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FORWARD LATINO CALLS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PROVIDERS TO PERMANENTLY SUSPEND ACCOUNTS OF WOMEN WHO FALSELY ACCUSED LATINO COUPLE OF ATTEMPTING TO KIDNAP HER CHILDREN

Franklin, WI: Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization with members in 29 states is calling on social media providers to permanently suspend the accounts of Katie Sorenson for creating and posting a knowingly false video accusing a Latino couple of attempting to kidnap her children. Petaluma Police Department who opened a kidnapping investigation following her report recently issued a statement saying their "investigation has produced no evidence or witnesses corroborating the account provided by the reporting party." The statement then adds "evidence gathered has served to support the account provided by the (Latino) couple from the store."

Ms. Sorenson was charged Thursday with two counts of "making false reports" by the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office.

In response, Forward Latino National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

"This was in intentional, orchestrated racial attack against our nation's Latino community. It was thought out and implemented by this individual to create fear, division and to illicit hate. These are all catalysts for violence. Over the last four years we have seen hate crimes against Latinos grow significantly. And we all know far too well how false statements and inuendo can have the most catastrophic of consequences.

For these reasons Forward Latino is calling on all social media companies that have the racist video on their platforms to immediately remove it and replace it with a statement indicating it was false and fabricated and share a link to a copy of the Petaluma police report. We also call on them to permanently suspend her existing accounts and ban her from future use of their platforms. And given the numerous false statements this individual made to the police, we request that the local child protective services agency review the current living situation of her children to ensure their safety and to verify they are not being put at risk as part of Ms. Sorenson's personal crusade."

Forward Latino will be sending letters to all major social media providers in the coming days with their formal written request.

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education and service delivery. Forward Latino currently has members in 29 states. Learn more at www.forwardlatino.org.

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