# COMMUNITY FORUM – TRUTH ACT Ventura County Sheriff

Sheriff Bill Ayub October 12, 2021

### **Truth Act**

Assembly Bill 2792, Chapter 768

- Enacted January 1, 2017
- Established a mechanism for inmates to consent to or refuse ICE interviews
- Established a requirement for notification to inmates and their attorneys upon receipt of detainers, and a similar notification if ICE is advised of their release
- Beginning January 1, 2018, required local governing bodies to hold a public hearing regarding providing ICE access to individuals

# **Truth Act**

#### "ICE access" means all the following:

- Responding to an ICE hold, notification, or transfer
- Providing notification to ICE in advance of the public that an individual is being or will be released at a certain date and time through data sharing or otherwise
- Providing ICE non-publicly available information regarding release dates, home addresses, or work addresses, whether through computer databases, jail logs, or otherwise
- Allowing ICE to interview an individual
- Providing ICE information regarding dates and times of probation or parole

# SB 54 (Values Act)

- Senate Bill 54 (SB54)
- Enacted January 1, 2018
- Built upon the Truth Act by prohibiting law enforcement cooperation with ICE, except under limited circumstances
- Greatly limited ICE access to the jails and prohibited exclusive
  ICE office space within law enforcement facilities
- Established a list of qualifying criminal offenses that allow for limited notification to ICE

### SB54 and the Truth Act

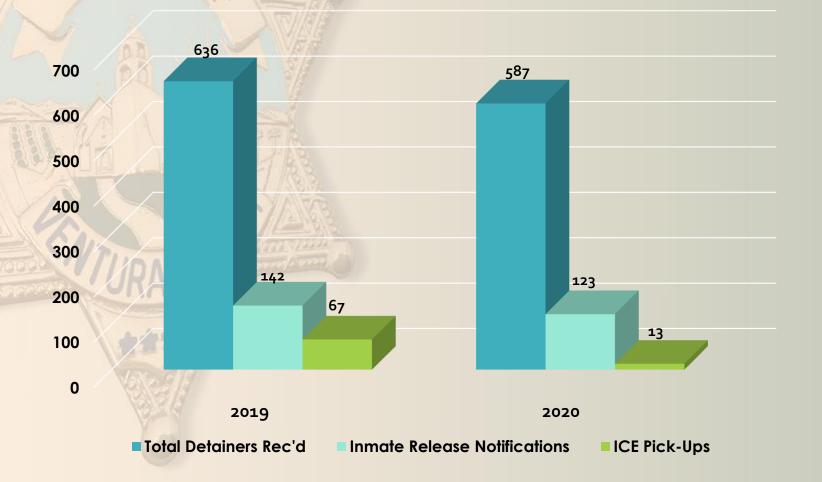
#### Ventura County Sheriff's Office may only respond to an ICE request under the following criteria:

- The individual has been convicted of a serious or violent felony
- The individual has been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the state prison
- The individual is a current registrant on the California Sex and Arson Registry
- The individual is arrested for a serious or violent felony and after a preliminary hearing the magistrate has determined there is probable cause to hold the individual to answer for the crime
- The individual has been convicted within the past 5 years of a "wobbler" misdemeanor

#### **Detainers and Notifications**

	2019	2020	% Change
Ventura County Jail Bookings	31,921	20,164	-36%
Total Detainers Received	636	587	-7%
Inmate Release Notifications to ICE	142	123	-13%
ICE Pick Ups	67	13	-81%

**Detainers and Notifications** 



### 2020 ICE Pick-Ups – 13 Total

Charge	Number
Possession of a Stolen Vehicle	1
Possession with Intent to Sell Controlled Substance	2
Assault with Deadly Weapon on Peace Officer	1
Resisting a Peace Officer Through Threat or Violence	2
Conspiracy to Commit a Felony (Burglary)	1
Grand Theft	2
Burglary	2
Robbery	1
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	1

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TOTAL ICE INTERVIEW REQUESTS		2019	2020
TIONS	Agree With Attorney Present	0	0
INMATE OPTIONS	Agree Without Attorney Present	0	0
INM	Refused Interview	2	1

### 2020 Detainers by Inmate Place of Birth

PLACE OF BIRTH	Total Detainers Received	Total ICE Notifications
Argentina	1	1
Armenia	2	
Australia	1	
Canada	1	
Chile	7	5
China	1	
Dominican Republic	1	
Egypt	1	
El Salvador	34	15
France	1	
Guatemala	42	7
Honduras	10	3
Iran	1	
Laos	1	1
Mexico	477	89
Niger	1	1
Panama	1	
Peru	1	
Philippines	1	
Trinidad	1	
Vietnam	1	1
TOTAL	587	123

\* Inmates self-report place of birth

### **Questions or Comments?**

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