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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO DIVISION

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; EDMUND G.
BROWN, JR., GOVERNOR OF
CALIFORNIA, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY; AND XAVIER BECERRA,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA,
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2:18-CV-490

DECLARATION OF ASSISTANT FIELD OFFICE
DIRECTOR APRIL JACQUES

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I, April Jacques, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am an Assistant Field Officer Director with U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), in the San Francisco Field Office of the San Francisco Area of Responsibility (AOR). I have held this position since December 2017. In this position, I manage immigration enforcement operations in eleven counties in northern California, to wit: San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, San Mateo, and Del Norte.
2. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management from the Union Institute and University.
3. I have 12 years of law enforcement experience with ICE ERO. From April 2006 to May 2011, I was an Immigration Enforcement Agent with the Fresno, California ERO office. In May 2011, I was promoted to Deportation Officer in that office and I served in that position until I was promoted to Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer in September 2015. I served

1 as a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer in the Fresno, California office from
2 September 2015 until I was promoted to AFOD in December 2017.

- 3 4. I am aware that Defendants filed an opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction
4 in the case of *United States v. California*, et al., 2:18-cv-490. I have reviewed the declarations
5 of Joe Dominic and Holly S. Cooper, ECF Nos. 75 and 75-6, filed in support of Defendants'
6 opposition. The facts in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge or upon
7 information provided to me in my official capacity.
- 8 5. After January 1, 2018, the following counties will no longer provide notification to ICE of an
9 alien's release date after a detainer has been lodged with that county's jail: Modoc, Nevada,
10 Trinity, and Yuba.
- 11 6. After January 1, 2018, Monterey County Jail (MCJ) changed its policy because of SB 54,
12 which has been overly burdensome for the ICE ERO San Jose office. MCJ now only notifies
13 ICE of release dates sometimes and only after ICE re-lodges the detainer the Pacific
14 Enforcement Response Center (PERC) previously lodged, and provides additional
15 documentary evidence that the alien meets the criminal history criteria established by SB 54.
- 16 7. After January 1, 2018, due to the change in MCJ's policy, the ICE ERO San Jose office found
17 it necessary to reallocate resources to identify, investigate, and follow-up on detainees lodged
18 by the PERC with the MCJ to prevent removable aliens from being released to the street.
19 Specifically, the ERO San Jose office has assigned a Supervisory Detention and Deportation
20 Officer and five Deportation Officers (DOs), and hired one new Enforcement and Removal
21 Assistant (ERA) to focus on MCJ cases and perform the additional work necessary to convince
22 the jail to notify and release the alien to ICE. For example, the ERA officer sorts through the
23 multiple detainees lodged by the PERC with the different county jails and identifies and
24 separates those detainees lodged with MCJ and distributes them to the DOs; the DOs need to
25 verify SB 54 eligibility in each case by running a criminal history; the DOs then affirmatively
26 communicate with the jail regarding the case and attach the same detainer previously lodged
27 with the administrative warrant and provide additional documentation of criminal history
28 establishing SB 54 criteria; MCJ must then verify the alien meets SB 54 criteria based on the

1 information provided by the DO and later send a confirmation e-mail to the DO regarding SB
2 54 eligibility; the DOs thereafter continue to track the case by following up with the jail to
3 confirm release dates after each court date.

4 8. Between January 1, 2018 and June 7, 2018, the ICE ERO San Jose Office determined that two
5 hundred and five detainees were lodged with MCJ for aliens who had been arrested. Only
6 forty-two of the two hundred and five detainees lodged with the jail met the limiting criminal
7 history criteria of SB 54. Of those forty-two detainees lodged with the jail, only twelve aliens
8 were released to ICE, and at least four aliens were released to the street without prior
9 notification. All four aliens had multiple convictions. They each had at least one qualifying
10 SB 54 conviction for either battery on spouse, in violation of Cal. Penal Code (CPC) §
11 243(e)(1), false imprisonment, in violation of CPC § 236, or inflicting corporal injury on
12 spouse, in violation of CPC § 273.5(a). The four aliens released by MCJ without prior
13 notification to ICE have not been apprehended by ICE and are presumed to be at large.

14 9. Even though ERO has access to CLETs, the "Start Date of Supervision" contained in the
15 Supervised Release File (SRF) is not a reliable source for determining release dates because
16 the start date of supervision or probation is not necessarily the same date that the county jail
17 releases the alien and there is no information contained in the system to confirm the dates are
18 the same. In addition, aliens arrested -- but not yet convicted -- who are deemed a priority for
19 immigration enforcement would not even have a SRF. As a result, ICE ERO generally did not
20 use CLETs as a primary source for determining release dates; rather, the county jail release
21 dates are more reliable and accurate.

22 10. The ICE ERO San Francisco AOR has existing contracts with four facilities in California to
23 house only immigration adult detainees: Contra Costa West County Detention Facility, Rio
24 Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC), Yuba County Jail, and the Mesa Verde Detention
25 Facility. The ICE contract with RCCC will expire on June 30, 2018, because the Sacramento
26 County Board of Supervisors recently voted not to renew that contract. The ICE San Francisco
27 AOR does not house juveniles (unaccompanied or accompanied children), and to my
28 knowledge, ICE does not house any juveniles in other jurisdictions within California. All

1 contract facilities must meet ICE applicable detention standards and are regularly inspected by
2 ICE according to the applicable standards. The three county jail facilities must comply with
3 the ICE 2000 National Detention Standards. The privately-run Mesa Verde Detention Facility
4 falls under the ICE 2011 Performance-Based Detention Standards since it began housing ICE
5 detainees in 2015. The 2000 and 2011 applicable detention standards, which are publicly
6 available, provide threshold requirements for detainees, including medical and mental health
7 screening and care, access to telephones, legal materials and legal counsel while detained at
8 the facilities. If, after an ICE inspection, a facility has been found deficient in certain
9 requirements, it is provided notice and a reasonable period to remedy the problems identified
10 during the inspection process. In 2017, each facility within the ICE ERO San Francisco AOR
11 was inspected by ICE under the applicable detention standards and all facilities ultimately
12 passed.

- 13 11. Ms. Cooper alleges that during a visit of the Mesa Verde Detention Facility after it had recently
14 opened in 2015, she expressed concern over seemingly insufficient medical staffing. However,
15 Ms. Cooper, either does not know, or fails to mention, that the facility hired several additional
16 medical staff since she visited in 2015. The Mesa Verde Detention Facility is more than
17 adequately staffed to handle the detainee population of less than 400. The medical staff
18 includes a Doctor, Psychiatrist, three Licensed Social Workers, and several LVNs, RNs, Nurse
19 Practitioners, a Dentist and his assistant, and a Health Service Administrator and his clerical
20 staff.

1 12. Ms. Cooper alleges that the ICE facilities have inadequate mental health care, but fails to
2 mention that the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California consistently found
3 ICE in substantial compliance with the Implementation Order in *Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder*,
4 2014 WL 5475097 (C.D. Cal. 2014) during the three-year monitoring period, and thus,
5 terminated monitoring in April 2018. *Franco-Gonzalez* provides for certain medical/mental
6 health screenings by specific qualified medical staff and information-sharing procedures at all
7 ICE facilities (including contract facilities) in California, Washington, and Arizona.

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9 Executed in San Francisco, California on this 8th day of June 2018.

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12 April Jacques
13 Assistant Field Office Director
14 ICE ERO San Francisco