May 1, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to inform that effective immediately the Skagit County Sheriff’s Office will cease to hold individuals in custody of the Skagit County Jail when the only authority for such custody is a request contained in a DHS ICE immigration detainer.

This decision is based largely on the recent court decisions that concluded that the immigration detainers are “requests” and that the detainers do not provide the necessary legal basis referred to as probable cause, for the County Jail to hold the named person in custody.

Respectfully,

Will Reichardt, Sheriff
Skagit County