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BIO

My name is April Aguirre. I was born and raised here in Houston, Tx. My parents migrated to this country from Mexico to offer us a better life. After serving in the Air Force, I worked part time as a nurse while raising my five children. My husband is a deputy with the Harris County sheriff's office. Together he and I lived a quiet life until tragedy struck our family.

On February 14th, 2022, My nine-year-old niece Arlene Alvarez was shot and killed on her way to dinner within arm's reach of her parents in her vehicle. My sister yelled for her kids to duck down when she heard gunshots. Arlene was wearing her earphones watching a movie and did not hear her mother and father's cries. Of all the bullets that struck the vehicle one shattered the glass on the rear passenger door and struck Arlene on her right temple. Our life was never the same again.

We had no time to mourn, for our murderer was bailed out within 1 day of being arrested. We started to navigate a criminal justice system that we were pushed into. We found so many failures. We were overwhelmed but decided to tackle what seemed to us an impossible task.

We had a choice to stay at home and drown in our grief or fight a system that contributed to my niece's death

Since then, we have enacted real change in our community. Secondly, we support homicide victims navigating the criminal justice system. Because no one should walk this path alone.

- Alongside John Whitmire and Paul Castro we helped pass a mandate across Harris County forcing defendant's facing the worst of violent crimes to pay a minimum of 10% of their bond amount before they can be freed from jail on bond.
- Alongside Andy Khan, John Whitmire and Kim Ogg we helped pass Senate Bill 402 which will prioritize trials for defendants charged with Capital

Murder and Murder. Ensuring victims who are already mourning loved ones do not have to prolong their wait for justice.

- Alongside FBI Houston we were able to provide enough evidence to have an investigation started on local bail bond companies all owned by Muharib family. This investigation led to the arrest of 37 people in what was described as a 'massive operation'. The two-years long investigation resulted in what we suspect the bail bond company that bail out Arlene's murderer and countless other victims was operation fraudulently. The scheme allowed violent criminals who normally wouldn't have qualified for bonds to get back out on the streets with relative ease.
  
- With the support of my family, I have been able to represent over two dozen victims' families in the last two years.
  - We organize vigils.
  - We print and distribute wanted posters for suspects.
  - We raise funds to cover funeral expenses.
  - We navigate media and become a spokesperson when necessary
  - Once in the judicial process we attend court with victims' families and navigate them through the process.

I received my high school diploma from Pasadena High school.

I received my Nurse training from United states Air Force.

I received my Associate's degree in criminal justice from Houston community college.

I received my Bachelor's degree in criminal from the from the University of Houston downtown

I am set to start law school in January 2025 focusing on criminal law.

I vow to help every crime victim I can, while making both local and legislative changes to ensure those who prey on our law-abiding citizen always face prosecution and punishment.