

## **Immigration law cases doubled from '96 to '01**

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The number of people prosecuted in federal court for **immigration** offenses more than **doubled** between 1996 and 2000, coinciding with a big increase in the number of Border Patrol agents.

The number of prosecutions rose from 6,605 in 1996 to a record-high 15,613 in 2000, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported Tuesday.

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Almost two-thirds of the prosecutions occurred in five states: New York, Texas, California, Arizona and Florida.

Dismissal sought of suit

over ABM Treaty

The Justice Department asked a federal court Tuesday to dismiss a lawsuit filed by 31 House members challenging President Bush's authority to withdraw the United States from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

The United States officially left the treaty in June, six months after Bush announced his intentions to do so. The plaintiffs are all Democrats, except for one independent.

In a court document, the government said the Constitution grants the president full control over the conduct of foreign affairs and most treaty matters.

Also . . .

**LAFAYETTE CITIZENSHIP:** The Marquis de Lafayette, who fought alongside George Washington at Valley Forge and secured the aid of France during the Revolutionary War, on Tuesday became the sixth person to be given honorary U.S. citizenship. President Bush signed legislation calling him "forever a symbol of freedom."

**CRUSADER AXED:** A Pentagon official has signed the final papers ordering the termination of the \$11-billion Crusader artillery gun program.

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