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Fecha del incidente Date of incident	Marzo 30, 2022 March 20, 2022
País Country	Cuba
Institución Institution(s)	Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA) University of Arts of Cuba
Descripción Description	<p>El 30 de marzo de 2022, Abel Lescay, estudiante de Composición Musical del Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), ha sido condenado a seis años de prisión por participar en las protestas del 11 de julio de 2021 en Cuba. La sentencia se basa en la imputación de delitos por desacato agravado y desorden público.</p> <p>Previamente, al día siguiente de las masivas protestas en la isla, el joven músico fue detenido, golpeado por la policía y confinado a prisión por seis días. Teniendo en cuenta que Lescay no tenía antecedentes penales antes de su detención, y que sólo ejercía sus derechos a la libertad de expresión y manifestación, es evidente que su caso es un castigo por expresar sus opiniones políticas contra el régimen cubano.</p> <p>Ante esta arbitrariedad judicial, estudiantes y profesores del ISA han creado un grupo de más de 500 seguidores en Facebook con el lema #FreeAbelLescay. Vinculados a este grupo, actores de la sociedad civil en Cuba, así como de la diáspora cubana, exigen que se desestimen los cargos contra Lescay.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>On March 30, 2022, Abel Lescay, a Musical Composition student at the University of Arts of Cuba/ Instituto Superior de Arte (ISA), has been sentenced to six years in prison for participating in the protests in Cuba on July 11, 2021. The sentence is based on the imputation of crimes for aggravated contempt and public disorder.</p> <p>Previously, the day after the massive protests on the island, the young musician was arrested, beaten by police, and confined to 6 days in prison. Considering that Lescay did not have a criminal record before his arrest, and that he only exercised his rights to freedom of expression</p>



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	<p>and manifestation, it is evident that his case has been prosecuted as punishment for voicing his political views against the Cuban regime.</p> <p>Faced with this judicial arbitrariness, ISA students and teachers have created a group of more than 500 followers on Facebook with the slogan #FreeAbelLescay. Linked to this group, actors from civil society in Cuba, as well as from the Cuban diaspora, demand that the charges against Lescay to be dismissed.</p>
<p>Fuentes Sources</p>	<p>https://pen.org/press-release/pen-america-and-pen-international-condemn-six-year-prison-sentence-for-cuban-musician-abel-lescay-for-his-participation-in-peaceful-mass-protests-last-july/ https://latin-american.news/they-create-a-support-group-for-music-student-abel-lescay/ https://havanatimes.org/news/the-young-musician-sentenced-to-six-years-for-protesting/ https://rialta.org/musico-cubano-abel-lescay-condenado-a-seis-anos-de-prision-por-manifestarse-el-11j/ https://diariodecuba.com/derechos-humanos/1648716525_38481.html</p>
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