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2-state ICE targeted enforcement action nets 46 arrests over 5-day period

DETROIT – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) deportation officers arrested 46 individuals during a 5-day targeted enforcement action that ended Sept. 25, targeting criminal aliens and other immigration violators.

Most of the aliens targeted by ERO deportation officers during this enforcement action, which spanned Michigan and Ohio, had prior criminal histories that included arrests, pending charges or convictions for the following crimes: gross sexual imposition, attempted felonious sexual penetration, importuning, attempted unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, criminal sexual conduct – second degree, driving under the influence of liquor, operating while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while impaired, child endangerment, burglary, controlled substance – delivery / manufacture of marijuana, controlled substance – delivery / manufacture of marijuana (conspiracy), marijuana possession, possession of drugs, negligent assault, illegal entry, aggravated burglary, receiving burglary tools, attempted receiving and concealing stolen property, criminal mischief, retail fraud, disorderly conduct, solicit prostitution, obstruct official business, reckless operation of a vehicle, operating a vehicle without a license, and driving while license suspended.

“Upholding public safety by focusing on removing criminal aliens is at the heart of what ERO officers do every day,” said Rebecca Adducci, field office director for ERO Detroit, which covers both Michigan and Ohio. “These targeted enforcement actions highlight ICE’s vital role in keeping our communities safe.”

Among those arrested during the operation are:

- On Sept. 22, a previously-deported 40-year-old citizen of Mexico in Saginaw, Michigan. The subject has an arrest for criminal sexual conduct – 2nd degree, which remains pending. He will remain detained in ICE custody pending his removal from the United States.
- On Sept. 23, a 62-year-old citizen of the United Kingdom in Hudson, Ohio. The subject has convictions including burglary, gross sexual imposition, and attempted felonious sexual penetration. He will remain in ICE custody pending removal proceedings.
- On Sept. 24, a 40-year-old citizen of Iraq in Detroit. The subject has convictions including possession of marijuana, attempted receiving and concealing stolen property, controlled substance – delivery / manufacture marijuana, and controlled substance – delivery / manufacture marijuana (conspiracy). He will remain in ICE custody pending removal proceedings.

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The arrestees (all males) included nationals from 10 countries: Mexico, Senegal, El Salvador, Guatemala, Cameroon, Iraq, United Kingdom, South Korea, Tanzania, and Honduras. An alien who illegally re-enters the U.S. after having been previously removed commits a felony, which — depending on an alien's criminality — is punishable by up to 20 years in federal prison, if convicted. The arrestees who are not being federally prosecuted will be processed administratively for removal from the United States.

ICE focuses its enforcement resources on individuals who pose a threat to national security, public safety and border security. However, ICE does not exempt classes or categories of removable aliens from potential enforcement. All of those in violation of the immigration laws may be subject to immigration arrest, detention and, if found removable by final order, removal from the United States. ICE does not conduct sweeps.

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