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## Overview

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) is deploying the Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS) to transmit informational messages to a state, notifying them that a subject (who has a conviction documented in ICE's system with specific NCIC charges) is being released from ICE custody.

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## Purpose

The message is for situational and public safety awareness only. Law enforcement agencies are not expected to take any enforcement actions based solely on this notification, but should still follow their local enforcement procedures. It is up to you to elect with whom to share the information; you can forward the messages, as needed.

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## Technical Process

- Each message is automatically generated by the ICE system of record and sent through NLETS to a state-identified ORI
- ICE can transmit the AM message to any (one) ORI the state requests
- Subjects who are released from custody in one state and who will be residing in a different state will generate two messages: one to the receiving State Identification Bureau (SIB), and one to the SIB from which the person is departing ICE custody

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## Additional Information

- **WHAT:** The LENS message includes basic biographic information and the address where the alien has indicated he/she will reside. The crime is not indicated, but the FBI number is provided for your awareness.
- **WHY:** On occasion, ICE may not be able to remove a criminal alien (for instance, when ICE is not able to secure travel authorization documents for the alien), so ICE may have to release the criminal alien under an order of supervision or on a bond.

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## Deployment

ICE is currently testing the system in several states and plans to have the system fully operational by September 30, 2015.

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## Support

- Law Enforcement inquiries regarding a Subject of a LENS message should be directed to the Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) at (802) 872-6050 or via the NLETS Administrative Message (AM) to VTINS07S0
- Public and media inquiries regarding the LENS program should be directed to the ICE Office of Public Affairs (OPA) at ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov or (202) 732-4242.