

48. Aled Damien Carbonell Betancourt

Who was Aled Damien Carbonell Betancourt? Aled Damien Carbonell Betancourt was a 27 year old Cuban who entered the United States in 2024 as an asylum seeker and was on immigration parole at the time of his detention.

How did Aled Damien end up in ICE custody? Aled Damien first entered the United States on Oct. 30, 2024, and was released on parole. On Nov. 20, 2025, a Hialeah police officer encountered him at what records describe as an abandoned farmer's market. The officer warned him about trespassing, asked him to place his belongings on the patrol car, and began a pat-down. When the officer asked for identification, Aled did not provide it, but instead ran. The officer pursued him, used a taser, and placed him in handcuffs. He was taken to the hospital and charged with resisting an officer with violence, a felony under Florida law. Later the charge was reduced to resisting an officer without violence, a misdemeanor. Prosecutors then declined to pursue it. The legal path that had been used to justify his arrest collapsed. Mr. Carbonell Betancourt still wound up in ICE custody, where he was held beginning in February at the Federal Detention Center in downtown Miami.

According to ICE records, a comprehensive medical screening was conducted upon his arrival, and no mental health concerns were documented.

How did Aled Damien Carbonell Betancourt die under ICE custody? ICE reported that on April 12, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m., detention center staff discovered Aled Damien Carbonell-Betancourt unresponsive in his cell, suspended by a bedsheet attached to his bunk. He was pronounced dead at the scene. While the circumstances of his death remain under investigation, an official determination of the cause and manner of death has not yet been released.

What happened after Aled Damien Carbonell Betancourt's death?

The Federal Detention Center where Aled Damien died is a federal prison in Miami (not an immigration detention center) that is increasingly being used to house immigration detainees under Trump's mass deportation push, blurring the line between civil detention and punitive incarceration. That facility has been drawing increased scrutiny because of increasing overcrowding. Lawyers and community watchdogs raise repeated concerns about the conditions inside these facilities, including harsh treatment, lack of access to counsel, crumbling infrastructure, and the use of force. A previous Miami Herald investigation found that ICE detainees at the downtown federal detention center experience exactly those conditions.

Aled Damien's family put up a GoFundMe site in which they state: "Our family is heartbroken after the sudden loss of my husband's cousin, Aled Damian Carbonell Betancourt, who passed away at just 27 years old while detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. We are reaching out for help as we navigate this unimaginable time, hoping to honor his memory and bring him peace."

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