

**SAN FRANCISCO
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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Immigrant Defense is Public Defense



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We represent San Franciscans at the intersection of the criminal legal and immigration systems because these community members are at a higher risk of detention and deportation, including:

- Representing SF residents facing deportation, especially individuals in immigration detention
- Providing *Padilla* advisals to explain any immigration impact of a potential conviction.
- Filing applications for legal status for our youth clients.
- Vacating convictions where people were not advised of the immigration impact via our Clean Slate Program
- Know Your Rights trainings throughout the community





Overnight Detention at 630 Sansome

- Newly detained individuals held overnight, up to 72 hours
- Holding cells are only meant for brief detention, not overnight stays
- Overnight detentions are unsafe and unlawful
- ACLU has filed a lawsuit

California Detention Centers

- Private, for-profit detention centers: Mesa Verde (Bakersfield), Golden State Annex (McFarland), California City Detention Center (California City)
- Deplorable, inhumane conditions
- Hunger and labor strikes

Immigration Detention Conditions





How we are fighting back

- Rapid Response: Attorney of the day program
- Filing habeas petitions
- Hiring additional attorneys and a paralegal to provide legal representation to more SF residents
- Know Your Rights trainings
- Ensuring compliance with Sanctuary laws



★ ATTENTION LAW ★ ENFORCEMENT

We do NOT give you permission to enter our office to conduct a search.

If you have a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge or magistrate with a specific individual's name, give us a copy of the warrant.

We do NOT give you permission to search our property.

We choose to exercise our 4th and 5th Amendment Constitutional Rights.

Know Your Rights!

ICE Arrests at Immigration Court and Check-Ins

- Consult with an attorney from our office or another SF legal provider before going.
- Ask for support from court accompaniment programs like Faith in Action and Bay Resistance
- Be prepared. Fill out an “Emergency Preparedness Plan”
- Keep an ILRC red card.

If ICE comes to your home:

- “I do not consent to a search.”
 - Do not open the door unless ICE has a warrant signed by a judge (which is rare).
 - Ask ICE to slip any documents under the door.
 - ICE officers often come disguised as police – be aware!
- “I have a right to remain silent.”
- Call your lawyer

Know Your Rights!

If you or a loved one is detained:

- Call the SF Public Defender's office, at (415) 553-1671 and the San Francisco Rapid Response Network at 415-200-1548 (24-hour free hotline)
- Tell ICE, if:
 - You are afraid to be deported to your country, say "I'm afraid to be deported. I request a fear interview."
 - You are afraid to be removed to a 3rd country, say, "I want to apply for asylum from [3rd country]."
 - You have been in the US for more than 2 years.
- Other than that, exercise your right to remain silent
- Do NOT sign any documents without consulting with a lawyer

Know Your Rights

People who are represented by an immigration attorney are 5X more likely to win their immigration case:

- Consult with a lawyer.
 - Many people are very afraid and upset when they get detained, and their first instinct may be to give up.
 - The vast majority of people deported waive claims for relief because they don't have access to a lawyer.
- Ensuring that all immigrants facing deportation have a lawyer and a strong defense is essential to resisting mass deportation.

Sanctuary Laws

SF Sanctuary Ordinance:

Due Process for Youth in 2009

Due Process for All in 2013

Due Process for All in 2016

For more info, visit <https://freesf.org/home>.

CA State Sanctuary Laws

TRUST Act (2012)

TRUTH Act (2015)

CA Values Act (2016)

For more info, [visit www.iceoutofca.org](http://www.iceoutofca.org).





SF Sanctuary Ordinance

Prohibits:

- Use of local resources and personnel to assist with immigration enforcement
- Asking about immigration status
- Assisting with an ICE arrest
- Responding to an ICE administrative “warrants” (fake warrants)
- Holding or transferring people for ICE
- Notifying ICE with narrow exceptions

State Sanctuary Laws

Prohibits:

- Responses to ICE hold requests
- Joint taskforces if immigration enforcement is the primary purpose
- Requires TRUTH Act forum if county has assisted ICE in prior year
- Database access to ICE

CA Attorney General model policies for courts, healthcare facilities, K-12 schools, libraries, shelter, etc.

