

**MEXICO: 19 year-old Indigenous Woman,  
Detained without Warrant, is Released**

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On May 20, 2005 RRN members wrote to Mexican officials on behalf of **Pascuala Gutierrez Alvarez**, a Tzetal indigenous woman and 19-year old student. **She was detained without an arrest warrant for an alleged kidnapping and was being held in an informal detention center** (casa de arraigo) run by the Chiapas State Prosecutor's Office. RRN members urged her release and expressed concern for her safety because of risk of torture or ill-treatment.

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**On May 26 police released Pascuala**, but she remained under investigation in connection for the alleged kidnap attempt. She is now back at her home in the community of Guaquitepec, Chilon municipality.