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119 Aliens Are Arrested Living Under Highways

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Federal agents <u>arrested 119</u> suspected illegal <u>aliens</u> from an encampment <u>under</u> a freeway interchange today and found jewelry and other property believed to have been stolen, the authorities said.

The raid early this morning was a response to complaints about burglaries in nearby houses, said a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Joe Flanders.

None of the Mexican nationals <u>arrested</u> was able to produce valid citizenship or residency documents and all were taken to the immigration service's processing center downtown pending deportation, he said.

The people had been <u>living</u> for some time atop an embankment beneath the intersection of interstates 10 and 405, he said. A search of the encampment 10 miles west of downtown Los Angeles turned up jewelry, cassette tapes and other property.

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