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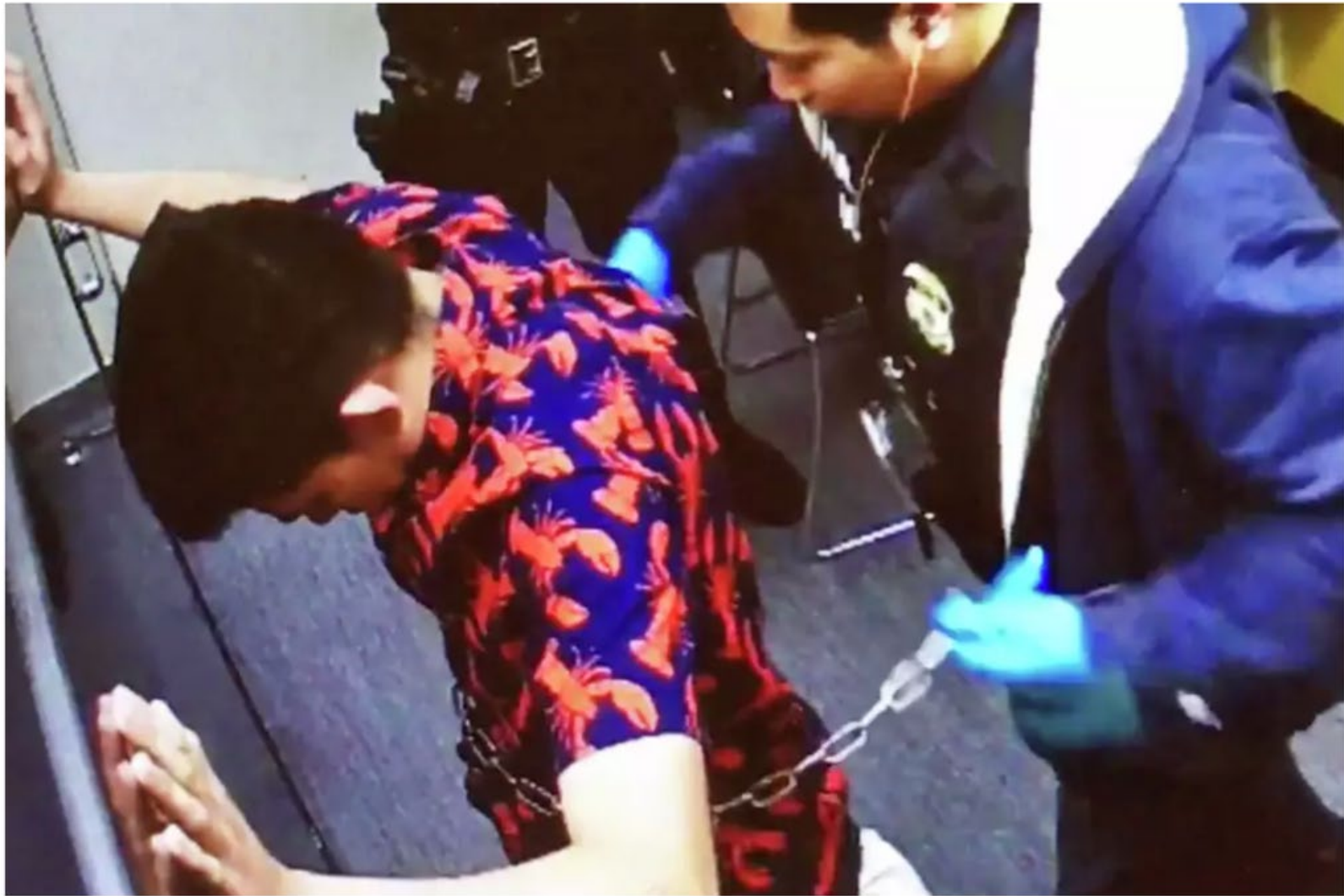
BAY AREA

Undocumented immigrant reported by Daly City police to ICE, prompting outcry

By Tatiana Sanchez, Reporter
Updated July 17, 2019 6:41 a.m.

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This screenshot of a video shows Jose Armando Escobar-Lopez being shackled by ICE as a Daly City police officer looks on.

NEWS

ICE detained immigrant reunited with family, SFPD admits fault

by El Tecolote StaffFebruary 11, 2016





Tuesday, June 29
100 Montgomery to 630 Sansome
San Francisco
ICE/EPS/SEPD



July, 8, 2025
630 Sansome

Recommendations

- Fund immigrant legal defense at the SF Public Defender's Office, SFILEN, SF Rapid Response Network
- Establish a fund to assist with immigration filing fees
- Ensure full compliance with Sanctuary laws
- Investigate and end inhumane conditions at ICE building at 630 Sansome Street



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