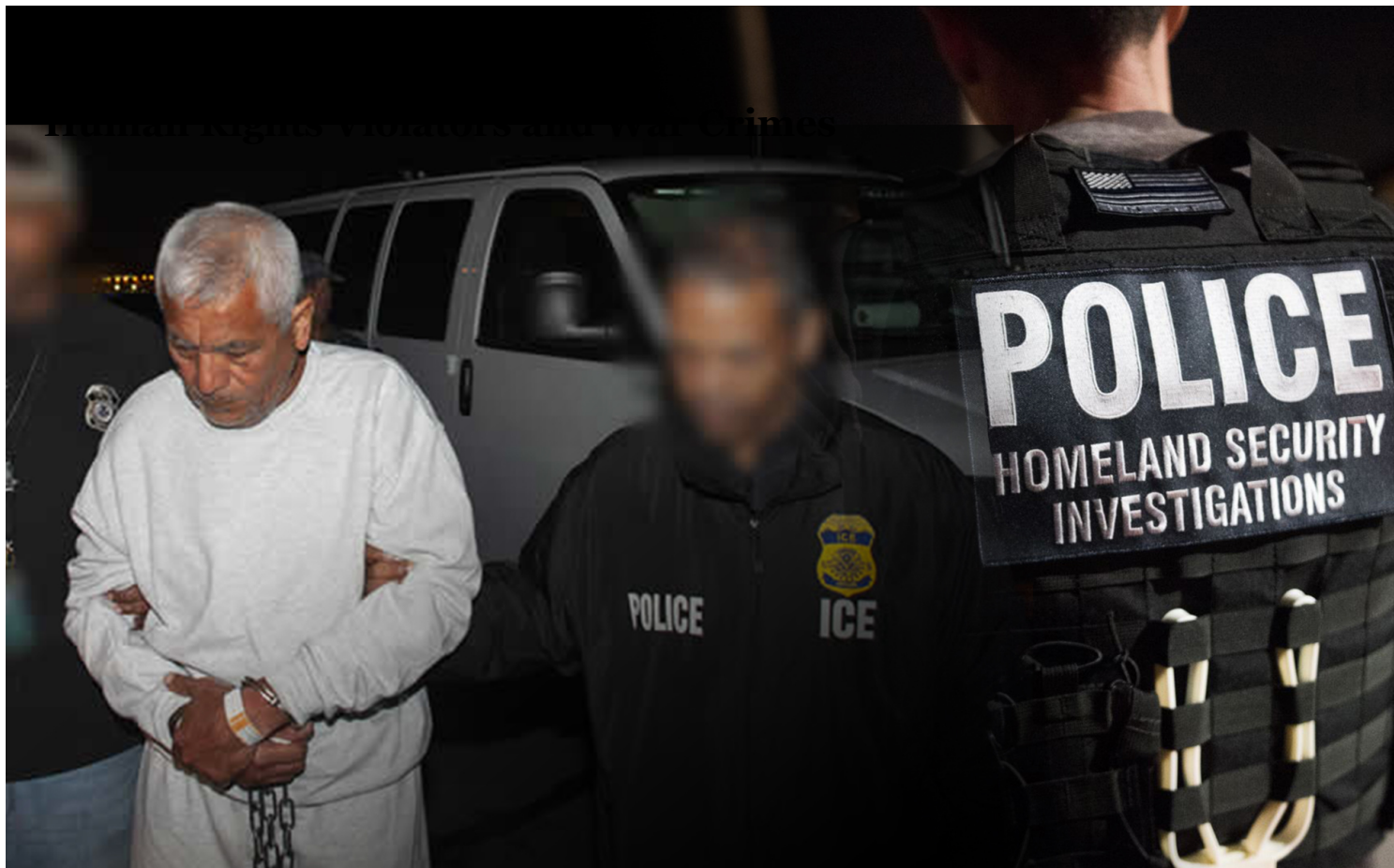


# Exhibit A



The protection of fundamental human rights remains among the cornerstones of American democracy. Throughout its history, the United States has sought to uphold the noble ideals upon which it was founded: liberty, democracy, and the basic dignity of all people.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contributes to this enduring national commitment by holding to account war criminals, human rights abusers, and persecutors. ICE tirelessly seeks out such individuals who may be hiding within our borders and utilizes its broad investigative powers to arrest, charge, and remove such offenders from our shores. This ongoing effort sends a singular message: The United States will not serve as a safe haven for war criminals and human rights abusers and they must never escape justice and accountability.

