



Kate Steinle And Her Murderer, Garcia Zarate, Illegal Alien, Deported Five Times

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, PART TWO: THE COST IN AMERICAN LIVES

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In Part One of this series on illegal immigration, I highlighted the cost of illegal immigration to the illegal aliens themselves. While no American should tolerate anyone in our country breaking the law, the plight of the illegals themselves can be truly life-threatening and heartbreaking.

However, Americans also bear the real and tragic cost when people who enter our country illegally rob, torture, rape, and kill American citizens. Illegal aliens in the U.S. are not the only ones who sometimes pay a high price for breaking our country's immigration laws. So do Americans.

The same groups and politicians who demonize anyone who oppose illegals flooding our country have no sympathy for Americans who have been murdered by illegal aliens and their loved ones who mourn for them every day.

This article will reveal a small part of how American citizens are being forced to accept the unlawful behavior of illegal aliens in our country, no matter how outrageous or egregious it is.

THE NEEDLESS MURDER OF AMERICANS BY ILLEGALS

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), estimates that as of 2019 approximately 14.3 million illegal aliens now live in the United States of America (Matt O'Brien, Spencer Raley, Casey Ray, "How Many Illegal Aliens Live in the United States?" FAIR, September 2019).

Ken Cuccinelli puts the figure much higher. Quoting from an October 16 article in *The Washington Examiner*, “President Trump’s top immigration spokesman on Wednesday said that there are potentially 22 million illegal immigrants inside the United States, nearly twice the estimate cited regularly. Ken Cuccinelli, the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which handles the legal immigration process, said the number comes from a study done by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. That study put the number at 22.1 million.” While many illegal aliens live quietly in neighborhoods around the country, many do not. Many illegal aliens are willing to sacrifice American lives if it serves their purposes.

Daniel Horowitz from *Conservative Review* revealed the ICE crime statistics report committed by illegal aliens in his December 18, 2018 article, “Secure the Border, Stop Crime: the Criminal Justice Reform We Really Need.” Horowitz reports, “Immigration and Customer Enforcement (ICE) released its annual report on deportations and the numbers are startling. In FY [Fiscal Year] 2018, ICE made 158,581 administrative arrests, of which 138,117 had a prior criminal record. The total of 542,798 criminal convictions and arrests accrued between these aliens is simply astounding.” Horowitz points out that ICE catches “over 2,000 illegal alien murder suspects (most of them convictions) . . . almost every year.”

One of the most well-known cases of an illegal alien murdering a U.S. citizen was that of Kate Steinle in 2015.

Kate was a beautiful, 32-year-old young woman with her entire life ahead of her. She had the misfortune to live in San Francisco, California, a city infamous for being a sanctuary city, protecting illegal aliens, especially those with criminal backgrounds.

On July 1, 2015, Kate was walking on Pier 1 in San Francisco with her father and a friend when she was shot in the back with a Sig Sauer .40-caliber handgun, later discovered to have been stolen from a ranger working for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Pleading with her father to help her, Steinle died in a San Francisco hospital a few hours later.

According to the CNN report on the trial, video of the shooting was captured and showed Jose Inez Garcia Zarate, an illegal alien, running from the scene of the shooting. He was arrested but denied murdering Kate Steinle.

Referring to the CNN article, “Undocumented Immigrant Acquitted in Kate Steinle death” by Holly Yan and Dan Simon, updated December 31, 2017, Garcia Zarate changed his story several times. During the trial, Garcia Zarate said he found the gun wrapped in a cloth under a bench on a pier and when he was unwrapped the cloth around the gun, the gun accidentally discharged. However, the article reports that he told police that the gun discharged when he stepped on it. According to the article, he also told police he was firing at a seal. Upon arrest, Garcia Zarate was found to have gunpowder residue on his hands.

Garcia Zarate’s defense attorney maintained that “the shooting was accidental and the bullet ricocheted off the ground and traveled about 80 feet before hitting Steinle.”

Incredibly, the jury in San Francisco couldn’t even find Garcia Zarate guilty of second-degree or involuntary manslaughter. They acquitted him.

