

July 28, 2015

The Honorable Mariano Rajoy Brey
Presidente del Gobierno
Palacio de La Moncloa
Avenida Puerta de Hierro
Madrid, Spain 28071

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

We, the mother and father of Denise Thiem, need your help! We are writing to implore you to tell us what Spanish police think happened to our daughter when she disappeared April 5, 2015 while walking the Camino de Santiago near Astorga. Is there any reason to hope that she is alive?

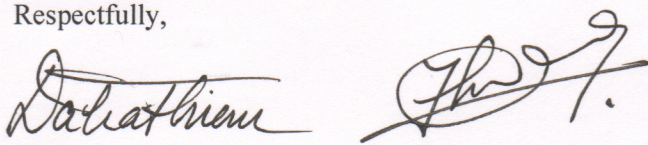
Denise chose to walk the Camino de Santiago believing that the Camino was safe, but her disappearance suggests otherwise. We assume the Spanish police are exemplary public servants, highly skilled professionals, and dedicated to accounting for our daughter. At the same time, we are weary and exhausted from the mental and emotional strain of not knowing what happened to Denise. As the father of two children, surely you can empathize with our situation.

The American Embassy has consistently told us that we must rely solely on the Spanish authorities for any information on our daughter. It has promised that the Spanish National Police (SNP) would update us whenever there is new information. While the SNP has asked us questions, it has yet to provide any reports or updates.

We do not know if the absence of information from the SNP means the police do not know anything, if it is reluctant to share information in order to avoid jeopardizing an investigation that may be close to fruition, or if it simply does not know how to communicate information suggesting our daughter is not alive. Regardless, and given the reality that Denise is our child, we implore you to direct the Minister of the Interior to communicate directly with us.

Your minister should be able to tell us what the police know and don't know with the expectation that we will not divulge any information critical to a successful investigation. We are appealing to you because we have reached out to Ambassador James Costos and to His Excellency Ramon Gil-Casares to no avail whatsoever. We view you as our remaining source of support and understanding. Please help us.

Respectfully,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Dalia Thiem'. The signature on the right is also cursive and appears to read 'Seng Thiem'.

Dalia and Seng Thiem

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