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## **OPTical Illusion | ICE arrests 15 nonimmigrant students for OPT-related fraud**

ICE announced Oct. 21 preliminary results from Operation OPTical Illusion, which targets nonimmigrant students who fraudulently used the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program to remain in the United States. OPT enables nonimmigrant students to work in the United States in positions related to their field of study for up to one year, with an additional 24 months if the student participates in STEM optional practical training. [Learn more](#)



## **HUMAN SMUGGLING| ICE, Brazil Federal Police partnership leads to arrest of human smuggler**

ICE HSI Brazil assists Brazil Federal Police in the capture of a dual Egyptian-Lebanese national for the smuggling of nine Yemenis nationals. The Brazil Federal Police received an anonymous tip on the whereabouts of Hussein Mohamed Sobbih Fatouh and a group of nine Yemeni nationals in the city of Assis Brazil, Acre, on Oct. 11. HSI verified the identities and previous travel routes of the Yemeni nationals whom, except for one, were previously encountered and enrolled in the ICE Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program (BITMAP) in Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

[Learn more](#)



## **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** | DHS launches new center for countering human trafficking

DHS Acting Secretary Chad Wolf announced Oct. 20 the opening of the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking, the U.S. government's first-ever integrated law enforcement operations center directly supporting federal criminal investigations, victim assistance efforts, intelligence analysis, and outreach and training activities related to human trafficking and forced labor. [Learn more](#)



## **CAREERS | #ICYMI: ICE is hiring**

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## **ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL | New York's sanctuary city policy leads to increased ICE activity, dozens of arrests throughout metropolitan area**

ICE ERO officers completed an immigration enforcement activity, which resulted in the arrest of 54 immigration violators throughout the New York City Metropolitan Area, and the neighboring counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Dutchess, Ulster and Westchester. The nationwide, weeklong immigration enforcement activity, which concluded Oct. 9, focused on targeting and arresting individuals in sanctuary cities. [Learn more](#)