

52. Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero

Who was Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero? Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was a 25-year-old immigrant born in Bucaramanga, Colombia. Johan emigrated to the United States in 2023. He lived with his wife, Karolina Rojas Alvarez, and their 3-year-old daughter in Biddeford, Maine. He worked several jobs: as a custodian and a delivery driver. Neighbors remembered him as a good man and hard worker. According to Johan's father, he emigrated to the United States seeking a better life for his family. He also said his son had worked at a veterinary clinic.

Rojas Alvarez's attorney Ben Gideon said that Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was lawfully present in the United States, held a work permit, and had a Social Security Number (SSN), facts confirmed by The Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition and Presente! Maine .

How did Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero come into contact with ICE? At about 7 am on July 13, 2026, Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero left his home on his way to work. ICE agents wanted to execute a search warrant in the Biddeford area, but Johan Sebastián was not the target of the warrant. Nonetheless, ICE agent David Brouillette instituted a traffic stop on him.

How was Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero killed by ICE? Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was shot and killed by ICE agent David Brouillette during that traffic stop in Biddeford. Durán Guerrero's car was rammed by an ICE vehicle while he circled an intersection incapacitated after he and his car were shot at five times; he was struck in the head. Several agents approached the driver's side door with their guns drawn and pulled Durán Guerrero out, placing him on the ground and handcuffing him, with Durán Guerrero allegedly saying "I tried to stop." EMS was called and attempted CPR. Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was pronounced dead at the scene.

The officers involved in the shooting were not wearing body cameras.

Immigration court records showed that Johan Sebastián did not have a final removal order, and was scheduled for an immigration hearing in May

What happened after Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero's death? The incident occurred six days after the killing of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston, Texas, who was also shot and killed by ICE during a traffic stop. Together, both incidents prompted ICE to suspend using traffic stops to carry out operations. U.S. President Donald Trump overturned the suspension the day after it was ordered.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and ICE defended Brouillette for opening fire, saying he was "fearing for public safety" when Durán Guerrero tried to flee. Members of the family of ICE agent Brouillette offered interviews to news outlets, and said he had a known history of mental health issues prior to being hired by ICE. Allegations of domestic abuse were reflected in family court records.

Durán Guerrero's killing sparked protests in Biddeford and throughout Maine. His partner, Karolina Rojas, posted a photo tribute to him on social media, writing in Spanish there are no words for her pain, she has many outstanding questions and her "soul aches."

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