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The Immigration and Naturalization Service **officers** who **seized** Elian Gonzalez at his Miami relatives' home last spring will be **honored** by the federal government, Attorney General Janet Reno said today, because they conducted a difficult raid "without anybody getting hurt."

Doris M. Meissner, the commissioner of immigration, will present the awards next Monday or Tuesday at a private ceremony at the agency's training center in Glynco, Ga.

On April 22, 131 immigration agents participated in the raid. Eight heavily armed Border Patrol agents entered the house where Elian, 6, was living with relatives who were fighting orders to return him to his father in Cuba. Protesters reacted angrily to the government action.

Elian returned to Cuba with his family on June 28.

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