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NYC Comptroller Arrested for Assaulting ICE Agent

Another Democrat who thought he could interfere with federal agents doing their jobs by arresting illegal aliens has learned otherwise. New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, a candidate for mayor, was arrested today for assaulting an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent.

ICE and other federal agents were at an immigration court in Manhattan to arrest the illegal when Lander locked arms with the illegal and refused to let go.

Result: Agents got their man. And one more: Lander.



AP Images

Brad Lander placed under arrest by ICE and FBI agents

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— Homeland Security
(@DHSgov) [June 17, 2025](#)

Show Me a Warrant

For some reason, Lander thought he could demand that federal agents had to show him a “judicial warrant” to arrest the illegal. Where the city comptroller got that idea is unknown, but in any event, [The New York Times seems](#) to have described the fracas fairly.

Lander, the newspaper reported, was arrested as he “tried to escort a migrant out of the courthouse to prevent his arrest by federal immigration authorities.”

Preventing that arrest is obstruction, but anyway, he was at the “city’s main immigration courthouse ... to observe court proceedings where an increasing number of migrants who appear for court have been arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in recent weeks,” the [Times continued](#).

The video is clear: Lander impeded federal agents by locking arms with the unidentified illegal.

“I will let go when you show me the judicial warrant,” Lander told the agents.

“You don’t have the authority to arrest U.S. citizens,” Lander told agents, the [Times reported](#). “I’m not obstructing. I’m standing right here in the hallway. I asked to see the judicial warrant.”



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Lander was obstructing, as the video clearly shows.

Based off this video, this is pretty blatant interference w/ ICE by Landers. You can see him locking arms w/ ICE's target, and he refuses to let go, saying he wants to see a judicial warrant first. ICE does not need a judicial warrant to make an arrest, nor would they have to... <https://t.co/c3chuAS6YA>

— Bill Melugin (@BillMelugin_) [June 17, 2025](#)

No One Is Above the Law

“New York City Comptroller Brad Lander was arrested for assaulting law enforcement and impeding a federal officer,” the Department of Homeland Security wrote on X:

Our heroic ICE law enforcement officers face a 413% increase in assaults against them — it is wrong that politicians seeking higher office undermine law enforcement safety to get a viral moment. No one is above the law, and if you lay a hand on a law enforcement officer, you will face consequences.

Lander is one of the hate-Trump Democrats who says “no one is above the law.”

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— Spitfire (@DogRightGirl) [June 17, 2025](#)

ICE's arrest of New York City Comptroller Brad Lander is a shocking abuse of power.

No one should face fear and intimidation in a courthouse, and this administration's continued rampant targeting of New Yorkers makes our communities less safe. <https://t.co/ztDRowGep0>

— NY AG James (@NewYorkStateAG) [June 17, 2025](#)

Disgraced New York Attorney General Letitia James — the subject of [a bar complaint](#) and [criminal referral to](#) the Justice Department in connection with decades of mortgage fraud — claimed that ICE must not arrest so august a figure as the city's top bean counter.

“ICE's arrest of New York City Comptroller Brad Lander is a shocking abuse of power,” she wrote on X. “No one should face fear and intimidation in a courthouse, and this administration's continued rampant targeting of New Yorkers makes our communities less safe.”

Unclear is what charges Lander will face. But if the DHS X post is right, then he might very well face the same charges as far-left Democratic Representative LaMonica McIver of New Jersey.

Lander isn't the only mayoral candidate to flip his lid.

Similar video from March shows radical Zohran Mamdani raving like a lunatic in his theatrical attempt to get at Border Czar Tom Homan in Albany. ICE had arrested Palestinian agitator Mahmoud Khalil, [now in federal custody](#).



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Today I confronted “border czar” Tom Homan who came to Albany to do Trump’s bidding — push for mass deportations, carry out the assault on working class New Yorkers, and justify the unjustifiable detention of legal permanent resident and father-to-be, Mahmoud Khalil.

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— Zohran Kwame Mamdani (@ZohranKMamdani) [March 12, 2025](#)

McIver, Padilla

Wrestling with ICE and other federal agents is now the go-to tactic of far-left Democrats who want to keep illegal aliens in the country as future voters.

Last week, a federal grand jury indicted McIver on three counts of “assaulting, resisting, impeding, and interfering with a federal officer.”

McIver was charged after she rumbled with federal agents at an illegal-alien detention facility in Newark, New Jersey. Video shows the [McIver forearming](#) federal agents like an NFL lineman.

Yet another elected Democrat whose theatrics got him in trouble is Alex Padilla, a U.S. senator from California. He interrupted a presser in Los Angeles that featured DHS Secretary Kristi Noem.

Video shows the out-of-control Padilla shouting questions at Noem before agents surrounded and pushed him out of the room. Outside, they forced him to the ground and handcuffed him.

Choking back tears on the Senate floor today, Padilla again portrayed himself as a victim for simply “trying to ask a question.” Padilla whined about “immigrants taken into ICE custody,” without, of course, noting that they are *illegal immigrants*.

Padilla’s parents, as [The New American reported](#), were illegal aliens.

Senator Padilla chose disrespectful political theatre and interrupted a live press conference without identifying himself or having his Senate security pin on as he lunged toward Secretary Noem.

Mr. Padilla was told repeatedly to back away and did not comply with officers’...

<https://t.co/5TGxrRZ2Ex>

— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [June 12, 2025](#)

DHS wrote after the tussle:

Senator Padilla chose disrespectful political theatre and interrupted a live press conference without identifying himself or having his Senate security pin on as he lunged toward Secretary Noem.

Mr. Padilla was told repeatedly to back away and did not comply with officers’ repeated commands. @SecretService thought he was an attacker and officers acted appropriately.

Though Padilla claims agents knew he was a senator, he was not wearing his Senate security pin.



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