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Federal immigration officers **raided** a **Clayton** County food-packing **warehouse** Tuesday and **detained 33** suspected illegal immigrants from Mexico, Honduras and Uruguay.

Immigration and Naturalization Services spokeswoman Sue Brown said agents searched the Southern Bonded **Warehouse** on Mount Zion Boulevard in Morrow.

Agents also searched Interim Personnel, a company that places temporary employees and is located at the same address, Brown said.

"It appears Interim Personnel is responsible for hiring the immigrants we believe to work packing food for groceries and supermarkets," Brown said.

Two detainees who were married to U.S. citizens were to be released Tuesday, INS regional director Thomas P. Fischer said.

Don Moore, vice president of Southern Bonded **Warehouse**, said the search focused on Interim Personnel, the vendor that provides temporary labor for the **warehouse**.

A woman at Interim Personnel, who identified herself as "Christy" and said she was the manager, but would not give her last name, said, "I don't think we have done anything wrong."

The INS, Internal Revenue Service and U.S. attorney's office will investigate the possibility of child labor as well as criminal violations, said Fischer, who was at the scene Tuesday afternoon.

Fisher said no criminal charges have been filed, and that investigation continues.

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