

voices from the southern border

“A WOMAN CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED ME IF WE WOULD BE BRINGING IN CONDOMS, BECAUSE

WHEN SHE GOT

SEXUALLY

ASSAULTED

AGAIN

SHE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO

ASK HER

ATTACKER

TO WEAR A CONDOM”

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Due to new regulations enacted in 2018, people south of the border

seeking asylum in the United States are denied entry until their court dates. This has led to many seeking to escape persecution in their homeland being held up at the border. Unable to enter the US, and unable to go back, asylum seekers are forced to live in “tent cities” near the border as they await their appointed date. These places have poor living conditions and have attracted gangs; violence and sexual assault against those seeking asylum is common.

“The Out Crowd.” This American Life, 15 Nov 2019.

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