Rauner's sanctuary law born in DuPage County

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Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner

The sanctuary law signed by Gov. Bruce Rauner in August, and now dogging him in his primary fight against State Rep. Jeanne Ives (R-Wheaton), had its beginnings in DuPage County.

In February 2017, DuPage County Sheriff John Zaruba instructed his corrections and jail staffers to no longer honor detainer requests by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) covering jailed illegal aliens. The memo was sent six months before Rauner signed the “Trust Act,” making Illinois a sanctuary state.

The memo from Sgt. Tim Schoenenberger, dated February 17, reads in part:

“Effective immediately, per Sheriff [John] Zaruba, we will no longer be holding inmates with the detainers ICE sends. If someone is being released from the [jail] facility, these detainers will NOT be a reason to hold them.”

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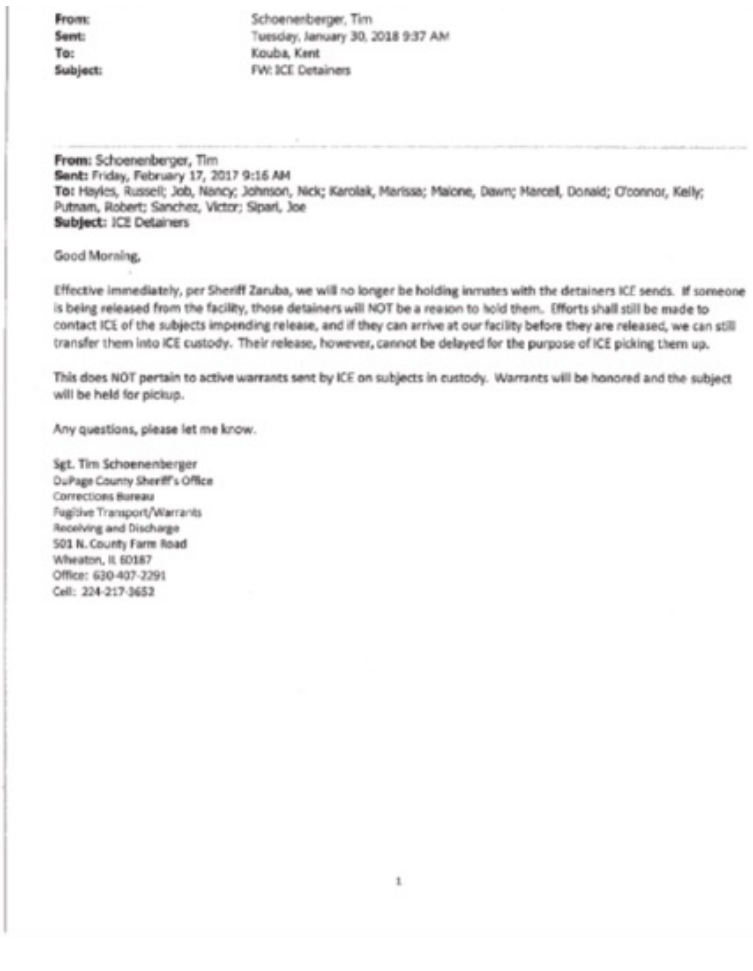

From: Schoenenberger, Tim
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Kouba, Kent
Subject: FW: ICE Detainers

From: Schoenenberger, Tim
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Hayles, Russell; Job, Nancy; Johnson, Nick; Karolak, Marissa; Malone, Dawn; Marcell, Donald; O'connor, Kelly; Putnam, Robert; Sanchez, Victor; Sipari, Joe
Subject: ICE Detainers

Good Morning,

Effective immediately, per Sheriff Zaruba, we will no longer be holding inmates with the detainers ICE sends. If someone is being released from the facility, those detainers will NOT be a reason to hold them. Efforts shall still be made to contact ICE of the subjects impending release, and if they can arrive at our facility before they are released, we can still transfer them into ICE custody. Their release, however, cannot be delayed for the purpose of ICE picking them up.

