

Guadalupe

Independent Journalist in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, 28 years old

"My job is very dangerous and I need to keep myself and my information safe and secure at all times.

MOTIVATION

I lost my best friend when I was 16, and I'm determined to find the truth and the people responsible for those crimes and to bring justice for my lost friend and many others.

FRUSTRATIONS

After an espionage issue, I learned that I cannot keep the same phone number and device for long.

Periodically, I have to manually transfer my contacts to a new device and destroy the previous one.

BUDGET

Monthly Income \$6,000
Rent \$1,000
Transportation \$1,700
Groceries \$300
Cell Phone \$78
Gear \$800

PHONE

- Samsung s7
- 28 hours talk time11 hours web browsing16 hours video playback
- 32 GB, 16 GB SD
- Unlimited data

FAVORITE APPS













As a journalist, I work to bring justice to women who are victims of crimes in Mexico. I travel a lot to do research, find stories, help the families of the victims, raise awareness and raise money. Being on the road a lot, I usually stay with friends, fellow journalists or at motels. My parents keep many of my belongings for me and I send them money each month to help out.

My cellphone is the best tool. I can basically run a whole investigation with it—recording conversations, taking pictures, doing research online, sending the information to other colleagues and staying in contact with her clients and sources. If my phone were to fall into the wrong hands, my life, and all the contacts on it would be in danger. My sources and ongoing investigations would be exposed and the government could use the information to incriminate me—something that has happened to many of my friends and colleagues.

As a journalist I must to be very careful with the information I share. I've made many powerful, dangerous enemies. Something could happen to me at any moment. I take a few precautions just in case. I frequently change my physical appearance, destroy old phones after uploading findings and ongoing investigations into a secret account on the cloud and manually transferring my contact list. I never save anything on my phone for very long and only two trusted friends have access to my secret cloud account.

LIFE OF THE PHONE

