

VIA EMAIL

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Re: Police Collaboration with ICE Violence

Governor Meyer and Attorney General Jennings,

This month, the U.S. has, once again, been forced to watch in horror as Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) agents killed three more individuals, this time all within the span of one week. Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was killed in Texas and Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was killed in Maine. In both instances, the men were killed while in their cars, and neither was the intended subject of ICE operations that day. And in Florida, an individual fled during an encounter with ICE, only to be fatally hit by a tractor trailer. In total, this brings the death toll to ten this year during ICE encounters, and another twenty-one people have died in ICE detention centers so far in 2026, a number that has continued to rapidly outpace previous years. ICE is becoming an ever more dangerous and deadly agency.

While Delaware has been fortunate to avoid any ICE deaths so far, we've witnessed an escalation in violent and lawless tactics:

- In January through April 2025, the Laurel police department sent the addresses associated with Haitian immigrants and the name of one individual to the FBI, despite there being no warrant compelling them to hand over this information.
- In early March 2025, ICE agents broke down the door of a woman in Sussex County and detained her in Louisiana because they were angry that she exercised her right to demand to see a warrant (which they did not have) before allowing the agents into her home.
- In May 2025, the town of Camden secretly entered into a 287(g) agreement with ICE, allowing some of their agents to take on some immigration enforcement responsibilities.
- In November 2025, a man in Seaford fled from ICE during a vehicle stop, ran into a parking lot, and hid under a trailer. ICE agents requested the assistance of nearby law enforcement officers, claiming they'd been injured (though it was subsequently reported that no ICE agents had, in fact, been injured). However, the man they were pursuing was injured when ICE, Delaware State Police, and Seaford PD moved the trailer he hid beneath. ICE did not have a warrant to



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detain this man.

- In May 2026, ICE agents tasered and detained a father across the street from an elementary school bus stop. This incident was witnessed by elementary school students, including his own children, who were inside the vehicle at the time.

It is increasingly clear that when discussing interactions with ICE, the question is not "*will this interaction turn violent?*", but "*how will ICE escalate this situation?*". These events show two clear patterns: ICE's behavior is escalating in Delaware, and Delaware law enforcement has been cooperating with ICE without valid judicial warrants.



When the Laurel case came to light in January 2026 in a [Spotlight Delaware article](#) written a year after Laurel PD shared information with the FBI, Delawareans were outraged. And in that article by Spotlight, Laurel Police Chief Kracyla said that he did not know how the FBI was using the list.

However, information provided to the ACLU of Delaware from a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request shows that Chief Kracyla knew from the beginning that the FBI was highly likely to share this information with ICE. In a text from FBI Agent Justin Downen to Chief Kracyla, Downen wrote, "I would like to work with your department and ICE if there are some high priority illegal immigrants in Laurel." A further text confirmed that six days later, Kracyla had sent the FBI the addresses compiled by Laurel PD. These messages show a clear willingness to cooperate on immigration issues by readily turning over information about residents.

Before this latest FOIA disclosure, there were already serious questions about whether the Laurel PD engaged in racial profiling by compiling lists of minority residents and handing their private information to federal agents without a warrant. This raises another serious question – has the department been transparent and open about their actions and foreknowledge? To make matters worse, the U.S. Supreme Court has allowed the federal government to end Haitians' Temporary Protected Status, meaning that if there is no intervention from Congress, thousands of Haitians lawfully living in Delaware could be subject to arrest, detention, and deportation by federal agents.

These questions are coming at a time when the immigrant community's trust in law enforcement is substantially eroded. Law enforcement says they don't participate in civil immigration enforcement, yet there are clear

patterns demonstrating otherwise. They say they value having a good relationship with the community yet respond to the community's calls for reforms by continuing to publicly testify against them.

To initiate the slow process of rebuilding trust, drastic and immediate reforms regarding how and when law enforcement interact with ICE are needed. Governor Meyer and Attorney General Jennings, you have repeatedly pledged to protect immigrant communities in Delaware from this federal administration. With those pledges in mind, we are calling on you to:



- Establish clear guidelines regarding how and when Delaware law enforcement can assist ICE operations;
- Prohibit Delaware law enforcement and state agencies from sharing data and information with ICE without a valid judicial warrant or court order.

If left unchecked, ICE's dangerous behavior will continue to increase along with its operations in Delaware. You must use every power vested in you to ensure our state does not assist with efforts that terrorize and harm immigrant communities and tear families apart.

We ask that you take firm action to permanently close backdoor channels for law enforcement collaboration with ICE and pass critical legislation to ensure Delaware remains a place where all people — regardless of immigration or citizenship status — can live without fear and are afforded the same civil rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country.

Sincerely,

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