

Sohail Moiz: Raised in America, American in every way but paperwork

Sohail Moiz was brought to the United States at about five years old and grew up in American classrooms. He is 42 now. America is the only home he has ever known, and he has spent the large majority of his life in Texas, apart from a few years in New York and Wichita, Kansas.

His childhood was marked by loss. His mother died when he was a small child. His father, Kareem Moiz, ran a convenience store in San Antonio, and was shot and killed there during a robbery when Sohail was still a boy. His family worked with police to bring the killer to justice, and the shooter was convicted of capital murder. Orphaned in America, Sohail was taken in by his uncle and aunt.

■ *His father was a small business owner killed by a violent criminal. Sohail is the child that crime left behind.*

The court record of his father's murder is public: *Domingo Soto v. The State of Texas*, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals, 1998.

<https://law.justia.com/cases/texas/fourth-court-of-appeals/1998/6193.html>

He grew up fast. He went through American schools through high school and earned about two years of college credits. As a teenager he managed his family's stores and helped raise his three younger cousins. When those cousins, all U.S. citizens, later returned to America, Sohail helped them settle in, adjust to American life, and find work.

He has worked and contributed here. He worked at Compass Bank, and later held a managerial role in the early days of Pretty Robes, a Texas e-commerce company that now employs about 22 people.

He has spent years serving others:

- **Faith community:** He was a teacher's assistant for Saturday religious education classes at his place of worship, helping teach children the values of his faith: kindness, charity, and lifting up the community you live in.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** He helped build homes for families in need.
- **Heart House, Dallas:** He tutored and read to pre-K and first grade students.
- **Women's center, Dallas:** He volunteered in after-school programs for third through sixth graders.
- **Compass Cares:** While working at Compass Bank, he took part in the bank's book donation program for children.

Above all, he is a father. Britney Beaumont, a U.S. citizen and a nurse who has spent years working in the Texas prison healthcare system, met Sohail in late 2016. Her three sons were 9, 8, and 6, and their father was absent. Sohail stepped in. While Britney worked night and split shifts, he woke early, made the boys breakfast or took them to Donut Palace, and got them to school. He met them at the bus, helped with homework, and ran the household. He attended every parent-student luncheon. The boys had been bullied for not having a father, and once Sohail started showing up, the bullying stopped.

Nearly ten years later, the results speak for themselves:

- **Roman Jr., 19**, started college early and is now in an honors college in North Carolina with a double major. When money got tight and he considered taking time off, Sohail refused to let him stop and promised to make sure he had what he needed to stay enrolled.
- **Reed, 18**, is taking pre-med courses at Stephen F. Austin State University and plans to become a doctor, a path he credits to Sohail's guidance.
- **The youngest, 16**, takes college courses at Lamar State College Orange before his high school classes and is on track to graduate high school with an associate degree.

As Britney puts it, she has seen what real threats to society look like in her work, and Sohail is not one. He has no ties to any gang or cartel.

For years he reported to immigration authorities whenever required. He has no passport and no home in any other country. He left India as a young child, does not know the country, and is afraid to return. Deporting Sohail would not send him back anywhere. It would remove a man from the only country he has ever known, and take a father from three young Americans he raised.

What we are asking

Sohail was detained by ICE on September 30, 2026, after a traffic stop for a brake light, and is being held in Montgomery County, Texas. We respectfully ask your office to:

- Make an inquiry to ICE about his case.
- Support a stay of removal while his attorney pursues the legal options available to him, including relief as the child of a murder victim.

Supporting materials available on request

- A letter of support from Britney Beaumont.
- A video of her sons describing what Sohail did for them growing up.
- Photos of Sohail volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.
- Letters from people he volunteered alongside.

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