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CHAPTER: Inmate Acceptance, Booking, Release and Records

SUBJECT: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Procedures

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office to cooperate with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in accordance with the following procedures:

1. For purposes of this section, a voluntary Immigrations and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") detainer request shall be defined as any request, including but not limited to Form 1-247 (also known as a "48 hour hold"), which seeks continued detention of an inmate beyond expiration of municipal, state, or federal charges, or a finding of no probable cause, or a posting of bail or parole, or a completion of a sentence, or lifting of another jurisdiction or agency's detainer, or a court ordered release. ICE criminal warrants, or any court order for continued detention shall not be considered voluntary ICE detainer requests for purposes of this section.
2. The Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office shall decline all voluntary ICE detainer requests unless the individual's charge is for one or more of the following offenses: First Degree Murder (La. R.S. 14:30); Second Degree Murder (La. R.S. 14:30.1); Aggravated Rape (La. R.S. 14:42); Aggravated Kidnapping (La. R.S. 14:44); Treason (La. R.S. 14:113); or Armed Robbery with Use of a Firearm (La. R.S. 14:64.3). If a court later dismisses or reduces the individual's charge such that the individual is no longer charged with one of the above offenses or the court recommends declining the ICE hold request, OPSO will decline the ICE hold request on that individual.
3. OPSO officials shall not initiate any immigration status investigation into individuals in OPSO custody or affirmatively provide information on an inmate's release date or address to ICE.
4. Prior to any interview pertaining to an ICE criminal investigation, ICE must notify the subject inmate's attorney, provide a reasonable opportunity for counsel to be present during the interview, and certify to OPSO that this notice and opportunity has occurred. Absent a criminal warrant or court order transferring custody, no ICE agent shall be permitted into the secure area of the Intake and Processing Center. Absent a court order, OPSO shall not allow ICE to conduct civil immigration status investigations at OPSO or otherwise interview an inmate before the detainee's first appearance.
5. Any individual who alleges a violation of the policy set forth herein may file a written complaint for investigation with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Director of Intake and Processing.