

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between  
the

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

and

**Kern County Sheriff's Office**

ICE OI Directives 05-006 and 05-007

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## **I. Purpose**

*The above listed law enforcement agency and ICE agree that effective enforcement of the laws relating to ICE jurisdiction requires close cooperation and coordination between the two agencies, and have therefore entered into this agreement to govern the use of ICE designations by certain employees of your agency.*

## **II. Agreement**

*There may be instances when it may be desirable on occasion for certain sworn law enforcement employees of your agency to be able to perform certain ICE duties. Pursuant to section 401(l), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1401(l)), the Secretary of Homeland Security or his/her designee is authorized to designate persons as Customs Officers (Excepted) who are designated to perform the duties of an ICE Officer. The designated Customs Officers will have the authority to enforce "Customs" laws. This agreement does not grant the designated Customs Officers the authority to enforce "Immigration" laws.*

*The forms and authorities referenced herein may be renamed or replaced by ICE without prejudice to this agreement.*

*The two agencies have, therefore, entered into an agreement as follows:*

### **A. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agrees:**

1. *to designate certain employees of your agency as Customs Officers (Excepted), without additional compensation, to perform the duties shown on the attached "Designation, Customs Officer" form (which is hereby made part of the agreement);*
2. *to provide appropriate training in Customs laws, policies, and procedures to the designated employees;*
3. *to issue a "Designation, Customs Officer," as described in A1 above to each qualified employee;*
4. *to advise your officers regarding any court proceedings that question any seizures or arrests that are made in accordance with this agreement;*
5. *to process, under appropriate regulations, any injury claim submitted as a result of injuries occurring to local law officers acting pursuant to this agreement, for compensation under the Federal Employee Workers Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. 8101, et. seq.):*

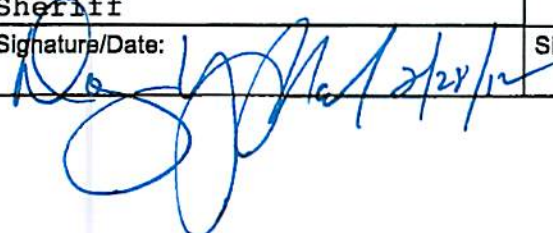
**B. The above listed law enforcement agency agrees:**

1. to advise ICE of each situation in which the agency proposes to use an ICE designation;
2. that ICE designations to employees of your agency will be used only in situations where there has been specific advance approval by the appropriate Special Agent in Charge or Resident Agent in Charge. Designations will be used only for the duration of the specified law enforcement activity for which the approval was extended, and to the extent of such approval.
3. that only personnel who are sworn law enforcement officers of your agency and who successfully complete the appropriate ICE cross-designation training and received a "Designation, Customs Officer" form will be granted Customs Officer status;
4. to report to ICE, in writing, the results of all activity undertaken by the designated Customs Officer as a consequence of the Customs cross designation authority;
5. to advise ICE of each court proceeding in which the validity of ICE search, seizures, or arrest authority has become an issue; and to permit ICE to provide legal memoranda or other assistance in such cases when desired by ICE.
6. to follow ICE directives and instructions that are applicable to ICE concerning ICE search, seizure, and arrest authority;
7. to return all ICE equipment and identification if issued, when a cross designated officer terminates employment for any reason.

**Both agencies agree to:**

1. recognize that any abuse of ICE cross designation authority may lead to the revocation of such cross designations by ICE;
2. agree to exchange implementing instructions prior to issuance; and
3. agree to schedule periodic meetings to review this agreement.

*This Memorandum of Understanding is an internal agreement between government agencies. It does not create or confer any rights, privileges, or benefits for any private person or party.*

<b>Approved By Law Enforcement Agency</b>	<b>Approved By ICE</b>
Name of Agency: Kern County Sheriff's Office	ICE Agency:
Name: Donny Youngblood	Name:
Title: Sheriff	Title:
Signature/Date:  2/28/12	Signature/Date: