

Immigration Raids

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New Bedford Raids

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Michael Bianco Factory

- 361 arrested
- 35 released that day, 25 released next day
- 200 flown out of area
- 90 remained in detention in MA

New Bedford Raids

Attorney access issues

- Catholic Social Services attorney denied access during raid
 - Slow visits to detainees first nights at Fort Devens
 - Only allowed access to detainees whose names were known, G-28 required for access
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Pro bono coordination

- Law firm volunteers recruited and trained to represent individuals in bond hearings; students and others recruited for Spanish language translation
 - AILA attorneys recruited to represent individuals in motions to reopen
 - Law firm and law students researched and wrote model motion to suppress admissions of alienage
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Media Issues

- One agency, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, coordinated immediate response to raids (legal services agencies free to respond to legal needs)
 - MIRA updates website with stories, video, and how to help New Bedford detainees:
<http://www.miracoalition.org/home/new-bedford-immigration-raids>
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Legal challenge to transfers

- Aguilar v. ICE, Civil Action No. 07-10471-RGS (D. Mass. May 7, 2007): action seeking to enjoin transfers out of state and to bring back those already transferred
 - Court found that it did not have jurisdiction
 - Decision at:
<http://pacer.mad.uscourts.gov/dc/cgi-bin/recentops.pl?filename=stearns/pdf/aquilarmd.pdf>
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Litigation Relating to ICE Raids

Court filings in lawsuits relating to New Bedford and Swift Raids (in addition to home raids in MN and CA) at:

http://www.aif.org/lac/clearinghouse_122106_ICE.shtml

Raid Response

What do do if a raid happens near you

- Centralize services, volunteer work, information
 - Constant communication among service providers
 - Central location for service delivery (i.e. relief for affected families, legal services for families)
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Raid Response

“From Raids to Deportation: a
Community Resource Kit:”

[http://nationalimmigrationproject.org/
commresourcekit.html](http://nationalimmigrationproject.org/commresourcekit.html)

Raid Response

“From Raids to Deportation: a Community Resource Kit”

- What do do in the first 72 hours after a raid
 - How to find detainees
 - How to organize a visit to detention center
 - How to find a lawyer
 - How to apply for bond
 - How to document poor detention conditions
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Raid Response

Map of detention centers and service providers at detention centers around the country:

http://detentionwatchnetwork.org/dwn_map

- Find where a person is detained
 - Find a legal services provider nearby
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Other resources

- NILC, "How to be prepared for an Immigration Raid:"
http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/immraidsprep_2007-02-27.pdf
 - AILF, "Resource list: Employer Sanctions and 'Know Your Rights:'"
<http://www.ailf.org/lac/sanctions.pdf>
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Raid Response

Other resources (cont'd)

- DWN, "Materials on ICE Enforcement, Detention and Deportation:"

<http://detentionwatchnetwork.org/communitymaterials>

- CLINIC Newsletter May 2007, "Lessons Learned from the Raids"
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