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Rosa Verence-Calderon holds a photo of her and her husband, Erasmo Ibuado-Reyes, on her phone in Phoenix on March 26. Ibuado-Reyes was deported to Mexico on March 7. DIANNIE CHAVEZ/ARIZONA REPUBLIC

## ICE targeted father of disabled kids

### Traffic stop on way to work led to deportation

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PHOENIX – Erasmo Ibuado-Reyes was on his way to work installing drywall when federal officers stopped him in February. Before the officers took him into custody, he told them he was the father of two disabled children who used wheelchairs.

Ibuado-Reyes was targeted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers as part of a crackdown that President Donald Trump said would focus on the “worst of the worst” people who were in the country illegally.

At a federal court hearing, though, a judge described Ibuado-Reyes as being among the best of the people who had appeared before him in such cases.

Magistrate Judge John Boyle lauded Ibuado-Reyes for his 20 years of work installing drywall at the Feb. 17 hearing.

“And from what I can tell, doing nothing but supporting your family, which has to be more difficult in your circumstance, and your family’s circumstance, than many,” Boyle said from the bench.

The judge ordered Ibuado-Reyes released from

criminal custody ahead of his pending trial. But he wasn’t freed. Rather, he was taken into immigration custody, and on March 7, he was removed to Mexico, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security spokesperson said.

His wife of 25 years, Rosa Verence-Calderon, finds herself in the home the family moved into 10 years ago, raising her four children without the financial and emotional support her husband provided.

“Right now, I don’t know what I am going to do,” she said during an interview at the house.

In Mexico, Ibuado-Reyes said he feels lost and unsure what comes next for his family.

“I’m just suffering,” he said during a phone interview with the Arizona Republic, part of the USA TODAY Network. “I’m in agony.”

Ibuado-Reyes moved in with his parents, who run a ranch in Ciudad Cuauhtemoc, in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Days after his deportation, the family made the 12-hour drive from Phoenix to visit him.

The two parents saw that their children, both born with mitochondrial disease, would not do well in Mexico. The sidewalks in the city were uneven and had no ramps, not friendly to the wheelchairs they use.

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### MEASLES

## No new SC cases, total in outbreak remains 997

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It’s looking more and more like South Carolina’s measles outbreak – the nation’s largest in more than two decades – has come to an end.

Officials with the South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) haven’t made it official yet. But no new measles cases have been reported by the agency since March 17.

DPH’s April 7 update was the sixth twice-a-week report in a row to include no new infections.

Health officials have targeted April 26 as the date when they hope the outbreak can be officially declared over.

In a prepared statement in March, DPH explained that it takes 42 days with no new infections, “to declare an end to a measles outbreak. This is double the number of days for an incubation period (21 days) and a clear indicator of a broken transmission chain.”

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## Ceasefire in Iran sends oil prices tumbling

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Gas prices have increased sharply since the U.S.-Israel conflict with Iran began on Feb. 28.

Mainly due to the shutdown of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical shipping route for 20% of global oil, and threats to energy infrastructure in the Middle East.

President Donald Trump’s escalating threats to Iran infrastructure led to heightened tensions April 7, culminating with “double-sided ceasefire” that has since sent crude oil futures down more than 15% to below \$93 per barrel on April 8, according to Trading Economics.

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