

37. Denny Adan Gonzalez

Who was Denny Adan Gonzalez? Denny Adan Gonzalez was a 33-year-old immigrant from Cuba.

How did Denny Adan Gonzalez end up in ICE custody? Denny came to the United States in May 2019, crossing the border near Hidalgo, Texas. After a credible fear determination by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Denny Gonzalez was issued a Notice to Appear and was ordered removed to Cuba by an immigration judge in December 2019. Denny was removed in January 2020 but later re-entered the United States and was encountered by U.S. Border Patrol in El Paso, Texas, in April 2022. Gonzalez was released under an order of supervision and reported to ICE in Charlotte, N.C., until September 2025.

On Dec. 12, 2025, Denny was arrested by the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office in Charlotte, N.C., for assault on a female and domestic violence. ICE lodged an immigration detainer, and he was transferred to ICE custody at Stewart Detention Center, about 120 miles southwest of Atlanta in January, 2026.

How did Denny Adan Gonzales die under ICE custody? Denny Adan Gonzalez was reportedly in solitary confinement at the time of his death, a practice internationally recognized as torture. CoreCivic staff allegedly found Denny Gonzalez unresponsive in his cell at about 10:25 p.m on April 28, 2026. Authorities at the Stewart Detention camp are claiming Denny died of suicide. His official cause of death remains under investigation.

What happened after Denny Adan Gonzales' death? Advocates are calling for a full independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Denny Adan González, and the rampant use of force at the Stewart Detention Center.

The number of Cuban detentions by ICE saw a 463% increase from October 2024 to the end of 2025, climbing from fewer than 200 to over 1,000 per month, as reported by the Cato Institute.

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