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Washington County Releases Inmate to ICE

Washington, PA – Washington County Commissioners and Prison Officials coordinated with Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) to release Jose Turcios Salmeron, a foreign-born national from El Salvador, on January 23. He was being held on charges including aggravated and simple assault.

"Last year, the Washington County Correctional Facility released 2,178 incarcerated persons into the county.... of those, less than five were undocumented and sent to ICE. Last week, we booked five incarcerated individuals who face deportation once criminal due process has been completed," said Commissioner Nick Sherman.

"We want it crystal clear that Washington County is not a sanctuary county. I applaud the Trump Administration for their due diligence in helping clear criminal illegal aliens from our jail. The days of the catch and release policy are over," Sherman stated.

Criminal illegal aliens should not be our responsibility or a drain on our resources and tax dollars that should benefit legal residents and citizens. For decades, efforts to find and apprehend these criminals have not been given proper resources. President Trump is already making a significant step in fixing that problem," Sherman added.

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