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The Loretta E. Lynch
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Dear Attorney General Lynch:

I write to express my serious concerns about the recent death of José de Jesús Deniz-Sahagún, a Mexican national who died in custody at Eloy Detention Center, located outside of Phoenix, Arizona last month. Detainees held at this facility report Deniz-Sahagún being beaten by guards and imprisoned in solitary confinement prior to his death. Various news articles also indicate that a second man, whose identity remains unknown, was tazed by detention center guards despite significant medical problems, which resulted in his death.

I respectfully request that the Department Of Justice conduct an open and thorough investigation into the death of José de Jesús Deniz-Sahagún and the second man whose identity remains unknown. As the Eloy Detention Center is privately run, for-profit facility contracted by the Department of Homeland Security, it is truly essential that this investigation be transparent and open to the public.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention to this request. If you have further questions please contact Norma Salazar in my office at Norma.Salazar@mail.house.gov or (202)225-2435.

Sincerely,



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