Flor Hilda Hernández lost her son Elkin Gustavo in 2008 when he and 16 other innocent young men from his neighborhood were kidnapped and murdered by Colombian soldiers in order to collect rewards for each “guerrilla” killed in combat. Ms. Hernández will describe her family’s experience while attorney and human rights advocate Pilar Castillo will describe how Elkin’s story is emblematic of the thousands of cases of forced disappearance, murder, and massacre resulting from Colombia’s long-running war between insurgent, government, and paramilitary forces.

This event is part of a multi-city speaking tour in the United States aiming to raise awareness about the plight of Colombian families victimized by extrajudicial killings, the impunity with which the perpetrators operate, and the Colombian government’s abdication of its responsibility to protect innocent civilians.

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