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LUMPKIN --- More than 70 **demonstrators marched** Friday morning from downtown Lumpkin to the nearby federal detention center in Stewart County, showing their support for **immigrants** held there suspected of being in the U.S. illegally.

Some chanted the names of people they say have died while in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Others who participated in the southwest Georgia rally called for the **prison** here to be closed and for one of its inmates, Pedro Guzman, to be freed. Pedro's wife, Emily, said he has been held at the **prison** for more than a year while fighting deportation. As of September, the center was holding 1,890 inmates.

Among the **demonstrators** were members from **several** human **rights** organizations, including Georgia Detention Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia.

Eight of the **demonstrators** were **arrested** as they peacefully attempted to cross a "Do Not Enter" tape wrapped around the front entrance to the **prison**.

Stewart County sheriff's deputies handcuffed them and drove them away, including Anton Flores-Maisonet of Georgia Detention Watch, and Pamela Alberda, Emily Guzman's mother. Flores-Maisonet said he and the others were attempting to **march** around the **prison**.

They were charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass and released on \$250 cash bond each, according to the Stewart County Sheriff's Office.

The Nashville-based Corrections Corp. of America owns the **prison** and operates it through an agreement with ICE and Stewart County. A CCA spokesman said Thursday that his company is "committed to the safety of the detainees entrusted to our care at the Stewart Detention Center."

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And an ICE spokeswoman said Thursday: "ICE fully respects the rights of all people to voice their opinion without interference. We recognize that our nation's broken immigration system requires serious solutions, and we fully support comprehensive immigration reform efforts."

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