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# Murder Suspect Ibarra Took Taxpayer Flight From NYC to Georgia Where Laken Riley Was Murdered

The Biden-Harris administration isn't the only government accomplice in the murder of nursing student Laken Riley.

Also involved is New York City. Border agents caught suspect Jose Ibarra at the border and released him to travel to the big city, pursuant to President Joe Biden's [unlawful long-standing orders](#), and the city paid for his airline flight to Georgia, where, police allege, he murdered young Riley.

New York City officials confirmed the free flight for the *New York Post*, and Ibarra's roommate in Georgia confirmed it in testimony during the Venezuelan Biden "migrant's" bench trial.



AP Images  
Jose Ibarra

## The Murder

Ibarra, 26, [faces 10 charges](#) for the murder of Riley, who was 22.

[The 10-count indictment against Ibarra](#) includes one count of malice murder "by inflicting blunt force trauma to her head and by asphyxiating her in a manner unknown to the grand jury."

He also faces counts of felony murder while kidnapping with bodily injury, felony murder while committing aggravated assault to commit rape, felony murder while committing aggravated battery, and separate counts of aggravated battery, kidnapping with bodily injury, and aggravated assault to commit rape.

The other charges are evidence tampering, Peeping Tom, and obstructing or hindering a person making an emergency call.

Ibarra, whom the [Post fingered](#) as a member of the murderous Tren de Aragua gang now operating nationwide thanks to Biden's unlawful immigration policies, smashed Riley's head in with a rock, "seriously disfiguring" the young woman, the indictment says. He attacked Riley on a jogging trail near the University of Georgia campus in Athens.

Riley would be alive if the Biden administration hadn't released the Venezuelan miscreant at the border, and if New York hadn't flown him to Georgia on the taxpayers' dime.

## The Flight

"The migrant Tren de Aragua gang member accused of killing Georgia coed Laken Riley ended up in the Peach State thanks to a free flight from the Biden administration, according to a court witness and sources," the [Post reported](#):

Suspected fiend Jose Ibarra, 26, enjoyed the taxpayer-funded flight from Kennedy Airport in



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Queens to Atlanta, Ga., in September 2023, New York City sources said.

The move — paid for with federal money under the Biden-Harris administration — occurred fewer than six months before the illegal migrant allegedly hunted down and killed Riley, a 22-year-old Augusta University nursing student, in Athens during a sex attack gone horribly awry.

What would have happened if the sex attack hadn't "gone horribly awry" one can only imagine.

Rosebeli Flores-Bello, Ibarra's roommate in Georgia, told the court during testimony on Monday that the two met at a "migrant shelter" in New York, [The New York Times reported](#). In early September 2023, she and Ibarra requested plane tickets to Georgia, where Ibarra's criminal brother Diego lived.

"Through a process known as 're-ticketing,' the city has paid for the travel of tens of thousands of migrants who wish to move elsewhere," the newspaper reported:

They flew to Atlanta on Sept. 28 and moved into the apartment in Athens where, five months later, Ms. Flores-Bello would awake to police officers coming to arrest her roommate on a murder charge.

### ***Times's Error, Watch Recorded Riley's Death***

Noting that the "case became a rallying cry for Mr. Trump and other Republicans who wanted to frame Ms. Riley's killing as a result of President Biden's failure to secure the nation's borders," the *Times* falsely reported that "Trump has repeatedly made the false claim that many migrants are violent criminals."

In fact, as [The New American reported](#) in September, the Biden administration's own records show that well more than "many migrants are violent criminals." The administration [has released](#) some 660,000 criminals or those with criminal charges into the United States, including 13,000 murderers.

That error aside, the [Times provided](#) a chilling detail about Riley's murder:

In other testimony on Tuesday, a number of local and federal law enforcement witnesses provided detailed accounts that placed Mr. Ibarra at the scene of Ms. Riley's killing, mainly through cellphone data and GPS tracking data from Ms. Riley's smart watch.

The data from her phone and watch placed the two within feet of each other. The heart-rate monitor on Ms. Riley's watch also provided an unsettling account of how her run, and life, came to an end.

Exhibits introduced into evidence showed that Ms. Riley tried to call 911 from her iPhone's emergency SOS function at 9:11 a.m. The watch stopped transmitting heart rate data just before 9:30 a.m....

A jacket that Ibarra tossed in a dumpster tested positive for Riley's DNA, and prosecutors, the *Times* reported, "played a recording of a phone call between Mr. Ibarra and his wife, Layling Franco, while he was in jail." A translator told the court what was said.



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“What happened to the girl?” Franco asked the border-jumping Biden “migrant.” “Enough, enough,” he replied.

[Continued the Times:](#)

Ms. Franco also told Mr. Ibarra during the call that “it’s crazy that they don’t have anyone else’s DNA,” according to the translator.

Mr. Ibarra denied knowing anything about the murder, according to Ms. Ramirez.

“No, no, no, no — you’re not going to come here and lie to me,” Ms. Franco told Mr. Ibarra in the call. “I know you. You know something.”

### **Released in September 2022**

The Biden administration [unlawfully released](#) Ibarra into the United States on September 8, 2022. A year later, he was arrested in New York City for harming a child, but the charge was expunged, and the administration [gave him](#) a work permit.

Also in the country thanks to Biden are Diego and another brother, Argenis, both caught and released at the border and free to terrorize Americans.

Aside from New York City, the Tren de Aragua gang [is operating](#) in Chicago, Illinois, Aurora, Colorado, and San Antonio, Texas.



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