

## Minnesota Officials: DHS has mischaracterized ICE arrests



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The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) says they have evidence showing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has falsified ICE arrest claims in Minnesota.

According to the DOC, the DHS has been mischaracterizing routine custody transfers from state prisons as ICE “arrests” in press releases and on the DHS’s “Worst of the Worse” website. The DOC said it has found 68 cases where people were lawfully transferred from DOC custody to ICE, but DHS claimed federal agents arrested them in Minnesota communities.

“Minnesota DOC honors ICE detainers and coordinates custody transfers every day,” explained a release from the DOC. “Those transfers are documented, scheduled, and verifiable. What is troubling is DHS taking credit for ‘arrests’ which are, in reality, state-to-federal handoffs occurring at prison facilities after individuals complete their state terms of imprisonment, as has been the long-standing practice.”

The Department said this disclosure is based on newly reviewed records, cross-checked custody data, and video documentation. DOC said they are releasing the information because the DHS continues to use these arrest claims to justify expanded federal operations in Minnesota.

WDIO has reached to the DHS for a statement and is working to cross-reference the examples provided by the DOC.

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