



ICE ATROCITIES

ICE changes its risk assessment software so that it always recommends detention for apprehended immigrants to conform to Trump's "zero tolerance" policy. This change led to an almost immediate increase in the detention of immigrants with little to no criminal history who would've normally been released on bond until their court date.

https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/evk3kw/ice-modified-its-risk-assessment-software-so-it-automatically-recommends-detention

ICE makes up evidence to prove that a DREAMER, Daniel Ramirez Medina, was affiliated with a gang and attempted to deport him. A U.S. District Judge stopped ICE's efforts to strip Medina of his DACA status and accused the agency of lying to a court of law.

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/05/federal-judge-accused-ice-of-making-up-evidence-to-prove-that-dreamer-was-gang-affiliated.html>

ICE takes documents needed to reunify a man with his young daughter. While a birth certificate is one of the documents that the Office of Refugee Resettlement requires before approving family reunification, those documents aren't returned by ICE to the parents after they are released from federal custody. "And so when you talk to ORR, you say, 'ICE took my birth certificate,' and they'll say that ICE and ORR don't talk to each other."

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/28/undocumented-immigrant-parents-border-children-el-paso-shelter-separated/>

Raphael A. Sanchez, chief counsel at the ICE office in Seattle, opened credit cards and took out loans using the personal information of vulnerable immigrants taken from ICE databases. Sanchez, who was responsible for overseeing immigration removal cases in several states, stole and exploited the identities of people who were particularly vulnerable given their status as deported or otherwise excludable. He has been sentenced to 4 years in prison.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/06/28/624207450/former-ice-chief-counsel-facing-prison-time-for-stealing-immigrants-identities>

Former ICE Northern California spokesperson James Schwab resigned from his position at ICE in March after deportation officers swept through Northern California in a four-day hunt for unauthorized immigrants, arresting 232 people. As the agency claimed that 864 unauthorized immigrants escaped due to Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf's warnings, Schwab told CBS that he "could not fathom staying at an organization that was flat-out okay with lying to the American public."

<https://www.vox.com/2018/6/28/17514964/ice-spokesperson-flat-out-lie>

Immigrant children as young as 3 are being ordered into court for their own deportation proceedings. "We were representing a 3-year-old in court recently who had been separated from the parents. And the child — in the middle of the hearing — started climbing up on the table," said the executive director of Immigrant Defenders Law Center. "It really highlighted the absurdity of what we're doing with these kids."

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/27/immigrant-toddlers-ordered-appear-court-alone/>

ICE used family separation as blackmail to extort Central American migrants by telling them that they can reunite with their kids at the airport if they agree to sign a voluntary deportation order and abandon their asylum cases. A 24-year-old Honduran detainee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that he abandoned his asylum case and agreed to sign voluntary deportation paperwork out of desperation to see his 6-year-old daughter, who was separated from him after the pair crossed the border in late May.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/24/kids-exchange-deportation-migrants-claim-they-were-promised-they-could/>

ICE has set up at least three “tender age” shelters to detain babies and other young children who have been forcibly separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. The children, who have no idea where their parents are, were hysterical, crying and acting out and many of them are under age 5, and some are so young they have not yet learned to talk.

<https://apnews.com/dc0c9a5134d14862ba7c7ad9a811160e>

While in ICE custody, a 34-year-old Eritrean killed himself as he was being deported back to his home country. Zeresenay Ermias Testfatsion was being held in Egypt’s Cairo International Airport when authorities found him “deceased in a shower area.” Testfatsion was apprehended by immigration authorities last year at the Hidalgo Texas Port of Entry when he attempted to cross the southern border, and was ordered to be deported by a federal immigration judge in October. Another deportee death occurred in Mexico, when Manuel Antonio Cano-Pachec, a 19-year-old DACA recipient, had his throat slit in a suspected gang-related incident just three weeks after arriving.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/ice-deportee-killed-himself-en-route-to-native-country>

ICE detained and quickly deported an undocumented man, Celestino Hilario Garcia (33), leaving behind his four children and his six nieces and nephews who were orphaned when their parents got into a car crash fleeing ICE.

When ICE agents went to an apartment complex in Delano, California, in mid-March, they were looking for him. But on March 13, ICE agents went looking for Hilario Garcia and instead followed another man who fit his description: his brother, 35-year-old Santos Hilario Garcia, who was in the car with his wife, 33-year-old Marcelina Garcia Profecto. The two sped to get away from ICE, then veered off the road and crashed their car. Both of them died at the scene.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ice-deportation-separates-man-from-family_us_5b104987e4b0e096a4627497

Roxsana Hernandez, a 33-year-old transgender woman who was part of the caravan of Central American migrants seeking asylum, died in the custody of ICE at a hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hernandez was detained in holding cells that are known as "iceboxes" because of how cold they are. She was taken to a hospital in New Mexico with symptoms of pneumonia, dehydration, and complications associated with HIV and later transferred to Lovelace Medical Center, where she remained in the intensive care unit until she died of cardiac arrest.

