



## Prosecutors: Illegal Salvadoran Raped Maryland Woman, Smashed Her Head

More details have emerged in the murder of Rachel Morin, the mother of five who died, police allege, at the hands of an illegal alien from El Salvador.

Police allege that Victor Antonio Martinez Hernandez, a 23-year-old thug, raped and murdered Morin, 37, on the Ma & Pa Trail in Harford County, Maryland. In court last week, prosecutors disclosed that Morin was badly beaten.

The suspect was living with family in Maryland — worry free, thanks to President Joe Biden — for months before cops found Morin's body.



YouTube  
Victor Martinez Hernandez

### The Murder

Noting that Hernandez is a "suspected gangbanger," the [New York Post reported](#) that Maryland District Court "heard that Morin, a 37-year-old mom, was brutally beaten to death and found partially naked after she was attacked on the Ma & Pa Heritage hiking trail in Bel Air, Maryland, on Aug. 4."

The murderer left her body in a drainage tunnel, Morin family attorney Randolph Rice told the newspaper:

He said she had "10-15 head wounds and the manner of death was strangulation and blunt force injuries."

"She was attacked on the trail during her workout and dragged through the woods to the tunnel where she was located," he added, citing the argument presented by the State's Attorney at the bail hearing.

Hernandez is charged with first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree rape and first- and second-degree assault.

Morin's head looked like it was "smashed with a rock," the *Post* reported, citing police and Morin's family.

The judge denied bond to the illegal-alien murder suspect. And with good reason.

"Given the gravity of the accusations in this case — rape and murder — it's clear that the court found significant reasons to keep the defendant in custody," [Rice told](#) the *Post*. "This decision underscores the court's priority to ensure public safety and the integrity of the judicial process."

Reports that DNA led to Hernandez's arrest in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last week differed.

[The Post reported](#) that "that DNA testing played a critical role in the investigation after it was first



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linked to a relative of the suspect” and “further investigation into family lineage led to Hernandez, who had been staying with relatives in Maryland from December 2023 until May 2024.”

WMAR 2 in Baltimore reported differently.

“Investigators say the family turned over the things he left in the home after he took off in May 2024: two bags of clothes and a pair of shoes, the [CBS affiliate reported](#):

DNA samples obtained from the clothing were processed at the Maryland State Police Forensics Lab, matching the DNA from the crime scene.

The *Post* included those details in its account. Unclear is the newspaper’s reference to DNA and “family lineage.”

In either case, as [The New American reported](#) last week, citing *The Washington Post*, the DNA collected in Maryland matched DNA from a crime scene in Los Angeles, where a mother and daughter were beaten and robbed.

A doorbell camera recorded a shirtless man leaving the home where the women were assaulted, *WaPo* reported.

After the DNA match, police tracked Hernandez to Oklahoma, where detectives and the FBI arrested Hernandez “casually sitting at [a] bar,” Tulsa police said.

Hernandez is wanted by Interpol, the *Post* reported, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has placed a detainer on him.

After cops picked up Hernandez in Tulsa, Harford County Sheriff Jeff Gahler explained that Morin was the second such victim of a Salvadoran gang member.

“We are 1,800 miles away here in Harford County. We are 1,800 miles away from the southern border, and the American citizens are not safe because of failed immigration policies,” [he said](#) in a message directed at Biden and Congress:

This is the second time in just two years that an innocent Harford County woman has lost her life to a criminal in our country illegally. Let me repeat that — 1,800 miles from the southern border, and this is the second woman in our county to be killed by an illegal alien. In both cases, they are suspects from El Salvador with ties to criminal gangs. [This] should not be happening.

### **Murder in El Salvador, Multiple Deportations**

Morin isn’t Hernandez’s first victim, police allege. He fled from El Salvador after he murdered a woman there after leaving a bar with her in January last year.

“He made two attempts to cross the U.S. border that month, one in Texas and once in New Mexico, but was caught and deported both times,” Fox News reported. He tried again and was caught again and deported.

He succeeded in February 2023 and made it to Maryland, where he lived with relatives, again from December through May this year.



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Morin's murder was similar to that of [nursing student Laken Riley](#). Both were murdered on jogging trails. Illegals clearly know that such areas, which tend to be remote, are prime hunting grounds. The suspect in the Riley rape-murder case, Jose Ibarra, is a Venezuelan Biden "migrant," whom border agents caught and released. [He has pleaded](#) not guilty. The Biden administration not only released Ibarra, but also gave him a work permit after he was arrested for harming a child.

As [The New American reported yesterday](#) about the murder of 12-year-old Jocelyn Nungaray in Houston, Ibarra is one of at least four Venezuelan Biden "migrants" suspected in killings.

Like Ibarra, the suspects in Nunagay's brutal rape and murder, during which she left bite marks on one of her assailants, were caught and released, ICE confessed. The agency also fitted one with an ankle monitor.

Another Venezuelan involved in a killing, police allege, is illegal alien Endrina Bracho. She is charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Travis Wolfe in Hazelwood, Missouri, in December. Driving without a license, police allege, she was hurtling down a street on the wrong side at 75 mph when she struck the vehicle in which Wolfe was traveling.

Wolfe was one day away from his 12th birthday.

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