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Adult Arrests

9-114 Police Authority in Immigration Matters

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- A. The United States Code, 8 U.S.C. §1101, empowers the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, as the sole authority in immigration matters.
- B. The MPD works cooperatively with all federal agencies, but the MPD does not operate its programs for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws. In addition, City of Minneapolis Ordinance §19.30 prohibits undertaking “any law enforcement action for the purpose of detecting the presence of undocumented persons, or to verify immigration status,” except for a narrow exception for enforcing criminal laws such as relating to human trafficking and smuggling where immigration status is an element of the crime.
- C. Officers shall not undertake any law enforcement action for the purpose of detecting the presence of undocumented persons, or to verify immigration status, including but not limited to questioning any person about their immigration status.
 - 1. The **only exception** to this prohibition is when immigration status is an element of a crime. This is a very limited exception and applies only to the types of federal crimes prohibited under 8 U.S.C. §1324, that relate to the crimes of human trafficking and smuggling.
 - 2. When questioning, arresting, or detaining any person under this exception, the officer must articulate and document the reason the officer believes the exception applies.
- D. Officers will take reports for missing, lost or stolen identification cards for foreign nationals in accordance with P&P 4-600 Specific Report Policies and Procedures.