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# TRUTH Act Forum

## March 9, 2021



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# Sheriff's Message



*“The mission of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is to protect ALL County residents even if they are undocumented immigrants. Witnesses and victims should not be afraid to report crime because they fear deportation. We have a responsibility to respect due process rights for all and to protect our neighbors. Undocumented immigrants are entitled to feel safe in the community --- in schools, hospitals, courthouses, libraries, and even jails.”*



# 2020 ICE Statistics

	Total
Detainers Received	983
Individuals Released from IRC/CRDF/Courts <sup>1</sup>	62,781
Individuals Released With a Detainer Request who Were Not Qualified for Transfer <sup>2</sup>	788
Individuals Released With a Detainer Request who Were Qualified for Transfer but did not go to ICE <sup>3</sup>	128
Total Transfers to ICE	43
Individuals Made Available to ICE for an Interview	0

Data was generated by IRC Records on 1/13/2021

1 – Includes only releases of individuals who went through intake processing at IRC or CRDF

2 – Individual had an ICE detainer but did not qualify for transfer to ICE pursuant to Department policy and/or CA Government Code §7282.5

3 – Individual had an ICE detainer and a qualifying conviction for transfer to ICE pursuant to Department policy and CA Government Code §7282.5 but did not go to ICE



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# 2020 Transfer Demographics

Country of Origin	Number of Transfers
Mexico	21
El Salvador	9
Guatemala	4
Israel	2
Armenia	2
Egypt	1
Honduras	1
South Korea	1
Thailand	1
Vietnam	1

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\* - Indicates the number of transfers for each listed Country of Origin



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# 2020 Compared To 2019

- Transfers to ICE were down 91%<sup>1</sup>
- Transfers for misdemeanors were down 96%<sup>2</sup>
- Detainers received were down 76%<sup>3</sup>

1 – 457 vs. 43

2 – 71 vs. 3

3 – 4181 vs. 983



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# Highlights of ICE Access

- On April 24, 2020, the Sheriff ordered a moratorium on all cooperation, including transfers, with ICE for civil immigration enforcement
- On August 3, 2020, the Sheriff made the moratorium permanent
- No notification is made to ICE when an inmate is released, regardless of their criminal history



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# **Current Detainer Practices**

- The Department continues to receive immigration detainers from ICE
- All detainers received are forwarded to the Public Defender's Office and Alternate Public Defender's Office
- Inmates are given a copy of any detainer received from ICE
- Detainers are never acted upon – no notification is made to ICE and no access to inmates is provided to ICE



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# Gonzalez Decision

- On November 7, 2019, the Department stopped notifying ICE in response to immigration detainers based solely on biometric confirmation in anticipation of a ruling on the Gonzalez v ICE case
- On February 5, 2020, the judgement was entered barring ICE from issuing immigration detainers based solely on biometrics
- On September 14, 2020, the Gonzalez decision was overturned, allowing ICE to issue detainers based on biometrics