

RESPECT (Reinforcing Effective, Smart Policing and Enhancing Community Trust) POLICY

WHEREAS, entangling local law enforcement with federal immigration enforcement harms community policing efforts and erodes community trust, because immigrant residents who are victims of crime, witnesses to crime, or suspected of crime are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement when contact with law enforcement can result in deportation;

WHEREAS, there is no legal authority under which the federal government may compel an expenditure of state or local law enforcement agency resources to participate in immigration enforcement;

WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement agencies are not reimbursed by the federal government for the full cost of participating in immigration enforcement, which can include, but is not limited to, extended detention time, the administrative cost of compiling and reporting information, and the cost of providing federal immigration officials access to local law enforcement resources;

WHEREAS, there is no legal authority under which local law enforcement officials may arrest persons suspected of federal civil immigration violations;

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the Sheriff Department will no longer honor any I-247 detainer or administrative warrant from federal immigration officials as a legal basis to maintain custody of a person beyond the time when the person would otherwise have been released, unless accompanied by a criminal warrant signed by a U.S. magistrate judge.

"Administrative warrant" means an immigration warrant of arrest, order to detain or release aliens, notice of custody determination, notice to appear, removal order, warrant of removal, or any other document, issued by an immigration agent that can form the basis for an individual's arrest or detention for a civil immigration purpose.

Unless an immigration agent has a valid and properly issued criminal warrant, or law enforcement officials have a legitimate law enforcement purpose that is not related to the enforcement of immigration laws, no law enforcement official or other law enforcement agency personnel shall:

- 1) Allow immigration agents access to individuals or the use of agency facilities or resources for investigative interviews or other purposes;
- 2) Provide any detainee, inmate, or booking lists to federal immigration officials; or
- 3) Expend time or resources responding to inquiries or communicating with federal immigration officials regarding any person's incarceration status or release date.