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Boston Mom, Teen Daughter Allegedly Attacked For Speaking Spanish On Street

The mother said they were told to “go back to your f**king country” during the violent incident that was caught on video.



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A woman says she and her 15-year-old daughter were physically assaulted for speaking Spanish on a street in Boston earlier this month by two white women who reportedly told them, “This is America” and ordered them to leave the country.

Press conference on Monday, the woman's daughter wanted to be identified by her first name, Vasquez, said the two women savagely punched and bit her and her daughter on Feb. 15 in Maverick Square, East Boston.

"We were attacked, punched, kicked, and bitten. I'm having nightmares. I'm afraid to take the train to work, and my family is afraid to speak Spanish in public," the woman said in a statement released by her attorneys with Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston.



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A Boston woman and her teenage daughter say they were physically assaulted by two women for speaking Spanish on a street. Surveillance video shows one individual approaching the mother and daughter on a street corner before appearing to shove or hit one of them.

Surveillance video capturing the incident shows one of the two alleged assailants crossing a street to approach Vasquez, according to her attorneys. The approaching woman appears to yell and wave an arm before shoving Vasquez, who hits her back. A fight involving several people ensues.

Vasquez, speaking at Monday's press conference, said the women hurled racist orders at her and her daughter during the attack.

"Speak English," Vasquez said one of the two unidentified women shouted at her. "This is America ... go back to your [expletive] country," Vasquez said they told her, according to The Boston Globe.