



U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement

# Fact Sheet

## **ICE arrests 161 in Los Angeles-area operation targeting criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants, and immigration fugitives**

- A total of 161 foreign nationals were taken into custody in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas last week during a five-day enforcement operation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) aimed targeting at-large criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants, and immigration fugitives.
  - Of those arrested, 151 had prior criminal convictions, or 94 percent of those arrested.
- Arrests included:
  - A previously deported aggravated felon from Honduras with prior convictions for drug trafficking, spousal battery, and petty theft. Records show he was recently released by local authorities despite an ICE detainer
  - A Mexican national with a final order of removal with prior convictions for drug trafficking, a weapons violation, and spousal battery
  - An Australian national with a conviction for lewd and lascivious acts with a child
- The stats cover the entirety of the agency's fugitive operations arrests in Los Angeles 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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