

**What about protecting children who are NOT victims of *sexual* exploitation?
Is this crusade to abolish all prostitution really about 'saving the children'?
Because if it is, can someone please explain why this was allowed to happen?**

The case of 8 year old Gabriel Fernandez: May 28, 2013

Protesters Demand Change After Palmdale (CA) Boy's Torture Death

“Officials failed to respond to numerous reports that the boy was being abused, long before he died, his teacher said Long before 8-year-old Gabriel died, his relatives, teachers and even other mothers at school saw signs he was being brutally beaten at his Southern California home, where he lived with his mother and her boyfriend.

Protesters on Monday demanded justice for Gabriel - and measures to protect other children from a similar fate. They said the boy's case exposes critical failures in a system meant to protect children.

Gabriel was living with his grandparents until October, when his mother, Pearl Fernandez, 29, won legal custody of him. Now, Fernandez is accused of allowing her boyfriend, Isauro Aguirre, 32, to torture her youngest child to death. They were both in custody and Aguirre was expected to be charged with murder Tuesday.

Protesters, who plan to attend Aguirre's Tuesday arraignment, **are accusing the Department of Child and Family Services of failing to respond to months of complaints that Gabriel was being abused.**

The teacher said she had frequently contacted the Department of Child and Family Services, *but the agency's social workers did nothing.*

On Wednesday, deputies found the first-grader's broken body at his home in Palmdale, about 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Gabriel was barely breathing. His bones were broken. He had burn marks all over his body and he bore wounds that indicated he had been tied up and tortured... He died Friday at a hospital.”

AND: “The alleged torture and death of an 8-year-old boy in Palmdale has prompted investigations into how Los Angeles County authorities handled repeated complaints of abuse at his home... The Sheriff's Department also will review its handling of the case. Child abuse complaints sent deputies to the home several times.”

AND YET THEY DID NOTHING.....

And what about the 6,000 ‘mishandled’ child abuse cases in Arizona that were not investigated? Arizona’s Child Protective Services division has uncovered thousands of uninvestigated child abuse allegations dating back to 2009- because we care so much about what happens to children?????