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## FIREWALL TO REPORT CRIMES SAFELY

Last week Stichting LOS received a notification about an Afghan boy who was arrested when he reported a theft to the police. Currently he is in detention of aliens in Rotterdam.

This police conduct contravenes the policy drawn up by the police themselves. Years ago, on the initiative of the Amsterdam Police, the police organization decided that people without a residence permit should be able to report crimes safely. We call this a 'firewall', a prohibition to use information for purposes other than those for which the information has been provided.

Unfortunately we also know that many police staff are not aware of their own policy. Therefore it is advisable to take their own brochure if you accompany someone who has no residence permit to the police station. You can see the brochure [here](#), and the Amsterdam police talking in a video clip [here](#).

Information from PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants) about the firewall is to be found [here](#).

## 1. BASIC RIGHTS

### Central Court of Appeal: explanation alternative for ALO [additional benefit for single parents]

In this judgment the Central Court of Appeal explains that single-parent families in which one of the partners is unable to contribute to the family income because he cannot be reached, are not entitled to this benefit, but should be helped in a different way to provide for themselves. You will find more information [here](#).

## 2. ADMISSION POLICY

### Court of Appeal: Surinamese boy who stayed with his Dutch half-sisters in Spain will be granted a residence permit in The Netherlands as well

This Surinamese boy went with his mother and his Dutch stepfather to Spain. The mother gave birth to two more sisters who got Dutch nationality. The relationship broke up and the mother returned to The Netherlands with her children. The court decided that this boy is not entitled to a Chavez permit (because he has no care responsibilities) but he is entitled to a residence permit because he stayed together with the Dutch sisters in Spain. You will find more information [here](#).

### Court of Appeal: no residence as partner of Dutch citizen after stay in Italy

This Tunisian man applied for a permit in The Netherlands after staying in Italy with his Dutch wife. He only has administrative evidence of this stay. The IND is of the opinion that this is insufficient evidence that he actually lived together with his wife in Italy, the court agrees with this. The man will not be granted a residence permit with his partner in The Netherlands. You will find more information [here](#).

### Council of State: residence permit based on private life after 15 years stay with partner

This decision of the Council of State shows that a Congolese man who had stayed with his Dutch partner for 15 years was granted a permit based on private life when the relationship broke up. The European Court has obliged the IND to weigh the interests. You will find more information [here](#).

### Court of Appeal: no residence permit based on private life after 25 years stay as a family without permit

At any rate since 1994 this Turkish family have stayed in The Netherlands without a residence permit. During this time they had four children. There were many procedures for admission and the man also spent time in detention of aliens. The IND are of the opinion that family life can be continued in Turkey as well. You will find more information [here](#).

## 3. CHECK AND DETENTION

### Court of Appeal: eviction to Algeria is possible

Statistics of the Removal and Deportation Service show that Algeria issues Laissez Passers in some cases and that people have in fact been evicted to Algeria with these documents. Therefore this Algerian migrant can be deported and can stay in detention. You will find more information [here](#).

## 4. ACTIVITIES

### Manifestation for Tolerance, 19 May 13-17 hr Park Transwijk Utrecht

On the eve of the European elections a manifestation is held in Utrecht about refugees, equality, the importance of the democratic constitutional state etcetera. This should result in a joint manifesto under the heading Hart Boven Hard [Heart Above Hard]. You will find more information [here](#).

### Sign for Hart boven Hard

Stand up for peace, human rights and equal opportunities for everyone and a society in which we actively fight against discrimination and exclusion. For connection of countries and association of people, against hatred and polarisation. For a humane treatment of humans in flight, against inciting fear. You can sign [here](#).

### National Reporter Human Trafficking and FairWork about Labour Exploitation

According to the National Reporter Human Trafficking annually only about 23 cases of labour exploitation and criminal exploitation are brought to court. Only half of these cases are followed by a conviction. You will find more information [here](#).

In order to provide more victims with financial compensation FairWork, in consultation with the UvA has formulated a number of [recommendations](#).