

# *Florida police collaborate with ICE in crackdown on immigrant communities*

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Miami, April 25 (RHC)-- U.S. federal immigration agents in Florida have announced Operation Tidal Wave, a first-of-its-kind coordinated effort with state police that's seeking to arrest 800 undocumented immigrants this week.

Some 230 Florida law enforcement agencies have signed on to an initiative that allows ICE to deputize officers to act as immigration agents.

In other news, in the U.S. state of Vermont, agents with U.S. Customs and Border Protection raided the state's largest dairy farm, arresting eight immigrant workers who've since been jailed at the Northwest State Correctional Facility.

According to media reports, it's the largest immigration enforcement action in Vermont's recent history.

Republican Governor Phil Scott responded to the raid by calling on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform, writing in a statement: "Migrant workers are an essential part of our communities. They are our neighbors and friends, have kids in our schools, shop at our businesses, and play an important role in our economy and workforce."

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