

DANIEL "DES REVOL" SANCHEZ ESTRADA

AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POLITICAL SPEECH



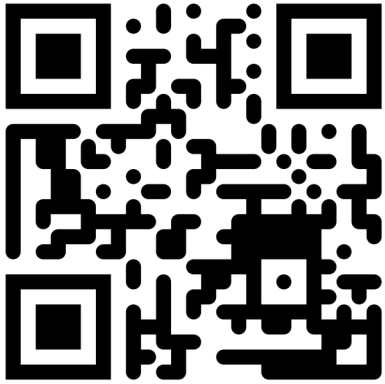
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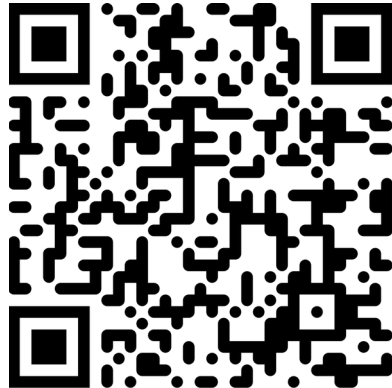
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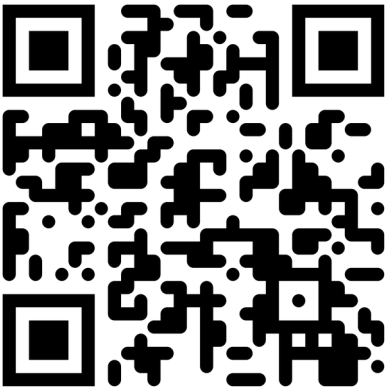
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Daniel “Des Revol” Sanchez Estrada is a tattoo artist, immigrant, and all-around sweetheart who was wrongfully arrested and convicted of moving a box of anarchist zines. Yes, you read that right—our friend Des is currently in prison because the Trump administration claims that printing, reading, or possessing certain literature is evidence of a crime.

Des is one of the Prairieland defendants: nine Texas-based activists whose 2026 trial has become the test case in the government's campaign to label "antifa" (antifascism) and other forms of dissent as domestic terrorism. The Freedom of the Press Foundation has described Des's case as "prosecutorial overreach stacked on more prosecutorial overreach," and the National Lawyer's Guild has called for Des's release, stating that his case should "shock us all."

We need your help to free Des and say NO to the criminalization of political speech!

Who Is Des Revol?

Des isn't just a victim of trumped-up political prosecution, he's a beloved artist and friend. As a longtime vegan dedicated to animal liberation, solidarity with nonhumans shows up in much of Des's artwork, including through his playful depictions of raccoons, cats, and other critters. He's a loving brother, son, stepfather, and community member. He's a free-spirited dreamer who takes good care of everyone and everything around him. Now in a federal prison, Des is continuing to lend solidarity by drawing pictures for other inmates to send to their families.



Art by Des



Thank you all for the support. I can feel all of your love. I'm beyond grateful for every letter, poem, book, donation, and every prayer.

Honor creator and all existence.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

No one is free, until all are free.

Blessings.

Support Des Revol

The information below is current as of May 2026. Before sending mail, please check for updates at freedes.net.

Des is currently being held at FMC Fort Worth, a federal prison in Texas, and would love to hear from you! Write only in blue or black ink. Use white paper, and write on only one side of each sheet. No stickers, glitter, or whiteout. Include his first and last name as well as ID number, page numbers, date, and a return address at the top of each sheet.

Daniel Rolando Sanchez Estrada, #95099-511

FMC Fort Worth

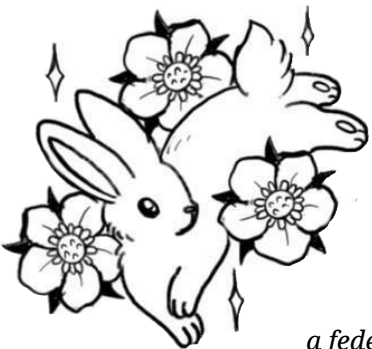
Federal Medical Center

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ALL correspondence is read, scanned, and cataloged by facility staff. Do not say anything you don't want read on Fox News or in court about you or Des.

A Statement from Des



The following statement was made on December 4, 2025, and has been edited for length. The unabridged text can be read at <https://freedes.net>.

My name is Daniel Sanchez “Des,” and I’ve lived in the Dallas–Fort Worth area most of my life. I have been incarcerated in a federal facility since July 6 [2025].

I’m not a violent person. I love people and animals, walking in nature, making art, reading, cooking vegan food for people, teaching kids, and doing fundraisers for people and animals that need help. I co-parent a really cool stepdaughter who is amazing and super funny, and tragically, is now having to live without two of her most important adults, [me and Mari], who were abruptly taken away from her. I’m thankful for everyone showing her and my family love and care while we overcome this tragic situation.

The charges I and others are facing are scary, and I would be lying if I said I’m not scared. I love this country and the promise of freedom of speech, justice, equity, and the pursuit of happiness. I’m not hiding. I’m not fleeing. And obvious I’ve never been a danger to the community.

