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## Biden “Migrant” Ibarra Gets Life for Murder of Laken Riley

Venezuelan Biden “migrant” Jose Ibarra was found guilty today on all 10 charges he faced [in the murder](#) of nursing student Laken Riley.

Judge H. Patrick Haggard sentenced Ibarra to life in prison without the possibility of parole. So the 26-year-old Venezuelan thug will be an unnecessary expense for Georgia’s taxpayers for at least the next 20 years if he doesn’t die or isn’t murdered before then.

The accomplices in Ibarra’s crime, President Joe Biden and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, who refused to deport Ibarra, an illegal alien; and New York City, which flew the murderer to Georgia, will face no consequences.



AP Images  
Jose Ibarra

Caught jumping the border then released in 2022, Ibarra made his way to New York, where he quickly landed in trouble with the law but, of course, faced no charges. Though cops arrested the violent miscreant for harming a child, that arrest was expunged, and the Biden administration [rewarded him](#) with a work permit.

At the urging of his brother, Diego, as his woman roommate told the court, Ibarra and the roommate caught a taxpayer-funded flight from New York to Georgia.

### The Murder

It was there, in Athens, on February 22, that Ibarra murdered Laken Riley, who was jogging alone near the campus of the University of Georgia on a wooded trail.

“Prosecutors described a harrowing struggle as Ms. Riley tried to fend off her attacker, sinking her fingernails into his arms and neck, leaving deep scratches,” [The New York Times reported](#) of today’s verdict and sentence:

Then, prosecutors said that Mr. Ibarra dragged her off the running trail, where he strangled her and hit her over the head with a rock — using it “like it was a hammer,” Sheila Ross, the special prosecutor leading the case, said in her closing arguments.

“The evidence in this case,” she added, “has spoken loud and clear that he is Laken Riley’s killer.”

Ibarra’s unfortunate attorney had to claim that Riley could have outrun him. He also tried to pin the crime on his [criminal brother, Diego](#).



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“Prosecutors relied on technology, including cellphone data and tracking data from a running watch, to provide a detailed accounting of the attack and the frantic search as Ms. Riley’s roommates and the authorities tried to find her that morning,” the [Times continued](#):

Ms. Riley had set out for a run shortly after 9 a.m., listening to music and running at a fast clip. But about 10 minutes later, she activated the emergency function on her iPhone, calling 911. The line was silent for nearly a minute before a man could be heard saying “Yo tengo,” or “I have,” in Spanish, according to a recording enhanced by investigators.

By 9:28 a.m., her smartwatch no longer detected Ms. Riley’s heartbeat.

The judge ruled this morning that Ibarra’s [jailhouse phone conversation](#) with his wife, Layling Franco, was inadmissible.

“What happened to the girl,” she asked the murderer. Ibarra denied knowing anything about it.

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

Haggard convicted Ibarra [on following charges](#): 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.

He also convicted Ibarra for evidence tampering, Peeping Tom, and obstructing or hindering a person making an emergency call.

### **Biden, NYC’s Complicity**

Biden and Mayorkas knew something, too: that releasing Ibarra and other illegals was dangerous. Someone might be raped, or worse, murdered.

They didn’t care.

Border agents had the Venezuelan goon in custody. Unfortunately, on the longstanding orders of Biden and Mayorkas, [they unlawfully released](#) him in September 2022.

Once in New York, he roomed at a “migrant” shelter with a woman called Rosebeli Flores-Bello. In September 2023, [she testified](#), she and Ibarra requested plane tickets to Georgia, where Ibarra’s criminal brother Diego lived.

New York City paid for the tickets, sources told the *New York Post*. The two “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,” as the [Times reported](#).

President-elect Donald Trump has rightly fingered the Biden administration’s unlawful immigration policies as the reason for Riley’s murder.

“We love you, Laken, and our hearts will always be with you,” he wrote on X today:

It is time to secure our Border, and remove these criminals and thugs from our Country, so nothing like this can happen again!



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The *Times* and other open-borders media [have said](#) Trump has “falsely” claimed, as the *Times* put it, that “many migrants are violent criminals.”

But Trump was and is correct, as the Biden administration’s own data show.

In September, U.S. Representative Tony Gonzales of Texas [released data](#) from Immigration and Customs Enforcement that showed that almost 650,000 illegal-alien criminals were running free in the United States. Of those, 13,000 were murderers, and 25,000 were sex criminals — just like Ibarra.

Victims of Biden’s unlawful immigration policies abound. They include [Jocelyn Nungaray](#) in Houston, Texas, and [Kayla Hamilton](#) and [Rachel Morin](#) in Harford County, Maryland.

Like Riley, Morin was alone on a trail when attacked and murdered.



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