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Mark Silverstein, Legal Director  
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ACLU of Colorado  
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Ref: Immigration Detainers

Dear Mr. Silverstein and Ms. Wallace,

This letter will serve as a response to your e-mail I received on April 29, 2014, concerning Immigration Detainers. The Saguache County Jail does not hold immigration detainees based on I-247 Ice Holds or I-200 Ice Warrants. When a detainee is held on local charges and ICE places a hold on the detainee due to the detainee's illegal status, as soon as the detainee's case has reached a disposition, ICE is notified to pick up the detainee immediately. That usually results in driving time from Alamosa, Colorado. If, for some reason, ICE cannot pick up the detainee, the detainee is released. We are a small county jail and cannot take up our bed-space with ICE detainees.

Now that this has been brought to the forefront, and only having a verbal policy with my jail staff, I will be developing a written policy reflecting the fact that we do not hold Immigration Detainees based on ICE Detainers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Norris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mike Norris, Sheriff