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/adolfoflores/a-transgender-woman-who-was-part-of-the-migrant-caravan-has>

An LA Times investigation found that ICE agents have repeatedly wrongly targeted and arrested U.S. citizens. Official figures show that the agency has released more than 1,480 people from custody since 2012 after investigating claims that they were U.S. citizens. The newspaper also identified hundreds of additional cases in which U.S. citizens have been forced to prove their identity in immigration courts, and sometimes have spent months or years in detention.

<http://thehill.com/latino/385261-ice-wrongly-arrested-over-1000-us-citizens-in-recent-years-report>

ICE is seeking to remove a Chinese immigrant despite laws that allow veterans with honorable service to naturalize. Xilong Zhu, 27, who came from China in 2009 to attend college in the United States, enlisted in the Army and was caught in an immigration dragnet involving a fake university set up by the Department of Homeland Security to catch brokers of fraudulent student visas.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2018/04/04/mattis-said-immigrant-veterans-should-not-be-deported-ice-is-trying-anyway/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.8417dd691be4

The Cook County state's attorney agreed to drop a murder conviction against Richard Rodriguez amid allegations that a discredited police detective manipulated witnesses, but instead of walking out of prison a free man, Rodriguez was taken into custody by ICE as his status was revoked when he was convicted of murder in 1995.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-met-wrongful-conviction-legal-resident-20180328-story.html>

ICE agents took Rosamaria Hernandez, an undocumented 10 year old girl with cerebral palsy, from the hospital she was in. Five armed agents were waiting outside Hernandez's door after her surgery was completed and took Hernandez from her hospital bed.

<http://www.newsweek.com/whos-lying-conflicting-accounts-about-rosa-maria-hernandez-detainment-emerge-704229>

A Salvadoran woman, Beltran Hernandez, seeking asylum in the United States, fleeing domestic violence and other threats, was returned to a Texas detention center after she had been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Hernandez told attorneys that her hands and feet were tied when she was taken back to the detention center in a wheelchair.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/hospitalized-asylum-seeker-returned-to-detention-center-texas/>

ICE agents deliberately spread misinformation about the cause of one of the deadly North Bay fires, accusing an undocumented immigrant, Jesus Gonzalez, of starting it, despite their being no evidence that he did so.

<https://www.eastbayexpress.com/SevenDays/archives/2017/10/19/ice-spreads-misinformation-again-this-time-amid-the-deadly-fires-in-sonoma-county>

A class-action lawsuit against a San Diego detention facility managed by a private contractor described roughly 100 immigrants doing tasks for a dollar-per-day wage. They allegedly worked voluntarily to clean their own pods without pay under the threat of severe mental pain and suffering, inflicted through solitary confinement and physical restraint.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/ices-captive-immigrant-labor-force/>

City officials in Hartford, Conn., sharply rebuked ICE agents for wearing uniforms that only said 'POLICE' while trying to lure a woman to a public safety building so they could detain her.

<http://reason.com/blog/2017/08/25/legislators-cant-keep-ice-from-lying>

New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito said that immigration agents had "sunk to new lows of moral depravity" by seeking a woman in human trafficking court. "ICE agents are now targeting survivors of human trafficking, some of the most vulnerable New Yorkers," she said, adding that stationing these agents inside New York's courthouses is "a shameful, predatory tactic that will make our city less safe and devastate the trust we have worked so hard to build in the immigrant community."

<http://www.wnyc.org/story/outcry-after-immigration-agents-come-trafficking-victim-queens-courthouse/>

Bernardo Medina, 22, is Hispanic and was born in Montrose, CO in May 1994. He went to the Gunnison County Court for a sentencing hearing on a DUI guilty plea. Afterward he was approached by two men later identified as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. When they asked who he was, he produced his Colorado ID. ICE agents alleged he was lying about his citizenship and that he was actually a Mexican citizen. "You don't look like you were born in Montrose," one of the agents told him. Eventually Medina was told that he would have to pay a \$12,000 ICE bond to be let out of custody because agents didn't believe he was American.

<https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/ice-agents-illegally-detained-colorado-us-citizen-for-days-because-he-was-hispanic-lawsuit-claims>