## Related News

### Secret lives uncovered: Identifying perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and human rights abuses

On February 21, 2021, ICE removed a 95-year-old former Nazi concentration camp guard to Germany—one of the last fugitive Nazis who will have been removed from the United States. Friedrich Karl Berger, a German citizen, participated in Nazi-sponsored persecution while serving in 1945 as an armed guard at the Neuengamme Concentration Camp system (Neuengamme). Berger's arrest and removal reinforces ICE's ongoing efforts in support of human rights. It also serves as a stark reminder that the fight against atrocities such as those committed during World War II must never end.

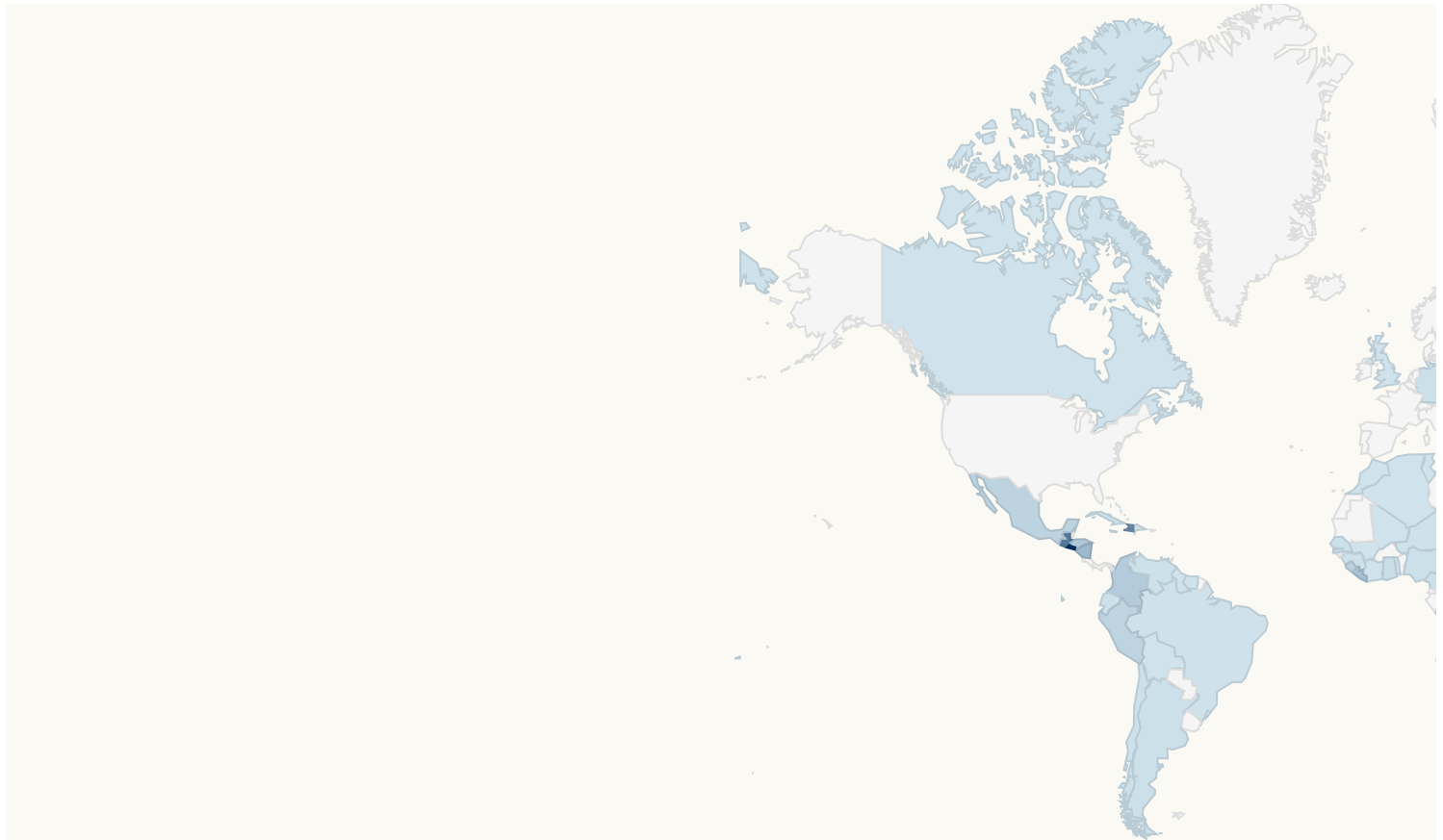
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebrates the proposition that freedom, justice, and peace in the world are fundamental rights and that all individuals are entitled to equality. With that in mind, ICE aims to:

