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The LVMPD Will No Longer Detain Persons on Federal Immigration Holds

Recent court decisions have raised Constitutional concerns regarding detention by local law enforcement agencies based solely on an immigration detainer request from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Until this area of the law is further clarified by the courts, effective immediately the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department will no longer honor immigration detainer requests unless one of the following conditions are met:

- 1. Judicial determination of Probable Cause for that detainer; or
- 2. Warrant from a judicial officer.

"This change has nothing to do with me taking a stand on the immigration issue" said Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie. "It has more to do with a situation we've found ourselves in and this is the best thing to do until the feds figure it out."

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department continues to work with our federal law enforcement partners and will continue to provide professional service to the Las Vegas community regardless of their immigration status in United States.

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