



U.S. Immigration
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Fact Sheet

190 arrested in Georgia, the Carolinas, during ICE operation targeting criminal aliens, illegal re-entrants and immigration fugitives

Nearly 200 unlawfully present foreign nationals were arrested last week in the states of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina during a targeted enforcement operation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) aimed at immigration fugitives, re-entrants and at-large criminal aliens.

- Of the 190 unlawfully present aliens arrested by ERO Atlanta, 127 had prior criminal convictions in addition to their illegal immigration status.
- Another 29 had been previously removed from the United States and subsequently illegally re-entered.
- In addition, 17 were immigration fugitives with outstanding final orders of removal issued by a federal immigration judge.
- Of the 190 unlawfully present aliens in total; 87 were arrested in Georgia, 84 in North Carolina and 19 in South Carolina.
- Arrests included:
 - A Mexican national arrested in Georgia who is wanted in his home country on charges of homicide and attempted homicide.
 - A Mexican national arrested in Charlotte, N.C., area, previously convicted on three counts of taking indecent liberties with a child. The subject was also previously removed to Mexico and he subsequently illegally re-entered the United States.
 - A Mexican national arrested in the Atlanta metropolitan area who previously pleaded guilty to felony cocaine distribution charges.
- The stats cover the entirety of the agency's fugitive operations arrests from Monday through Friday.
- This enforcement operation was conducted in accordance with routine, daily targeted operations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) fugitive operations teams every day to arrest criminal aliens and other individuals who are in violation of our nation's immigration laws.
- ICE deportation officers conduct targeted enforcement operations every day in locations around the country as part of the agency's ongoing efforts to protect the nation, uphold public safety and protect the integrity of our immigration laws and border controls.
- These are existing, established fugitive operations teams. ICE does not conduct sweeps, checkpoints or raids that target aliens indiscriminately.

- This operation targeted public safety threats, such as convicted criminal aliens and gang members, and individuals who have violated our nation's immigration laws, including those who re-entered the country after being deported and immigration fugitives ordered deported by federal immigration judges.
- Some of the individuals arrested during this operation will face criminal prosecutions by the U.S. Attorney's Office for illegal entry and illegal re-entry after deportation.
- Those not being criminally prosecuted will be processed administratively for removal from the United States. Those who have outstanding orders of deportation, or who returned to the United States illegally after being deported, are subject to removal from the country. Reports of ICE checkpoints and sweeps are false, dangerous and irresponsible. These reports create panic and put communities and law enforcement personnel in unnecessary danger. Any groups falsely reporting such activities are doing a disservice to those they claim to support.
- During targeted enforcement operations ICE officers frequently encounter additional suspects who may be in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws. Those persons will be evaluated on a case by case basis and, when appropriated, arrested by ICE.

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