

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: VR TASKING

Importance: High

Please review your docket and provide a total for the following types of cases that can be VR'd (or changed to a VR):

1. New Arrival cases who can be VR'd
2. 8A cases that can be changed to a VR
3. 8B cases that do not have a hearing scheduled yet
4. 8B cases that have had an initial hearing but are waiting on a Master Calendar hearing

For this tasking cases to be considered for VR should include the following countries: Mexico , Guatemala , Honduras , and El Salvador . **This tasking is due to your supervisor by noon today.**

Thanks,

Jammie L. Ballard, SDDO

Oakdale, Louisiana 71463

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: VR TASKING

I understand there is a little confusion regarding this tasking and the need for this information. Your FOD has been tasked by headquarters to provide these numbers.

Please complete this tasking as requested and forward your numbers by noon to your supervisor.

Lori W. Wilson

Supervisory Detention & Deportation Officer

Oakdale, LA

[REDACTED] direct

[REDACTED] cell

[REDACTED] fax

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: O/Rs

All:

Due to our increase in funding for detention for the remainder of the fiscal year, do not release anyone on an order of recognizance at this time. If the subject is not a mandatory custody case, set a bond (minimum of \$1500); if their criminal history warrants a higher bond, increase appropriately. Another option is to offer a VR and keep in custody—this will increase our removal numbers for the fiscal year. For those more egregious criminal cases with convictions that are not mandatory custody, you can still consider offering a stipulated removal provided that they are eligible. Mandatory custody cases can also be offered a stipulated removal.

Additionally, for the remainder of this fiscal year, cease placing subject's on electronic monitoring. All fugitives arrested should be held in custody unless there are extraordinary reasons for their release on an Order of Supervision.

The only exceptions to this directive that I can think of are medical cases that may warrant exercising prosecutorial discretion or warrant release from custody, and pregnant females/nursing mothers that should be considered for release under current policy. If there are other cases that are in the best interest of the Agency to release, they will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Finally, although we have been approved for increased detention funding, our detention facilities are only able to detain based on the availability of bed space; therefore, we will at times require the assistance of all agents/officers to assist in transportation duties to and from our detention facilities.

If we exceed our available bed space and increased detention funds, we will readdress this directive at that time.

Any questions from you can be directed to me.

Thank you

James McPeck
Assistant Field Office Director
DHS/ICE-Enforcement and Removal Operations
Chicago, IL
[REDACTED]

From: Asher, Nathalie R
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Daily Adjusted Removals Report - September 30, 2010
Importance: High

Keep 'em closin'.....we're on the home stretch.

From: Baker, Robin F
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 6:48 AM
To: Moore, Marc J; [adrian.macias](#); Chadbourne, Bruce E; McCormick, Calvin M; Shanahan, Christopher; Skinner, Felicia S; Longshore, John P; Kane, Katrina S; Phillips, Michael T; Pitts, Michael J; Asher, Nathalie R; Prendes, Nuria T; [ricardo wong](#); Baniecke, Scott R; Branch, Steven M; [timothy aitken](#); Robbins, Timothy S; [thomas decker](#); Adducci, Rebecca J; Landgrebe, Kenneth L; Tsoukaris, John; Miller, Philip T; Lucero, Enrique M; Garzon, John A

Subject: FW: Daily Adjusted Removals Report - September 30, 2010

We are just 1061 shy of 390,000. However, we still get to count closed cases through Monday, October 4th so...keep having your folks concentrate on closing those cases.

From: Wittenberg, Char F
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 7:15 AM
To: Loiselle, Mary F; Chaparro, James; Homan, Thomas
Cc: Venturella, David; Rapp, Marc A; Flores, Maria; Flores, Marisa A; Baker, Robin F; Schultz, John A; Hemphill, Curtis A

Subject: FW: Daily Adjusted Removals Report - September 30, 2010

For your information:

The total count = 388,939

Increase from 9/30= 1,907

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Char Wittenberg

Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
[REDACTED] (desk)

From: [REDACTED] (CTR)
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 7:09 AM
To: Wittenberg, Char F
Cc: Hemphill, Curtis A

Subject: FW: Daily Adjusted Removals Report - September 30, 2010

Good Morning

Please find attached Daily Adjusted Removals Report.

The total count = 388,939

Increase from 9/30= 1,907
Increase in % = 0.5%

For Clearance

Purpose: Provide a daily report of the adjusted Removals and Returns for FY2010 to the director through the end of the Fiscal Year 2010.

Background: Starting in FY2009, ICE began to "lock" removal statistics on October 5, 2009 and counted only the aliens whose removal or return was already confirmed. Aliens removed or returned in FY2009 but not confirmed until after October 5, 2009 were excluded from the locked data and thus from ICE statistics. To ensure an accurate and complete representation of all removals and returns, ICE will include the removals and returns confirmed after October 5 in the next fiscal year. The number of removals in FY2009, excluding the "lag" from FY2008, was 387,790.