The only thing the jury could think to find Garcia Zarate guilty of was being illegally in possession of a firearm. Garcia Zarate had been arrested five times for crossing into the U.S. illegally and had been deported five times before Kate Steinle’s death. He was a felon. When San Francisco released Garcia

Zarate the last time before he shot Kate Steinle, the city refused to turn him over to ICE. His defense attorney had the gall to say that Garcia Zarate being an illegal alien had nothing to do with the events surrounding Steinle's death.

However, even the gun conviction was later overturned upon appeal. I have to quote the reason the appeals court overturned the firearm conviction because you won't believe it unless you read it verbatim. The August 30, 2019 NPR article, "Appeals Court Reverses Gun Conviction in Kate Steinle Killing" by Richard Gonzales reports the ruling of the court. "It is undisputed that defendant was holding the gun when it fired. But that fact alone does not establish he possessed the gun for more than a moment. To possess the gun, defendant had to know he was holding it." Huh???!!!

As of the publishing of this article, the U.S. government is STILL trying to legally deport Garcia Zarate before he "accidentally" shoots and murders someone else.

Unfortunately, Kate Steinle is not the only American to lose their life due to foreigners who have crossed our borders illegally and who should not be in our country. Ohio Jobs and Justice PAC runs a website, <http://www.ojjpac.org/memorial.asp>, that lists some of the Americans murdered by people who are not supposed to be in our country. The list is far too long to include everyone but several examples are below:



Brandon Michael Killed by Mario Tellez, Illegal Alien

- Brandon R. Michael was only 21 years old when he lost his life on August 15, 2007 due to a car accident on his lunch break. The impact was so strong from the other car that it caused Brandon's car to flip over and eject him into a nearby ditch. Brandon died at the scene. Mario Tellez, a Mexican illegal alien who had been deported twice before, was eventually arrested and convicted of Brandon's murder. He had been arrested 2-3 months earlier for driving without a driver's license but was released from jail. No one followed up on him. Former Texas Congressman Ted Poe revealed that an employee who worked for the IRS had been sheltering Tellez from the law, for how long is not known. It was the IRS employee's car that Tellez was driving when he hit Brandon. The IRS employee was never arrested or prosecuted for harboring an illegal alien.
- Aaron Hampton of Middlesex, New Jersey was 23 years old when he was murdered on November 1, 2018, by his former roommate, Luis Rodrigo Perez from Mexico. Perez had been identified by ICE as an illegal alien while being held in the Middlesex county jail on a domestic violence charge. But the Middlesex county jail refused to cooperate with ICE and released Perez, allowing him to go on a killing spree which included Hampton and two others before being caught and arrested again.



Mollie Tibbets And Her Murderer, Cristhian Rivera

- Mollie Tibbets was a beautiful, all-American girl, a sophomore studying at the University of Iowa and only 20 years old when she was violently murdered by Cristhian Bahena Rivera, an illegal alien from Mexico. Mollie went for a run on the evening of July 18, 2018 in her hometown of Brooklyn, Iowa and never returned home. Rivera admitted to police he had followed Mollie in his car that evening. He even admitted to the police that he got out of his car at one point and started running beside Mollie. When Mollie told him she was going to call the police, he told police he “got mad.” Rivera eventually led police to an unmarked grave where they found Mollie’s remains but he had the gall to plead not guilty. As of the publishing of this article, Rivera’s trial is scheduled to begin on November 12, 2019.



Ronil Singh, Killed by An Illegal Alien

- One of the most tragic cases is Ronil Singh. Singh was born in Fiji. His family legally immigrated to the United States in 2003. According to the Modesto Bee, Singh “studied criminal justice at Modesto Junior College in 2005” and had “worked as a reserve with the Merced County Sheriff’s Department in 2010 and worked for the Turlock police Department from 2006 to 2010.” Singh joined the Newman, California police force in 2011, finally fulfilling “his lifelong dream of becoming an officer, joining a small-town police force in California and working to improve his English.” Singh was living the classic American dream as related by his colleagues on the police force, enjoying camping, hunting, and being with wife and 5-month-old

son. The day after Christmas 2018, Singh made what would normally be a routine traffic stop. It was anything but routine for Singh. An illegal alien shot and murdered Corporal Singh. Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson stated emphatically, “This suspect is in our country illegally. He doesn’t belong here. He is a criminal.” Paulo Virgen Mendoza, going by the alias of Gustavo Perez Arriaga, was caught and arrested after a massive manhunt and has pled not guilty to Singh’s murder.



