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## US Immigrants Are Scared to Call 911



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For years Claudia lived a clandestine life in Nashville's Clairmont Apartment complex – a clutch of buildings on the city's south side that had become home to hundreds of low-income immigrants. Claudia rarely ventured outside the lines of daily routine, prepping her three children for school, getting herself to work, and then quickly back home in the evening. An undocumented immigrant, Claudia lives in fear of US authorities. She is desperate to remain in the United States, as she fled Honduras after the father of her two daughters was murdered by gangs who also threatened Claudia and her girls.

Claudia's deliberately quiet life in Nashville ended when her daughter Adriana, then 10 years old, was assaulted in an isolated stairwell.

Claudia and her neighbors heard Adriana scream. Claudia raced to the stairwell. The man who assaulted Adriana tried to run, but neighbors captured him. At that moment, despite her horror of what happened, Claudia didn't want to call the police.

"One always has this fear of being illegal," she said.

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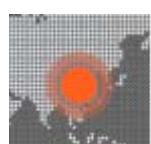


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By Andrew Stroehlein

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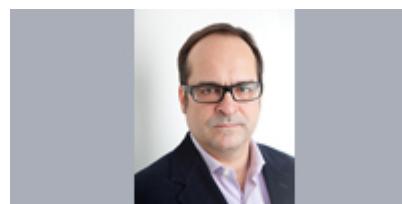
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