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After Federal Judge Blocks Arrest of Illegal-alien Criminal, Cops Arrest Him for More Crimes

A far-left judge in California recently blocked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from detaining an illegal-alien criminal — a “tattoo artist” and “organizer,” say leftist supporters and the far-left media.

And, wouldn't you know it, cops then picked him up for several attempts of car theft, including one described as a carjacking.

“Immigrants rights” groups say that ICE targeted Guillermo Medina Reyes, 31, because he is an immigrant-rights activist. In fact, ICE targeted him because he's a convicted criminal. Indeed, he has a conviction for attempted murder.



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Yet a federal judge, appointed by President Joe Biden, thought blocking ICE from detaining him was a bright idea. San Jose cops cuffed him on Sunday for the attempted vehicle thefts.

An illegal alien in California was granted a restraining order by a San Francisco federal judge, barring ICE agents from taking him into custody.

Two weeks later, he was arrested for a string of crimes—including attempting to steal a car with a 3-year-old child inside. pic.twitter.com/JxYKUSAvFt

— Rapid Response 47 (@RapidResponse47) [July 30, 2025](#)

“Beloved ... Tattoo Artist, Organizer, and Immigrant Rights Advocate”

To hear the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (CCIJ) tell it, Reyes is just misunderstood. He is, [CCIJ says](#), a hero. Loved by all, he fights for the right of immigrants to live in peace, free from the awful agents of ICE.

In CCIJ's report on the judge's action, Reyes is called a “beloved Bay Area tattoo artist, organizer, and immigrant rights advocate.” They reported he wouldn't be detained thanks to U.S. District Judge [Rita Lin](#) of California's Northern District. On July 18, she hit ICE with a preliminary injunction blocking them from arresting him until he gets a hearing from an immigration judge.

Said Reyes, [CCIJ reported](#):

I can finally breathe a little. For weeks, I haven't been able to sleep, constantly afraid that ICE could show up at any moment. The stress, the uncertainty — it's been paralyzing. This



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ruling doesn't erase the fear or the pain, but it gives me a chance, a chance to be seen by a judge, to be heard, to fight. After all we've done to defend my freedom, that chance means everything.

Esperanza Cuautle, community organizer and co-director of Pangea Legal Services, CCIJ reported, said the judge stopped Reyes from "being disappeared." In fact, he would have been *deported* because he is a convicted criminal.

Criminal Record

As the [Local News Matters website reported](#), Reyes isn't just a "beloved Bay Area tattoo artist, organizer, and immigrant rights advocate."

When he was 16, he was convicted of attempted murder as an adult and sent to prison. And "this year, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office filed charges against Medina Reyes for allegedly committing vandalism by damaging a door frame," the website reported.

Now that the judge has blocked his arrest and deportation, Reyes, cops allege, thought it was the time to go-a stealing cars.

"On Sunday, Berkeley police arrested Medina Reyes after he tried to take vehicles from several people, including a man whose toddler was in the backseat, a big rig trucker and a woman in her 60s who was pumping gas, authorities said," the [Berkeley Scanner reported](#). One of the crimes was called a carjacking.

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Indeed, it seems that suspect Reyes was fixated on stealing a vehicle. On Sunday, firefighters were called to help "a man who appeared to be having medical problems," the [website reported](#):

Witnesses said the man, who had braids and tattoos but no shirt, ran off as authorities approached.

As firefighters looked on, the man tried to steal a Prius at a nearby gas station before running away, according to dispatch traffic.

Authorities quickly caught up with him and took him into custody, then began trying to make sense of what had happened.

As police worked to investigate, they determined that the man had tried to carjack a big rig from a driver in the 1800 block of San Pablo Avenue, snatching his phone after failing to get the truck going, according to emergency dispatches.

The same morning, he reportedly went into a rental car agency and stole a walkie-talkie before leaving.

At nearby Acme Bread Company, at San Pablo and Cedar Street, he tried to take a man's vehicle that had a toddler inside, police said.



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When that didn't work, he got into a confrontation with a woman at the gas station across the street, authorities said.

That man, cops allege, is Reyes. The "beloved tattoo artist," the "beloved organizer," the beloved "immigrant rights advocate."

Yet Judge Lin — the Biden appointee — didn't believe an illegal alien convicted of attempted murder should be deported, and set him free to commit the latest crimes of which he is accused.

Apparently, leading hunger strikes in ICE custody, as [CCIJ describes](#) Reyes' illustrious career, is a get-out-of-jail free card.

UNBELIEVABLE — A convicted mu*derer illegal alien was granted a temporary restraining order by a San Francisco U.S. District Court Judge — preventing ICE from arresting him.

Two weeks later, Guillermo Medina Reyes was arrested after attempting three carjackings, including one... pic.twitter.com/8JGkWpLDwg

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Rogue Judges

Lin isn't the only renegade federal judge who would block the deportation of illegal-alien criminals.

Another is James Boasberg, far-left chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. His unlawful maneuvers to block deportations have been met with a formal complaint from the Department of Justice (DOJ).

As [The New American reported](#) on Monday, DOJ alleged in a letter to the chief judge of the D.C. U.S. Court of Appeals that Boasberg violated legal canons that require impartiality in judges. During a judicial conference, DOJ alleges, Boasberg "attempted to improperly influence" Chief Justice John Roberts and other federal judges by claiming that the Trump administration would "disregard rulings of federal courts" and cause "a constitutional crisis."

Not surprisingly, President Barack Hussein Obama [appointed Boasberg](#).



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