MS-13: THE TERRORIST GANG IN AMERICA NO ONE TALKS ABOUT

MS-13 is a terrorist gang founded by illegal aliens from Central America in the 1980s. The dirty little secret is that MS-13 is here because of our open borders policy and they are actively murdering and terrorizing American citizens. No one wants to talk about MS-13 and their crimes, especially the open borders crowd. But MS-13 is real. All you have to do is talk to the families of the loved ones they have murdered.

In order to get more information about MS-13, I had to go to *The Sun*, a UK newspaper, that published an in-depth article on these terrorists. Every American citizen needs to read this May 28, 2018 article, “Notorious Killers: What Is the MS-13 Gang, What Has Donald Trump Said, and What Does the Name “Mara Salvatrucha Mean?” by Emma Lake

The “ms” in MS-13 is for “mara salvatrucha.” Mara means gang, salva is short for Salvador (reportedly some of the original founders of the gang were from El Salvador), and trucha means street smarts. The number 13 was added because M is the thirteenth letter in the alphabet. The group’s motto is “mata, roba, viola, controla” - kill, steal, rape, control.

According to the article from statistics provided by the FBI and the U.S. Treasury Department, MS-13 boasts of having at least 10,000 gang members in 46 states in our country and over 30,000 across the world. MS-13 members are usually identifiable because of large tattoos across their bodies. MS-13 reportedly has an annual income of over \$30 million, which it makes from illegal drug and sex trafficking, prostitution, and of course, murder.

Gang members start early by recruiting young teenagers who have to prove they are worthy of joining the gang by committing a crime in order to become a member. Many times, the initiate must murder someone, often a rival of another gang. Leaving MS-13 is almost impossible. If any MS-13 member attempts to get out, they are themselves murdered. (Reminds me of the song, “Hotel California” by The Eagles, “You can check out any time you like but you can never leave.”)

FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge William Sweeney in the New York Field Office described MS-13 as ruthless. "MS-13 traffics in violence for no other reason than to use mortal fear as a way to control people and territory . . . They have no regard for life, and anyone who shows any kind of normal human empathy pays the ultimate price. The FBI New York Safe Streets Task Forces in Queens and Long Island have not let up on our determination to eradicate this gang from our communities" ("MS-13 Gang Members Indicted for Murder of 16-year-Old Victim in Alley Pond Park in Queens," The United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of New York, September 12, 2019).

A hallmark of MS-13 is their penchant for gruesome killings. Below are just a few examples of how MS-13 operates:

- MS-13 gang members were arrested and charged in July 2019 for the brutal murder of a rival gang member in the Los Angeles area. MS-13 members actually cut the heart out of the other gang member and dismembered him with a machete (Agence France-Presse, " 'Dismembered, Heart cut Out': MS-13 Gang Members Charged in Los Angeles Over String of Grisly Killings," South China Morning Post, July 17, 2019).
- According to a report by Fox News a total of 22 MS-13 gang members, among them the 13 mentioned above, were responsible for a string of brutal murders in California and that many of them were in the country illegally (Travis Fedschun, "19 MS-13 Gang members Indicted in 'Medieval-Style' California Slayings Were in Country Illegally, Officials Say," Fox News, July 17, 2019).
- MS-13 gang members murdered a fellow gang member simply because he refused to murder someone else as he was ordered to (John Annese, "Feds: MS-13 Gang Members Lured Teen to Queens Park and Killed Him as Payback for Refusing to Murder Another Gang Member," New York Daily News, September 12, 2019).
- Four MS-13 gang members pleaded guilty to participating in two ghastly and macabre murders in the Maryland. The two female victims were both found in unmarked graves and both were found to have been stabbed multiple times and decapitated (Phil Davis, "Four Plead Guilty to Gruesome MS-13 Gang Murders in Anne Arundel County," Capital Gazette, October 7, 2019).



