



# Inside ICE

## ICE Arrests 50 Aliens In NYC Operation Predator Sweep

NEW YORK—ICE agents and New York City probation officers arrested 50 criminal alien sex offenders in Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan October 19 as part of “Operation Predator.”

All of those arrested are foreign-born, convicted sex offenders. Their crimes include rape, sodomy, assault with intent to cause physical injury, sexual abuse and sexual misconduct, endangering the welfare of a child, reckless endangerment and possessing a sexual performance by a child. The youngest of the victims was three years old.

“Predators stalk and attack the most vulnerable segments of society, our children,” said ICE Director of Investigations Marcy Forman. “Predators commit unspeakable acts that often do irreparable harm and rob the innocent of their innocence. Left on the streets predators can victimize communities time and time again. Today, we stopped these predators in their tracks, and the public safety of New York City is better off for it.”

Those arrested included:

- A 36-year-old Honduran man arrested in New York City who was previously charged with 13 counts of rape in the 3rd degree and endangering the welfare of a child. He was convicted of rape in the 3rd degree and sentenced to 10 years probation. The victim was 14-years-old at the time of the abuse, which occurred over a three-year period.



An ICE agent escorts one of 50 aliens arrested during a Predator operation in New York.

- A 37-year-old Dominican female arrested in New York City who has been convicted of sexual abuse in the 1st degree. The victim was a five-year-old.
- A 50-year-old Mexican man arrested in New York City who was previously charged with attempted sodomy in the 3rd degree, forcible touching and multiple counts of sexual abuse. The victim was a 4-year-old girl at the time of crime.

The arrests included citizens of Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad, and the Ukraine. Thirty-six of the aliens were in the country illegally and fourteen were legal permanent residents. All predators have been placed into removal proceedings and transported to various detention facilities.

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## Murder-For-Hire Scheme Ends With ICE Arrest In Maryland

WASHINGTON—ICE agents have arrested a man in a murder-for-hire plot on a local jail inmate in Maryland.

ICE agents arrested Victor Moscoso Espana, a 20-year-old citizen of Guatemala, October 22 after receiving information that Moscoso was involved in a murder-for-hire plot and a conspiracy to import and distribute cocaine.

ICE agents launched the investigation of Moscoso in September after receiving information about individuals conspiring to import cocaine and heroin from Guatemala into the United States through various ports of entry, including Dulles International Airport in Virginia.

On October 21, ICE agents were conducting surveillance on Moscoso,

who was waiting to make contact with alleged narcotics suppliers. During the surveillance, Moscoso was recorded making statements indicating that he was plotting to have an individual currently incarcerated in a Washington D.C. jail murdered for roughly \$15,000, with the payments to be made on a monthly basis over the next year.

ICE agents immediately arrested Moscoso. Subsequent investigation by ICE agents, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, led to the arrest of two additional suspects on October 22. Jose Ramirez and Mario Guerra, both natives of Guatemala, were arrested and are currently being detained by ICE on administrative immigration violations. ■

## ICE Arrests Man Wanted For Embezzling Millions From Guatemala

LOS ANGELES—The son of Guatemala's former customs director, who is accused of conspiring with his father to embezzle millions of dollars from that country's government, is facing deportation following his arrest October 18 by ICE agents in Los Angeles.



Junior Vinicio Abadio-Carrillo

Junior Vinicio Abadio-Carrillo, 32, was taken into custody in Glendale, Calif. on immigration violations. Abadio is wanted in Guatemala on embezzlement and money laundering charges for his role in a scheme that allegedly led to the theft of more than \$5 million from that country's government. ICE agents say Abadio apparently entered the United States illegally last year and has been living in Glendale since his arrival.

"This is another stellar example of how ICE is working with law enforcement agencies around the globe to deter serious crime," said Loraine Brown, special agent-in-charge for ICE investigations in Los Angeles. "This arrest should send a strong signal to fugitives that we will not allow our international borders to be barriers to bringing criminals to justice." ■

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Those already with final orders of removal will be deported from the country shortly and the remaining predators will have their cases heard before an immigration judge.

Forman thanked the special agents and officers from the New York ICE office from ICE's Office of Detention and Removal Operations, the Federal

Protective Service and the New York City Department of Probation for their investigations, which culminated in today's arrests.

