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# News Release

## **261 CRIMINAL ALIENS, STATUS VIOLATORS REMOVED FROM CAROLINAS, GEORGIA IN JULY**

ATLANTA– U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers deported 261 criminal aliens and status violators during July from a three-state area that includes Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Those arrested were lawfully ordered to leave the United States for their crimes, but failed to do so.

The crimes they were convicted of include sexual assault, burglary, theft of firearms, narcotics, child endangerment, sex offenses, larceny, fraud, robbery, driving while intoxicated, forgery, trafficking, rape, kidnapping, money laundering, grand larceny, entering without inspection, counterfeiting, alien smuggling, manslaughter, vehicle theft, felonious assault, and retail fraud.

This local enforcement operation is part of a 10-year strategic national initiative focused on locating, apprehending and removing the more than 400,000 absconders and 80,000 criminal fugitive aliens with outstanding final orders of removal who are hiding in the United States.

“We will continue to focus on criminal aliens who are in this country illegally,” said Atlanta Field Office Director John Mata. “We are working hard to ensure that these criminals are removed from the United States and no longer pose a threat to our communities. Community safety continues to be one of our highest priorities.”

Absconders are foreign nationals who have been ordered removed by a federal immigration judge, but failed to comply with those orders. They are subject to immediate removal from the country.

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