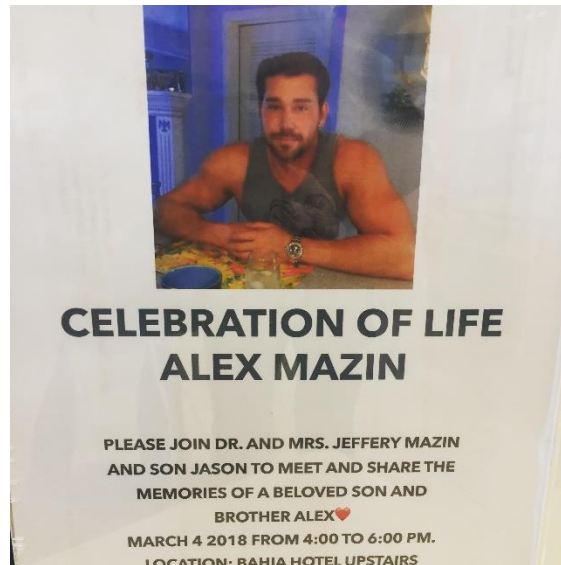


President Trump with Angel Families

ANGEL FAMILIES

Very few Americans consider the cost to parents and family members who have lost loved ones murdered by illegal aliens. Shouldn't their opinions on the issue of illegal aliens in this country be considered?

Angel Families, <https://www.angelfamilies.org>, was formed to bring attention and awareness to the American public about Americans who have been murdered by illegal aliens. According to the website their goal is to "convince our politicians and American citizens that there is a threat to our national security and to fellow Americans . . . American citizens deserve protection from illegal aliens and support from our politicians."



Alexander Mazin was only 27 years old when he was murdered by Ernesto Castellanos, an illegal alien from Mexico who had already been deported from the U.S. twice. Mazin had started dating the ex-girlfriend of Castellanos, so Castellanos gunned him down in cold blood outside a San Diego gym in 2018.

President Trump gave a special address about illegal immigration on January 8, 2019 from the White House. Jeffrey Mazin, Alexander's father, felt he had to respond to the Democrats' comments after President Trump spoke. Greg Norman reported on Mazin's response, as well as that of other Angel

Family members, in “Families of Americans Killed by Illegal Immigrants Take Issue with Claim Trump Is ‘Manufacturing a Crisis,’” published by Fox News on January 9, 2019.

“I’m just wondering if Nancy Pelosi had one of her children or grandchildren assaulted in the same way that my son was assassinated if she would speak the same way.” Mazin had further remarked to Fox News in 2018 that Castellanos “straddled him (Alexander Mazin) and pumped four more bullets into his chest. My son died there in the parking lot, like a rat in the street.”



Julie Golvach’s son Spencer was murdered by an illegal alien at a traffic stop in Houston, Texas in 2015. Julie didn’t mince words on “Fox and Friends” the following morning in also responding to the Democrats. “It may seem ‘manufactured’ to them because they are sitting safely behind walls, but for those of us out in regular America, we are victims, we are prone to the victimization of illegal aliens and crime,” she told the hosts.

Castellanos was never caught and authorities believe that he fled to Mexico after murdering Mazin. Spencer Golvach’s murderer Reyes was killed by police after they chased him. Reyes had been sentenced to five years in prison on an illegal drug charge.

OTMs - OTHER THAN MEXICANS

When Americans think of U.S. citizens who have been murdered by illegal aliens, most think of Mexicans. Although a fair amount of people from Mexico cross our borders illegally, many are not from our near neighbor to the south. Many of them are known as OTMs - Other Than Mexicans.

The Pew Research Center has some alarming statistics about illegal aliens residing in the United States from other countries. In a report by Jeffrey Passel and D’Vera Cohn, “Mexicans Decline to Less Than Half the U.S. Unauthorized Immigrant Population for the First Time,” published June 12, 2019 by Pew, “apprehensions of non-Mexicans outnumbered those of Mexicans for the past three fiscal years, according to federal statistics . . . unauthorized immigrants from other parts of the world [have] increased . . . The non-Mexican number also ticked up from 2016 to 2017 . . . The number of unauthorized immigrants rose over the 2007-2017 decade from two birth regions: Asia and Central America. Pew credits some of the current OTMs as being foreigners from other nations who entered the United States legally with temporary visas and have stayed in the U.S. after their visas expired.