Methodology:

1. Re-run the FY2009 Case Closures details query.
2. Use the following script to add a modified column to the FY2009 Removals and Returns results called "Case Closure Group":
3. Create a table and filter Case Closure Group=FY2010.
4. Create a modified column "Case Closure Group Month" based on case closure date to find out which cases were closed out in each month.
5. Use "Case Closure Group Month" in place of the Month
6. Re-run the R&RR FY2010 details query.
7. Add these cases into the baseline FY2010 Removals and Returns query results to find the Adjusted FY2010 Removals and Returns.

Results: Please see attached for breakdown by AOR.

There is a 1,907 increase in removal cases from the previous day.

Convicted Criminal

Non-Criminal

Total

193,961

194,978

388,939

IIDS as of 10/01/2010

Baseline: Removals and Returns are reported in the WRD on a weekly basis.

Validation: This report has been validated per a member of STU.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Client [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:48 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: DUIs

Importance: High

Effective immediately

[REDACTED]
Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent
DHS | ICE | ERO | Criminal Alien Program
511 NW Broadway | Portland , Oregon USA 97209
[REDACTED]

From: Godfrey, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 10:06 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: DUIs

Effective immediately: do not offer V/Rs to aliens who have been convicted of or are pending DUII...

Thanks,

Elizabeth

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, October 7, 2010 12:10:51 PM
Subject: ICE ERO Voluntary Removals Push

[REDACTED]

For about three weeks in the month of September our office was mandated to offer as many VR's to individuals as possible detained at the NWDC. The only boundaries we were given was to make sure they were not Mandatory Detention, or had lawyers.

This worried all the officers at NWDC because we were forced to offer VR's to people with charges that would normally not qualify for VR's. This included individuals who had been previously arrested for driving under the influence, domestic violence, hit and run, and even in some instances assault.

The officers at NWDC were so concerned with this that we placed comments in the EARM comments screen stating that (Subject was offered a VR according to current ICE ERO Headquarters Guidelines). These notes are permanent in the EARM system and can be referenced at any time in the future for verification.

A large number of people accepted VR's to the point that we had to get another JPATS flight which we filled almost entirely with VR's that were offered using these guidelines.

This push to offer VR's stemmed from a meeting which our FOD had at a weekly FOD call. It was relayed to us that ICE ERO was not going to meet the "Presidents Dashboard Requirements," for removal of aliens. It was then mandated that in order to meet this goal we should start offering VR's to anyone that would take them. All of the officers thought this was a joke, however management assured us that it wasn't a joke, and I quote, "if we did not meet these goals, on Oct 4th 2010 when they run the numbers, those who did not push out everyone they could would be held accountable." [REDACTED]

There was such a high emphasis on this that management held meetings with us and told us we had to get this done, and "Nothing else is important right now." "Everything including releases by POCR's take a back seat to this." Again this was very discouraging because there were individuals that should have been released, however we could not get release paperwork signed off by management, so these individuals were in fact being held illegally in the custody of ICE.

On October 4th, 2010 we were all patted on the back by management, and told that we met our goals, and that some individuals were going to get put in for awards due to their hard work.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: the thing

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Thursday, October 7, 2010, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On September 23, 2010 during the usual morning muster between the IEA's and supervisors AFOD Natalie Asher came in and explained to us that Secretary Morton's goal for fiscal year 2010 was to remove 400,000 illegals from the United States. She told us that we were currently 17,000 removals under the previous year's numbers and that we needed to "get out there and really push the VR's". She did mention that we would not be offering this to criminals with felony convictions but that detainees with minor convictions or no convictions should be offered voluntary departures.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, October 8, 2010 [REDACTED]
Subject: End of the year numbers

[REDACTED]

I am a Deportation Officer in Oakdale, LA and a few weeks prior to the end of the fiscal year, we had a weekly meeting with our Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officers and were told that our District had surpassed our goal but that nationally the Agency was a little short. I do not recall the actual number they stated, but it was their segway into discussion of a change in the way we review cases. It was stated that we should all review our dockets to see if there were any cases that were previously sent to court (NTA) but they had signed an I-826, the alien's admission of illegal presence and deferral of immigration proceedings. We should then pull the file, reprocess them from NTA to Voluntary Return, and send them to the travel section as soon as possible so we could help meet the Agency's goal. Until a Nun was killed by a drunken driver, all DUI's that had a sentence of less than a year, were VR'd. After that we were told to NTA them, but to meet the Agency's goal, DUI's and misdemeanor assaults were reprocessed from NTAs to VRs. SDDOs went to court and pulled files that were not scheduled for court yet to reprocess them. In addition, SDDOs accidentally pulled OTMs that could not be VR'd and reprocessed them, cancelled their NTAs, only to have to be reserved new NTAs, starting the detainees detention process all over, at an extended detention cost to the Agency. In our first weekly meeting of this fiscal year, we were told to discontinue the practice of reprocessing DUIs from NTAs to VRs, all DUI convictions were not eligible for VR anymore.

[REDACTED]