

Ms. Bell,

Below I have outlined my general policy guidelines and methodology on immigration issues. We have specific policies, one of which I have attached as well. While I cannot answer the specifics of the New Brighton case, I believe the below four (4) points will help you in understanding how we function as an agency and my leadership approach to these issues.

1. The primary role of law enforcement is victim advocacy, keeping the peace, and enforcing state criminal law. As such, we advocate for all victims regardless of their citizenship or immigration status. We are also an agency that regularly approves U-Visas to victims and witnesses of crimes who have immigration status issues. It is a way that we can help in the effort to protect victims who may not have proper status in this country.

2. Our Sheriff's Office does not ask for proof of citizenship or immigration status. We provide service to all with whom we come into contact and will continue to do so.

3. We arrest people for state criminal code violations, no matter their citizenship or immigration status. Our focus is on holding all people accountable who violate the law and thereby create victims.

4. Our Office only holds people in custody for state criminal violations and orders issued by judges via the court. We do not engage in holds of people for civil immigration issues.

Thanks Much,

Jack

Jack Serier

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From: McDonough, Jim

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 2:30 PM

To: Serier, Jack <jack.serier@>

Subject: Fwd: Ramsey County and ICE

Jack

Can you help provide some answers to the questions

Thanks

Jim

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Daniela <turtlebella@>
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To: Jim McDonough <jim.mcdonough@>
Subject: Ramsey County and ICE

Hi Jim,

I'm hoping that in your capacity as County Commissioner you can help me with some questions I have regarding the relationship between Ramsey County and Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE).

I'm not sure who in the sheriff's office I should get in touch with, nor can I figure out what Sheriff Serier's position is regarding cooperation with Immigration Enforcement officers and ICE in general. I know that in 2014 Ramsey County declined to hold people at the county jail for ICE without a judge's order but I don't know if this policy is still in place, what with increase in ICE detainments over the last couple of months. Does the county have an agreement with ICE to hold detainees until they are transferred to an ICE facility and/or is there such an agreement in the works for the immediate future? What is the nature of the relationship between Ramsey County and ICE in terms of sharing of information regarding citizenship status (does Ramsey County inquire about citizen status of those detained or arrested by the county sheriff's office? Would the Ramsey County Sherriff's office cooperate with ICE officials to determinee identity of a member of the public (as the New Brighton police did recently during the arrest of collateral individuals (one person was in a car that ICE was seeking, they arrested other people in the car, one of whom did not have their ID with them so New Brighton police were called into to confirm identification using their records). I realize this is a lot of detail that may not be under your purview but if you can direct me to someone who can answer these questions, I would very much appreciate it.

Thanks so much for your help.
Daniela

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