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A TEENAGER who accidentally jogged over the border into America while running in Canada says she was held for two weeks in a US detention centre.

Cedella Roman, who lives in France, had travelled to Canada to visit her mother in British Columbia.

But while running along a beach south of the town of White Rock on May 21 she was stopped by two US border agents after drifting into the city of Blaine, Washington state.

Ms Roman told Canadian media she had turned on to a dirt path for a few yards as the tide rose, then stopped to take a picture before retracing her steps. She said she had not seen any signs indicating she was about to cross into the US.

The 19-year-old did not have any identification on her and was transferred to a detention centre run by the Department of Homeland Security.

Her mother, Christiane Ferne, who lives in nearby North Delta, travelled 140 miles to the centre with her passport but she was not allowed back into Canada until June 6.

She told the Canadian Broadcasting Company: 'An officer stopped me and started telling me I had crossed the border illegally. I told him I had not done it on purpose, and that I didn't understand what was happening.'

She described her terror at being put into 'caged vehicles' when transferred between facilities.

She said: 'They asked me to remove my personal belongings with my jewellery. They searched me everywhere. Then I understood it was getting very serious and started to cry a bit.'

She thought she would be let off with a warning but was arrested, 'processed as an expedited removal', and transferred to custody, Immigration and Customs Enforcement confirmed. The next day she was taken to US Immigra-



Out of border: Cedella Roman was held by US officials after straying into America on the beach. Both nations' flags fly from the Peace Arch (centre) PICTURE: AP

Beach jogger who strayed into US held for 2 weeks

tion and Customs Enforcement's Tacoma northwest detention centre and held there until June 5.

The immigration department said: 'Once the US Border Patrol transfers an individual to ICE custody for expedited removal to Canada, ICE must review

the case and receive permission from the Canada Border Services Agency to complete the removal.

'This can take several days, especially when the individual is a third-country national.' Border Patrol added: 'If an individual enters the US at a loca-

tion other than an official port of entry and without inspection by a customs and border protection officer, they have illegally entered the US and will be processed accordingly.

It is the responsibility of an individual travelling in the vicinity of an

international border to maintain awareness of their surroundings and their location at all times to ensure they do not illegally cross the border.'

A 1921 monument called the Peace Arch straddles the border between the US and Canada.



Making a stand: Sign outside restaurant AP

Why I kicked Trump aide out of my restaurant

A RESTAURANT owner who ordered White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders off her premises would do it again - despite her actions causing a furore.

In a tweet, Ms Sanders said she was asked to 'leave because I work for @POTUS (Donald Trump)', adding: 'I politely left.'

The incident at the Red Hen, in Lexington, Virginia, on Friday, said more about the owner than it did



Bad taste: Ms Sanders (left), and Ms Wilkinson

about her, she added, writing: 'I always do my best to treat people, including those I disagree with, respectfully.'

Restaurant co-owner Stephanie Wilkinson made the decision as she believes Ms Sanders works for an 'unethical administration'. 'There are moments in time when people need to live their convictions. This appeared to be one,' she told The Washington Post. A sign outside her restaurant read: 'Democracy requires principled government.' The row

came days after homeland security secretary Kirstjen Nielsen was booed at a Mexican diner in Washington DC. Both incidents are discriminatory, say critics. Ex-house speaker Newt Gingrich said 'nastiness toward' White House staff 'reflects the left's desperation', and Ms Sanders' father Mike Huckabee, an ex-governor, tweeted: 'Bigotry on menu at Red Hen. Ask for "Hate Plate".' But local business owner Tom Lomax backed 'force of nature' Ms Wilkinson. 'We support our own here,' he said.

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