



ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO)

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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.

Arizona

The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico convicted of attempt to commit sexual conduct with minor, a dangerous crime against children (three counts) sentenced to fifteen (15) years imprisonment 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.

Georgia

The Georgia Department of Corrections 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of South Korea convicted of rape sentenced to thirty (30) years with the first fifteen (15) years to be served in confinement and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject last entered the United States as a non-immigrant that failed to leave the United States as required by law.

The Whitfield County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for driving without a valid license, driving while under the influence of alcohol, failure to maintain lane, failure to obey traffic control devices, running red light, hit and run resulting in serious injury (felony), serious injury by vehicle (felony, 2 counts), duty upon striking unattended vehicle (2 counts), duty upon striking fixed object, open container, pedestrian under the influence, reckless driving, misdemeanor failure to appear 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.

North Carolina

The Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for three (3) counts of conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine, traffic cocaine and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has prior convictions for the offense of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more cocaine, 28 grams or more cocaine base, 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, and a quantity of marijuana. The subject last entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection after having been previously removed.

The Gaston County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico arrested for trafficking in heroin 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.

South Carolina

The Horry County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of El Salvador arrested for criminal sexual conduct with a minor and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject has a pending charge for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl. The subject last entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.