

ICE Boots Two Jamaican Thugs in a Big Week for Immigration Enforcement

New York City may have gotten a little safer Thursday.

Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), the subsidiary of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in charge of deporting illegal aliens, sent two illegal Jamaicans — one suspected of murder and the other, attempted murder — back to their island home to face charges for myriad crimes.



The Caribbean criminals were hiding in sanctuary New York.

Their removal capped a good week for ICE, which also deported an Indian thug, and raided a company that employed more nearly 300 illegal aliens.

Back to Kingston

<u>ICE reported</u> that Dwayne Thomas, 35, faces the murder charges, while Mwando Lloyd Pryce, 31, is wanted for robbery, attempted murder, and wounding with intent.

"They were removed from the United States via an ICE Air Operations Charter flight and transferred into the custody of Jamaican law enforcement authorities," ICE reported.

New York's ERO chief, Thomas Decker, said the pair of thugs "sought refuge in New York City communities, shielding themselves from Jamaican authorities seeking their apprehension for violent criminal offenses."

As well, Decker said, "sanctuary cities also provide safe havens for those wanted in their home countries, like Thomas and Pryce, who now face murder and attempted murder charges. Regardless of the sanctuary New York City is affording these two violent criminals, ICE is committed to arresting and removing criminal aliens in the interest of public safety and in accordance with our nation's immigration laws."

Thomas is a veteran border jumper. <u>ICE deported him</u> in June 2011 after he was convicted for attempted assault, then later in 2011, the agency reported, Jamaican authorities arrested him for murder and illegally possessing firearms and ammunition. But then "Thomas illegally returned to the U.S. on an unknown date and place," ICE reported.

"On March 27, 2017, Thomas failed to appear in the Home Circuit Court in Kingston, and was believed to have escaped to the U.S. On the same date, Interpol Kingston issued an Interpol Red Notice for Thomas, seeking his arrest."

What happened between 2011 and 2017 <u>ICE did not explain</u>, but about a year ago, the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service caught him. Federal prosecutors charged him with making a "False Statement in Application for a U.S. Passport and Illegal Re-entry after Removal."

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But convicting him of the immigration violations took another year. His sentence was 14 months in federal custody, but he was transferred to ICE for removal a few weeks ago.

As for Pryce, Jamaican authorities charged him in July 2009 with robbery, attempted murder and wounding with intent." Somehow he escaped the island and landed here in August that year. Border authorities admitted him legally with a nonimmigrant visa and deadline for leaving the United States by February 7, 2010. Unsurprisingly, he never left.

"In August 2015, Interpol issued a Red Notice for Pryce for the aforementioned crimes committed while he was Police Constable in Jamaica," <u>ICE reported</u>. A Red Notice is akin to a criminal warrant.

Two years later, ERO learned that Pryce was living in New York City. ERO collared the attempted murder suspect in the Bronx on on November 22, 2017. An immigration judge ordered him out of the country in September 2018, but once again, an illegal-alien crime suspect was permitted an appeal. And so not until last month did an immigration panel dismiss the appeal.

That set him up for Thursday's trip back home.

Busy Week

On Monday, <u>ICE deported</u> an Indian thug wanted for "attempted murder, criminal conspiracy, extortion, forgery, cheating, theft, abetment use and possession of illegal firearms, and transmission of information by using the internet to form an organized crime syndicate."

But the border-jumping criminal delayed that removal with an appeal, too. ICE-ERO caught him on September 20, 2017.

This week's big haul for ICE was <u>Wednesday's arrest of 280 illegal workers</u> at a tech company in Houston.

ICE received "multiple tips" about the company's illegal-alien workforce. ICE reported that "many of the individuals ... were using fraudulent identification documents."

But again, instead of immediate removal, the border-jumping illegals who knowingly broke the law" might just get a chance to disappear into the country. ICE will interview the bunch "to record any medical, sole-caregiver or other humanitarian situations," and then "will determine if those arrested remain in custody or are considered for humanitarian release."

ICE vows that "all" the illegals "will be fingerprinted and processed for removal from the United States."

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