



ARIZONA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

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ARIZONA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION BLAST RELEASE OF DANGEROUS CRIMINAL ILLEGALS

The Arizona Sheriffs Association blasted ICE for the release of three dangerous criminal illegals into Arizona last week. On Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 law enforcement agencies were notified with a brand new alert system that 3 violent criminal illegals were released into Arizona by ICE. For years, Sheriffs across America have publicly criticized ICE for never notifying them when they have released thousands of dangerous foreign criminals into their counties.

Just last week in Arizona, ICE started the Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS) to notify Arizona law enforcement of the release of criminal illegals. This first such notification of three dangerous criminal illegals has Arizona Sheriffs angry and concerned for the public's safety.

Musa Salah Abdelaziz Abdalla of Sudan, Dennis Valerievitch Tsoukanov of Russia and Nasser Hanna Hermez of Iraq were all released into Arizona this past month. These foreigners have been charged and convicted of the following crimes; aggravated assault, kidnapping and murder.

The Sheriffs of Arizona have been forced to deal with many challenges due to lax enforcement of Criminal rules for U.S. immigration policies. We appreciate ICE finally starting this notification, yet it places all law enforcement in untenable position by not being transparent and notifying the public we are sworn to protect. These bureaucratic excuses that these dangerous foreign criminals may not be returned to their country of origin since they lack travel documents are not acceptable. We demand that these criminals be deported from the US and back to their home country.

By simply notifying Sheriffs of the release of dangerous criminals doesn't address the core problem that these dangerous criminals remain in America. We call on the President and Congress to require the Department of Homeland Security (*DHS*) to broaden the eligibility categories for deportations and direct the US State Department to require foreign nations to receive their citizens that we have determined must be deported from the United States.

ICE has been releasing these criminal illegal immigrants into local communities, that we as Sheriffs are sworn to protect. You don't have to be the Sheriff or a uniformed patrol deputy to realize that these dangerous criminals will reoffend and victimize our Arizona families. The Arizona Sheriffs Association stands united against the release of dangerous criminal illegals into American communities. They must be deported now, never to return to the United States again.

Respectfully,

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