

### **Fourteen-year-old Shatavia Anderson**

On August 7, 2010, in Houston, Texas, Shatavia Anderson, 14, was walking home when she was confronted by Melvin Alvarado, 22, a twice-deported illegal alien from El Salvador, and his partner Jonathan Lopez-Torres, 18, a native of Honduras, previously arrested for auto theft. When she attempted to run away, Alvarado fatally shot her in the back. According to police, the two Central American thugs saw Shatavia as an easy “target of opportunity” for armed robbery. After murdering the girl, they took her purse containing a few dollars and her cell phone. Shatavia was killed less than 100 yards from her family’s apartment.

Alvarado was in the country illegally, having been deported in April 2008 and again in May 2009. But with a virtually unprotected border, he was able to walk right back into the U.S. and resume his life of crime. As Shatavia’s uncle, Joe Lambert, remarked, “What I’m trying to figure out is how they [criminal aliens] started coming over here and why they can do whatever they want. What [the government] is doing is giving them the green light, tellin’ them, ‘Hey, you can come over here and do what you want.’”

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