

ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO)

# 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 <a href="https://www.ice.gov/contact/ero">https://www.ice.gov/contact/ero</a>.

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 December 16, 2020, the Arizona Department of Corrections 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico sentenced to thirteen years imprisonment for convictions of molestation of a child, attempt to commit sexual conduct with a minor, and sexual abuse and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

#### **Arkansas**

On December 1, 2020, the Benton County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of El Salvador charged with failure to comply with sex offender's registration requirements and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has previous convictions for sexual assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, terroristic threatening, and forgery. The subject last entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident.

## Georgia

On December 28, 2020, the Georgia Department of Corrections 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico convicted of statutory rape 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 December 6, 2020, the Harford County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras arrested for driving under the influence and possession heroin and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has previous convictions for indecent exposure and corruption of minors. 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 December 16, 2020, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of China charged with two counts of sex trafficking - take cause, two counts of sex trafficking - compensation, sex traffic - benefit financially, two counts of prostitution - business and prostitution 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.

#### **Massachusetts**

On December 3, 2020, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of the Dominican Republic charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has pending charges for possession to distribute and distribution of a class A. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On December 10, 2020, the Bristol County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras charged with rape of a child statutory 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.

### **Tennessee**

On December 28, 2020, the Knox County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Guatemala charged with driving under the influence 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 December 25, 2020, the Tarrant 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 last entered the United States on an unknown date and location after having been previously removed.

# **Comprehensive Case Review - Maryland**

On December 6, 2020, the Harford County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras arrested for driving under the influence and possession heroin and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject originally and unlawfully entered the United States on an unknown date and location, was apprehended by the U.S Border Patrol and placed into removal proceedings and released. The subject failed to appear for his immigration hearing and was ordered removed in absentia by an immigration judge. On October 20, 2014, the subject was convicted of indecent exposure and corruption of minors and sentenced to 23 months confinement, time served. The subject was encountered by ICE at the local jail due to this conviction and was removed to Honduras on October 31, 2014. On an unknown date and location, the subject illegally reentered the United States and was apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol on July 19, 2018 and held for illegal reentry prosecution. The subject was removed to Honduras on August 16, 2018. On an unknown date and location, the subject again illegally reentered the United States. On December 6, 2020, the subject was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of heroin after a foot pursuit involving a hit and run. The subject will be taken into ICE custody upon completion of the criminal charges and will be presented to the Assistant United States Attorney's Office for prosecution for illegal reentry.