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U.S. House to Investigate Nashville Mayor O'Connell for "Aiding and Abetting" Illegals

The U.S. House Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees will investigate Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell for what Tennessee GOP Representative Andy Ogles called his "aiding and abetting" illegal rapists, murderers, and other criminals to avoid arrest by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Ogles announced the investigation today, a week after he wrote to committee chieftains Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) and Mark Green (R-Tenn.). Ogles wrote because of O'Connell's executive order requiring city cops, firefighters, and others to report all involvement with federal immigration authorities.



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Freddie O'Connell

Like other city officials, O'Connell just might make himself and his city the target of federal lawsuits.

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The Order

O'Connell's [pro-illegal-alien order requires](#) underlings to hand over all "communications between federal immigration authorities (or their parent agency, if regarding immigration) and a Metro emergency services department (Police, Fire, Emergency Management, or Emergency Communications)."

The order requires the same of nonemergency responders in the same department. The communications must be submitted "within one business day to the Mayor's Office of New Americans at newamericans@nashville.gov and mayor@nashville.gov."

O'Connell's subversive order raises "serious questions about whether [he] is now obstructing federal law enforcement and possibly even actively aiding and abetting illegal aliens," Ogles wrote to Jordan and Green.

ICE recently collared almost 200 illegals in the city, including a child molester and a possible member of the Tren de Aragua terror gang. Then, [Ogles wrote](#):



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O’Connell issued an executive order instructing city agencies to track and report all interactions with federal immigration authorities.

Rather than commend law enforcement for removing dangerous individuals from the streets, the mayor chose instead to signal that federal agents are to be surveilled and distrusted — not supported.

This executive order is not a transparency initiative. It is already being operationalized as a political weapon. Just days after the mayor’s announcement, the city’s Community Review Board posted on X urging residents who have “experienced or witnessed an immigration-related event” to call a city-monitored hotline and file a complaint — a move clearly designed to mobilize left-wing activists to monitor and interfere with immigration enforcement.

Let’s be clear: when city resources are used to obstruct federal officers and shield unlawful entrants — including convicted predators and violent offenders — from the consequences of violating immigration law, that conduct crosses a line. If any municipal personnel are impeding removals, facilitating evasion, or interfering with ICE operations, such conduct is at best inappropriate and may be illegal.

Investigation Announced

On Monday, Ogles wrote on X that he will request “all documents and communications from the Mayor’s office” related to O’Connell’s order, internal discussions about ICE, and correspondence between city employees and “affiliated” nongovernmental organizations related to “the arrest or detention of criminal illegal aliens within the city or county.”

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Thus did the investigation of the mayor begin.

Speaking at a news conference, Ogles said O’Connell is allied with

murderers, rapists, drug traffickers, sexual predators, child traffickers, the list goes on.... I will always stand on the rule of law, and with ICE. I don’t just stand with ICE, I’ll stand in front of ICE because, “We the People” have had enough.

The mayor might well be “aiding and abetting illegal immigration,” Ogles said. The two committees will investigate to find out whether O’Connell used federal tax money in a “criminal enterprise.”

O’Connell: We Won’t Help

Far-left O’Connell, yet another Democrat who appears to have overdosed on soy, wrote his insurrectionary order after ICE and state troopers conducted an immigration enforcement operation.



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O'Connell whined that "people who do not share our values of safety and community have the authority to cause deep community harm."

Responding to O'Connell on X, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted photos of several of the 196 dangerous illegal-alien goons caught in the traffic dragnet.

Inmar Antonio Penado-Membreno, a 34-year-old illegal alien from El Salvador. Penado-Membreno's criminal history includes a conviction for possession with intent to manufacture/deliver/sell cocaine to which he was sentenced 8 years imprisonment. He was also convicted of... pic.twitter.com/1lWzSVIhF5

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Among them were the following individuals who jumped the border only to enrich the culture of American ignoramuses and do the jobs they won't do:

- Salvadoran Inmar Antonio Penado-Membreno, 34, with convictions for assault and drug-dealing;
- Salvadoran Franklin Oswaldo Velasquez, 33, an MS-13 terror gang associate, and wanted for murder in El Salvador. His criminal career includes drug convictions;
- Haitian Richard St. Baptiste, 36, a methamphetamine dealer;
- Guatemalan Carlos Reinaldo Alvarado-Rodriguez, 39, a thug with a conviction for aggravated assault; and
- Iraqi Jassim Jafaf Al-Raash, 60, a rapist and thief who received a deportation order in 2021.

Richard St. Baptiste, a 36-year-old illegal alien from Haiti. His criminal history includes convictions for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute to which he was sentenced to 8 years probation, and a conviction for marijuana possession to which he was sentenced... pic.twitter.com/ErCGt2gLqO

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Jassim Jafaf Al-Raash, a 60-year-old illegal alien from Iraq. Al-Raash's criminal history includes convictions for rape, larceny and false imprisonment. He also has an arrest for failure to register as a sex offender. Al-Raash has a final order of removal dated September 1, 2021. pic.twitter.com/LuIyzGZHQ7

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"Despite the success of this enforcement operation, the Nashville Mayor has claimed these operations were done by 'people who do not share our values of safety,'" DHS wrote.

Of the 196 arrested, [ICE reported](#):

95 had prior criminal convictions and pending criminal charges, while 31 were previously removed individuals who reentered the United States illegally, a felony offense under federal law.



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Activist Obstruction

The New York Times helpfully revealed today that “activists” in Nashville were obstructing the enforcement of immigration law. According to the [newspaper](#):

Nashville residents and immigration advocacy groups are now acting as unofficial chroniclers of immigration activity. Among them is The ReMIX Tennessee, which set up a hotline for community members to call in and report any sign of immigration enforcement.

On social media, they also circulate warnings about where the Tennessee Highway Patrol and ICE agents have been spotted together. State troopers can make routine traffic stops. Immigration officers legally cannot without probable cause or a warrant, but together, it meant traffic stops could end in immigration arrests.

Aside from filing possible obstruction charges against those “residents and immigration advocacy groups,” the Justice Department might well sue the city. Since January 20, DOJ [has sued Colorado, New York and New York City](#), and [Illinois, Chicago, and Cook County](#).



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