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# ICE Asks Governor Pritzker and Chicago Sanctuary Politicians to Not Release Criminal Illegal Alien Accused of Killing 18-Year-Old Loyola College Student

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*Jose Medina-Medina was previously RELEASED after an arrest for shoplifting in Chicago*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today announced U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) lodged an arrest detainer asking sanctuary politicians to not release Jose Medina-Medina, a Venezuelan criminal illegal alien arrested for killing 18-year-old Sheridan Gorman in Chicago, Illinois.

According to [local reports](https://www.dhs.gov/now-leaving?external_url=https%3A%2F%2Fabc7ny.com%2Fpost%2Fchicago-police-questioning-person-interest-death-sheridan-gorman-loyola-university-student-westchester-county-ny%2F18746613%2F&back_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dhs.gov%2Fnews%2F2026%2F03%2F22%2Fice-asks-governor-pritzker-and-chicago-sanctuary-politicians-not-release-criminal) ([https://www.dhs.gov/now-leaving?external\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fabc7ny.com%2Fpost%2Fchicago-police-questioning-person-interest-death-sheridan-gorman-loyola-university-student-westchester-county-ny%2F18746613%2F&back\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dhs.gov%2Fnews%2F2026%2F03%2F22%2Fice-asks-governor-pritzker-and-chicago-sanctuary-politicians-not-release-criminal](https://www.dhs.gov/now-leaving?external_url=https%3A%2F%2Fabc7ny.com%2Fpost%2Fchicago-police-questioning-person-interest-death-sheridan-gorman-loyola-university-student-westchester-county-ny%2F18746613%2F&back_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dhs.gov%2Fnews%2F2026%2F03%2F22%2Fice-asks-governor-pritzker-and-chicago-sanctuary-politicians-not-release-criminal)), 18-year-old Loyola University student Sheridan Gorman was shot and killed on Thursday morning around 1:00 am while she was walking in a park with friends. Medina-Medina is accused of approaching her while wearing a mask and armed with a gun. As she attempted to flee, he fired his gun and shot her. Gorman was shot and pronounced dead at the scene.

*Sheridan Gorman*

On May 9, 2023, Medina-Medina was apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol and **released** into the country under the Biden administration. He was then **released again** on June 19, 2023, following an arrest for shoplifting in Chicago, Illinois.



Jose Medina-Medina

*“Sheridan Gorman had her whole life ahead of her before this cold-blooded killer decided to end her life. She was failed by open border policies and sanctuary politicians who RELEASED this illegal alien TWICE before he went on to commit this heinous murder,”* said **Acting Assistant Secretary Lauren Bis**. *“We are calling on Governor J.B. Pritzker and Chicago’s sanctuary politicians to commit to not releasing this criminal illegal alien from jail back into American neighborhoods.”*

In December 2025, ICE Director Todd Lyons [sent a letter \(news/2025/12/08/governor-pritzkers-sanctuary-illinois-released-more-1700-criminal-illegal-allens\)](#) to Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul calling on him to put the safety of Americans first and honor ICE arrest detainers of the more than 4,000 criminal illegal aliens in the state’s custody including murderers, sexual predators, and those convicted of or charged with weapons offenses.

DHS law enforcement is protecting American communities every day from another senseless tragedy like this taking place in another town, to another family. Victims of illegal alien crime may receive support from the [Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement \(VOICE\) Office](#) (<https://www.ice.gov/voice>) by contacting 1-855-488-6423 (tel:1-855-488-6423).

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