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Far-left Dems Nearly Cause Riot at ICE Detention Center; Arrests Are “on the Table”

Three Democratic members of Congress and a Democratic mayor nearly started a riot at an illegal-alien detention facility in New Jersey on Friday, and might well be arrested for assaulting federal agents.

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka [was arrested](#). Far-left U.S. Representatives [Bonnie Watson Coleman](#), [Rob Menendez](#), and [LaMonica McIver](#), all of New Jersey, might well find themselves facing charges. Their arrest and indictment are still “on the table,” a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spokesman said.

Video shows McIver pushing and shoving ICE agents during the Democrat-provoked pandemonium at the Delaney Hall detention center. The out-of-control Democrats, of course, claim they were wronged. They were only there to conduct “oversight,” they said. ICE, they allege, started the trouble.



AP Images

Delaney Hall immigration detention center in Newark, N.J.

□WATCH: US Congresswoman, LaMonica McIver (wearing a red blazer), storms the gate of Delaney Hall Detention Center ASSAULTING an ICE agent. pic.twitter.com/4Q1deds1tl

— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [May 10, 2025](#)

The Video

Video shows McIver push and shove Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. The congresswoman plowed into one like a NFL linebacker. Joining McIver in the fracas were, again, Watson Coleman and Menendez.

DHS spokesman Tricia McLaughlin told Fox News the day after the near-riot:

“If it was a typical U.S. citizen, and they tried to storm into a detention facility that’s housing dangerous criminals or any person at all, they would be arrested,”

Just because you are a member of Congress or just because you’re a public official, does not mean you are above the law.

[McLaughlin told](#) CNN that “we actually have body camera footage of these members of Congress assaulting these ICE enforcement officers, including body slamming a female ICE officer.” Arrests are “definitely on the table.”



Dems Blame ICE

For their part, the Democrats blame ICE ... of course.

“Since DHS has been lying about this, allow me to correct the record. This scuffle, during which an ICE agent physically shoved me, occurred AFTER we had entered the Delaney Hall premises,” Watson Coleman claimed:

We entered the facility, came BACK OUT to speak to the Mayor, and then ICE agents began shoving us. This is not how we entered the facility. We were escorted in by guards, because we have lawful oversight authority to be there.

And McIver tweeted on Friday:

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— Rep. LaMonica McIver (@RepLaMonica) [May 11, 2025](#)

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Menendez posted the law that gives congressmen the right to inspect such facilities.

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If true, the near-melee on Friday raises the question of why this visit went south.

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ICE facility visitation guidelines for Congressional members and staff:

<https://t.co/jUCZ7rI4at> pic.twitter.com/E8HFLcrEKT

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DHS Justifies Restraining Congressmen

“Members of Congress cannot break the law in the name of ‘oversight,” the DHS X feed says:

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The rules for visitation are clear, and don’t permit on-the-spot access. Congressional visitors must provide 24 hours notice.

McLaughlin told Fox that “These members of Congress, this mayor, and these protesters are not above the law.” She noted that dangerous criminals are in the facility:

If they [want] a tour, we will easily facilitate that for them. We actually laid out the guidelines on our DHS twitter that show you need at least 24 hours of notice to these ICE detention facilities to make sure that staff, detainees, and law enforcement are safe and proper protocols and channels followed.

She said the investigation is “ongoing,” and that “everything is on the table.”

AOC Chimes In

Responding to that ominous note, far-left Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez strongly suggested that she and other congressmen would obstruct the arrest of the deranged trio.



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AOC is ramping up her rhetoric.

She says if the DOJ lays a finger on any of the representatives who stormed an ICE facility then “we are going to have a problem.”

Goes on to say, “they can’t come for all of us”.

She should be arrested for threatening federal officials. pic.twitter.com/9H2dtyKMYB

— Derrick Evans (@DerrickEvans4WV) [May 11, 2025](#)

They’re using public intimidation because they know that they cannot come for us all,” the the far-left congresswoman said:

They know that they cannot come for us all. And recently, what they said is that DHS is allegedly looking into arresting members of Congress, who were showing up for their legal and constitutional obligation to conduct oversight. If anyone’s breaking the law in this situation, it’s not members of Congress. It’s the Department of Homeland Security. It’s people like Tom Homan and Secretary Kristi Noem.

You lay a finger on ... Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman ... or any of the representatives that were there, you lay a finger on them, we are going to have a problem.

Plus, she explained that congressmen can conduct oversight by visiting such facilities. “It is enshrined in the law”. Again, though, that oversight is not unconditional.

Ocasio-Cortez’ has limited experience with the law, however. It is mainly confined to serving cocktails to lawyers when she was a bartender.



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