

Minnesota DOC launches website to correct 'DHS misinformation'

It comes following a series of false claims by the Department of Homeland Security during Operation Metro Surge.

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The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) has launched a new resource titled "Combatting DHS Misinformation" following a series of false claims made by the federal government in recent weeks.

DOC Commissioner Paul Schnell has made several press conference appearances during the Trump administration's immigration crackdown to correct the record on the role of Minnesota's prisons department and its cooperation with the federal government.

The newly created page on the DOC website can be found [here](#), and contains a series of links to press statements refuting "false claims" made by the Department of Homeland Security, as well as embedded videos featuring appearances made by Schnell.

It comes after repeated DHS claims over recent months that Minnesota is not complying with ICE detainer requests for undocumented immigrants held in custody, as well as more recent examples of taking credit for the "arrest" of undocumented immigrants guilty of violent crimes, when in reality they had been handed over from DOC custody at the end of their sentences.

On Monday, the DOC issued a press release regarding its investigation into the findings of the DHS's "worst of the worst" page displaying undocumented immigrants who have been convicted of crimes that were "arrested by ICE."

Of those listed on the site, the DOC says 68 of them were "were lawfully transferred from Minnesota Department of Corrections custody directly to ICE, only for DHS officials to falsely claim these same individuals were 'arrested' by waves of federal agents deployed into Minnesota communities."

"Again, DOC is compelled to release this information because DHS continues to rely on these misrepresentations to justify expanded federal operations in Minnesota," the department said.

Last week, Schnell held a press conference in which he took issue with repeated claims by the DHS and Trump administration – claims that are still being made today – that

Minnesota's prisons and county jails are holding more than 1,360 undocumented immigrants with ICE detainers for criminal convictions.

The DOC's own survey of county jails across the state found only 94 inmates with ICE detainers, plus 207 in state prisons, for a total of 301.

Schnell said the DHS has not provided an explanation as to how it arrived at the 1,360 figure, and described its use as "incompetence" at best, and "pure propaganda" at worst.

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