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Jessica M. Vaughan  
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Re: Follow up - Sanctuary Cities, Counties, and States

Dear Ms. Vaughan:

Thank you for your reply. We appreciate the opportunity to answer your question and to clarify.

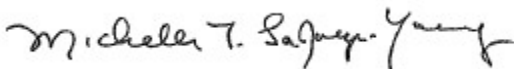
Under the current Kent County Sheriff's Office policy regarding ICE hold requests, authority to hold can be accomplished in one of two ways.

1. As in any case, the individual may be held on a judicial warrant signed by a judge or magistrate;  
**OR**
2. The hold can be upon request by ICE, with review and approval by the Office of the Sheriff or Correctional Facility Captain. An I-247 request, signed by an authorized immigration officer, and a I-200 administrative Warrant for Arrest of Alien signed by authorized immigration officer with the "Certificate of Service" portion completed must be received for the inmate. Departmental review confirms that the requisite authority to detain is in place.

Kent County is committed to continue working collaboratively with ICE on these matters to ensure public safety, due process, and the rule of law for all. We respectfully request the immediate removal of Kent County's designation as a sanctuary county from your website because it is factually inaccurate.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Michelle LaJoye-Young  
Kent County Sheriff



Al Vanderberg  
County Administrator/Controller