



Instructions: The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is continuing to investigate sanctuary jurisdictions across the United States and their impact on public safety and the effectiveness of federal efforts to enforce the immigration laws of the United States. Sanctuary jurisdictions and their obstructionist policies hinder the ability of federal law enforcement officers to effectuate safe arrests and remove dangerous criminals from American communities. This threatens Americans' safety. The Committee has called the Governor of Illinois, New York, and Minnesota to testify at an upcoming public hearing. Below are egregious examples of criminal aliens released into the sanctuary jurisdictions of Illinois, New York, and Minnesota.

Egregious Examples of Criminal Aliens Released into Illinois

- Jose Concepcion MENDOZA-Uriostegui (MENDOZA), a citizen and national of Mexico, was convicted in 2018 for aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a minor and sentenced to a term of seven years' incarceration. He is a self-admitted member of the Latin Kings gang. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) terminated MENDOZA's Legal Permanent Resident status in 2020 and ordered him removed from the United States. ICE filed a detainer which was not honored upon his release from state prison in 2022. Since his release from prison, MENDOZA has never complied with the terms of his sentence, which mandated registration as a sexual predator. On April 16, 2025, the HSI O'Hare Border Enforcement Security Taskforce (HSI & ERO) arrested MENDOZA in Wheeling, Illinois.
- On March 14, 2025, HSI O'Hare arrested Ender Alexander BOZA-Cedeno, a citizen of Venezuela and suspected member of Tren de Aragua (TdA). BOZA-Cedeno entered the U.S. without inspection in or around November 2022 and was paroled with a Notice to Appear in New York. BOZA-Cedeno's criminal history includes prior arrests for retail theft in New York, domestic battery in Chicago, Illinois, and retail theft and intimidation / threat to commit forcible felony in Mishawaka, Indiana. BOZA-Cedeno is subject to mandatory immigration detention pursuant to the Laken Riley Act. Most recently, BOZA-Cedeno was released on bond on March 3, 2025, from St. Joseph County, Indiana, for his arrest for victim intimidation. Multiple ICE detainers filed with law enforcement agencies in Illinois in 2023 and 2024 were declined despite his prior arrests.
- On January 31, 2025, ICE Chicago, in conjunction with DOJ partners, administratively arrested Ayyub Haytham Jamil HANNA, a citizen of Iraq, after the Illinois Department of Corrections failed to honor a detainer issued in November 2024 while he was in their custody. Hanna has a conviction for criminal sexual assault upon a 17-year-old girl. HANNA failed to register as a sex offender and is currently in ERO custody pending his removal. Previous media attention:
<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2016/6/15/18379663/man-charged-with-sexually-assaulting-17-year-old-girl-in-niles>



- On January 30, 2025, ICE Chicago and DOJ partners administratively arrested Diego ANTONIO-Montero, a citizen of Venezuela, after the Chicago Police Department failed to honor a detainer issued in April 2024 while ANTONIO-Montero was in their custody for charges of criminal trespassing, battery, and aggravated assault with the use of a deadly weapon. ICE removed ANTONIO-Montero in April 2025.

- On January 29, 2025, ICE Chicago administratively arrested Marek JOSKO, a citizen of Poland, in conjunction with DOJ partners. JOSKO, an immigrant present without a valid visa, was convicted in 2021 for involuntary manslaughter/reckless homicide. A detainer was issued in March 2024 while he was in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections but it was not honored. ICE removed JOSKO in April 2025.



