

COMPLAINANT: ██████████
DATE: 8-24-94
PLACE: SYPOE
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
AGENCIES: DHS-INS

██████████ had already been admitted to the U.S. at the Pedestrian's entrance. A woman who was standing by the X-ray machine approached her and asked if she would be willing to fill a survey form in the secondary inspection office. ██████████ agreed. The form asked whether she was married and had any children. ██████████ answered no on both questions. When ██████████ filled it, the woman asked her to wait while she entered the information in the computer. According to the woman, the computer showed that ██████████ was married to a man by the name of ██████████, and that she had a boy named ██████████. She denied the allegations but the woman insisted. She was detained in a room and told that she had committed fraud and that she would spend 5 years in prison and would have to pay a \$10,000 fine. Although ██████████ requested a chance to make a phone call, she was not allowed to do it. She was pressed to make a sworn statement that she was not the person involved and that she did not have children. ██████████'s passport and visa were seized, and she was locked in the room until around 1 p.m., when an employee who felt sorry for her allowed her to go home to bring more documents that could prove she was not the person they were looking for. When she returned, she was still not believed and she was again locked in a room, where she was ordered to take off her shoes.

In the afternoon, two investigators arrived with photographs of the suspect. Although the woman in the photos had short black hair, and did not look like ██████████, the investigators insisted that she had cut and dyed her hair to change her appearance. Finally, a man who appeared to be the supervisor of the investigators checked the photos and concluded that ██████████ was not the person they were looking for. After being detained around 9 hours, without water or food, ██████████ was finally released. The supervisor only told her "I am sorry. It was an investigation."