

RECENT MOBILIZATIONS AGAINST ICE/DHS

- **June 3, Minneapolis:** Crowd of locals confronts ICE and other feds, county sheriffs, and MPD outside of a taqueria in an immigrant neighborhood, blocking feds' vehicles and refusing to disperse. Within two hours, agents flee without detaining anyone.
- **June 4, Chicago:** Today ICE kidnaps 88 people around Chicago, 3/4 of whom have no known criminal convictions. This includes 10 people lured to "routine check-ins" in the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (2245 S Michigan). Here, crowd of ~100 locals gathers and surrounds ICE sprinter van. With CPD onsite to support, about 20 armed ICE agents march down the middle of Michigan Ave and begin shoving the crowd, journalists and alderpeople. The crowd persists, heckling and filming while following the pigs back to their unmarked cars.
- **June 6-8, LA:** ICE raids downtown and in Paramount and Compton to the south meet fierce resistance from thousands of autonomous locals, who repeatedly force the feds to retreat. While a raid is underway inside a building in the Flower District, 50-100 people blockade it, trapping agents inside.
- **June 9-14, Seattle:** Protestors use Lime scooters to barricade an ICE facility and take down US flag.
- **June 10, Chicago:** 70 protestors gather at immigration court (55 E Monroe) after a string of ICE kidnappings there in the preceding days. This causes court to be closed early. Several hearings are postponed, affording people more time to find a lawyer. Later in the day, a march against ICE downtown swells to tens of thousands. ICE field office and police SUVs are tagged extensively, and several de-arrests happen, including a comrade freed from a CPD paddy wagon.
- **June 12, Chicago:** ICE kidnaps more people from Monroe. A lone protestor successfully blocks an ICE vehicle from entering, then holds up another as it exits (transporting abducted people) by rushing in front of the moving SUV and sitting down.
- **June 12, Newark:** Detainees revolt over conditions in a private concentration camp run by ICE contractor GEO Group. Four people break through a wall and get away. (They have since been caught, though not before one made it all the way to LA.)
- **June 16-17, Chicago:** Protestors barricade the parking garage used by ICE at Monroe, first with a human chain, later using Divvy bikes and junk (see cover). With the help of a phone zap, they force ICE to stop targeting people at Monroe. (Since this time - two months and counting - people have been able to attend asylum hearings at Monroe with a modicum of safety.)
- **June 18, Portland:** A weeklong encampment outside the ICE field office swells into a mass demonstration. Some protestors manage to force their way into the facility and briefly occupy it.
- **July 8, San Francisco:** Protestors climb onto ICE vans leaving immigration court with abductees. Several protestors are injured when agents accelerate and intentionally run over them.
- **August 7, Chicago:** Protestors disrupt career fair in the Congress Plaza Hotel where Customs and Border Protection and CPD are hiring.

WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

- Join autonomous Chicagoans near the parking lot of the ICE field office, 101 W Ida B Wells Dr, on **Mondays from 8am to noon**. Example actions there (all legal if you stay on the public sidewalk): chanting, holding signs, leafleting, chalking, documenting the plates of unmarked vehicles driven by men in gaiter masks. ICE vehicles seen at Ida that have taken part in raids include the following:



Note that large sprinter vans (see left), sometimes without plates, are used to transport abductees from Ida to the notorious Broadview facility (1930 Beach St).

- Get to know people in your neighborhood's **rapid response network**. These autonomous initiatives mobilize to protect people from ICE by verifying reported sightings, documenting violations of rights, holding Know Your Rights trainings, etc.
- Call/email Sonesta O'Hare, where MVM held Valentina Galvis and her infant, and urge GM Sandra Wolf to publicly pledge that MVM and ICE will no longer be allowed to use her hotel. **No state-sponsored human trafficking, or no business.** General line: 847 954 8600. Email: SANDRA.WOLF@SONESTA.COM.
- Higher risk tactics include tailing ICE vehicles, either to sound the alarm (voice, whistle, megaphone) or to try and identify which hotel the pigs are staying at. In LA, organizers have used such intel to hold "No Sleep for ICE" noise demos, sometimes resulting in hotel management asking the agents to leave. Another idea is practicing de-arrest techniques with a trusted crew willing to be in black bloc.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: The card below can be cut out for use by you or someone you know if ICE agents knock at the door. Slip it under the door or display it at the window to assert your constitutional rights.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door. I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights. I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

RESIST ICE FASCISTS IN



8/24/25



successful blockade at 55 E Monroe, 6/16/25

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BACKGROUND

As far-right politicians slash basic social services, give tax breaks to the 1%, and cover up their ties to pedophile Jeffrey Epstein, they need to convince working class people that the true threat is the undocumented family next door. The same person who praised Epstein as “a terrific guy, lot of fun to be with” calls undocumented immigrants an “infestation” and says they are **“poisoning the blood of our country”**.