ICE's Operation Predator protects children by investigating and presenting for prosecution pedophiles, Internet predators, human traffickers, international sex tourists and other predatory criminals. Since Operation Predator was launched on July 9, 2003, ICE agents

have arrested nearly 6,500 child predators and sex offenders nationwide and removed more than 3,100 criminal alien predators.

ICE has a toll-free number for the public to provide leads to its enforcement team on any violations, including tips about child pornography, child sex offenders and others preying on children. The toll-free number (1-866-DHS-2ICE) is monitored

24 hours a day by officers at the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center. For more information on Operation Predator, please visit the ICE Web site at [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov). ■

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—Russ Bergeron, Editor

# ICE Hiring Immigration Enforcement Agents

WASHINGTON— ICE intends to hire hundreds of Immigration Enforcement Agents (IEA) this fiscal year. Applicants must register for consideration by November 14 and will be required to take a written test.

Immigration Enforcement Agents perform a variety of enforcement functions, including the apprehension, prosecution, detention and deportation of illegal and criminal aliens. IEAs also gather and analyze information relating to the identification, citizenship and prosecution of persons in violation of immigration laws. IEAs work with other law enforcement officers and agencies. Initial duty assignments will be in various locations nationwide.

This is an entry-level position starting at the GS-5 (\$34,005–\$38,471 per year) or GS-7 (from \$38,703–\$43,785 per year) levels, with promotion potential to the GS-9. This



ICE Immigration Enforcement Agents (IEA) are shown above in various activities. ICE will be hiring hundreds of IEAs this fiscal year.

position is covered under federal law enforcement retirement provisions. Candidates must be appointed before reaching their 37th birthday, unless they presently serve or have previously served in a federal civilian law enforcement retirement-covered position.

Interested applicants can register for the test and learn more about the job qualifications and selection process at [www.ice.gov/careers](http://www.ice.gov/careers). The Internet Web site is available 24-hours a day during the open period dates. ■

# Wisconsin Restaurant Owner Sentenced For Harboring Illegal Aliens

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—An ICE investigation has led to the conviction and sentencing of a Wisconsin restaurant owner for hiring illegal aliens to work in his restaurants and providing them with fake identity documents.

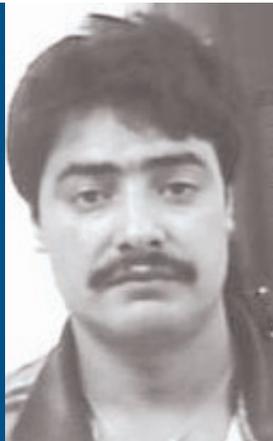
Steven Metzler, 46, the co-owner of Julie’s Café LLC, was sentenced October 13 to five years probation and six months house confinement and fined \$25,000.

From 1998 until June 15, 2004, Julie’s Café, which has two restaurants in Green Bay and one in DePere, Wis., engaged in a pattern and practice of hiring illegal aliens. Owned by Metzler and his wife, the restaurants regularly employed illegal aliens who were required to purchase false identification documents from the owners in order to work. The aliens were paid in cash and the fee for the false identity was deducted from their wages. Metzler harbored the illegal aliens by providing them with employment at Julie’s Cafés

Julie’s Café LLC was charged with a pattern and practice of employing illegal aliens, and Metzler pleaded guilty to one count of harboring illegal aliens

“We believe Julie’s Café and its owner were deliberately flaunting the immigration laws of this country by hiring illegal aliens and providing those workers with bogus identity documents,” said Brian Falvey, resident agent-in-charge of the Milwaukee ICE office. “ICE will use all its law enforcement authorities to investigate these types of violations.” ■

ICE MOST WANTED



**Evodio MANILLA-Cabrera**

ALIASES: <b>Eudio</b>	HEIGHT: <b>5'5"</b>
LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS: <b>Ciudad Acuna, Mexico</b>	WEIGHT: <b>130 lbs.</b>
DATE OF BIRTH: <b>04/25/1972</b>	HAIR: <b>Black</b>
PLACE OF BIRTH: <b>Honey, Puebla, Mexico</b>	EYES: <b>Brown</b>
SCARS/MARKS: <b>Unknown</b>	

