



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 <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

Georgia

On January 27, 2021, the Hall County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for six counts of violating the Computer Pornography and Child Exploitation Prevention Act of 1999 and forgery 1st degree 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 January 7, 2021, the Harford County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of El Salvador arrested for felony embezzlement and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has been identified as an MS-13 gang member. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On January 15, 2021, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for possession of a firearm with a felony conviction, registered firearm: illegal possession, handgun on person, and illegal possession of ammunition 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 January 22, 2021, the Cecil County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for homicide-murder 2nd degree 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 January 6, 2021, the Bristol County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Portugal arrested for aggravated assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and violation of a protective order 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 by law.

On January 13, 2021, the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of El Salvador arrested for trafficking in 36 grams or more, less than 100 grams of fentanyl 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 January 20, 2021, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Cape Verde arrested for carrying a firearm without a license, possession of a large capacity firearm, possession of ammunition, armed robbery, assault and battery dangerous weapon, and receiving stolen property and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject last entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident.

North Carolina

On January 11, 2021, the Gaston County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras arrested for two counts of trafficking 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.

South Carolina

On January 21, 2021, the Horry County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature 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 January 28, 2021, the York County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for first degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor 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 January 30, 2021, the Lexington County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for trafficking in marijuana, 10 pounds or more, but less than 100 pounds, first offense, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.