With a desire for a world full of love, kindness, empathy, equity, and freedom. Like in sunflowers breaking through concrete. Like butterflies flying freely. Under the same moon. I will continue to walk with dignity. I have faith and living hope in my heart.

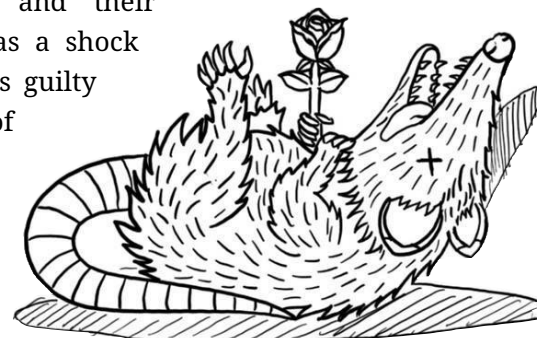


Decades in Prison over Zines?

On March 13, 2026, Des was convicted of “corruptly concealing a document or record.” He and his wife, Maricela Rueda, were also convicted of “conspiracy to conceal documents.” The documents in question were a box of zines—political pamphlets, primarily written in the 2010s by anarchists. Prosecutors alleged that these nefarious essays were evidence of his wife’s membership in an “antifa cell,” but the zines did not belong to Maricela, were not removed from her home, and were not introduced as evidence at her trial, which centered on a July 4, 2025, noise demo at the Prairieland ICE detention center in Alvarado, Texas (see **Case Background** below).

During the trial, Des’s public defender exposed the false premise under which Des was arrested and flimsy nature of the government’s case. In cross-examination, the FBI admitted to enlisting the support of the Denton Police Department using the lie that Des was a murder suspect and that the box of zines contained an explosive device. Des was then pulled over at gunpoint for a fabricated traffic violation and searched without a warrant. He was never read his Miranda rights, but remained calm and respectful throughout the interaction. *It should have ended there.*

A Trump-appointed judge stacked the deck against Des, Maricela, and their codefendants. Still, it was a shock when the jury found Des guilty given that the entirety of his behavior was clearly protected by the First Amendment. “I feel like the U.S. lost here with this verdict and what it means for future defendants,” Des’s



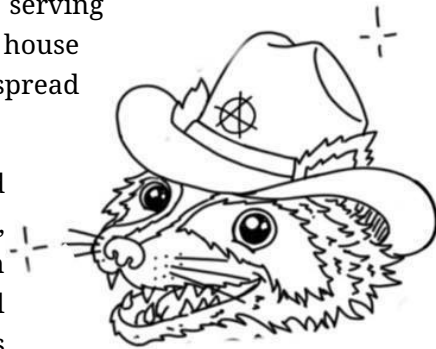
public defender, a US Army veteran, told *The Washington Post*. “I feel like it turned its back on justice with this.”

Des is now awaiting sentencing—expected to take place in June—and faces up to forty years in prison and deportation.

Case Background

On July 4, 2025, around a dozen people gathered outside the infamous Prairieland Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, for a noise demonstration in solidarity with the immigrants and other ICE detainees inside. The event was advertised in large group chats, and people showed up ready to make noise and stand up against Trump’s attacks on our communities. Following the arrival of a police officer, who drew his gun and pointed it at protesters without provocation, shots were exchanged between a protest participant (who as evidence showed during the trial, fired in self-defense and aimed at the ground) and the officer, who sustained a minor injury. Nine people were arrested that night, and another ten people have been arrested since then, facing extreme state and federal charges, including conspiracy and material support for terrorism. Meanwhile, the police have terrorized friends and family members of those arrested, serving no-knock warrants, conducting house raids, and engaging in widespread surveillance.

Des was not at the Prairieland demonstration. Instead, on July 6, after receiving a phone call from his wife in jail (one of the initial nine protesters arrested), Des was followed by FBI agents in Denton, Texas. They pretextually pulled him over and arrested him at gunpoint. He was later charged with alleged “evidence tampering and obstruction of justice” based on a box of political pamphlets



that he moved in his truck—the type of literature that can be found in any activist house, social center, or independent bookstore.



After his arrest, Des was initially placed on an ICE hold, and has been publicly singled out and doxxed on social media by both prominent fascists and the federal government itself. Moreover, right after his arrest, his family experienced a brutal and intimidating nine-hour FBI raid of their home, during which police confiscated everything from electronics to stickers and art supplies.

In a November 13 indictment, Des was named as a codefendant with eight others for purportedly being part of a fictitious “North Texas Antifa Cell.” He again was accused of supposedly transporting “antifa materials,” but now in a purported “conspiracy to conceal documents” to “impair their use [in] criminal proceedings.”

The framing of the case by the federal government should worry all of us. His prosecution is tied to and threatening his immigration status, and part of broader attack on our immigrant, migrant, and refuge friends and family. It is also a thinly veiled attempt to crack down on dissent, whether in deed or word. The criminalization of all opposition to fascism means that everyone risks arrest and worse as the state moves to assert authoritarian power.



Resistance, including zines, is not a crime.