



ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO)

# Monthly 287(g) Encounter Report

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U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
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## **Overview**

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) 287(g) Program enhances the safety and security of communities by creating partnerships with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and remove illegal aliens from the United States.

Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the Director of ICE to enter into agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies to designate officers to perform certain immigration law enforcement functions. State and local officers who partner with ICE receive training and function under the supervision of ICE officers.

The mutually beneficial agreements allow state and local law enforcement to act as a force multiplier in the identification, arrest, and service of warrants and detainers on foreign-born individuals arrested on local criminal charges.

Individuals deemed amenable to removal are identified while in state or local custody and then transferred to ICE custody in a secure law enforcement facility. Without a cooperative agreement, state and local law enforcement may not be aware of an inmate's unlawful immigration status and may release the individual back into the community. ICE may then only locate the individual via an at-large enforcement operation or after the individual is arrested by local law enforcement for a subsequent crime.

Federal, state, and local law enforcement working together creates efficiency while providing a tremendous benefit to public safety.

The 287(g) Program continues to receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from its partners. Law enforcement agencies interested in becoming a partner under the 287(g) Program should send an inquiry to their local ICE ERO Field Office at <https://www.ice.gov/contact/ero>.

The cases that follow are a sampling of criminal aliens recently identified by state or local law enforcement operating under the 287(g) Program. Each of these individuals will be processed for removal by ICE in accordance with federal law.

## **287(g) Encounters by State**

### **Arkansas**

On January 3, 2020, the Craighead County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras convicted of fictitious tags, open container containing alcohol, public intoxication, unlawful use of driver's license, failure to display vehicle registration, cocaine possession, and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject illegally re-entered the United States after having been previously removed from the United States.

### **Florida**

On January 1, 2020, the Collier County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Guatemala charged with driving without a driver's license and causing the death of 2 passengers and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

### **Georgia**

On January 2, 2020, the Cobb County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Honduras charged with statutory rape and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

### **Massachusetts**

On January 1, 2020, the Bristol County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Portugal charged with breaking and entering and cocaine possession and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States as a non-immigrant visitor under the Visa Waiver Program who failed to depart the United States as required. On January 3, 2020, the New Bedford District Court did not honor the immigration detainer and released the subject without notification to ICE. On January 8, 2020, ERO Boston arrested the subject at-large.

### **Tennessee**

On January 1, 2020, the Knox County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with aggravated domestic assault and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

### **Texas**

On January 7, 2020, the Nueces County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico with an outstanding warrant for aggravated robbery w/deadly conduct and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject illegally re-entered the United States after having been previously removed from the United States.

On January 3, 2020, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with assault family member, impede breathe or circulation and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.

On January 6, 2020, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office 287(g) Program encountered a citizen of Mexico charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and placed an immigration detainer and warrant on the subject. The subject entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection.