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Inner Strength

ELATION: Claudia Muro, right, and attorney Allison Gilman celebrate Monday after the state dropped child abuse charges against Muro almost 2 1/2 years after her arrest. Muro, of Peru, is not yet free. Federal authorities have placed an immigration hold on her. Staff photo/Lou Toman