- Prevent the admission of foreign war crime suspects, persecutors, and human rights abusers into the United States.
- Identify and prosecute individuals who have been involved in and/or responsible for the commission of human rights abuses across the globe.
- Remove offenders located in the United States.
- Oversee the development of investigative programs to prevent mass atrocities and hold accountable those perpetrators responsible for genocide and other gross human rights violations.

Currently, Homeland Security Investigations, which leads ICE's criminal investigative efforts, has more than 180 active investigations into suspected human rights violators and is pursuing more than 1,700 leads and removals cases involving suspected human rights violators from 95 different countries. Since 2003, the Human Rights Violators & War Crimes Center (HRVWCC) has issued more than 78,000 lookouts for individuals from more than 110 countries and stopped over 350 human rights violators and war crimes suspects from entering the U.S.

# Interactive Map

Hover over the map for information on the number of human rights violators and war criminals removed by ICE.



Since 2003, ICE has brought more than 469 individuals to justice for human rights-related violations of the law under various criminal and/or immigration statutes. During that same period, ICE obtained deportation orders against and physically removed 1,085 known or suspected human rights violators from the United States. Additionally, ICE has facilitated the departure of an additional 181 such individuals from the U.S.

*\* these statistics are as of Oct. 1, 2021*



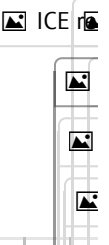
ICE REMOVES EX-MEMBER OF GUATEMALAN SPECIAL FORCES LINKED TO 1980S MASSACRE  
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SEP. 21, 2016

# SEEKING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS AROUND THE WORLD



Among the individuals found across the US during OPERATION SAFE NATION AND OPERATION NO STRAY BULLETS, this is a man who violated the world and has lived by living secret



Use the left and right arrows to navigate the Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center Timeline.

# Human Rights Violators & War Crimes Center

The HRVWCC is the only U.S. government entity focused completely on investigating global atrocities and the perpetrators of human rights violations and war crimes. Initiated by HSI in 2008, the HRVWCC leverages the knowledge and expertise of a select group of special agents, attorneys, intelligence analysts, criminal research specialists and historians who are charged with preventing the U.S. from becoming a haven for individuals who engage in the commission of war crimes, genocide, torture and other forms of serious human rights abuses from conflicts around the globe. [Learn more about the HRVWCC.](#)

Have information about foreign nationals suspected of engaging in human rights abuses or war crimes? Contact the ICE tip line at 1-866-DHS-2423 (1-866-347-2423) or [ice.gov/tips](https://ice.gov/tips). Callers may remain anonymous. To learn more about the assistance available to victims in these cases, the public should contact ICE's confidential victim-witness toll-free number at 1-866-872-4973.

