

On February 10th, 2020 at approximately 12pm, 2 Caucasian officers came to 185 Chatham Street, 1st Floor New Haven to question Odilia Lopez Aguilar. They neither presented a warrant nor mirandized her in Spanish even though she asked repeatedly for a spanish speaking officer. Both officers spoke with her in English and demanded she respond in English. They claimed to be present to investigate a matter involving Odilia and her daughter's father, Rony Romero Lopez.

Lopez came earlier in the day to offer to wash their child's clothes. Odilia contested stating that they have a legal visitation order and he was behind on his financial support for the child. An argument ensued and Lopez became physical with Odilia. He was angry about her speaking to another man and pulled her by her hair causing her to fall to the ground. Odilia defended herself and said she was not allowing him to physically assault her anymore. After arguing and being physical with her Lopez called NHPD.

The officers claim that they needed to investigate the 'scene' which they said was a crime scene. They alleged that a call was made by Lopez accusing Odilia of domestic violence. Odilia kept asking for a bilingual officer because she did not understand what was happening. About 45 minutes later officer Valet arrived. Although he is bilingual he did not miranda or provide Odilia any info of what was happening and why in spanish. Instead he asked in spanish how she was doing and monitored the scene. He did not offer any assistance, a jacket or tell her the identifying information for the two officers who were searching the house.

Around 1pm Odilia's friends Jennifer and Perick arrived and asked the officers what was happening because they saw their friend being arrested. They were told that it was a crime scene and Odilia was aggressive with the female officer but did not say more, did not provide their identifying information. Odilia was made to sit in the police vehicle while the residence was investigated by the officers. However Lopez was not cuffed or told to leave during the investigation which took about 2 hours. Odilia was then booked and held in custody with a \$75000 bond and told she could return to the residence until the situation was sorted. Odilia does not have any other relatives living nearby, her closest relative, her mother, Marcela Aguilar, resides at the same residence.