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Established statutorily to provide immigration status information to the law enforcement community, the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC), located in Williston, VT, protects and defends the United States by sharing timely and relevant immigration enforcement information to law enforcement partners domestically and around the world. To accomplish this, the LESLSC conducts person-centric data analysis to provide immigration enforcement information to the requesting law enforcement agency and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office with geographic responsibility for that area. The LESLSC supports more than 13,000 federal, state, local, tribal and international law enforcement partners and operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



### Core Mission

At the core of the LESLSC mission is timely response to Immigration Alien Queries (IAQs), generated when law enforcement agencies (LEAs) request information about individuals encountered in the course of their daily operations. The information provided by law enforcement within the IAQ triggers searches of multiple databases and subsequent analysis of all available information pertinent to the subject, which can be located in various indices. The more information provided in an IAQ, the greater the potential to locate a positive match.

Law Enforcement Specialists (LESs) at the LESLSC process approximately 1.5 million biometric and biographic IAQs annually and transmit Immigration Alien Responses (IARs) back to the requestors. The LESLSC's timely response regarding a subject's immigration history and status aids in real-time LEA decisions and helps ICE identify criminal aliens who can be removed from the United States.

### Additional Responsibilities

The LESLSC also responds to ICE Criminal and Administrative Warrants in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system and serves as the central point of contact for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), which facilitates mandatory screening of all foreign-born prospective buyers of firearms in the United States. Additionally, the LESLSC processes queries related to employees in critical infrastructure industries that are vulnerable to sabotage, attack, or exploitation. LESLSC Deportation Officers oversee its proactive targeting portfolio, analyzing and packaging targetable cases into comprehensive leads that are disseminated to ICE enforcement directorates for arrest and subsequent removal.



### Did You Know?

- Any law enforcement agency can access the LESLSC via the International Justice and Public Safety Network (NLETS) to obtain immigration status information for an individual.
- The LESLSC can provide you additional explanation for a submitted IAQ and expedite the processing of a previously submitted IAQ when you call (802) 872-6020.



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The Pacific Enforcement Response Center (PERC), located in Laguna Niguel, CA, receives and vets biometric Immigration Alien Responses (IARs) that are generated when the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) responds to federal, state, local, tribal, and international law enforcement agency (LEA) requests for information. This process begins when an LEA makes an arrest. As part of the booking process, fingerprints are submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and compared against Department of Homeland Security (DHS) databases, constituting an Immigration Alien Query (IAQ). If a match occurs, the LESL transmits an IAR, which provides information regarding the subject's immigration status, criminal history, and other important biographical information.

### The Benefits of Information Sharing



The success of the PERC depends on information-sharing and collaboration from the local law enforcement community, including federal, state, local, tribal and international law enforcement partners. Through this collaboration, the PERC has been able to identify egregious criminal aliens, including subjects arrested for violent felonies, domestic violence, lewd and lascivious acts upon children, and narcotics sales/trafficking. Through biometric technology and in-depth analysis, the PERC can facilitate the removal from the U.S. of these public and community safety threats.

### The Bottom Line

- The PERC reviews hundreds of thousands of IARs every year, resulting in tens of thousands of ICE detainers and criminal alien and fugitive operations referrals.
- The PERC conducts proactive targeting focused on removable criminal aliens who pose a threat to public safety and national security in your community.

### Core Mission



The PERC receives and reviews hundreds of thousands of IARs to verify the subject's identity, immigration status, criminal record, custody status, and removability – and recommend enforcement action, when appropriate. In certain cases when encountered subjects are removable, the PERC takes direct enforcement action by lodging immigration detainers. If subjects are removable but a detainer cannot be placed, or they have been released from LEA custody, the PERC creates lead referrals for ICE At-Large teams. A lead referral is a comprehensive summary containing the subject's biographic information, immigration and criminal histories, and other valuable information that may aid ICE officers in locating the subject. The PERC also generates criminal alien lead referrals for subjects (such as Lawful Permanent Residents) who would be removable if convicted of the crime for which they were arrested.



### Background...

The National Criminal Analysis and Targeting Center (NCATC), located in Williston, VT, serves as a criminal immigration enforcement center for all of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and its stakeholders. The NCATC addresses transnational criminal activity with an immigration nexus and supports the prosecution and removal of threats to public and community safety. The NCATC plays a leading role in the identification and removal of criminal aliens in the United States, including foreign fugitives wanted for serious offenses committed abroad who flee to the United States to elude law enforcement.

### Key Projects and Initiatives



Sex Offender Alien Removal Initiative: Analytical and targeting support to the Sex Offender Alien Removal Initiative has yielded thousands of leads since February 2013, resulting in 991 arrests.

Non-immigrant Visa Violator (NIVV) Strategy: The NCATC has partnered with the ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Counterterrorism and Criminal Exploitation Unit (CTCEU) on the NIVV enforcement strategy since 2009, investigating cases pertaining to suspected visa overstays lacking derogatory information.

The NCATC also performs batch analysis of all INTERPOL open files to cross reference with immigration information and further develop investigative leads, a method so successful that INTERPOL has replicated its use with other U.S. law enforcement entities.

### Quick Facts

- The NCATC analyzes vast amounts of person-centric data to develop actionable leads on priority alien targets. Lead Referrals are disseminated to ICE field offices and Headquarters directorates, directly supporting ICE law enforcement officials to locate and arrest public safety and national security threats.
- In FY 2019, the NCATC vetted over five million individuals for targeting information and disseminated thousands of criminal leads to ICE enforcement components.



### Core Mission

The NCATC analyzes data across a multitude of law enforcement and immigration databases and develops lead and information referrals, which are disseminated to ICE field offices for follow-up enforcement action. The information produced by the NCATC is used to locate and arrest criminal and other priority aliens who pose a threat to public and community safety, including gang members, felons, and child predators. Working in concert with ICE field offices, task forces, and other federal and international law enforcement partners, the NCATC routinely gathers, analyzes, and responds to numerous stakeholders to supply thousands of informational referrals and leads.