

Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending July 18, 2026



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Know Your Rights: You can't protect your rights unless you know what they are. Here's a [2-page handout](#) prepared by OCSI. If you want a comprehensive resource library of KYR information, updated for 2026, Austin Kocher provides one [here](#).

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OCSI Corner

Do you need a speaker on immigration of “know your rights” for your local church, synagogue, or community group? Contact us at the email below. We can help!

ACTION ITEMS

**U.S. HOUSE MEMBERS VOTED YES TO
KEEP HAITIANS SAFE WITH T.P.S.**

350,000 fled Haiti to save their lives and now face uncertainty

Haitians with TPS are our neighbors, coworkers, parents, and friends.
They have built lives, raised families, and become part of our communities.
Senators voting YES on S. 4814 is a moral and human issue
One call and letter could help keep thousands of families safe together.

**ASK YOUR SENATOR TO VOTE
YES ON S. 4814**

**CALL YOUR
SENATOR AT:
(202) 224-3121**

Ask them to extend TPS for
Haiti and
keep our hard-working
neighbors here!

**SEND A LETTER
TO YOUR
SENATOR**

flic.fyi/TPS4HaitiNow

L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE

Demand accountability for ICE Shootings. [Use this tool](#) to urge your members of Congress to demand independent investigations, no more dollars for ICE and Border Patrol, and real guardrails to rein in lawless immigration enforcement.

PICK THREE (No time for all the reporting? Here are three important stories from the past week that you might have overlooked):

[They Were Charged with Assaulting ICE Agents. The Cases Are Crumbling](#) (New York Times, July 18, 2026): A close examination of hundreds of people charged with assaulting or impeding federal agents reveals that in its rush to meet White House demands for deportations, federal law enforcement has engaged in extensive misconduct — ranging from attacking protesters to destroying evidence and misrepresenting facts in court.

[Geo Employee Arrested in Shooting of Protester Outside Aurora ICE Facility](#)

(Colorado Public Radio, July 17, 2026): A woman was shot Thursday night after a protest outside the Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facility in Aurora. An employee of GEO Group, which operates the facility, was arrested in connection with the shooting.

[ICE Shared Medicaid Data It Wasn't Supposed to Have with Palantir](#) (NPR, July 17, 2026): After Medicaid officials improperly shared data about millions of people in January with immigration officials, ICE then shared that data with the data analytics firm Palantir, according to new court filings. Palantir operates an app called ELITE that is used by ICE agents to show the addresses of noncitizens who may be subject to deportation.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A makeshift memorial for Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero in Biddeford, Maine ([Story here](#))

MORE ICE-CAUSED DEATHS

Johan Sebastián Guerrero

[Lawmakers Demand Answers after 'Bombshell' Report of ICE Officer Shooting in Maine](#) (AP, July 17, 2026): Democratic members of Congress demanded answers about Homeland Security's vetting and training of immigration enforcement agents after it was disclosed Thursday that the ICE officer involved in a deadly shooting this week in Maine had a history of mental health issues and violent behavior. See, as well: [Ex-Wife Says ICE Agent Who Killed Man in Maine Had Racist Beliefs, Violent Tendencies](#) (NPR, July 17, 2026); [ICE Officer in Maine Shooting Has History of](#)

[Violent Behavior, Family and Records Say](#) (AP, July 16, 2026): and [The Shooter in Maine Was a New ICE Recruit](#) (Nick Miroff, The Atlantic, July 14, 2026).

[Who Was Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, the Man Killed by ICE in Biddeford?](#) (Portland Press Herald, July 14, 2026): The 26-year-old from Colombia was shot by federal immigration agents Monday morning.

Lorenzo Salgado Araujo

[A Texas Prosecutor Reveals New Details in an ICE Killing of a Houston Father](#) (AP, July 17, 2026): The U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Texas, said for the first time on Thursday that ICE officers were targeting two different Guatemalan men who were potentially subject to deportation. In an earlier statement released the day Salgado Araujo was killed, DHS said he was targeted in an immigration enforcement operation, and he was living in the country without legal permission.

