

6. Abelardo Avellanedo Delgado

Who was Abelardo Avellanedo Delgado? Abelardo Avellanedo Delgado was 68 years old and originally from Mexico. He lived most of his last 40 years in the U.S., raising a family of six children, working on tobacco and vegetable farms.

How did Abelardo Avellanedo Delgado end up in ICE custody? Abelardo Delgado was arrested in Statenville, Georgia on April 9, 2025, for an alleged parole violation. He died on May 5, 2025 in the back of a van en route from the Lowndes County jail and the Stewart ICE detention center. Two of Avellaneda's six children lived with their father. They told the press he was active and from all appearances in good health, prior to being detained. "Junior" Avellaneda, who bears his father's name, said he and his sister, Nayely, were denied in their attempts to visit their father during the 25 days he was in the Lowndes County jail. When the son was finally allowed a visit to his father on May 4, 2025, he was shocked and driven to tears to see his father brought out in a wheelchair. Junior, 32 years old, said he had never seen his father like that. The two sat facing each other, with a glass partition between them. "I tried to get his attention and tapped on the glass. He was zoned out. At one point, he tried to stand up and fell back on his chair."

How did Abelardo Avellanedo Delgado die under ICE custody? The next day, May 5th, 2025, Abelardo was put on a transport for the CoreCivic-run Stewart ICE Detention Prison. En route, the driver of Core Civic's transit service called 911 when Abelardo was found "unresponsive." A police report later noted that Abelard's blood pressure was 226/57. When the coroner arrived at the scene, Abelardo was already dead.

What happened after Abelardo Avellanedo Delgado's death? Abelardo's family only found out about Abelardo's death when the Mexican consulate in Atlanta called Nayely, his youngest daughter, with the news.

His family was given contradictory information on his condition and treatment when at the county jail.

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