This does NOT pertain to active warrants sent by ICE on subjects in custody. Warrants will be honored and the subject will be held for pickup.

Any questions, please let me know.

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The public, and even most members of Zaruba's staff, were unaware of the order until it became public last week under a Freedom of Information Act request.

"Unbelievable that a memo was sent prior to the Rauner bill signing," Ives, who has repeatedly called out the governor for signing the sanctuary bill into law, told the Prairie State Wire. "I am disappointed DuPage County went this direction, and hid it from residents. As a resident of DuPage, I would like an explanation."

Zaruba, who is retiring, did not return a call for comment.

James Mendrick, patrol commander and a candidate for DuPage County sheriff, said that he and the 400 deputies in the office knew nothing about the memo until late last week. He looked into it when he found out.

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"On February 15, a group calling itself DuPage County Progressives posted on Facebook that there were going to have a meeting with Zaruba about making DuPage a sanctuary county," Mendrick told the Prairie State Wire. "They met on February 16 and on the 17th the memo comes out. It disturbs me to think that the meeting led to the memo but what else can I conclude."

Attention Press Conference: For a Sanctuary County In DuPage tomorrow morning
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What? Press Conference: For a Sanctuary County In DuPage!
Where? Dupage County Sheriff John Zaruba's office, 501 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton IL
When? Thursday, February 16, 10:15am
Press Contacts: Rafael Vieyra 630 965-1694; Cristobal Cavazos

After a series of 3 emergency community meetings regarding the immanent threats and dangers our immigrant brothers and sisters face with the Trump Presidency, we have come together and seek to further come together, to launch a new ecumenical, grassroots Immigrant Solidarity Campaign in DuPage County, consisting of: a Rapid Response Network Deportation network; A Series of Know your Rights Trainings; Solidarity with our Muslim neighbors and perhaps most importantly a popular campaign to make DuPage County Sheriff John Zaruba to declare Dupage County a Sanctuary County, similar to other Sanctuary cities and counties in the US. i

With Members of Immigrant Solidarity DuPage, the local clergy and Community Activists in DuPage. Says Julieta Alcantar Garcia: We are for a Sanctuary of Love in DuPage not of hate, in this climate of anger and fear, lets let our immigrant brothers and sisters know that they are welcome here!

Mendrick said that the policy change by Zaruba will be difficult to reverse given that Illinois is now a sanctuary state, but that he would work through the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, if elected, to get the law amended to cover violent crimes.

"We should at the very least be permitted to hold someone for something like domestic battery for 48 hours," Mendrick said. "ICE often needs that amount of time to pick someone up. Now as soon as they bond out, they're gone."

Denise Cattoni, founder of the Illinois Tea Party and a Lisle resident in DuPage County, said she was "outraged" when she found out that DuPage had secretly become a sanctuary county.

"Before Rauner signed the bill, he asked my advice on it," Cattoni told the Prairie State Wire. "I told him if he signed it he would lose grass-roots support that helped him get elected the first time. At the time, I had no idea that DuPage had already become a sanctuary county. I hate to think we were first in this."

Kouba, Kent

From: Schoenenberger, Tim
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Kouba, Kent
Subject: FW: Detainer and Warrant

From: Schoenenberger, Tim
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Lapinski, Emma L
Subject: RE: Detainer and Warrant

Unfortunatley no. Our Sheriff says we can only hold them on warrants, so we'd need samething signed by a judge in order to hold them. To be clear, we will still annotate that you want them based on those detainers, and contact you when we know they'll be getting out, in the hopes that you can come get them before we have to release them. We just aren't allowed to delay their release based on the detainers.

From: Lapinski, Emma L [mailto:Emma.L.Lapinski@ice.dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Schoenenberger, Tim
Subject: Detainer and Warrant

Tim:

The attached is what I would normally send for each person that I'd like you to hold for us (just an example, I sent this over last week). Is this acceptable for you guys to hold them until the next morning for us to pick up?

Thanks,

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