[Bags in Van of ICE Victim Contained Salt, Not Drugs, Lawyer Says](#) (New York Times, July 16, 2026): Federal investigators said a “crystal-like” substance in the bags looked like methamphetamine. A lawyer for the victim’s brother said it was salt.

[Trump Admin Trying to Deport Witnesses Who Contradicted ICE Claims about Fatal Shooting](#) (Common Dreams, July 10, 2026): “ICE appears to have lied yet again about killing someone,” said one immigration expert.

[DHS Was Granted \\$20 Million for Body Cameras. ICE Agents in Fatal Houston Shooting Had None](#) (AP, July 10, 2026): No evidence has emerged to support DHS’ version of events — that an officer opened fire at Salgado Araujo after he rammed an ICE vehicle chasing his van. Witnesses deny those claims. Cameras could have helped shed light on what exactly took place.

Juan Jairo Coronilla Duran

[Wife Identifies Mexican Man Hit by Semi While Fleeing ICE in St. Augustine](#) (Spectrum News 13, July 17, 2026): His wife, Yésica Alamilla López, said Coronilla Duran was a father of two who arrived in the United States three weeks ago to work. She said he entered with a tourist visa. “He had a tourist visa and had been here in the United States for a short time — only three weeks,” she said after arriving at Orlando International Airport from Mexico. “He had been in Florida for just two days.”

[Man Fleeing Immigration Officers in Florida Is Struck and Killed by Tractor Trailer, Police Say](#) (AP, July 14, 2026): A man running from an encounter with immigration and other federal agents in Florida was struck and killed by a tractor trailer on Tuesday, authorities said.

Other Related News

[42 Days: How ICE Gutted Training and Built a Deadly Deportation Force](#) (Lisa Gonzalez Substack, July 18, 2026): DHS gave ICE officers the power to stop vehicles, detain people, use force, and carry loaded guns. Once ICE puts them on the street, they decide who to stop, who to restrain, and when to draw or fire their weapons. One bad decision can turn deadly.

[Inside Trump's Reversal on ICE](#) (The Atlantic, July 15, 2026): Attacks from immigration hard-liners had the president worried about looking weak. See, as well: [Furious Trump Overturns Suspension of ICE Traffic Stops Amid MAGA Criticism](#) (CNN, July 15, 2026).

[Fatal ICE Shootings Renew Pressure on Trump's Mass Deportations](#) (Washington Post, July 15, 2026): Trump came to the defense of immigration agents whose enforcement surge led to three deaths in the past week, countermanding Tuesday's suspension of traffic stops that was imposed to contain the damage.

[Every ICE Arrest Team Will Now Have an Agent with a Body Camera, DHS Says, after 2 Fatal Shootings Draw Scrutiny](#) (CBS News, July 15, 2026): "Ensuring all of our ICE law enforcement officers have body cameras nationwide is a top priority for DHS," the department said in a statement.

[These Are the 17 Mexicans Whose ICE-Related Deaths Prompted Mexico to Demand Accountability](#) (CNN, July 14, 2026): Mexico began filing complaints to US state and federal prosecutors to request criminal investigations, and sent cease-and-desist letters to private companies that manage US detention centers where Mexican immigrants have died.

SUPREME COURT RULINGS: BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

[Stephen Miller Is Outraged over Birthright Citizenship. His Arguments Are Nonsense](#) (Sidney Blumenthal, Guardian, July 12, 2026): Trump's immigration architect calls the supreme court's decision 'outrageous' as he pushes for policy rooted in genetics, not law.

LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[Did ICE Access Columbus Flock Data? CPD Says No, But Data Say Otherwise](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 17, 2026): Columbus police say U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement never accessed data from the city's Flock license-plate camera system, but an arm of the federal agency had a pilot program to directly access the system for two months in 2025.

[Franklin County Sheriff Admits Jail Violated His ICE Detention Policy](#) (Columbus Dispatch, July 13, 2026): ICE has arrested over 100 people at Franklin County jails in 2025 and 2026, according to agency data.

RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[Citizens Bank Ends Relationship with ICE Prison Companies after Months of Protest](#) (WGBH, July 17, 2026): Citizens Bank, one of the largest financial institutions in New England, announced it will be ending its financial relationship with prison companies connected with ICE after months of public outcry and hundreds of millions being divested due to the bank's relationship with Core Civic and The GEO Group — two companies that invest and operate in prisons used to detain ICE arrestees.

[Plainclothes ICE Agents Left Man Partially Handcuffed at Las Vegas Airport after Being Confronted by Onlookers, Video Shows](#) (CNN, July 17, 2026): During the encounter, onlookers stopped and can be heard on video questioning the ICE agents. Some of the travelers briefly followed the agents, asking who they were.

[He Died in Venezuela's Earthquakes a Day after the US Deported Him. Now His Mother Is Seeking Justice](#) (CNN, July 17, 2026): It's not yet clear how many of Daniel's fellow deportees were killed alongside him that day – unconfirmed reports suggest possibly as many as 12.

[ICE Is Out of Control. Here's What to Do About It](#) (Radley Balko, New York Times, July 16, 2026): There is one viable path to greater accountability. The Supreme Court has essentially left it to Congress to determine the degree to which federal officials can be liable for constitutional violations. If the Democrats retake the House and the Senate in November, that will set the stage for individuals to sue ICE, Border Patrol and other agencies for constitutional violations and wrongful deaths.

[‘Fear, Intimidation, Violence’: Calls Mount to Remove ICE from US Streets after Agents Killed Two Men](#) (Guardian, July 15, 2026): Agents killed Joan Sebastián Durán Guerrero in Maine and Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Texas, even though both were not targets of enforcement action.

[Flock's Surveillance Cameras Face Another Blow as LAPD Won't Renew the Contract](#) (Military.com, July 14, 2026): Thirty-nine Flock contracts were terminated in the first five months of 2026.

[Activists Renew Calls for Stronger Policy and More Transparency with Flock Cameras](#) (WOSU, July 14, 2026): Activists are renewing their calls for stronger policy and more transparency around police surveillance after the release of the audit of Flock surveillance cameras on Friday afternoon by the Columbus Division of Police.

[ICE Took Her from Her Children. Here's How Lawyers Raced to Free Her](#) (San Francisco Chronicle, July 13, 2026): A legal network helps immigrants arrested by ICE file habeas petitions to free them from illegal detention.

THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

[Appeals Court Reverses Decision on Immigrant Detention, Leaving No-Bond Policy in Place](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 15, 2026): The far-right 5th Circuit Court of Appeals has reversed a July 2 panel decision requiring bond hearings for immigrants held under the Trump administration's mandatory detention policy.

[Our Immigration Courts No Longer Offer Even the Veneer of Fairness](#) (The Hill, July 14, 2026): In total, since Trump's inauguration, the Board of Immigration Appeals has issued more than 120 precedent decisions that set rules or legal standards for future immigration cases — more than triple the monthly average over the past 10 years — with all but one procedural decision going against the immigrant.

ICE BUCKET

[The Use of Force Has Become a 'Default Tool' for ICE Officers, a New Report Finds](#) (NPR, July 16, 2026): A new report by the ACLU documents widespread use of force by ICE.

[Indiana, ICE and the Destruction of Immigrant Families](#) (Greg Constantine, Mother Jones, July 16, 2026): In less than eighteen months, Indiana has emerged as one of the Trump administration's most faithful and obliging accomplices in the assault, detention and deportation of immigrants in the country.

['Misuse' of Crowd-Control Weapons on ICE Protesters Led to Blindings and Traumatic Brain Injuries, Report Finds](#) (Guardian, July 14, 2026): Doctors and human rights experts documented hundreds of incidents from June 2025 through May 2026 and estimate true number is 'far greater.'

