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With the President's recent immigration orders, local law enforcement leaders have received numerous inquiries about their role in enforcing immigration laws. As law enforcement leaders within Ventura County, we felt it was important to re-emphasize our longstanding practices in this area.

To be very clear, Ventura County law enforcement has not historically participated in the direct enforcement of immigration laws. We do not intend to change that practice.

A safe community needs an effective police department. In order to be an effective police department we need the trust and cooperation between residents and the officers sworn to protect them. We do not want the fear of immigration status to inhibit the members of our communities from interacting with their police officers, particularly when they are victims or witnesses in criminal cases.

However, we do believe that those who commit crimes that result in their incarceration in county jail and are in our country illegally should be referred to federal authorities for review of their immigration status. This procedure has been in place for years. Between September 2015 and September 2016, over 27,000 people were booked into our county jail from various law enforcement agencies. Of that number, only 238 (less than 1%) were removed by immigration officials. Their charges ranged from homicide, rape, possession of weapons, to driving while under the influence.

Once again, we want to reassure our communities that we intend to continue our practice of NOT participating directly in field level immigration enforcement. We deeply appreciate and value the trust and confidence Ventura County law enforcement shares with our communities and look forward to your continued support.

In Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016), ICE placed a total of 358 detainees in Ventura County. Of those, 238 were taken into custody by ICE. Those taken into Federal custody were in jail for the listed charges.

Sheriff's Office statistics show that during that same time period, there were 27,177 total bookings into the Ventura County Jail System. So, less than 1% of total bookings were taken into Federal Custody by ICE.

DUI – 89

Drugs – 48

Battery or Assault – 9

Rape or Sexual Assault – 2

Robbery, Burglary or Theft – 17

Stolen Vehicle – 3

Resisting Arrest or Obstruct Police – 3

Carry Concealed Weapon or Firearms - 11

Domestic Violence - 21

Homicide - 1

Arson - 2

Disorderly Conduct - 4

Traffic / Hit and Run - 5

Property / Vandalism – 4

Lewd and Lascivious Acts w/ Minor - 4

Fraud - 1

False ID to Officer - 3

Offences against Children - 3

Evade Officer - 2

Larceny – 3

Flight to Avoid Prosecution / Confement – 3



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Con las recientes órdenes de inmigración del Presidente, los líderes locales del departamento de policía han recibido numerosas preguntas sobre su papel en la aplicación de las leyes de inmigración. Como líderes de la ley en el Condado de Ventura, sentimos que era importante volver a enfatizar nuestras prácticas que han estado por mucho tiempo en esta área.

Para ser muy claro, históricamente la policía del Condado de Ventura no ha participado en la aplicación directa de las leyes de inmigración. No tenemos la intención de cambiar esta práctica.

Una comunidad segura necesita un departamento de policía eficaz. Para ser un departamento de policía eficaz y para proteger a la comunidad necesitamos la confianza y la cooperación entre los residentes y los oficiales. No queremos que el temor al estatus migratorio impida a los miembros de nuestras comunidades a que tengan una relación con la policía, especialmente cuando son víctimas o testigos en casos criminales.

Sin embargo, creemos que aquellos que cometen delitos que resultan en su encarcelamiento en la cárcel del condado y que están en nuestro país ilegalmente deben ser referidos a las autoridades federales para revisar su estatus migratorio. Este proceso ha estado en vigor durante años. Entre septiembre del 2015 y septiembre del 2016, más de 27,000 personas de varias agencias de policía fueron registradas en la cárcel de nuestro condado. De este número, sólo 238 (menos el 1%) fueron removidos por oficiales de inmigración. Sus cargos iban desde el homicidio, la violación, la posesión de armas, hasta la conducción bajo la influencia.

Una vez más, queremos asegurar a nuestras comunidades que tenemos la intención de continuar nuestra práctica de NO participar directamente en la aplicación de la ley de inmigración a nivel de las agencias de policía. La policía del Condado de Ventura aprecia y valora profundamente la confianza que comparte con nuestras comunidades y esperamos su apoyo continuo.