plan Tres Ríos, C.P. 80030,
Culiacán, Estado de Sinaloa
México

Twitter: @gobsinaloa (Use the hashtags #FreeYecenia or #LibertadParaYecenia in your tweets)

Email: PGJPG@Sinaloa.gob.mx

Salutation: Dear Attorney-General / Estimado Señor Procurador

In your letter: Urge the attorney-general to drop charges and release Yecenia Armenta; ask for a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the torture she suffered and for all those responsible to be brought to justice. Express concern at the persistent and generalised use of torture in Mexico, especially in the context of criminal investigation.

Suggested tweet: #FreeYecenia and bring her torturers to justice! @gobsinaloa #W4R

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