Script and instructions to advocate for wrongful arrest lawsuit filed on behalf of

Macario Gilberto Reyes-Herrera

May 2019

Instructions: Contact NYS’s Attorney General, Letitia James by phone (212-416-6250 (This is the Civil Rights Division). Follow-up your call with an email of support to Civil.Rights@ag.ny.gov Copy the script and paste it into the body of your e-mail. Save what you sent, including your name and contact information.

Use the following script:

Hello.

My name is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community. I am calling regarding Macario Gilberto Reyes-Herrera.

As an ally of the agricultural workers in the Greater Rochester area, I am requesting your action regarding Macario’s illegal arrest by New York State troopers on June 29, 2017.

Macario was a seat belted passenger in a vehicle. The driver was not wearing his seat belt. Despite this, the state trooper turned his attention immediately to Macario and questioned him about his immigration status. The State Trooper arrested Marcario against the executive order of Governor Cuomo. Upon Macario’s release he was apprehended by Customs and Border Patrol. He was deported in January of 2018.

His legal team reached out to your office requesting an investigation into the arrest. They also filed a lawsuit in federal court against the state troopers involved on April 3, 2019. I am urging you to follow up on this matter and open an investigation.

Macario was an integral member of this community, working long, hard days to provide for his family. His children, all of whom are American citizens, remain here separated from their father, and from their mother, who joined Macario in Mexico in January 2019.

I ask that these officers be brought to justice for their illegal actions that resulted in the devastation of this family. Our community also suffers by his absence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to knowing what action you will take regarding this request. My contact information is:

**Your name**

**Address**

**Phone**

**E-mail Address**