

# Center for Constitutional Rights

## Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

<https://ccrjustice.org/home/what-we-do/our-cases/immigrant-defense-project-et-al-v-ice-et-al>

### Policy Issue Resources

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Despite widespread condemnation of the Bush administrations Return to Sender and Cross Check programs which CCR successfully challenged in [Argueta v. Myers](#) and [Aguilar v. ICE](#) ICEs practice of raiding residential homes continued under the Obama administration, and the agency did little to stop agents from violating the Fourth and Fifth Amendments, especially in remote immigrant communities. The violation of these rights can take frightening and sometimes violent turns, yet complaints filed with the agency often took months to be addressed and rarely produced any results.

In October 2013, the Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) and the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (HICA), along with the Center for Constitutional Rights, filed a Freedom of Information Request with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) seeking information related to ICEs home raids policies as well as the particulars of a December 2011 ICE warrantless home raid operation in Latinx homes in Northern Alabama. After the agencies failed to comply, CCR filed a complaint in the Southern District of New York. Judge J. Paul Oetken ordered the agencies to begin producing documents in December 2014.

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The case was part of CCRs support of grassroots immigrants rights groups fighting injustice in immigration policing and enforcement as well as CCRs use of FOIA to support grassroots communities in exposing abusive government practices.

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