 [View Human Rights Violator news releases](#)

Updated: 12/13/2021

# Exhibit B





Shawn Musgrave &lt;smusgrave@revealnews.org&gt;

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**FOIA Re: Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center**

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Ike Sriskandarajah &lt;ike@revealnews.org&gt;

Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 9:38 AM

To: ice-foia@ice.dhs.gov

Cc: Victoria Baranetsky &lt;vbaranetsky@revealnews.org&gt;, Shawn Musgrave &lt;smusgrave@revealnews.org&gt;, Elizabeth Sanchez &lt;esanchez@revealnews.org&gt;

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# Exhibit C



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## FOIA Re: Human Rights Violators and War Crimes Center

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Ike Sriskandarajah <ike@revealnews.org>

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 at 1:48 PM

To: ice-foia@ice.dhs.gov

Cc: Victoria Baranetsky <vbaranetsky@revealnews.org>, Shawn Musgrave <smusgrave@revealnews.org>, Elizabeth Sanchez <esanchez@revealnews.org>

Hello,

I'm writing to follow up on a FOIA request I sent on 9/13. I haven't received a tracking number yet and was hoping you could help update me on its status.

Thanks for your attention,

Ike

[Quoted text hidden]

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Ike Sriskandarajah

Reporter/Producer

608-628-3148

Center For Investigative Reporting: Reveal

# Exhibit D



Shawn Musgrave <smusgrave@revealnews.org>

**Fwd: CIR: Records Requests**

**Shawn Musgrave** <smusgrave@revealnews.org>  
To: Shawn Musgrave <smusgrave@revealnews.org>

Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 4:53 PM

**From:** Bennett, Danielle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:48 PM  
**To:** Ike Sriskandarajah <ike@revealnews.org>  
**Subject:** RE: CIR: Records Requests

My number is 813-230-9825. I'll ping FOIA for you and I'll also check in with Mark and Mona on the stats and report you asked for.

**From:** Ike Sriskandarajah <ike@revealnews.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Danielle <Danielle.Bennett@ice.dhs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: CIR: Records Requests

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Thanks Dani. I'll try you in the morning. Appreciate it. Remind me the best number to reach you?

On Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 5:41 PM Bennett, Danielle <Danielle.Bennett@ice.dhs.gov> wrote:

Hello Ike, I'm free tomorrow after 9am except for about 2-3pm. My office is separate from the FOIA office but I can share your note with them and ask them to get back to you on the status of your request and see if that helps.

Dani

**From:** Ike Sriskandarajah <ike@revealnews.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:01 PM  
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Hi Dani,

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving break. There are a few things that I'd like to figure out with you-- like the status of my FOIA request. It's been more than two months without even getting a tracking number. When's a good time to talk on the phone tomorrow?

Ike

# Exhibit E



Shawn Musgrave <[smusgrave@revealnews.org](mailto:smusgrave@revealnews.org)>

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**Fwd: Did you hear back from the FOIA Office?**

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Ike Sriskandarajah <[ike@revealnews.org](mailto:ike@revealnews.org)>  
To: Shawn Musgrave <[smusgrave@revealnews.org](mailto:smusgrave@revealnews.org)>

Fri, Dec 10, 2021 at 2:17 PM

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From: **Bennett, Danielle** <[Danielle.Bennett@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Danielle.Bennett@ice.dhs.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 5:59 PM  
Subject: RE: Did you hear back from the FOIA Office?  
To: Ike Sriskandarajah <[ike@revealnews.org](mailto:ike@revealnews.org)>

I would expect his team to get in touch with you, so let me know if you don't hear anything in the next few days and I'll check in with him again.

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Thanks for checking, Dani. Should I expect to hear back from him? Or he'll get back to you?

On Thu, Dec 2, 2021 at 3:10 PM Bennett, Danielle <[Danielle.Bennett@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Danielle.Bennett@ice.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ike – yes I did hear back from the Deputy FOIA officer and he said he would look into your request. I shared your note with him below as well just now. Dani

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