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RE: Center for Immigration Law & Policy v. ICE, 2:24-cv-10444-SSC
ICE FOIA Case Number 2025-ICLI-00019: 2024-ICFO-39357
Fourth Interim Release

Dear Ms. Dermody

This is the fourth interim and final response to your client's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), dated May 31, 2024, seeking the following:

Seeking eight categories of data ICE is known to maintain, from Fiscal Year 2012 to the date that ICE produces the data, concerning: 1. Removals 2. Secure Communities removals (which are removals following a biometric match) 3. Detentions 4. Arrests and apprehensions 5. Encounters 6. Alternatives to detention 7. Detainers 8. Orders of supervision.

ICE has considered this request under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and processed 5 Excel Spreadsheets of potentially responsive records. Upon review ICE has determined that portions of 5 Excel Spreadsheets will be disclosed in part. Exemptions (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E), of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 as described below.

ICE has applied FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C) to protect from disclosure the names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of ICE and DHS employees contained within the documents, as well as the names, and other personally identifiable information of other individuals contained within the records.

FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

FOIA Exemption 7(C) protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This exemption takes particular note of the strong interests of individuals, whether they are suspects, witnesses, or investigators, in not being unwarrantably associated with alleged criminal activity. That interest extends to persons who are not only the subjects of the investigation, but those who may have their privacy invaded by having their identities and information about them revealed in connection with an investigation. Based upon the traditional recognition of strong privacy interest in law enforcement records, categorical withholding of information that identifies third parties in law enforcement records is ordinarily appropriate. As such, I have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of individuals in the records you have requested clearly outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Please note that any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into this determination.

ICE has applied FOIA Exemption 7(E) to protect from disclosure internal agency case numbers contained within the document.

FOIA Exemption 7(E) protects records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose techniques and/or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. I have determined that disclosure of certain law enforcement sensitive information contained within the responsive records could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Additionally, the techniques and procedures at issue are not well known to the public.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Sarah Cronin, Assistant U.S Attorney, at (213) 894-3986 or Sarah.Cronin@usdoj.gov

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: 5 Excel Spreadsheets