**BACKGROUND:** Evodio MANILLA-Cabrera is wanted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the May 2001 smuggling attempt that resulted in the death of 14 illegal aliens south of Welton, Arizona. MANILLA was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury and is believed to be in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of the above fugitive, please call **1-866-DHS-2ICE**  
View more ICE Most Wanted online at: [www.ice.gov/graphics/investigations/wanted/](http://www.ice.gov/graphics/investigations/wanted/)

## Joint ICE-China IPR Case Brings Man To Justice In U.S.

WASHINGTON—A man arrested on charges resulting from the first joint United States-China intellectual property criminal investigation has been arraigned in federal court in Mississippi.

Randolph Hobson Guthrie, 38, a U.S. citizen, was arrested in Shanghai last July and was brought to the United States earlier this month. A bond hearing was held in federal court in California, after which Guthrie was released on a secured \$1 million bond. His release was further conditioned upon surrendering his passport and submitting to home confinement with electronic monitoring. Guthrie was ordered to appear in federal court in Mississippi to face charges.

The 18-count indictment is the product of “Operation

Spring”—a joint criminal law enforcement effort between ICE agents and Chinese law enforcement authorities first launched in September 2003. The indictment alleges that Guthrie was the ringleader in a conspiracy to import more than 2,000 DVDs containing unauthorized copies of motion pictures. The indictment charges Guthrie with criminal copyright and trademark infringement, illegally importing infringing goods, and money laundering.

The Department of Justice is seeking forfeiture of over \$1 million in profits Guthrie made during the course of his illegal enterprise, which caused the illegal reproduction and distribution of hundreds of thousands of copyrighted works throughout the world. Nine of the charges carry a maximum sentence

of five years each, six of the counts carry a maximum sentence of 10 years, and the money-laundering count carries a maximum sentence of up to 20 years.

“As the first joint counterfeiting investigation by ICE and Chinese authorities, this landmark case will serve as a roadmap for future intellectual property investigations,” said New Orleans ICE Special Agent-in-Charge Michael A. Holt.

The investigation, initiated by the ICE resident agent-in-charge in Gulfport, Miss., grew to include the ICE Attaché in Beijing, China, the ICE Office of Investigations in Houston and the National Intellectual Property Rights Center. Based on information agents obtained during the course of their investigation concerning criminal activities occurring in

China by Guthrie and others, ICE agents contacted Chinese law enforcement authorities shortly after Operation Spring was launched, leading to a partnership with the Shanghai Public Security Bureau of the Economic Crime Investigation Department of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security.

As a result of this unprecedented joint effort, Guthrie, along with three co-conspirators—including two Chinese nationals and another U.S. citizen—was convicted in April 2005 in the Supreme People’s Court in China for selling more than 133,000 pirated motion picture DVDs to customers in over 20 countries around the world. Guthrie was sentenced to 30 months in Chinese prison, fined approximately \$60,000 and deported after serving his term. ■

## Second Look At Sailboat Yields Big Cocaine Find

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS—A second look at a cocaine-carrying sailboat intercepted by the Coast Guard in May and about to be auctioned off netted almost 1,800 pounds of cocaine.

ICE special agents, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and officers of the U.S. Virgin Island Police Department discovered 1,764.4 pounds of cocaine hidden within the walls

of a 49-foot sailboat, the British-flagged vessel S/V Gio, docked at the Port of St. Croix.

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) intercepted the Gio on May 11th following a routine patrol off the coast of Anguilla. At that time, the vessel along with its crewmen, were escorted to the Port of St. Thomas after Coast Guard officers discovered 411 pounds of cocaine on board the vessel.

The vessel, which will be auctioned, was being inspected once again by federal agents and local officers when they discovered the additional contraband.

The crewmen have been in U.S. Marshals custody since their arrest in May. They are currently detained at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico pending their trial.

“For many years the lesser Antilles archipelago has

been the preferred route narcotics smugglers use to bring their contraband into the United States. However, the presence of ICE in this geographical area has changed that dramatically,” said Lydia St. John-Mellado, special agent-in-charge of ICE in San Juan, Puerto Rico. “We are shutting down this route, and with it a vulnerability that once existed in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.” ■

## Bin Laden Bounty Hunter Sentenced In ICE Case

DETROIT—Following an ICE investigation, a Texas man who claimed to be a bounty hunter on the trail of Osama bin Laden was sentenced in U.S. District Court for illegally bringing various weapons and ammunition aboard an aircraft.

