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Vicente Gonzalez Called Biden's Border "On the Right Track," Now a San Benito Family Has Paid the Price

San Benito, TX — Eric Flores, the Republican nominee for Texas's 34th Congressional District, today called on Congressman Vicente Gonzalez to answer for his support of the Biden border agenda after a Honduran national in the country illegally was charged with killing four members of a San Benito family.

Christian Joel Maldonado Pacheco, 25, is charged with capital murder of multiple persons and three counts of child endangerment in the September 13 shootings near San Benito. Two of the victims were the parents of three young children, who were in the home during the shooting. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has confirmed Maldonado Pacheco is in the country illegally and has placed a detainer on him.

According to the victims' family, Maldonado Pacheco first showed up at their door about four years ago, during the height of the Biden border crisis. He was never removed, and years later, he is now charged with killing the family that took him in.

In March 2021, as illegal crossings in the Rio Grande Valley exploded, Vicente Gonzalez went on national television and declared that "the administration is on the right track" while millions crossed the border, including Pacheco.

Rep. Gonzalez supported the Biden administration through four years of record crossings, leaving the Rio Grande Valley to live with the results. Many who crossed during that period were released into border communities and never removed. The San Benito killings are a reminder that, until recently South Texas was not on "the right track."

"Vicente Gonzalez needs to explain to Valley families why he vouched for a border policy that allowed people like Maldonado Pacheco to settle in South Texas with no consequences." Eric Flores said. "Three children in San Benito

have lost their parents. Their family deserves justice, and South Texas deserves a congressman who will put the safety of the Valley ahead of loyalty to Democrat party bosses in Washington D.C."

Eric Flores has made border security central to his campaign, and he has pledged to fight in Congress to ensure the mistakes of the Biden years are never repeated.

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