



Re: Information request

From Heather Zimmerman <HZimmerman@aclumaine.org>

Date Mon 4/7/2025 4:53 PM

To Scott R. Nichols <snichols@franklincountymaine.gov>

Dear Sheriff Nichols,

I am writing to check on the follow-up questions I sent for basic information about how your office and the Franklin County Detention Center are working with ICE and CBP. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

1. Is the Franklin County Detention Center currently holding any detainees for ICE or CBP? If yes, how many detainees for each agency? In addition, can you please provide your office's record of persons committed, including the cause and by what authority the persons have been committed.
2. I noticed that booking sheets for individuals held for CBP list the charge as "Hold for Border Patrol." Can you please explain what this charge designation means? Does the charge designation relate to a grant of authority for holding these individuals? If yes, can you please refer me to the relevant source of authority.

Sincerely,

Heather L. Zimmerman

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From: Heather Zimmerman <HZimmerman@aclumaine.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 3:21 PM

To: Scott R. Nichols <snichols@franklincountymaine.gov>

Subject: Re: Information request

Dear Sheriff Nichols,

I am writing with a couple of follow-up questions.

1. Is the Franklin County Detention Center currently holding any detainees for ICE or CBP? If yes, how many detainees for each agency? In addition, can you please provide your office's record of persons committed, including the cause and by what authority the persons have been committed.
2. I noticed that booking sheets for individuals held for CBP list the charge as "Hold for Border Patrol." Can you please explain what this charge designation means? Does the charge designation relate to a grant of authority for holding these individuals? If yes, can you please refer me to the relevant source of authority.

Thank you, again, for your assistance.

Best,

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From: Heather Zimmerman <HZimmerman@aclumaine.org>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 2:41 PM

To: Scott R. Nichols <SNichols@franklincountymaine.gov>

Subject: Re: Information request

Dear Sheriff Nichols,

Thank you for your quick response.

Best,

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From: Scott R. Nichols <SNichols@franklincountymaine.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 12:40 PM
To: Heather Zimmerman <HZimmerman@aclumaine.org>
Subject: RE: Information request

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Heather,

I am not aware of any contracts/documents that govern the relationship we have with ICE or CBP. We do not have any policies related to holding individuals for CBP/ICE.

From: Heather Zimmerman <HZimmerman@aclumaine.org>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 10:38 AM
To: Scott R. Nichols <SNichols@franklincountymaine.gov>
Cc: Anahita Sotoohi <asotoohi@aclumaine.org>
Subject: Information request

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Dear Sheriff Nichols,

I am writing to request some basic information about how your office and the Franklin County Detention Center are working with ICE and CBP. Can you please send me the following information and documents:

- A copy of the current contract or any other document governing the relationship between the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Detention Center, and ICE.
- Is the Franklin County Detention Center currently holding any ICE detainees? If yes, how many ICE detainees? Please also advise how we can receive regular information about the number and names of ICE detainees being held in the Franklin County Detention Center.
- A copy of the contract or any other document governing the relationship between the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County Detention Center, and CBP.
- Any policies or procedures related to holding individuals for CBP/ICE, including any policies or procedures related to ICE detainees.

Please let me know if I should direct this request to someone else at Franklin County Detention Center. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best wishes,

Heather L. Zimmerman

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