

US announcement on Cienfuegos interrupts Brooklyn protest

Relatives of one of the 43 Ayotzinapa students protested yesterday in front of the detention center where the former Secretary of National Defense is held and scheduled to appear in court today.



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A powerful voice was heard at 6 pm on Tuesday outside the Brooklyn Metropolitan Detection Center: “Mr. Cienfuegos, let’s hope you listen to us so you can see the faces of our children, these children that your military together with organized crime disappeared!” shouted Antonio Tizapa, father of Jorge Tizapa, one of the 43 students last seen in Iguala, Guerrero, on the night of September 26, 2014.

“Here we are, Mr. Cienfuegos, to give us an answer to the violation of human rights in Tlatlaya where your soldiers murdered 22 civilians” was another of the demands. “The world is so small that we are already just around the corner!” he said as a dozen followers held photos and looked toward the prison where some inmates were rattling the bars of their cells.

What Tizapa was unaware of is that just a few minutes before, the United States Department of Justice had processed before the judge in the case, Carol Bagley Amon, the withdrawal of the three charges for

drug trafficking and one for money laundering that weighed in the accusation against the retired general detained in the jail.

“We are Ayotzinapa and it has been 6 years without knowing the whereabouts of our children, but it is good that the United States government is investigating you, Mr. Cienfuegos,” the activist cried out on the verge of tears.

“Here we are making known to the international community that you are not only being investigated for money laundering and drug trafficking but that you are also guilty of violating human rights,” he insisted while a strong windstorm raised the large-format photos of the 43 disappeared.

It was a reporter who notified Antonio Tizapa that the case of General Cienfuegos Zepeda case had just taken an unexpected turn. “I can not believe it;” “The Mexican government is going to release him;” “He will be free again,” he repeated with disappointment.

Even so, he promised that he would attend the Brooklyn court on Wednesday morning where the first hearing of the Mexican defendant in front of the judge would take place. Tizapa will arrive with his scenery and will surely demand again with a cut voice, “Where are our children !?”