

## Why You Should Consider Enrolling in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Victim Notification Program

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office is a federal government agency and as such, ICE's services are not guaranteed by the Colorado Victim Rights Act. This information is being provided to you as a courtesy from your local criminal justice agency.

If the offender in your case is placed in ICE custody, we encourage you to consider enrolling in the ICE's Victim Notification Program. The ICE Victim Notification Program provides notification on the status of adult offenders only.

### General Information about ICE and the Removal of Criminal Aliens:\*

\*This information is taken directly from the ICE Web Site <https://www.ice.gov/victim-notification>

- ICE can initiate removal proceedings against criminal aliens who are convicted of certain crimes.
- ICE takes custody of the inmate after the criminal alien has completed their federal or state criminal sentence.
- The removal process can take from several days to several months. Generally, the criminal alien remains in custody until ICE can remove the criminal alien to their country.
- On occasion, ICE may not be able to remove a criminal alien. This can happen for several reasons – the most common being the inability of ICE to secure travel authorization documents for the alien. Depending on the situation, ICE may have to release the criminal alien under an order of supervision or on bond.
- Although ICE makes every attempt to control illegal entry into the United States, ICE cannot ensure that the offender will not reenter the United States illegally.
- Once the criminal alien is placed in ICE custody, the Victim Notification Program will provide information to eligible victims and witnesses who register to be notified of release related activities.
- Victims and witnesses **must** submit the "Victim Request for Notification of Criminal Alien Status" form.
- ICE will make every effort to keep victims and witnesses advised of the release status of the offender. **Registered victims and witnesses will be advised when the criminal alien is released from custody or removed.**

### How do I sign up for the ICE Notification Program?

If you would like to be notified by the ICE Victim Notification Program, you should complete a Victim Notification Program Enrollment Form and send it to the ICE Victim Notification Program at the address provided on the enrollment form. The enrollment form can be obtained through the ICE

Victim Notification Program Web Site (<https://www.ice.gov/victim-notification>) or by contacting the ICE Victim Notification Program at 1-866-872-4973 or by email [victimassistance.ice@dhs.gov](mailto:victimassistance.ice@dhs.gov)

### **What Happens if You Enroll in the ICE Victim Notification Program?**

After you enroll in the ICE Victim Notification Program you will be notified of the following status changes of the offender:

- The release of the offender from ICE custody, and
- The deportation of the offender

Occasionally, ICE transfers criminal aliens between custodial facilities. ICE will not routinely notify victims or witnesses of these internal transfers; however, any victim or witness may learn the location of an offender by calling the Victim Notification Program 1-866-872-4973.

The ICE Victim Notification Program will not notify victims of the offender's immigration hearing; however, if you have previously submitted a victim impact statement to the court or parole board, you may forward that statement to the Victim Notification Program and request that it be presented to the government's attorney for consideration by the immigration judge. For information about a matter before the Immigration Court, you can call 1-800-898-7180; you will need the offender's alien number to access this automated system.