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## Immigration Enforcement Results in 87 Arrests in the Washington DC Area

A recent crackdown on criminal immigrants resulted in the arrests of 87 people in Washington DC and Virginia. Two United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) surges involving 70 ICE agents and US Marshals discovered 12 immigration fugitives and 75 other foreign nationals with criminal records.

An "immigration fugitive" is someone who has been ordered to leave the United States but remains in the country illegally. Six of those arrested will require a [DC Federal Criminal Lawyer](#) as they face federal charges for illegal re-entry to the United States after formal deportation proceedings.

Some of the immigration fugitives are subject to immediate removal; others have pending federal criminal charges for which they must stand trial prior to deportation.

The remaining arrested immigrants have either criminal convictions or pending criminal charges. They are subject to losing their immigration status and being forced to leave the nation. Some of the criminal charges against these individuals include felony drug and weapons charges, DUI, and theft.

Ironically, just days after the ICE arrests, an illegal immigrant with two DUI convictions in the past three years was arrested on suspicion of DUI in a fatal Virginia accident that claimed the life of a Benedictine nun. The case raised questions about why the driver, Carlos Montano, was able to remain in the United States after it was discovered that he was in the country illegally and had multiple criminal convictions.

Henry Lucero, head of ICE's Washington DC enforcement operations, said of the arrests, "A top priority for ICE is to locate and arrest convicted criminal aliens and ultimately remove them from our country in a safe and humane manner. Those who come to the United States to prey upon communities ... will be prosecuted for their crimes and ultimately returned to their home countries."

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According to ICE spokesman Cori Bassett, the recent arrests were the result of immigration enforcement focusing on immigrants who were already being investigated, and not the result of random sweeps.

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