

Free the Cuban Five

Unjustly imprisoned in the United States



Gerardo

Who Are the Cuban Five?

The Cuban Five are five Cuban men in U.S. prison, serving four life sentences and 77 years collectively, after being unjustly convicted in U.S. federal court in Miami, on June 8, 2001.

They are Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, Fernando González and René González.



Antonio

The Five were falsely accused by the U.S. government of conspiring to commit espionage on the United States, and other related charges.

But the Five never engaged nor planned to engage in espionage. They were only monitoring the actions of Miami-based terrorist groups, to stop terrorist attacks on Cuba.

The Five harmed no one and neither used nor even possessed any weapons while in the United States.



Ramón

The Cuban Five's mission: to stop terrorism

For more than 40 years, anti-Cuba terrorist organizations based in Miami and financed by the CIA, have engaged in countless terrorist attacks against Cuba, and against anyone who suppose normal relations between the U.S. and Cuba. More than 3,400 Cubans have died as a result of these terrorists' attacks.

The Miami terrorists operate with complete impunity inside the United States to attack Cuba—with the knowledge and support of the FBI, Homeland Security and the CIA.

In the early 1990s, with the U.S. refusing to apprehend the Miami terrorists, Cuba sent the Five to Miami to monitor the terrorists. The Cuban Five infiltrated the terrorist organizations and successfully stopped many plots.

Cuban and American lives were saved.

But instead of arresting the terrorists, the FBI arrested the Cuban Five ANTI-terrorists, on Sept. 12, 1998.

The Five were illegally held in solitary confinement for 17 months in Miami's federal detention center, unable to properly prepare a defense.

During the seven-month trial based in Miami, a virtual witchhunt atmosphere existed.

Despite several defense motions for a change of

venue out of Miami, the judge denied the Five their right to be tried free from the prevalent anti-Cuba hysteria in Miami.

In a blow to justice, the Cuban Five were convicted June 8, 2001 and sentenced to four life terms and 77 years in Dec. 2001.

A new trial is granted, then a surprise reversal

On August 9, 2005, the Cuban Five won an unprecedented victory on appeal—the overturning of their convictions and the right to a new trial. A three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that a "perfect storm" of prejudice and a history of anti-Cuba terrorism in Miami, along with misconduct by the prosecution, had denied the Five their constitutional rights during trial.

However, August 9, 2006, in an unexpected development, the 11th Circuit full panel denied the Five a new trial. The decision was an outrage and further travesty of justice.

On June 4, 2008, after hearing nine more issues of appeal, the three-judge panel upheld the Five's convictions.

The Cuban Five's defense team filed a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the Court to accept their appeal. That decision is expected sometime in May or June, 2009. In the meantime, there is a great need to raise public awareness of their case and struggle.

Your support is needed to win their freedom

The National Committee to Free the Cuban Five joins with all 300 support groups for the Five around the world, in urging everyone who believes in justice to support the campaign for their freedom. You can raise awareness of their struggle. Make a donation. Organize a public event in your school, community or home for your friends. Help get the word out!

FREE THE CUBAN FIVE!

Read all about the Five at:

freethefive.org

or write us at: info@freethefive.org

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Write to the Five!
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*Letters and cards of support are welcome
by Gerardo, Antonio, Ramón, Fernando and René.*

You can write to them in Spanish or English. They are fluent in both.

**"Ours may be one of the most ridiculous accusations of espionage
in the history of this country."**

Gerardo Hernández • #58739-004 • U.S.P. Victorville • P.O. Box 5300 • Adelanto, CA 92301

**"... My beloved brothers and I must be unjustly kept in prison, but there
we shall not cease from defending the cause and the principles we have embraced."**

Antonio Guerrero • #58741-004 • U.S.P. Florence • P.O. Box 7000 • Florence CO 81226

**"If preventing the deaths of innocent human beings ...
and preventing a senseless invasion of Cuba is the reason
I am being sentenced today, then let that sentence be welcomed."**

Ramón Labañino • #58734-004 • U.S.P. McCreary • P.O. Box 3000 • Pine Knot KY 42635

(NOTE: the envelope should be addressed to "Luís Medina,"
but address the letter inside to Ramón)

**"... I simply want to reiterate that at no time did I endanger the national security
of the United States, nor was this ever my intent, or that of my comrades."**

Fernando González • #58733-004 • F.C.I. Terre Haute • P.O. Box 33 • Terre Haute IN 47808

(NOTE: the envelope should be addressed to "Rubén Campa,"
but address the letter inside to Fernando)

**"Our trial was converted into a propaganda campaign by the prosecutors,
stirring up prejudices against Cuba among the jurors, to achieve a conviction."**

René González • #58738-004 • F.C.I. Marianna • P.O. Box 7007 • Marianna, FL 32447-7007

Support the Right of the Wives and Families to Visit the Five



Olga Salanueva (l)
& Adriana Pérez (r)



The wives of two of the Cuban Five—Adriana Pérez, wife of Gerardo Hernández, and Olga Salanueva, wife of René González—have been continually denied U.S.-entry visas for over 10 years. They have been unable to visit their husbands in prison for all that time. Thus,

Gerardo, René and their wives are being doubly punished. The U.S. government's visa denial is a violation of international law and the U.S. Constitution. Other family members of the Five, wives, parents, and children, have had to wait for up to two years to be granted U.S. visas.

What you can do: Write a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
U.S. Department of State • 2201 C Street NW • Washington, DC 20052
and demand that the State Department immediately grant visas to Adriana,
Olga, and the other family members. Details: www.freethethefive.org

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