[ICE Arrested at Least 30 Kansas City Residents During the World Cup in Deportation Push](#) (KCUR, July 13, 2026): As the Trump administration continues to bolster deportation efforts, local advocacy groups have reported a rise in immigrant arrests between June 15 and July 3, while Kansas City hosted World Cup matches.

[ICE Crackdown Leaves Many International Adoptees Scrambling to Prove Their Citizenship](#) (Sahan Journal, July 13, 2026): As many as 200,000 international adoptees lack citizenship, often because their parents never completed the

naturalization process for them. And even with the right paperwork, many face the threat of racial profiling.

EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

Targeting Children

[Number of Immigrant Kids in Georgia Foster Care Growing amid ICE Crackdown](#) (Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 13, 2026): Georgia's child welfare system is facing increased demand for services from the children of deported immigrants at a time when the system is already strained.

Detention and Deportation and Death

[ICE Arrests Human Rights Lawyer Who Fled Chinese Crackdown](#) (Guardian, July 17, 2026): Arrest in Pennsylvania of Wu Shaoping, who is awaiting asylum decision, raises fears of deportation and persecution.

[ICE Reports 22nd Detention Death of 2026: Jesus Manuel Arenas-Silva](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 15, 2026): Jesus Manuel Arenas-Silva died during a transfer out of the Irwin County Detention Center, four days after his arrest. He is the 50th person to die in detention under Trump II, 60th total ICE death.

[The Next Frontier of the Deportation Wars: College Campuses](#) (The Bulwark, July 11, 2026): A new campaign against Flock, whose camera imagery and license-plate data are used by law enforcement and ICE to find people.

Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty

[Trump Administration Revives Rule that Could Deny Green Cards to Immigrants Who Use Public Benefits](#) (AP, July 16, 2026): The Trump administration is reviving a rule that could deny green cards to immigrants who use public benefits that could include food stamps, Medicaid, housing vouchers and others.

[The Biggest Change to International Students' Visas in Decades Is Official](#) (Chronicle of Higher Education, July 16, 2026): Colleges now have two months to comply with sharp limits on how long foreigners are allowed to remain in the United States.

BY THE NUMBERS

[Amid Increased Scrutiny, ICE Detention and Deportation Data Goes Dark](#) (Lauren Villagran, The Marshall Project, July 15, 2026): ICE says 'millions' of immigrants have left or been deported in Trump's crackdown. But where are the receipts?

[This Week by the \(Immigration\) Numbers](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, July 11, 2026): Data from the past week.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

[Thomson Reuters Is Profiting Off of ICE's Reigh of Terror](#) (Carl Ginsburg, The Nation, July 16, 2026): The company sells massive quantities of personal data to private industry and government agencies.

[The US Has Entered a National Era of Cruelty](#) (Tom Roberts, National Catholic Reporter, July 16, 2026): What we are witnessing is not a change in immigration policy. What we are witnessing today is government-directed human rights abuses that are, by any measure, immoral and gratuitously heartless.

[Locked Away](#) (Jonathan Blitzer, New Yorker, July 13, 2026): On a military base in West Texas, where the government has built a sprawling tent complex to hold thousands of immigrants, deprivation and dire conditions are part of the design.

[High Court Rulings Back Broad Executive Authority on Immigration](#) (Andrew Kreighbaum, Bloomberg Law, July 13, 2026): The US Supreme Court in its latest term overwhelmingly sided with the Trump administration in immigration decisions limiting asylum claims, weakening rights of green card holders, and undermining deportation protections for more than a million immigrants.

[White House Defends 1882 Immigration Law Excluding Chinese Immigrants](#) (Stuart Anderson, Forbes, July 13, 2026): A White House report has defended the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, pushing back against its characterization by a Smithsonian Institution exhibit that the law was racially motivated.

[Trump Makes Self Deportation Sound Simple. Immigration Law Says Otherwise](#) (Dara Lind, Documented, July 10, 2026): The Trump administration makes "self-deportation" seem straightforward and painless — even lucrative. But what kind of deal are immigrants actually getting?