



*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

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**LOCAL RESIDENTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATES GATHER TO DENOUNCE
RACIAL PROFILING OF LATINOS IN GARDENDALE COURTHOUSE, DEMAND
INFORMATION ON CITY'S COLLUSION WITH IMMIGRATION AGENCY**

GARDENDALE, ALA. – Individuals affected by racial and ethnic profiling at the Gardendale Municipal Court and their supporters and legal representatives will rally today outside the courthouse and deliver an open records request demanding information about the city's collusion with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Residents of Gardendale and surrounding communities have been terrorized by court personnel and ICE agents roaming the Gardendale courthouse and interrogating anyone who appears to be of Latino descent, including U.S. citizens, employing shadowy mobile fingerprinting technology, and detaining individuals in front of court attendees and staff.

- What:** Gardendale Show Us Your Papers! Open Records Petition Delivery & Rally
- When:** Friday, September 15, 10:30AM
- Where:** Gardendale Municipal Courthouse, 1309 Decatur Highway, Gardendale, AL 35071
- Who:** Individuals affected by profiling in Gardendale; members and supporters of Adelante, Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice, and other community organizations; legal representatives for FOIA requesters
- Visuals:** Drumming, chants, short testimonies, and procession into courthouse to deliver records request

The requesters--Adelante and the Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice--will also be filing a federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with ICE regarding their operations in Gardendale. A copy of the FOIA and state open records requests will be available on Adelante's website (www.adelantealabama.org) after today's action.

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