The Cato Institute reported in December 2018 that although 45,000 “special interest” illegal aliens had been caught by the U.S. Border Patrol since 2007 and downplayed the fact that none of them had been terrorists or had committed terrorist acts in the United States (David Bier, Alex Nowrasteh, “45,000 ‘Special Interest Aliens’ Caught Since 2007, But No U.S. Terrorist Attacks from Illegal Border Crossers,” Cato At Liberty, December 17, 2018).

NBC News reported earlier this year that “only” six illegal aliens were found on a terrorist database in the first half of 2018 (Julia Ainsley, “Only Six Immigrants in Terrorism Database Stopped by CBP at Southern Border From October to March,” NBC News, January 7, 2019).

News sources weren’t the ones I found that downplayed a terrorist threat by OTMs breaching our borders illegally. When Robert Frances “Beto” O’Rourke was trying to defeat Texas Senator Ted Cruz in 2016, O’Rourke boldly proclaimed that no terrorists had ever crossed our borders.

“At this time of vicious rhetoric, paranoia and fear and hatred and bigotry aimed at the rest of the world, can you get this: a 2,000-mile, \$25 billion, 30-foot-high, pure concrete wall at a time of record U.S.-Mexico border security, at a time that zero, precisely zero, terrorists, terrorist groups or terror plots have ever been connected with the U.S.-Mexico border to do harm to people within the United States?” O’Rourke claimed (Johnathan Silver, “PolitiFact: O’Rourke Can’t Link ‘Zero’ Terror Threats to Border,” *Statesman*, May 7, 2018).

However, Johnathan Silver, who reported on O’Rourke’s declaration and wrote the article named above cited sources that found “along the southern border of the U.S., the government apprehends seven individuals a day who are either known or suspected terrorists” and in fact “U.S. Customs and Border Protections had ‘apprehended several members of known Islamist terrorist organizations crossing the southern border in recent years.’”

Former head of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, testified before in Congress in 2012 “that terrorists intending to harm the American people enter the U.S. from Mexico ‘from time to time’ but assured the U.S. House committee members that ‘we are constantly working against different and evolving threats involving various terrorist groups and various ways they may seek to enter the country’” (Edwin Mora, “Napolitano: Terrorists Enter U.S. from Mexico ‘From Time to Time,’” CNS News, July 30, 2012).

The same article quoted an interview that former Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell gave to the El Paso Times in August 2007. McConnell verified that some terrorists were breaching our borders but “Not in great numbers . . . There are some. And would they use it as a path, given it was available to them? In time they will . . . There were a significant number of Iraqis who came across last year. Smuggled across illegally . . . Across the Southwest border.”

I sleep so much better at night, knowing terrorists from foreign countries are not crossing our borders “in great numbers,” don’t you?

Deroy Murdock, journalist and contributing editor for *National Review*, provides irrefutable evidence that terrorists are crossing our porous borders.

In “Yes, We’ve Nabbed Terrorists on the Southern Border,” published by *National Review* online on January 10, 2019, Murdock reveals some of the more worrisome cases of OTM terrorists that were eventually, and thankfully, caught before they could commit any terrorist acts. I could not include all the terrorists Murdock listed but I quote directly from his article.



