

Salvadorean court releases woman jailed over stillbirth



San Salvador, Feb 19 (RHC)-- In El Salvador, a court has released a woman who was sentenced to 30 years in prison after she gave birth to a stillborn baby.

In 2008, Teodora del Carmen Vásquez was convicted on aggravated homicide charges after she went into labor while at work, tried unsuccessfully to summon an ambulance and passed out on the floor of a bathroom after miscarrying.

A representative with Amnesty International welcomed the ruling but said at least 27 other women remain behind bars in El Salvador due to obstetric complications.

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