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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND IMMIGRATION

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You asked (1) whether the Department of Correction (DOC) has a protocol to notify an inmate's country of origin when an inmate in a Connecticut prison is not a U.S. citizen or is not legally documented, (2) whether DOC turns these inmates over for deportation proceedings or releases them at the end of their sentences, and (3) how many inmates currently are not U.S. citizens or are not legally documented. This report updates OLR Report [2007-R-0706](#).

DOC does not have a protocol to notify an inmate's country of origin when that person is not a U.S. citizen or does not have legal documentation.

Each month, DOC provides a list of foreign born individuals to Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement (ICE). ICE then investigates their status. If ICE is interested in an individual, ICE places the person under a federal detainer. An inmate under a federal detainer will be picked up by federal officials for federal proceedings on completion of his or her sentence in Connecticut. DOC will hold the individual until he or she is picked up by federal authorities.

On October 26, 2011, ICE had an interest in:

1. 620 sentenced inmates,
2. 141 unsentenced inmates, and
3. 33 sentenced inmates under DOC supervision in the community.

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