Previous media attention:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/man-fled-poland-95-convicted-fatality/>

- On January 28, 2025, ICE Chicago administratively arrested Rami Jalal NAISAN, a citizen of Iraq, with DOJ partners. NAISAN has an extensive criminal history that includes 28 arrests between October 2013 and December 2020 and multiple convictions. Immigration detainers were issued on three separate occasions in Chicago in 2017 and 2019. Of NAISAN's 28 arrests, 15 occurred following the issuance of the initial detainer. NAISAN criminal history includes arrests for aggravated vehicular hijacking/firearm and marijuana possession. He was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment for home invasion with a firearm and two years' imprisonment for unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

- On January 28, 2025, ICE Chicago, along with DOJ partners, administratively arrested Waldemar DZBIK, a citizen of Poland, for being a lawful permanent resident convicted of an aggravated felony. DZBIK stabbed his wife and daughter during a domestic dispute and received a sentence of 10 years imprisonment in 2014 for attempted murder and aggravated domestic battery. The Illinois Department of Corrections released DZBIK in January 2025 without honoring the ICE detainer. ICE removed DZBIK in March 2025.

Previous media attention: <https://patch.com/illinois/palos/palos-hills-man-stabs-wife-and-daughter-then-flees-police-say>



- On January 27, 2025, ICE Chicago and DOJ partners administratively arrested Alexander PASCUAL-Pedro, a citizen of Guatemala. Despite a detainer being issued following PASCUAL-Pedro's March 2022 arrest in Champaign County for aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a victim over 5 years of age, he was released. Local police arrested PASCUAL-Pedro in November 2022 after he failed to appear in court. He was subsequently convicted in June 2023 for solicitation to meet a child in connection with the March 2022



arrest. Another detainer issued following a January 2024 arrest for domestic violence. In August 2024, he was convicted of battery/bodily harm. ICE removed PASCUAL-Pedro on February 2, 2025.

PASCUAL-Pedro's arrest by ICE was highlighted on the White House's X page (see <https://x.com/WhiteHouse/status/1884786824310092185>).

- On January 26, 2025, ICE Chicago and DOJ partners, administratively arrested Lorenzo GONZALEZ-Gonzalez, a citizen of Mexico. GONZALEZ-Gonzalez was convicted of felony DUI and a detainer was issued in August 2023 while he was in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. He was released in July 2024 without the detainer being honored. ICE removed GONZALEZ-Gonzalez in March 2025.
- On January 21, 2025, ICE Chicago administratively arrested Juan GALVIN-Gamino, a citizen of Mexico, with the assistance of DOJ partners. GALVIN-Gamino was convicted of aggravated assault with a weapon and violation of an order of protection. A detainer was issued in May 2023 while he was in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. He was released in May 2024 without the detainer being honored.

Egregious Examples of Criminal Aliens Released into New York

- On January 30, 2025, ICE Syracuse reported the criminal arrest of ICE fugitive Jesus ROMERO Hernandez, a citizen of Mexico, in Ithaca, New York for violations of 8 USC § 1326(a) for illegal reentry after deportation. ROMERO Hernandez has seven prior deportations. In September 2023, ROMERO Hernandez was convicted in Ithaca, NY for assault in the third degree for committing a random act of violence when he slashed a victim with a machete. During the arrest, ROMERO Hernandez choked a police officer while being detained. ROMERO Hernandez has also committed acts of violence against Department of Corrections officers while in custody. On January 28, 2025, Tompkins County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) notified ICE Syracuse ROMERO Hernandez was in custody; however, TCSO informed ICE it would not honor the detainer, nor the federal criminal arrest warrant issued in the Northern District of New York because it constituted an immigration offense. TCSO subsequently released ROMERO Hernandez into the community before ICE Syracuse arrived. Days later, ERO and HSI Syracuse, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the U.S. Border Patrol tracked down and arrested ROMERO Hernandez on the outstanding arrest warrant.

Egregious Examples of Criminal Aliens Released into Minnesota

- Hennepin County failed to honor an ICE detainer for Ismael GOMEZ Urzua on three separate occasions since January 2025. GOMEZ Urzua is an aggravated felon (gun charge) who has been deported four times. GOMEZ Urzua has been arrested for illegal narcotics, fleeing police officers, and weapons violations. To secure GOMEZ Urzua's



arrest, ICE deportation officers and special agents will need to attempt to ascertain his release date and wait in the public release area to arrest the subject on both civil and criminal immigration charges.