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Secure Communities

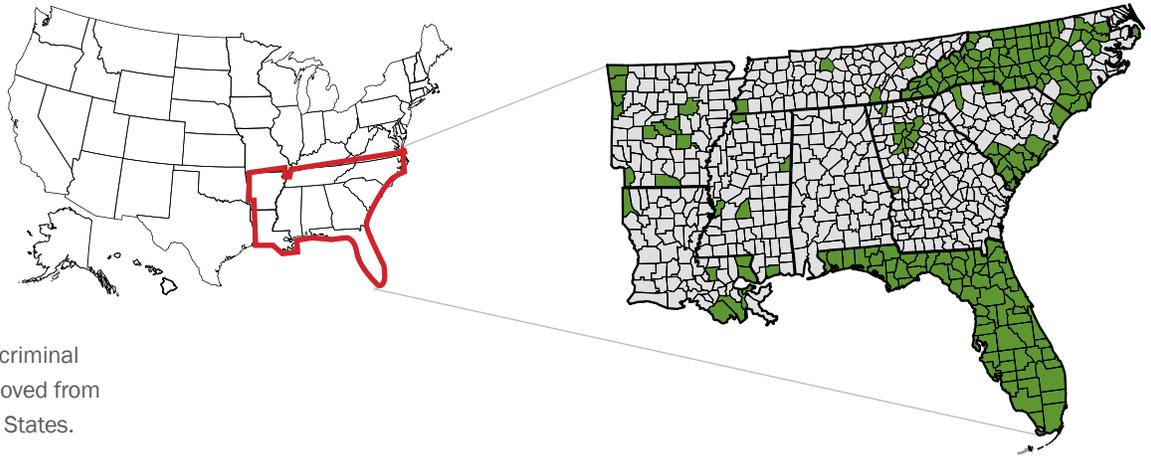
Southern Region by the Numbers*

www.ice.gov/secure_communities

Through the Secure Communities strategy, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is improving public safety every day by transforming the way criminal aliens are identified and removed from the United States. ICE is leveraging a federal biometric information sharing capability to quickly and accurately identify aliens who have been arrested for a crime and booked into law enforcement custody. Once identified, ICE determines appropriate immigration enforcement action to prevent the return of convicted criminal aliens into our communities. ICE is already using this capability in hundreds of jurisdictions across the nation and plans nationwide use by 2013.

The Southern Region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Activated Jurisdictions
217 of 755
29%



Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.

12,641

Convicted criminal aliens removed from the United States.

6,267

*The activations are current as of **January 11, 2011**, and the statistics are current as of **December 31, 2010**.

7,555 Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.
3,148 Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

Activated Jurisdictions
67 of 67
100%

First activation
January 22, 2009



Florida



Tennessee

Activated Jurisdictions
21 of 95
22%

First activation
June 17, 2010

Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.
Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

354
195

2,605 Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.
1,688 Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

Activated Jurisdictions
77 of 100
77%

First activation
November 12, 2008



North Carolina



Arkansas

Activated Jurisdictions
11 of 75
15%

First activation
August 17, 2010

Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.
Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

28
10

138 Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.
80 Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

Activated Jurisdictions
13 of 46
28%

First activation
September 8, 2010



South Carolina



Louisiana

Activated Jurisdictions
8 of 64
13%

First activation
November 17, 2009

Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.
Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.

202
107

25 Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody.

13 Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S.



Convicted criminal aliens administratively arrested or booked into ICE custody. **1,734**

Convicted criminal aliens removed from the U.S. **1,026**

What Others Are Saying About Secure Communities

Sheriff Larry Campbell Leon County Sheriff's Office, Florida

"Secure Communities is about information sharing and will reduce allegations of racial and ethnic profiling. This is not a random sampling of fingerprints submitted by officers on the street. The fingerprints of every person arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail will be checked against immigration records. [...] The use of Secure Communities means criminal aliens can no longer hide behind a long list of aliases."¹

Representative David Price U.S. House of Representatives, North Carolina Chairman, Appropriations Committee

"Since the implementation of the Secure Communities Program [...] criminal alien removals increased 12 percent in 2008 and another 18 percent in 2009. That's a remarkable achievement, and I'm proud to support its continuation of this trend."²

Commissioner Gerald Bailey Florida Department of Law Enforcement

"This progressive program maximizes the use of biometric technology to exchange critical public safety information."³

Sheriff Jim Hammond Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Tennessee

"We applaud the efforts of ICE. [...] This is yet another example of local and federal agencies working together effectively to keep our communities safe."⁴

Sheriff Michael Yeager Coweta County Sheriff's Office, Georgia

"[Secure Communities'] goal is to target illegal aliens, with criminal records, who pose a threat to public safety. They process and remove criminal aliens who are incarcerated. [...] [Secure Communities and the Criminal Alien Program] will transform immigration enforcement to efficiently identify, process and remove aliens from the United States."⁵

Success Stories in the Southern Region

First degree rape, kidnapping and robbery, illegally present in the United States CATAWBA COUNTY, NC

Three suspects were arrested on charges of first degree rape, first degree kidnapping and robbery with a dangerous weapon. Their fingerprints were automatically checked against Department of Justice (DOJ) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) records, revealing that all three were illegally present in the United States despite one subject providing an alias. Within hours, the local ICE field office placed detainers for all three individuals, enabling federal authorities to assume custody after the judicial process is complete.

Burglary, multiple aliases, previously removed aggravated felon EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA

The Baton Rouge Police Department arrested a subject for three counts of simple burglary and one count of illegal possession of stolen property. His fingerprints were checked against DOJ and DHS records, and the results indicated he has used at least three aliases and is a previously removed aggravated felon. In 2000, he was sentenced to five years incarceration for manufacturing methamphetamine and felony first degree forgery. Upon completion of that sentence in 2006, he was removed from the United States. Upon disposition of current charges, he will be held in ICE custody pending removal from the United States.

Concealed weapon, multiple aliases, attempting to murder a police officer HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FL

The Temple Terrace Police Department arrested a man for carrying a concealed weapon, opposing an officer and providing a false name to law enforcement. Despite the use of multiple aliases in the past, fingerprint records checked against DOJ and DHS records revealed that the subject entered the country on a B-2 non-immigrant visa but did not leave when his visa expired. He also had an active criminal arrest warrant for attempting to murder a police officer. He was convicted of carrying a concealed firearm and sentenced to prison. ICE is processing him to be removed from the United States upon completion of his sentence.

1. "Leon County Sheriff's Office Joins ICE Secure Communities Initiative to Enhance Identification and Removal of Criminal Aliens," Leon County, Florida, Sheriff's Office, April 26, 2010.
2. "Opening Statement at the House Appropriations Committee, Homeland Security Subcommittee," Chairman David Price, February 25, 2010.
3. "ICE and Florida Department of Law Enforcement announce statewide activation of Secure Communities to prioritize, identify and remove criminal aliens," ICE press release, www.ice.gov, June 29, 2010.
4. "Secure Communities now activated in Hamilton County," ICE press release, www.ice.gov, June 23, 2010.
5. "Sheriff sees more illegals coming," Elizabeth Richardson, *The Times-Herald*, August 18, 2010.