Monthly 287(g) Encounter Report

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Overview

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) Program enhances the safety and security of communities by creating partnerships with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and remove illegal aliens from the United States.

Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the Director of ICE to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies to designate officers to perform certain immigration law enforcement functions. State and local officers who partner with ICE receive training and function under the supervision of ICE officers.

The mutually beneficial agreements allow state and local law enforcement to act as a force multiplier in the identification, arrest, and service of warrants and detainers on foreign-born individuals arrested on local criminal charges.

Individuals deemed amenable to removal are identified while in state or local custody and then transferred to ICE custody in a secure law enforcement facility. Without a cooperative agreement, state and local law enforcement may not be aware of an inmate’s unlawful immigration status and may release the individual back into the community. ICE may then only locate the individual via an at-large enforcement operation or after the individual is arrested by local law enforcement for a subsequent crime.

Federal, state, and local law enforcement working together creates efficiency while providing a tremendous benefit to public safety.

The 287(g) Program continues to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from its partners. Law enforcement agencies interested in becoming a partner under the 287(g) Program should send an inquiry to their local ICE ERO Field Office at https://www.ice.gov/contact/ero.

The cases that follow are a sampling of criminal aliens recently identified by state or local law enforcement operating under the 287(g) Program. Each of these individuals will be processed for removal by ICE in accordance with federal law.
287(g) Encounters by State

**Arizona**

On August 26, 2020, the Arizona Department of Corrections 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico sentenced to five years imprisonment for two counts of attempted molestation of a child and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**Florida**

On August 10, 2020, the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Guatemala sentenced to six months confinement for possession of cocaine and false ID/name given to law enforcement and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject last entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection after having been previously removed.

On August 27, 2020, the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for capital sexual battery and lewd and lascivious molestation and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States as a conditional resident and later adjusted status to a lawful permanent resident.

**Georgia**

On August 23, 2020, the Cobb County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with simple battery and driving on an expired license and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has previous convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while license suspended, cruelty to children-1st degree, obstructing or hindering persons making emergency telephone call, cruelty to children-3rd degree, false imprisonment and aggravated assault. The subject entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident.

On August 14, 2020, the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Guatemala charged with aggravated battery, cruelty to children, and terroristic threats and acts and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has three previous convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 31, 2020, the Georgia Department of Corrections 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico sentenced to one-year confinement for violating the Georgia controlled substance act and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.
On August 13, 2020, the Hall County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; manufacturing/deliver/distribute/possession with intent distribute controlled substance schedule II; trafficking in cocaine/illegal drugs/marijuana/methamphetamine and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**Maryland**

On August 16, 2020, the Harford County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with driving while intoxicated, false identity to avoid prosecution, and possess/use false government identification and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has previous convictions for operating a vehicle under the influence, theft, and driving without license. The subject last entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection after having been previously removed twice from the United States.

On August 17, 2020, the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras charged with felony assault 1st degree, assault 2nd degree, reckless endangerment, and alter physical evidence criminal procedure and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**Massachusetts**

On August 11, 2020, the Plymouth County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Ecuador charged with assault and battery on a pregnant victim and strangulation/suffocation and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**Nevada**

On August 13, 2020, the Nye County Sheriff’s Department 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with sexual assault against a child less than 14 years of age and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**Ohio**

On August 19, 2020, the Butler County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Guatemala convicted of violation of a protection order-domestic violence and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**Oklahoma**

On August 30, 2020, the Canadian County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and placed
an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 18, 2020, the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with assault and battery by strangulation and threatening a violent act and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

**South Carolina**

On August 23, 2020, the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject was previously charged with possession of cocaine which is still pending. The subject had been previously granted prosecutorial discretion by an immigration judge. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 14, 2020, the Horry County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with trafficking in methamphetamine or cocaine base, 10 grams or more, but less than 28 grams - 1st offense, manufacture, possession of other controlled substance in schedule I, II, III or flunitrazepam or Analogue, with intent to distribute - 1st offense and driving without a license and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 31, 2020, the Lexington County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Guatemala charged with kidnapping and sex/criminal sexual conduct with a minor under 11 years old, first degree and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject last entered the United States on an unknown date and location after having been previously removed.

**Texas**

On August 29, 2020, the Smith County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with driving while intoxicated and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has two previous convictions for driving while intoxicated. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 26, 2020, the Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with sexual assault of a child under 17 and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 14, 2020, the Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with indecency with a child; sex continuous and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.
On August 31, 2020, the Potter County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with assault family violence, impeding breathing or circulation and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has pending charges for resisting arrest/search/transport and driving under the influence. The subject has previous convictions for assault, open container, driving while intoxicated, driving without a valid license and felony assault/resist/obstruct a police officer. The subject last entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection after having been previously removed from the United States on three separate occasions.

On August 13, 2020, the Smith County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with aggravated assault date/family/house with weapon and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 26, 2020, the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with murder/homicide -1st degree felony and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 31, 2020, the Galveston County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras charged with indecency with a child; sexual contact and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On August 06, 2020, the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with assault causing bodily injury and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States as a nonimmigrant and failed to depart the United States as required upon the expiration of their visa.

On August 17, 2020, the Nueces County Sheriff’s Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.