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REMOVAL OPERATIONS | DHS, ICE announce arrests of more than 170 at-large aliens in sanctuary jurisdictions

DHS and ICE announced Oct. 15 the conclusion of a week-long targeted enforcement operation that resulted in the apprehension of more than 170 at-large aliens throughout the U.S., where sanctuary policies have largely prohibited the cooperation of law enforcement agencies in the arrest of criminal aliens. ICE officers assigned to field offices in Seattle, Denver, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington D.C. conducted the enforcement actions Oct. 3 through Oct. 9. The actions focused on aliens subject to removal who were arrested for crimes but were released by state or

local law enforcement agencies despite having active immigration detainees in place. More than 80% of aliens arrested had criminal convictions or pending criminal charges at the time of arrest. [Learn more](#)



CHILD EXPLOITATION | Southeast Texas man sentenced to more than 12 years in prison for distributing, possessing child pornography

A 30-year-old Southeast Texas man who posted hundreds of images depicting child pornography on two separate public blogs in 2017 and 2018 was sentenced Oct. 13 to more than 12 years in federal prison. The investigation was conducted by ICE HSI in Houston, Texas, in cooperation with the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Marcus Ryan Howell, a resident of Lake Jackson, Texas, was sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to 151 months in federal prison for two counts of

distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. Howell pleaded guilty to the charges on March 12. [Learn More](#)



ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL | ICE removes Honduran national wanted for murder

ICE ERO in Phoenix, removed a three-time previously deported criminal alien who is wanted for homicide in Honduras, Oct. 9. The Honduran national was removed by a IAO charter flight and was transferred to the custody of Honduran law enforcement authorities on an outstanding warrant. Jose Elias Jovel-Castro, 38, is a citizen of Honduras who has repeatedly violated the nation's immigration laws. Jovel-Castro has a lengthy criminal history that includes convictions for driving under the influence, assault-domestic violence, and multiple federal convictions, dating back to 2007, related to false documents and illegal reentry. [Learn More](#)



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NARCOTICS | ICE HSI investigation leads to 25-year sentence for drug trafficking leader

Following an investigation by ICE HSI, the leader and final member of an Arkansas-based drug trafficking organization was sentenced in the Western District of Arkansas to 25 years in prison on Oct. 6 for conspiracy to distribute heroin. Marion Wise, of Cave Springs, Arkansas, was sentenced to 300 months followed by five years of supervised release. Wise is the last member of 25 individuals sentenced for their roles in a heroin and methamphetamine trafficking ring that operated in Benton and Washington Counties in Arkansas, and in California, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arizona, and Mexico. The joint HSI Fayetteville and DE OCDEF investigation of this operation began in mid-2018. [Learn More](#)