

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026 between 4 and 4:30 p.m., I was driving my vehicle westbound on Kearney Boulevard toward Kearney Park.

While in route, I noticed an orange vehicle pull behind me quickly and follow me into the park. Once within the park complex, the orange vehicle followed me closely while the solo occupant – the driver – was taking pictures of my vehicle.

I drove around the park until I could park my car in a parking lot. The orange vehicle drove by my car and blocked me in to my parking spot.

During my trip to Kearney Park and while parked there, I was on the phone with my sister relaying the unusually close tailing of this orange vehicle and the strange photos the driver was taking.

The orange vehicle then circled around so that our cars were face-to-face. She proceeded to take additional pictures of me and my car and I could hear the driver making a call through her car's speaker system.

After sitting in the parking lot being encircled by this vehicle for five minutes, I started my car and left the park complex, heading eastbound on Kearney Boulevard toward the city of Fresno.

Ultimately, the orange vehicle followed me to my sister's home, located near Kearney Boulevard and Marks Avenues. As seen in home security video available for your review, she followed me, circled the neighborhood cul-de-sac, and blocked my car from the side to confront me.

When she rolled down her car window, she asked who I was. I asked her the same, noting that she had been following me and taking photos of my vehicle.

She replied that I was "in [her] 'hood driving an unmarked car." I replied incredulously at the assertion that this was her neighborhood and asked if she was with the police department or the Department of Motor Vehicles, given that I had a DMV print-out for my vehicle in the back window.

She replied "Don't worry about who I am, I'm someone important" then said "I'm looking for ICE and you look like ICE"

I was absolutely astounded by the accusation that I resembled an immigration officer.

After I challenged her allegations, I began filming her. She then put her car in drive, pulled away, and flipped me off. The vehicle was an orange, current generation Nissan Altima with a California license plate: 9SKL677.

After the incident, I reviewed the video footage and realized that the woman was Maria Pacheco, mayor of the City of Kerman.

Ms. Pacheco generated significant media attention in recent weeks after accosting alleged ICE agents in her city while taping that incident, asserting that she had the authority to kick them out of her town.

I believe she was attempting to do the same thing to me, despite the fact I am not, nor have I ever been, an employee of Immigration and Customs Enforcement or the Department of Homeland Security.

I am deeply concerned Ms. Pacheco sought to represent herself as some kind of law enforcement officer when she is, in fact, a politician with no police powers.

My family and I deeply remain deeply fearful for reprisals from her due to her position in the community and malicious attempt to falsely accuse civilians of having ties to ICE for her own political gain.

I wish to press charges to the fullest extent of the law.

I, Eric Bridges, declare that the above statement is correct and true.



Eric Bridges Jr (Oct 19, 2026 09:36:11 PDT)

Signature