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31 arrested in New York ICE operation targeting criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants, immigration fugitives

NEW YORK – A Guyanese national convicted of rape is among the 31 foreign nationals arrested during a recently concluded three-day operation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) officers in New York targeting at-large criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants, and immigration fugitives.

Of those arrested during the enforcement action which ended Monday, 30 had criminal histories, including prior convictions for sex crimes, drug offenses, and fraud. One has a pending dangerous drug charge and a final order of removal. Others taken into custody during the operation included:

- A Guyanese national with a prior conviction of Rape in the third degree; and
- A Honduran national felon arrested in Bronx, NY whose criminal record includes an act in a manner to injure a child less than 17 years of age

Criminal Convictions*

Driving under the influence	12
Dangerous drugs	3
Fraud	3
Robbery	2
Larceny	2
Rape	1
Act in a manner to injure child < 17 yrs	1
Sex Offense other	1
Heroin Sell	1
Heroin Possession	1
Crimes against person	1
Mail Fraud	1
Unauthorized use of vehicle	1

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*Note: criminal aliens with multiple prior convictions are categorized based on their most serious conviction.

The operation, conducted by ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), targeted criminal aliens who pose a public safety threat 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 the enforcement action will be presented for federal prosecution for re-entry after deportation, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Those not being criminally prosecuted will be processed for removal from the country. Individuals 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.

"Law enforcement operations like this should reassure the public that ICE is committed to putting public safety first," said Thomas Decker, field office director for ERO New York. "Those who come to the United States to prey upon our neighbors and communities will be prosecuted for their crimes and ultimately returned to their home countries."

Last week's arrestees (29 men and 2 women) included nationals from 13 countries – Mexico (6); Dominican Republic (5); Guatemala (4); Honduras (4); El Salvador (3); Trinidad (2); Korea (1); Pakistan (1); Indonesia(1); Nepal (1); Colombia (2); Haiti (1); and Guyana (1).

Queens and Suffolk Counties accounted for the largest number of arrests during the operation, but ERO personnel conducted enforcement actions in a total of 10 communities.

County Arrest Totals

Queens	6
Suffolk	6
Bronx	5
Westchester	3
Kings	3
Nassau	3
Dutchess	2
Hudson	1
Rockland	1
Manhattan	1

ICE deportation officers carry out 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 operations involve existing, established Fugitive Operations Teams.

During such 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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