Mahmoud Youssef Kourani

- Mahmoud Youssef Kourani scored a visa by bribing a Mexican diplomat in Beirut. Kourani and another Middle Easterner then secured a Mexican guide who escorted them north. Kourani entered American in a car trunk in February 2001. He eventually settled among Lebanese immigrants in Dearborn, Mich., where he raised money for Hezbollah. Kourani pleaded guilty in March 2005 to giving material support to terrorists.
- Adnan El Shukrijumah was “a green card holder from Saudi Arabia who had lived for many years in Brooklyn and south Florida,” Warren Richey explained in his exceptional article on this topic in January 15, 2017’s *Christian Science Monitor*. Just before the September 11 attacks, Shukrijumah vanished. [After being waterboarded, Khalid Sheik Mohammed revealed Shukrijumah’s name.] . . . Shukrijumah evaded American authorities for eight years, although he was named in an eleven-count indictment in 2012 for plotting what would have been an attack by three suicide bombers on New York City’s subways. Officials grabbed the three would-be killers before they blasted rush-hour commuters. Shukrijumah reached the Afghan-Pakistani border, where the Pakistani military fatally shot him in a 2014 raid.
- Ahmad Muhammed Dhakane was a “guerrilla fighter and human smuggler who knowingly helped move into the U.S. several potentially dangerous Somali terrorists who he believed would commit violent acts if ordered to do so,” the Texas Department of Public Safety concluded. Citing federal court documents, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported, “At least five of his clients were supporters or members of Al Shabab or associated Somali terror groups - and *at least three of them made it into the US.*” (Emphasis added) . . . Dhakane, a member of the Somali terrorist group Al-Ittihad Al-Islami, furnished bogus passports to his clients, bribed Brazilian immigration authorities to cooperate as his customers traversed that nation en route to the U.S., and trained them to falsify asylum claims once they reached America . . . Dhakane was arrested on the border, in Brownsville, Texas, in March 2008, just across from Matamoros, Mexico . . . Dhakane pleaded guilty to lying on his U.S. asylum application, for which he was sentenced to ten years in prison in April 2011.
- Abdullah Omar Fidse walked across a bridge over the Rio Grande, from Reynosa, Mexico, to Hidalgo, Texas, in June 2008. He requested asylum, claiming to be a Somali refugee. While in custody for years as federal officials weighed his case, Fidse told another detainee that he

supported al-Qaeda and al-Shabab. His cell-phone memory card included the telephone number of Mohamed Suleiman, subsequently arrested for aiding a 2010 al-Shabab suicide-bomb attack in Kampala, Uganda, which killed 70 soccer fans. Fidse eventually admitted to an undercover informant: “We are terrorists.” As Todd Bensman of the Center for Immigration Studies reports, Fidse “believed all good Muslims must commit two acts of Jihad a year.” U.S. officials . . . prosecuted [Fidse] for lying to federal agents, and sent him to prison for eight years.

- Mukhtar Ahmad and Muhammad Azeem of Gujarat, Pakistan, were caught by Border Patrol agents just north of Tijuana in September 2015. *The Washington Times* reported that databases tied Ahmad to a suspected or confirmed terrorist . . . According to the Center for immigration Studies, “both migrants were on U.S. terrorism watch lists.”



CONCLUSION

It’s great that we have wonderful Border Patrol agents, ICE agents, and local law enforcement officials around the country who are willing to risk life and limb to try to protect us from foreign terrorists wishing to do us harm. It’s also great that we have so far caught terrorists coming across our border before they would carry out terrorist attacks. But how many terrorists have crossed our southern border that we have not caught? No one knows.

Israelis have a saying. “We have to win every war. The Arabs only have to win once.” The same can be said about foreigners crossing our borders illegally. Only one or two terrorists have to enter our country without being caught in order to cause great havoc, chaos, and much loss of life. This is not a risk I am willing to take with any American’s life, and neither should anyone else.

Our government’s most important job is to protect the lives of American citizens. Every murder of an American citizen in the United States committed by an illegal alien was preventable. Every illegal alien, every terrorist that we do not catch endangers the lives of American citizens. Every American should be outraged that any illegal alien is allowed into this country to commit any crime, especially murdering American citizens. Securing our borders is the sure-fire way to stop these tragedies from every happening.

I have only scratched the surface of the danger illegal aliens pose to Americans each and every day. Space did not permit me to recount the numerous other crimes like rape, robbery, and identity theft committed by illegal aliens. I urge every American to read and do research on this important topic and inform themselves and others. Part Three will document the political cost of illegal immigration to American citizens and how illegal aliens are changing and influencing the political landscape of our country.

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