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ICE Escalates War Against Illegal-alien Sanctuaries Via Subpoenas

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement escalated its legal war against illegal-alien sanctuaries last week with seven more subpoenas.

The federal agency served four subpoenas on the San Diego Sheriff's Office, and three on Connecticut's Court Support Services Division, to get information about seven illegal-alien criminals.

Two are in custody. The rest were freed, as is usual sanctuary policy, after ICE lodged detainers and/or a federal immigration judge ordered them deported.

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Sanctuary San Diego

The subpoenas served on the San Diego sheriff are "necessary because the [sheriff] is forced to comply with California's sanctuary state laws, and therefore cannot cooperate in honoring immigration detainers or requests for non-public information to assist in locating criminal aliens that have been or will be released from custody," the [agency said](#).

The individuals for whom is seeking information are not charged with minor crimes. They are, generally speaking, major felons either wanted for or already convicted of sex and drug crimes, beatings, killings, and drunk driving.

The subpoenas seek information on two thugs still in custody in San Diego, and two of whom the department freed to commit more crime.

Of the first two, one is a 40-year-old Mexican arrested in December, [ICE reported](#), for "continuing sexual abuse of a child, lewd and lascivious act of a child under fourteen years old, and oral copulation with a person under fourteen years old."

The border jumping sex-crime suspect also has two drunk-driving convictions from 2009, and was deported to Mexico 11 times between 2009 and 2001.

Also in custody is a 28-year-old Mexican arrested last month for assault and spousal battery. "He was previously arrested in 2017 for battery on spouse by local law enforcement," [ICE reported](#), then ordered deported in 2018.

He jumped the border again sometime between then and his latest arrest. He was deported three times in 2004.

ICE has lodged detainers on both men.

The sheriff's department ignored a detainer and released a 42-year-old Mexican thug who was arrested for first degree robbery in November and convicted of possession of methamphetamine in 2013. "A





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federal immigration judge granted him voluntary departure, but he failed to depart the United States as ordered," [ICE reported](#).

The sheriff's office also ignored a detainer and released a 31-year-old Mexican who was arrested in December for beating a spouse and false imprisonment. A three-time deportee between 2008 and 2010, he was convicted in 2008 for "deceptive government identification."

Connecticut Chaos

Officials in the Nutmeg State aren't much interested in protecting the public from illegal-alien thugs either. The three subpoenas sent to officials there seek information about a killer, a burglar, and a dope dealer.

The first is a 31-year-old Honduran with a second-degree manslaughter conviction in a hit-and-run in New Haven in 2016. He served "three years of a reduced sentence," [ICE reported](#), and "despite a final order of removal issued against him by an immigration judge and despite ICE's having lodged a detainer against him, he was released by the state last month."

The burglar is a 20-year-old Guatemalan convicted of third-degree burglary and second-degree robbery in October 2019. Despite a detainer and deportation order, the state released him last month, too.

No. 3 is a 21-year-old Dominican thug convicted of trying to sell narcotics, [ICE reported](#). The state released him despite a detainer.

New York And Orange County

These subpoenas follow those issued to New York and Denver, and [ICE reported](#) in early February that California's sanctuary policies forced the Orange County Sheriff's Department to ignore more than 1,000 detainees in 2019.

Local law enforcement officials, to their credit, don't always support sanctuary laws, which are passed by politicians, but must comply with them.

OC Sheriff Don Barnes denounced the state's sanctuary law because it has made Californians "less safe."

"The law has resulted in new crimes because my deputies were unable to communicate with their federal partners about individuals who committed serious offenses and present a threat to our community if released," he said. "The two-year social science experiment with sanctuary laws must end."

Last year, [ICE issued](#) 165,487 detainees on illegal-alien thugs, or 452 every day, who committed 56,000 assaults, 14,500 sex crimes, 5,000 robberies, 2,500 homicides, and 2,500 kidnappings.

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