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Illegal Guatemalan Released on DWI Charge Murdered Maryland Woman, Police Allege

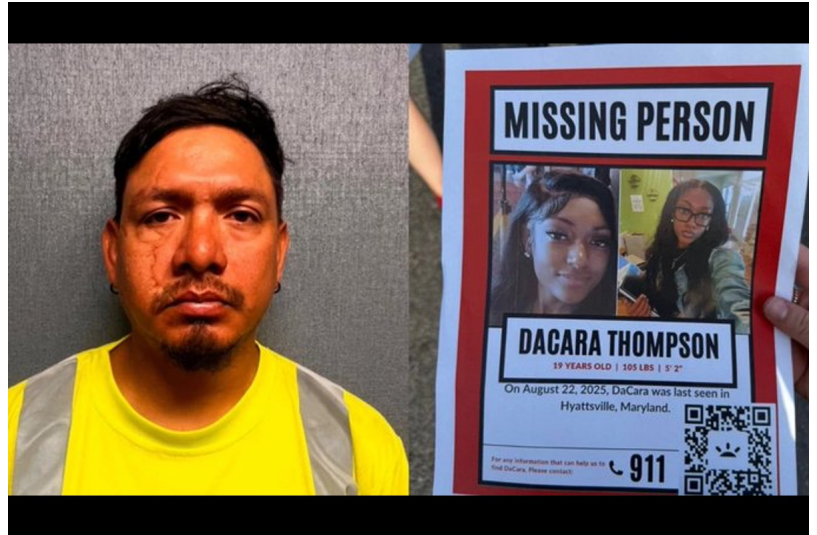
In 2022, it was 20-year-old Kayla Hamilton of Harford County, Maryland.

In 2023, it was 37-year-old mom of five Rachel Morin, also of Harford County.

And last month, it was 19-year-old DaCara Thompson.

Illegal aliens murdered Hamilton and Morin. And cops in Prince George's County, Maryland, allege that illegal alien Hugo Hernandez-Mendez murdered Thompson.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/X
Hugo Hernandez-Mendez

The Murder

Court documents released on Friday disclose the grim truth about Thompson's murder, [reported WUSA9](#) in Washington, D.C.

Her father reported her missing at about 9 p.m. on August 23, the station reported, citing documents. He hadn't seen his daughter since the night before, and when he called her, she didn't answer. The only thing he knew was what she had told him: "She was going to get gas and going out."

"I should be back soon," [she texted](#). "I love you too."

That was the last the family heard from her.

"On August 24, family members tracked the last location of her phone to the intersection of Jasmine Terrace and Riggs Road in Hyattsville," the [station reported](#):

Once there, they saw her car, and called police.

On August 31, around 4:50 p.m., Maryland State Police responded to the Rt 50 between Maryland Rt 424 and Maryland Rt 97 in Annapolis for a disabled vehicle on the short bridge that is over the South River. While on scene troopers apparently saw her body on the river embankment, about 30 feet below. Court documents detail that the body was that of a fully nude woman and was in bad shape.

The court documents show, surveillance footage from August 23 showed the young woman exiting her vehicle and walking to the parking lot of a business. She approached "the driver side of a black GMC Yukon Denali and appear to speak to the driver, before walking around to the passenger side and getting in the passenger front seat."

The license plate on that vehicle led to a home where the two had arrived at about 3:47 a.m.

The station further noted:



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Investigators say cell phone records for DaCara Thompson's phone show that she was in the car the entire time. Her phone was deactivated at 5:03 a.m., the documents show.

Cops showed up at the home at about 9 p.m. on September 3. They received a search warrant and went to the home again the next morning, the station reported. But "before they could serve the warrant, court documents reveal that they saw a man leave the home and get in the front seat of the SUV," which police stopped.

The driver: Hugo Rene Hernandez-Mendez.

The [station further reported](#):

Court documents reveal he allegedly told authorities that he was at the Galaxy Night Club ... which is across the street from where DaCara Thompson was seen getting in the black SUV.

Police say he told them that he was supposed to meet his ex-girlfriend, but never did. When they began to question him more, he denied involvement in DaCara's disappearance and asked for a lawyer.

Through the court documents, WUSA9 has learned that detectives also interviewed several of the people who live in the home with him.

Investigators say they believe he killed DaCara Thompson inside his bedroom early in the morning of August 23 and then drove her body to Rt 50 between Rt 424 and Rt 97 in Annapolis, and threw her body over the short bridge.

[DC News Now reported](#) that the court documents say "sexual intercourse [was] heard coming from [Hernandez-Mendez's] bedroom which sounded as if someone was not enjoying it."

[Hernandez-Mendez faces](#) first- and second-degree murder charges.

DWI Arrest and Release

Brad Bell of 7News in Washington, D.C., [reported on X](#) that "Hernandez-Mendez was arrested by US Park Police for a DWI in April and was released after an appearance in US District Court."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) [confirmed Hernandez-Mendez's immigration status](#):

Hugo Rene Hernandez-Mendez is a criminal alien from Guatemala charged with first-degree murder in Prince George's County, Maryland. On Sept. 4, ICE Baltimore lodged an immigration detainer against Hernandez with the Prince George's County Department of Corrections, who is historically uncooperative.

During an interview with Hernandez, ICE officers determined that he illegally entered the United States on an unknown date and location and without inspection or admission by a U.S. immigration official.

So a federal judge released a drunk-driving illegal, who, police allege, then murdered a woman and tossed her body off of a bridge.



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Previous Illegal-alien Murders

Thompson is at least the third woman murdered by an illegal alien running around Maryland free as a bird.

Last month, Rachel Morin's murderer [was sentenced](#) to life in prison. Caught and released at the southwest border during the Biden administration, Salvadoran Victor Martinez-Hernandez murdered Morin in August 2023. He was particularly brutal to the 37-year-old mother of five, raping her and smashing in her skull with a rock.

Also caught and released at the border, Salvadoran goon [Walter Martinez murdered](#) Kayla Hamilton in July 2022 by garrotting her with a telephone cord. While cops awaited DNA test results to convict, Maryland authorities permitted him to enroll in high school.



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