



WIFE OF US CITIZEN WITH ASYLUM DETAINED AT GREENE COUNTY JAIL

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, April 23, 2026 – On March 30, 2026, Iana Sandoval was booked in Greene County Jail where she remains detained for ICE. According to her husband, Sean Paul Sandoval, this is the third facility in the third state his wife has been in since she was picked up by ICE in Dallas, TX on February 26, 2026.

Mrs. Sandoval has been in the United States since 2015. She first arrived at the age of 12 when her family escaped Russia. Mr. Sandoval states that he has provided documentation proving her legal status many times, including to Springfield's ICE Supervisor, Peter Fallon, and US Senator, James Lankford, to no avail. This documentation includes his wife's driver's license, social security card, I-589 paperwork from her asylum case, Employment Authorization Document (EAP), and approved I-130 and marriage certificate.

Mr. Sandoval describes his life now as "living in Airbnb's and chasing their bus" as he continues to follow his wife around the country with every facility transfer. He doesn't understand why she was arrested, continues to be detained, or why she was booked under her maiden name, Astretcova, when that has not been her last name for three years. He's also very concerned for the conditions under which Mrs. Sandoval is being held in Greene County Jail, including taking her contact lenses, putting her in solitary confinement, and housing her in general population with murderers and gang members. Most ICE detainees, like Mrs. Sandoval, have no criminal charges. In fact, 96% of the current detainees in Greene County Jail have no criminal charges against them according to the Greene County Jail online tracker.

"It's fairly obvious that Greene County Jail doesn't follow their contract with ICE," says Sean Paul Sandoval. "The violation of housing ICE detainees with convicted felons and treating detainees as criminals is blatant. The jailers will not discuss ICE detainees. There's no visitation other than video. They keep raising the phone costs. It's a concentration camp."

Mr. Sandoval believes Greene County Jail should be reported for inhumane treatment of prisoners. This story comes just two days before another local organization plans to hold a press conference to demand a stakeholder visit at Greene County Jail. According to the organizers, Sheriff Jim Arnott is violating ICE's policies by not responding to the community's request for a stakeholder visit, which would allow community members to inspect the conditions of the facility where our neighbors are confined.

"We know that Iana is one of hundreds of people detained under similar circumstances in Greene County Jail today," says Dominique Moore, President of Southern Missouri Immigration Alliance. "The specifics of this story paired with Jim Arnott's failure to schedule a stakeholder visit brings into question just how bad the conditions really are inside of Greene County Jail."

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