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It is a child's classic nightmare - a parent suddenly taken away without explanation.

Flavio Lopez is living it. The 4-year-old boy has awakened crying several times a night since his **father** was **deported** to Mexico last week with a group of other illegal immigrants, according to Isabel Colon, the **boy's** guardian.

Flavio is one of at least seven children left behind when the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service raided the Fypon Inc. plant in York County last week, **rounding up** and **deporting 67** suspected illegal immigrants.

"Flavio kept asking me if his **father** had died," Colon said. "After I got him to understand that his **father** was in Mexico, he started packing his clothes and his toys and said he wants to go to Mexico to be with his **father**."

An INS official said the separation of parents and children was unintentional.

"Any alien who said they had children in the United States, we processed them and released them on their own recognizance," Charles Zemski, a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, said. "If they didn't tell us, we didn't know it."

The INS ordered the raid on the plastic-ornaments factory in Stewartstown after receiving a tip about the group of undocumented workers there, said Henry J. Brattlie, deputy district director for the Philadelphia office of the INS.

Sixty-one workers were from Mexico, four from Belize, and one each from Ecuador and Guatemala, Brattlie said. Twelve were women.

Brattlie said 48 Mexican nationals agreed to return to their country immediately and were **deported** Friday. The others requested immigration hearings.

Fypon owner William F. Poole said if his firm had illegal employees, it was because the workers used fraudulent documents. No charges have been filed against the company, Brattlie said.

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