

Ms. Kozhimannil,

Thank you for your inquiry. I wanted to share with you our agency position on immigration 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.

I hope this helps to you to understand my position as Sheriff and that of our agency.

Thank you and please let me know if you have further questions on this or other topics.

Your Sheriff,

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Jack Serier

Ramsey County Sheriff

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I am writing to ask what Sheriff Serier's position is on supporting the Trump Administration's policies targeting lawful undocumented immigrants.

Is Sheriff Serier voluntarily making the decision to enforce Trump's new policy of targeting lawful undocumented immigrants? I wanted to make sure that the sheriff is aware that local law enforcement is not legally required to assist the federal government in enforcing federal law. In fact, the principle of Separation of Powers in the US Constitution makes it clear that the sheriff can decide whether or not to enforce federal law and policy. What is the Sheriff's position on this?

For my part, I oppose my local taxes being used to enforce federal immigration law. The enforcement of immigration law should be left to the federal government and not transferred to local law enforcement. The costs are a drain on local resources and

divert funding from more effective safety and crime prevention methods. In addition, it's possible that such activities may erode trust and cooperation between local law enforcement and immigrant communities, which could undermine public safety.

Thank you so much for your time and for helping me to understand how Sheriff Serier is approaching this topic.

Sincerely,

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