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Sheriff's Officers to Be Trained in Immigration Law

SOMERVILLE: Somerset County Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano announced today that he met with officials from Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) and is actively evaluating his office's participation in Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

If the Sheriff's Office joins the program, Somerset County corrections officers will be trained to assist ICE federal authorities in performing immigration functions, including the investigation of immigration status and the enforcement of immigration laws. All training and equipment will be paid for by the federal government and all activity related to the enforcement of immigration laws will be overseen by ICE's regional office.

"I'm very interested in having some of my officers participate in this program," said Sheriff Provenzano. "Law enforcement officers need to use all tools available to them. By working in cooperation with the federal government, we will know exactly who we have in our county jail."

Currently, the Somerset County Jail reports the names of all foreign born inmates to ICE on a weekly basis. ICE then determines the status of individuals of interest and will take action against anyone who is here illegally. In the event of serious criminal offenses, ICE is notified immediately.

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