



# Fact Sheet

## **41 arrested in New York-area ICE operation targeting criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants, and immigration fugitives**

- A total of 41 foreign nationals were arrested this week in the five boroughs of New York City and the surrounding areas 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 vast majority -- 38 of those arrested -- had criminal convictions.
- Arrests included:
  - A citizen of El Salvador with a criminal conviction for assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering and self-admitted MS-13 gang member.
  - A citizen of Jamaica with a criminal conviction for first degree sexual assault of a victim under the age of 11.
  - A citizen of Mexico with a criminal convicted for first degree sexual assault of a victim under the age of 11.
- The stats cover the entirety of the agency's fugitive operations arrests in New York City and surrounding areas from Monday through Friday.
- 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.
- These are existing, established fugitive operations teams. ICE does not conduct sweeps, checkpoints or raids that target aliens indiscriminately.
- 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 prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Office for illegal re-entry after deportation.

- Those not being criminally prosecuted will be processed 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 removal from the country.
- Reports of ICE checkpoints and sweeps are false, dangerous and irresponsible. These reports create 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 appropriate, arrested by ICE.

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