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Thank you for the opportunity to amplify my voice to denounce the situation of human rights violations of where I come from, Cuba. I am 33 years old and have already served 4 sentences. I served 2 years when I was 18; 1 year when I was 24; 10 months at age 31 and most recently 2 months at the age of 33. Of the last two, one occurred when I attempted to release two pigs on the streets of Havana, two live pigs painted green, one with the name of Raúl and the other with the name of Fidel, in reference to the novel Animal Farm. This cost me 10 months in prison. I was released and transferred to my house in a car from prison and under no charges. I was released after protests and hunger strikes inside prison. And constant protests by my mother, my sister, my grandmother, friends, and international institutions such as the Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba, Thor Halvorssen, Centa Reck, the Cuban American National Foundation, Amnesty International, etc.

These same friends and others came together again this last time. On the night of the 26th, the death of the dictator Fidel Castro was announced; I was awakened by calls from friends and my sister. I dressed quickly and on the streets I could perceive the fear, everything emptier and more silent. That day I began to think how many atrocities and how crimes against humanity had been committed, so I went out to the street to shout "Go out on the street that the murderer died, the mare died." I walked about a mile, took transportation to the other side of the city, and walked for a while celebrating until my video was transmitted live. The video went viral on social media for being the only celebratory event in the city of Havana, and on the island. The video shows my graffiti on the wall of the hotel where his troops arrived for the first time to Havana almost 60 years ago, armed and without democratic elections.

That is his nature, to rule by force. After walking through the city, I returned home. I went to bed when a noise made me worry about the door and that was when I saw a patrol with a policeman and two civilians. I saw how the owner of the house gave him keys to get to me. In the process I was able to call my fiancée, Alexandra Martinez, and I said, "Call everyone, they are taking me prisoner." The two of them threw themselves at me without even identifying themselves verbally and I received only insults and blows from these characters because according to them, I had disrespected their murderous leader. And so I was taken to the police unit of La Lisa as they continued to hit me even after I got off, which did not stop my cries of "Murderers, yes the mare died, and good thing." When in the unit I asked: Do you know me? Have I done something to you? If I have not committed any crime, why do you beat me for my way of thinking? To which they only claimed "the laws support us."

This time the cost was 55 days. At this time, I suffered physical and psychological torture, preventing me from seeing my family and my fiancée. I was transferred to 6 detention centers, including the most rigorous prison "El Combinado del Este." A jail where you could feel the smell of humidity at a distance, among other things. The ceilings were filled with leaks, overcrowded cells of 6x4 square meters for 36 people with bunk beds for 3 accommodated so to avoid the leaks. During the day the lights were off and although it was daytime the sunlight did not penetrate the bars. Prisoners were allowed to call twice a week for three minutes. Also at this time I was vetoed the right to have a lawyer, as my lawyer Kimberley Motley was arrested and deported from Cuba. All that for not shedding tears and for graffitiing "He left." When an assassin dies, who along with his brother, the current president of Cuba, Raúl Castro, never allowed a different party than the one they created at gunpoint. The brothers Castro and his family own the newspapers, radio, tv, Cuba's only telephone company, the only company that is allowed to supply the internet.

These gentlemen have remained in power for almost 60 years not only giving orders to massacre Cubans, as were the crew of the Tugboat March 13, several attacks against Oswaldo Paya Sardinias including his murder, and similarly with Laura Pollán. He not only divided the Cubans but made them exiles. These characters contributed high numbers of mercenaries and arms, to the wars of Angola, Ethiopia, under the command of the Russian Army, the FARC in Colombia, and Venezuela. This means that not only are

Cubans in danger as long as they are in power, these crushers of the natural right to live, but also puts in danger any American who thinks that ours is a normal country, as Alan Gross thought, and was kidnapped for 5 years, which the United States government had to pay a ransom and surrender 5 criminals for his freedom. For all these reasons, and the possibility of an American citizen losing her fiancé, Alexandra Martinez. This is why it is not only necessary that political prisoners be released, but be aware that 85% of the criminal population should not be detained when this type of government is judging. How many of them are political prisoners and do not even know it? Cuba is a hostage and not only the lives of Cubans are in danger. When will this type of government be pressured to respond for its crimes against humanity?