Matt Mihsen, 47, a Chandler, Texas, resident and a naturalized United States citizen from Syria, was sentenced to time served and one-year supervised release after pleading

guilty to failure to report that he brought ammunition aboard an airplane.

Mihsen was arrested in February while attempting to depart Detroit International Airport to Amsterdam, Netherlands, with a connecting flight in Damascus, Syria. Before boarding his flight, ICE special agents and U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers examined his possessions. The examination revealed various weapons and accessories, including

radiation detectors, a bulletproof vest, 40 rounds of 9mm Black Talon ammunition, a taser, one rifle scope, one spray can of Mace and \$13,256 in unreported currency.

Mihsen is a registered private investigator, pilot and truck driver. He told ICE agents he was conducting an independent investigation in hopes of collecting the \$25 million reward offered by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security for information

leading to the arrest of Osama bin Laden.

“This case shows the important public safety aspects of our aggressive outbound operations,” said Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent in charge of the ICE Detroit office. “Working with our partners at Customs and Border Protection, our joint efforts kept potentially dangerous items off a cross-Atlantic passenger plane, and they may have prevented acts of violence overseas.” ■

## ICE Arrests Seven In Green Bay Community Shield Operation

GREEN BAY, WIS.— Seven members and associates of the Sureños 13 and Brown Pride Loco 13 street gangs were arrested October 25 on immigration charges in a coordinated multi-agency enforcement operation led by ICE.

The early-morning operation was organized by ICE as part of Operation Community Shield, an ongoing national ICE anti-gang ini-

tiative designed to disrupt, dismantle and prosecute street gang members and their organizations. Other agencies participating in the Green Bay operation included the Green Bay Police Department; the Brown County Metro Enforcement Group; the Green Bay offices of the U.S. Marshals Service; the FBI; the Drug Enforcement Administration; and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

The majority of the men targeted in this operation had criminal histories, including prior convictions for weapons and narcotics. All those arrested are foreign nationals from Mexico and are being held in ICE custody pending deportation.

“We’re sending a message to the violent street gang members in America that stopping gang violence and crime is high on our

list of ICE priorities,” said Brian Falvey, resident agent-in-charge for ICE investigations in Milwaukee. “Law enforcement partnerships are effective in keeping criminals off the streets. These partnerships help break the cycle of the gang-related violence threatening the safety of our communities. This week’s arrests are a testament to the great working relationship between ICE, and the state and local government in Wisconsin.”

ICE launched Operation Community Shield in February to confront the national problem of violent street gangs. The goals of the initiative are to disrupt, dismantle, and prosecute violent street gangs by employing the full range of authorities and investigative tools available to ICE.

Under this initiative, ICE is employing its broad

immigration authorities, both criminal and administrative, against foreign-born gang members. ICE is also employing its broad customs authorities to combat drug trafficking and other crimes committed by these gangs.

The MS-13 street gang was the initial target of Operation Community Shield. MS-13 is the largest and most violent street gang in the country. In May, ICE expanded Operation Community Shield to include all criminal street gangs with foreign-born members. With the launch of this second phase, ICE’s Operation Community shield aims to ensure that gang members have no safe haven in our nation’s communities. Since the launch of Operation Community Shield, there have been more than 1,500 street gang members arrested nationwide. ■



ICE agents arrest one of the more than 1,500 gang members arrested nationwide since the start of Operation Community Shield.

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## U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

## New Hampshire ICE Recognized



ICE in Manchester, N.H., received the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation's unit citation award in a ceremony October 15. The award was given for an outstanding investigation that led to the arrest of a drug kingpin and many Manchester area defendants on various state and federal charges. Attendees at the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation's unit citation awards ceremony included, from left to right, U.S. Sen. John Sununu; Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England; Donald Lenzie and Colleen Forgetta, ICE senior special agents; Mark Furtado, resident agent-in-charge of ICE in Manchester; and U.S. Reps. Jeb Bradley and Charles Bass.