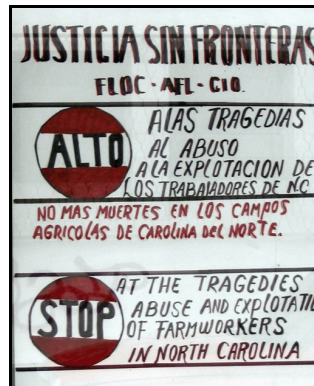


**What Can I Do
to Ensure That Those Responsible for Santiago's Brutal Murder
Are Brought to Justice?**



A sign in the window of the FLOC offices in Monterrey México indicate that we are there to ensure justice for workers going to the fields of North Carolina. The struggle for justice has put FLOC in conflict with a system that exploits and abuses immigrant workers. Was this why Santiago Rafael was brutally murdered in the Mexican offices of FLOC?

On April 9 2007, FLOC staff member Santiago Rafael was found tied up and beaten to death in the FLOC office in Monterrey México. FLOC is concerned that the investigation of Santiago's murder will not be thorough and impartial of corrupt influences. We believe that the murder may be a targeted political attack on the union. Since over 5,000 Mexican H2A "guest workers" have been brought under union protection, FLOC has dealt with intimidation and harassment both in the US and Mexico. Our struggle to protect immigrant workers has made those who benefit from a corrupt recruitment system very upset.

Many people are asking what they can do to ensure that Santiago's murders are brought to justice. Here is what **you** can do:

Contact the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (<http://www.cidh.oas.org/>)

We are asking the IACHR to investigate the murder of Santiago Rafael Cruz. If they accept the case, it has the power to compel the Mexican government to provide security for the FLOC office in Monterrey and for all FLOC staff operating in Mexico. This would be a major step forward in insuring a speedy investigation and helping FLOC prevent tragedies like this in the future. Send your message to:

Dr. Santiago Canton, Executive Secretary
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
1889 F St., NW
Washington, D.C., USA 20006
cidhoea@oas.org
(202) 458-6002
(202) 458-3992 FAX

Ask the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to thoroughly investigate the murder of Santiago Rafael Cruz. Points to make are:

- Santiago Rafael has been involved in the struggle for the human rights of immigrant workers in the U.S. for years.
- The brutal nature of his murder in the offices of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee AFL-CIO in Monterrey Mexico indicates that this murder has serious human rights implications for Mexican workers coming to work in the U.S.
- A thorough investigation of Santiago's murder is needed to reveal those forces involved in the abuses of "guest workers" bound for the U.S., particularly in the recruiting system.
- This is an international human rights issue, involving both Mexico and the United States.

Be sure to send a **copy** to FLOC at mhale@floc.com and lzavala@floc.com, and to our Mexican allies at cadhac@cadhac.org, so we can follow up with the IACHR.

Contact Mexican authorities

We are concerned that corrupt influences will divert a thorough and impartial investigation of Santiago's brutal murder. We want both the murders and those behind the murder brought to justice.

Have your organization, church, union, etc. contact the following Mexican authorities:

1. The Prosecutor for the State of Nuevo León:
C. Luis Carlos Trevino Bechelmann, Procurador de Justicia de Nuevo León
Fax from US: (011)(52) 812-020-4094
Email: ltrevino@nl.gob.mx
2. Mexican Ambassador to the United States:
Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan
Mexican Embassy
1911 Pennsylvania AV, NW
Washington D.C. 20006
Tel: (202) 728-1600
Internet message at: <http://portal.sre.gob.mx/usa/index.php?option=contact&Itemid=6>
3. Your nearest Mexican Consul in the U.S.:
To find the Mexican Consul near you, go to: <http://www.mexico.us/consulate.htm>
Or to: <http://www.mexonline.com/consulate.htm>

Ask the Mexican officials to ensure a prompt and unbiased investigation of the murder of Santiago Rafael in accordance the highest international standards, and to guarantee the safety and security of all FLOC members and staff in Mexico. Points to make are:

- The Farm Labor Organizing Committee AFL-CIO has a long record as a grass-roots leader in the immigrant rights movement in the U.S. FLOC organizer Santiago Rafael had been involved in the struggle for the human rights of immigrant workers in the U.S. for years. Santiago's murder is a critical challenge to protecting Mexican workers in the U.S.
- The brutal nature of his murder in the offices of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee AFL-CIO in Monterrey Mexico indicates that this murder has serious implications for Mexican workers coming to work in the U.S., particularly in the recruiting system for "guest workers".
- A thorough investigation of Santiago's murder is needed to reveal those forces involved in the abuses of Mexican workers in the U.S., particularly in the recruiting system in Mexico itself.
- This case has serious implications for international human rights issue, involving both Mexico and the United States.

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Contact Your U.S. Senators and Representative

To find out how to contact your U.S. Senators and Representative, go to: [Find Your Elected Officials](#)

Ask you Senators and Representative to contact the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S.

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan
Mexican Embassy
1911 Pennsylvania AV, NW
Washington D.C. 20006
Tel: (202) 728-1600

and to ask the Mexican government to ensure that a comprehensive and unbiased investigation of Santiago's murder be conducted.

Make the following points:

- The brutal nature of Santiago's murder has serious implications for Mexican workers coming to work in the U.S. as "guest workers".
- This case has serious implications for international human rights issue, involving both Mexico and the United States.

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If you wish to make a donation to help support Santiago's burial expenses and the security and protection of FLOC members and staff in our Mexico office, please send contributions to:

FLOC
Santiago Tragedy Fund
1221 Broadway Street
Toledo OH 43609

For more information on Santiago's case, see the FLOC website at <http://www.floc.com>.