

Mexican Girl Sent Home After Interpol Abducts, Sends Her to U.S.



Mexico City, April 23 (teleSUR-RHC)-- A 14-year-old Mexican girl was abducted on the mistaken presumption that she was the daughter of a woman in Houston, only to be returned to Mexico after DNA tests proved she was not.

A DNA test showed that Dorotea García Macedo was not the mother of 14-year-old Alondra Luna Nuñez. However the tests were not conducted until Nuñez had already been forcibly taken from her school in Mexico and sent by bus to the United States.

Nuñez returned to her family in Mexico on Wednesday. Videos posted on-line show Nuñez struggling against police officers, who were acting on orders from the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). Eventually, she is placed in a police vehicle and is driven off.

Garcia claimed as far back as 2007 that she believed Nuñez to be her daughter, which she alleged was illegally taken from her to Mexico by her father. She reportedly traveled to Mexico in March and, in her opinion, confirmed that the girl was indeed her daughter.

In a statement the Foreign Ministry of Mexico said that, in compliance with international law, a judge ordered Interpol to bring the girl before the court to confirm her identity. Despite the fact that the girl would eventually be proven to not be Garcia's daughter, the statement said that the court confirmed her identity. Nuñez was subsequently shipped off to the United States on April 17, 2015. Only after protests from Nuñez and her biological family was a DNA test done to definitively determine the girl's identity. The statement by the Foreign Ministry did not explain why a DNA test was not done before she was sent to the United States.

The Foreign Ministry argued it was merely trying to meet its obligations under international law. However, the judge who ordered Nuñez be sent to the United States said she acted in response to a request by the Foreign Ministry.

The Network for the Rights of Children in Mexico heavily criticized the actions of the Mexican state over the episode, claiming that judicial authorities and police violated the General Law regarding the rights of children that was recently approved in Dec. 2014.

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