



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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Fact Sheet

Approximately 200 arrested in Atlanta-area ICE operation targeting criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants, and immigration fugitives

- Approximately 200 foreign nationals were arrested this week in the states of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina during a targeted enforcement operation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) aimed at immigration fugitives, re-entrants and at-large criminal aliens.
 - The majority of those arrested had criminal convictions
 - Final statistics and photos will be available to reporters Monday.
- The stats cover the entirety of the agency's Fugitive Operations arrests from Monday through Friday. Again, specific numbers will be available Monday.
- This week's enforcement operations were conducted in accordance with routine, daily targeted operations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) fugitive operations teams every day to arrest criminal aliens and other individuals who are in violation of our nation's immigration laws.
- ICE deportation officers conduct targeted enforcement operations every day in locations around the country as part of the agency's ongoing efforts to protect the nation, uphold public safety and protect the integrity of our immigration laws and border controls.
- This operation targeted public safety threats, such as convicted criminal aliens and gang members, and individuals who have violated our nation's immigration laws, including those who re-entered the country after being deported and immigration fugitives ordered deported by federal immigration judges.
- Some of the individuals arrested during this operation will face criminal prosecutions by the U.S. Attorney's Office for illegal entry and illegal re-entry after deportation.
- Those not being criminally prosecuted will be processed administratively for removal from the United States. Those who have outstanding orders of deportation, or who returned to the United States illegally after being deported, are subject to immediate removal from the country. The remaining individuals are in ICE custody awaiting a hearing before an immigration judge, or pending travel arrangements for removal in the near future.
- All reports of ICE checkpoints and sweeps are false, dangerous and irresponsible. These reports create mass panic and put communities and law enforcement personnel in unnecessary danger. Any groups falsely reporting such activities are doing a disservice to those they claim to support.

- During targeted enforcement operations ICE officers frequently encounter additional suspects who may be in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws. Those persons will be evaluated on a case by case basis and, when appropriated, arrested by ICE.

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