Following through on this white nationalist rhetoric, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has escalated its campaign of terror against laborers of color, with a quota of 3,000 detentions per day.

Meanwhile, private firms contracted by ICE, including ones in which Trump officials own hundreds of thousands of dollars in stocks, are boasting to shareholders of **“unprecedented opportunities”**. It is *profit* that drives their rush to fill private jails with Black and Brown bodies, including many people with no criminal record or only minor offenses. Small wonder, then, that this fiscal year, **13 people have died in ICE custody**.

In response, cities across the US have not stood idly by. From LA to New York, from Houston to Minneapolis, mass mobilizations against ICE reflect that people are refusing to be pitted against their undocumented neighbors. Direct action tactics have included exposing unmarked ICE vehicles, holding noise demos outside the hotels where agents are staying, and physically blocking the kidnapping vans. At the same time, mutual aid has helped support families targeted by ICE – families like those featured on the pages that follow.

STORIES OF CHICAGOANS KIDNAPPED BY ICE



**ABDUCTED GRANDMOTHER
HAD WORK PERMIT, STAY OF
REMOVAL, NO CRIMINAL RECORD**

GLADIS YOLANDA CHAVEZ PINEDA, 48, was a longtime resident of Chicago after she fled persecution in her native Honduras ten years ago. For years, she had been following the convoluted asylum process. An immigration judge had determined that she posed no public safety threat and that she had no criminal record.

On June 4, 2025, Pineda was lured to 2245 S. Michigan Ave for what ICE suggested to be a routine check-in. Instead, she was ambushed and separated from her lawyers. Agents ignored her explanation that the 7th US Circuit Court of Appeals had issued a stay of removal while her case was under review.

As ICE agents shoved *alderpeople* and concerned community members who had gathered outside, Pineda was rushed to an unmarked van and driven to the ICE facility in Broadview (1930 Beach St). There she was held for four days with no bed, blanket, shower or hygiene products and minimal food. **“Mothers were crying because we were leaving our kids,”** she recalls. “We didn’t know what was next. We didn’t know where they would be taking us.”

Next, Pineda was transported to a county jail in Kentucky, where she was kept for more than a month, crowded into a single cell with twenty other women and only ten beds. Bright lights 24/7 made it difficult to sleep, and there was little to no access to medical care. On July 13, Pineda was put in handcuffs and shackles that cut into her ankles and was flown back to Honduras, the very country she had left in fear for her life. **“I had my work permit, a state ID, I paid my taxes, I had a social security number,”** she says. **“So why was I being deported?”**



**MOTHER AND BABY
TRAPPED IN O’HARE HOTEL
BY PRIVATE CONTRACTORS**

VALENTINA GALVIS and her husband fled to the US in 2022 after she was brutally assaulted by a far-right paramilitary group in their native Colombia.

When she and her infant son Naythan showed up for their appointment at Chicago’s immigration court on June 5, 2025, she had reason to believe that things would turn out ok, since her husband had been granted asylum at the same location two weeks prior.

Instead, ICE agents detained her outside the courtroom and took her to the third floor of the Sonesta Chicago O’Hare Airport Rosemont hotel. There, **private guards from ICE contractor MVM held Galvis and her child captive in a hotel room from which they had pulled out the land line.**

Her husband and her attorney tried to discern her whereabouts, but the ICE field officer they contacted refused to help. Meanwhile, the online ICE locator listed her as being in a detention center in Washington DC, even though no such facility exists there.

After five days of this nightmare, Galvis and her child were loaded into a vehicle and driven away from O’Hare toward an unknown destination. It turned out she was brought to 2245 S Michigan, given a bracelet monitor and inexplicably released. She now has a new asylum court date in January 2026.

Looking back, Galvis recalls how “sad, confused, and often terrified” she felt while captive in the hotel: “I wanted to call my husband, my attorney, or anyone at all to let them know where I was. **I was obviously very scared of being deported, but my principal fear was being deported without my baby. I don’t think I could have survived that.**”