

45. Norlan Guzman-Fuentes

Who was Norlan Guzman Fuentes? Norlan Guzman Fuentes was a 37 year old immigrant from El Salvador. He had lived in Dallas for five years with his partner, Berenice Prieto, who knew him as the father figure to her four children. Norlan Guzman Fuentes worked mowing lawns and trimming trees, and enjoyed fishing around the Dallas-Fort Worth area in his free time.

How did Norlan Guzman Fuentes end up in ICE custody? Norlan Guzman Fuentes was arrested in August, 2025 in Dallas and held in ICE detention but managed to remain in close contact with his partner through online conversations.

How did Norlan Guzman Fuentes die under ICE custody? In September 2025, a sniper from a building adjacent to the Dallas ICE office shot and killed Norlan Guzman Fuentes in front of the ICE office. Two other immigrant detainees were also hit. Norlan's partner, Berenice, said ICE authorities never contacted her about Norlan's death. She only found out by reaching out to the Salvadoran consulate. She was told he was in handcuffs when he was killed.

What happened after Norlan Guzman Fuentes's death? Berenice told reporters that she "wanted more than anything to see Fuentes one last time." But her request was denied, and his body was sent back to El Salvador in a sealed casket — without giving her a chance to say goodbye. Berenice said she wanted to reassure Norlan Fuentes that he can rest in peace and that she will find the strength to carry on without him.

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