How afraid does a girl have to be before someone listens?

Two girls aged 8 and 10 were separated from their mother and handed over to their father, who had been reported for abuse.

"Children are afraid to speak. Judges are afraid to listen."



"Mamá, por favor, ven a buscarme."

"Mum, please come and get me."

Letter from one of Irena's daughters (published in Artículo 14)

WHY WE NEED YOUR VOICE

Irena reported abuse and submitted psychological and medical reports on her daughters' fear. Even so, she lost custody, and on 24 October she was arrested in front of the girls. Today she is forbidden to go near them or speak to them.

WHAT THE PROFESSIONALS SAY

The psychologists who have treated the girls describe fear and distress, and a very strong bond with their mother. No one has listened to them in a protected setting. This is not so-called "parental alienation": it is real fear.

What we ask for

1. **That the Juvenile Prosecutor's Office (Fiscalía de Menores) reviews the case.**
2. **That the girls are heard by specialist professionals, in a safe setting free from pressure, as the law provides.**
3. **That the Catalan child protection service (DGPPIA) and the Catalan Ombudsman (Síndic de Greuges) guarantee their wellbeing.**
4. **That Spain's child protection law (LOPIVI) is truly applied: no institution can look away when a girl is afraid to speak.**

Don't be complicit in the silence

Scan the code to read Diana Valdecantos's report in Artículo 14 (in Spanish). Take a photo of this flyer and share it with #JusticiaParaIrena. The more people know about this case, the harder it will be to ignore these girls.

Listening to children is not optional.

For the girls' safety, please do not share photos, names or any details that could identify them.

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Gender violence helpline (Spain): 016