### Know Your Rights in Encounters with Federal Law Enforcement Fourth Amendment Rights For Nonprofits



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# Overview of major federal law enforcement agencies



#### ICE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement







#### **CBP: Customs and Border Protection**







#### **Border Patrol** A sub-agency within CBP.







#### ICE, CBP, and Border Patrol operate in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

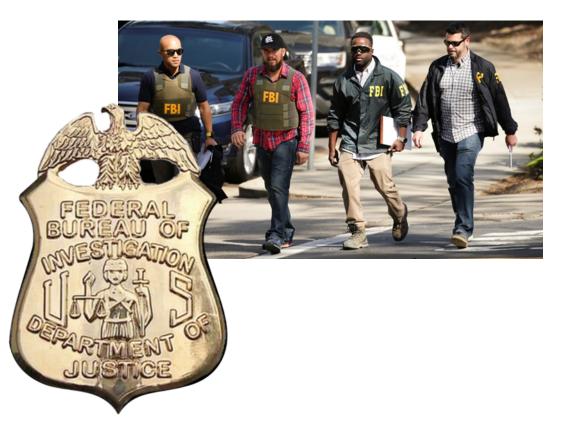
- ICE operates anywhere within the United States.
- CBP operates at and near ports of entry, including international airports, seaports and land border crossings.
- Border Patrol operates within 100 miles of any land border or coast and between ports of entry.



## Federal Criminal Law Enforcement (Department of Justice)

## FBI: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Housed with DOJ; principal federal law enforcement agency, domestic intelligence and security; operates across the country.





## Federal immigration and criminal law enforcement agents must follow the Constitution

- The border region is not a Constitution-free zone.
- Statutes or regulations cannot create power greater than the Constitution allows.
- "It is clear, of course, that no Act of Congress can authorize a violation of the Constitution." Almeida-Sanchez v. United States, i413 U.S. 266, 272 (1973).



## **Overview of Fourth Amendment**



## **Fourth Amendment Rights**

## The Fourth Amendment of the Constitution prohibits government officials from making "unreasonable searches and seizures" of "persons, houses, papers and effects."

#### Search:

- 1. Physical trespass on "persons, houses, papers and effects," or
- 2. Invasion or reasonable expectation of privacy.

#### Seizure:

- 1. Physical restraint, or
- 2. Show of authority under which reasonable person is not free to leave.



## Fourth Amendment Rights Rules for Businesses (including nonprofits)

Officers do not need a warrant or any reason to enter areas open to the public. Entry into area open to public is not a "search."

#### **Officers need a warrant:**

- To enter nonpublic areas during working hours; and
- To enter when businesses are closed.



## Fourth Amendment Rights Rules for Businesses (including nonprofits)

**Exceptions to warrant requirements...** 

- 1. Consent by owner, manager, or employee with apparent authority.
- 2. Exigent circumstances, emergency, hot pursuit.
- 3. "Closely regulated" industries for example, liquor, firearms, vehicle dismantling, daycare.

**NOT** ordinary businesses, organizations, or clinics.



## Warrants



## Warrants Arrest or Search

#### An <u>arrest</u> warrant is used to take an individual into custody.

- 1. Arrest warrant authorizes entry of named individual's residence to make arrest if reason believe individual is present.
- 2. Arrest warrant does not by itself authorize entry of third party's home or business to make arrest.



## Warrants Arrest or Search

#### An <u>search</u> warrant is to search specified premises for:

- 1. Contraband;
- 2. Instrumentality of offense;
- 3. Evidence of offense, including documents;
- 4. Health & safety inspection;
- 5. Individual named in arrest warrant; and/or
- 6. Individuals reasonably believed to be in the U.S. unlawfully.



## Warrants Arrest or Search

#### In general, arrest or search warrants:

- 1. Must be based on probably cause; and
- 2. Signed by neutral and detached magistrate.
  - a. A warrant lacking a judge's signature **cannot authorize entry** into a home or third party's business.





- Law enforcement does not need a warrant or reason to operate in a public place.
- Police may arrest someone in public without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe individual committed a crime.





- Immigration agents may arrest an individual in public without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe individual is in U.S. unlawfully.
- Federal law does not prohibit immigration enforcement in sensitive locations.



- DHS has "policies concerning enforcement actions at or focused on sensitive locations" such as schools, hospitals, clinics and places of worship
- According to DHS, "the sensitive locations guidance remains in effect for both ICE and CBP."
- The policies have exceptions and are not binding law.



State or local governments may decline to participate in federal enforcement but may not restrict operations of federal government.



## Interrogation and subpoenas



## **Authority to Interrogate**

- With or without a warrant or reason, law enforcement officers may ask any questions they wish about immigration status or other matters.
- Individuals may refuse to answer.



## **Subpoena For Documents**

- Subpoena is a demand to produce documents at a date and time specified, unlike warrant for search when served.
- To enforce subpoena, an agency must go to court.
- Recipient may object and need not produce documents until ordered by court.



## Do's and Don'ts For Responding to Federal Law Enforcement...



- 1. Remain calm breathe.
- 2. Contact a lawyer ASAP.
- 3. Ask officer(s) for name, identification and agency.



- 4. Ask for a copy of any warrant.
- 5. If possible, verify:
  - a. If warrant is signed by judge or immigration officer;
  - **b.** If warrant is an arrest warrant or search warrant.



- 6. State clearly you do not consent to search or entry of any non-public area.
- 7. State clearly you decline to answer questions you don't want to answer



## 6. Document everything immediately and thoroughly.

Video, if you can.







- 1. Grant consent to search or enter any non-public area.
- 2. Physically attempt to restrain or obstruct officers.
- 3. Lie to officers.



## **DON'T**...

- 4. Conceal or destroy evidence.
- 5. Conceal individuals.
- 6. Interfere with any detention or arrest.



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#### Si agentes del ICE llegan a tu puerta:

- No abras la puerta, pero mantén la calma. Tú tienes derechos.
- Pregunta para qué están ahí, (y solicita un intérprete si necesitas uno).
- Si ellos piden entrar a tu casa, pregúntales si tienen una orden <u>firmada</u> <u>por un juez</u>\* y si la tienen, diles que te la muestren (por la ventana o que la pasen por debajo de la puerta).
- Si ellos NO tienen una orden <u>firmada por un juez</u>\*, puedes negarte a dejarlos entrar. Pídeles que dejen cualquier información en tu puerta.
- Si entran a la fuerza, no te resistas. Dile a todos los que estén en la casa que permanezcan en silencio.
- Si eres arrestado, permanece en silencio y no firmes nada hasta que hables con un abogado.

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\*Una orden administrativa del ICE (forma I-200, I-205) no les da autorización para entrar a tu casa sin consentimiento.

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#### If ICE Agents Show Up At Your Door:

- Don't open the door, but be calm. You have rights.
- Ask what they are there for, (and ask for an interpreter if you need one).
- If they ask to enter, ask if they have a warrant <u>signed by a judge</u>\* and if so, ask to see it (through a window or slipped under the door).
- If they do NOT have a warrant <u>signed by a judge</u>\*, you may refuse to let them in. Ask them to leave any information at your door.
- If they force their way in, don't resist. Tell everyone in the residence to remain silent.
- If you are arrested, remain silent and do not sign anything until you speak to a lawyer.
  - \*An ICE administrative warrant (form I-200, I-205) does not allow them to enter your home without your consent.

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## Thank you!



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