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ARGENTINA

LGBTI+ ACTIVIST PIERINA NOCHETTI ACQUITTED OF ALL CHARGES

Pierina Nochetti, a lesbian activist and mother of three, has been acquitted of all charges after reaching an agreement with the Municipality of Necochea on October 31. She had faced accusations for allegedly painting a graffiti asking, “Where is Tehuel?” The criminal file against her is now closed, and her work and salary situation will be restored.

“I am super grateful to have the support of a lot of people who think this is absurd,” Pierina said after the hearing. “I am a worker, and they have violated my rights, even bringing me to an oral and public trial. We will continue to ask for Tehuel and accompany Norma (Tehuel’s mother). Our struggles are united, and I don’t want what happened to me to happen to anyone else.”

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

In 2022, Pierina was charged with vandalism for a graffiti demanding justice for Tehuel de la Torre, a transgender man who went missing in March 2021. The message, painted on a local amphitheater, referred to Tehuel’s disappearance after he left for a job interview. Tehuel’s family, along with activists and human rights organizations, has fought tirelessly for answers.

Pierina’s trial was postponed multiple times before being scheduled for October 30, 2024. The accusations disrupted her life and work, where she had already faced discrimination for her sexual orientation and gender expression.

Pierina’s acquittal was achieved through widespread global support. Amnesty International’s urgent action mobilized thousands of letters and emails to the prosecutor, and over 45,000 signatures were collected. This pressure helped secure the agreement that cleared Pierina of all charges.

Pierina’s case is a victory for human rights and a reminder of the power of solidarity. It highlights ongoing struggles for justice and equality, including the fight to ensure justice for Tehuel.