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ICE Arrests More Than 100 Illegal Alien Truck Drivers in California

Yet again, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has arrested 101 illegal-alien truck drivers, a haul that brought the number of illegals stopped from possibly killing American motorists to more than 300.

This time, ICE reported today, agents collared the illegals in far-left Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom's California, which recently confessed to unlawfully giving almost 20,000 commercial driver licenses to foreign drivers.

California is a mecca for illegals who seek to drive trucks but are unqualified to do so, notably because they cannot speak English. But other sanctuary states add to the problem, and not just by issuing licenses.

Two weeks ago, authorities in Washington state released an illegal Indian truck driver charged in the killing of another motorist. They refused to honor an ICE detainer.



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OPERATION HIGHWAY SENTINEL

Governor Newsom's sanctuary state policies won't stop ICE and our federal partners from enforcing federal immigration law.

Over 100+ criminal illegal alien CDL holders arrested — many from India, Mexico, Colombia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Nicaragua,... pic.twitter.com/O55BGmuFGv

— U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (@ICEgov) [December 23, 2025](#)

Newsom the Problem

ICE launched Operation Highway Sentinel, which netted the illegal-alien truck driver, because Newsom's California "issued thousands of CDLs to illegal aliens who had no business being on U.S. roads," [ICE reported](#).

Agents from ICE's Homeland Security Investigations focused on trucking companies believed to be involved in crime.

"The industry is widely known to law enforcement to involve criminal organizations engaged in human smuggling, labor trafficking, narcotics trafficking, cargo theft and fraud, as evidenced by multiple independent HSI, FBI and DEA investigations," [ICE reported](#).

The illegal aliens came from around the globe. In this hemisphere, they are from Mexico, Colombia,



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Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador. Elsewhere, they came from India, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Agents also inspected some 800 shipments at major cargo ports and arrested two people.

Last month, [Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced](#) that California's motor vehicles department confessed to unlawfully issuing 17,000 non-domiciled CDLs to "dangerous foreign drivers."

A non-domiciled CDL is one given to a driver who does live in the state.

"Notices have been issued to the 17,000 non-domiciled CDL holders that their license no longer meets federal requirements and will expire in 60 days," DOT said.

Newsom and California "were caught red-handed after weeks of claiming they did nothing wrong," Duffy wrote on X. And the 17,000 revocations are "just the beginning," he continued. If the state doesn't revoke all the unlawfully issued CDLs, he will block \$160 million in federal subsidies.

The arrests are part of nationwide dragnet that ICE, the Border Patrol, and other agencies have conducted for months.

□ [@CAGovernor](#) and his state were caught red-handed after weeks of claiming they did nothing wrong.

Now that we've exposed their lies, 17,000 illegally issued trucking licenses are being revoked.

This is just the beginning. California must revoke every illegally issued CDL or...
<https://t.co/wAFy6CnN2A>

— Secretary Sean Duffy (@SecDuffy) [November 12, 2025](#)

30 Illegal Aliens who were operating commercial vehicles on the west portion of the NYS Thruway (I-90) AND—possessed "valid state issued commercial driver licenses" were arrested during a [#BorderPatrol](#) operation that went from 8-11 November.

Learn More: ➡ <https://t.co/iDgblGhShA> pic.twitter.com/ZB8P7nOGov

— CBP Buffalo (@CBPBuffalo) [November 17, 2025](#)

California, Washington, and New Mexico [are also in hot water](#) for refusing to enforce English proficiency requirements for truck drivers.

Also in November, [federal agents nailed](#) 37 illegal aliens on Interstate 90 in New York state, 30 of whom had CDLs from Ohio, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Oregon, California, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

[Federal authorities recently found](#) that 50 percent of non-domiciled CDLs issued in New York were unlawful.

In October, two operations caught more than 200 illegals. [Agents took](#) 146 illegal aliens off the roads who were hurtling through Indiana on CDLs from a dozen states. An operation in Oklahoma [collared 91 illegals](#) with CDLs in Oklahoma.



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The operations have removed at least 386 illegal-alien truck drivers from the highways.

Latest Interference With Federal Law

Illegal-alien truck drivers became a major safety concern after multiple fatal crashes. Bad as it is that states unlawfully put illegal aliens behind the wheels of trucks, worse still are the illegals with CDLs who kill.

That list keeps growing.

The latest on that front: Two weeks ago, authorities in King County in sanctuary Washington released Indian illegal Kamalpreet Singh, who is charged in a traffic fatality that left one man dead. [Authorities ignored](#) a detainer from ICE, and not only freed Singh on a \$100,000 bond, Fox News reported, but also returned the money because prosecutors failed to bring a case.

The Biden administration's Border Patrol caught him at the border in 2023 and released him.

□ BREAKING: Illegal alien truck driver who caused a FATAL accident in Washington was RELEASED FROM CUSTODY, and police are basically IGNORING the case

"When police didn't follow up with a case, the \$100,000 bond was returned."

"The suspect entered the US illegally under Biden... pic.twitter.com/nsJA3GmR4Z

— Eric Daugherty (@EricLDaugh) [December 22, 2025](#)

BREAKING: I'm told by a senior ICE source that the semi truck driver arrested in a deadly crash in Washington state yesterday is an Indian illegal alien who was caught and released at the Border by the Biden admin.

I'm told that 25-year-old KAMALPREET SINGH was arrested by U.S....
pic.twitter.com/UJdurYEjhm

— Bill Melugin (@BillMelugin_) [December 12, 2025](#)

Officials in Lacey, Washington, [did the same thing](#) after a Mexican illegal trucker was involved in a wreck that included a school bus.

Elsewhere, illegals who drive trucks, including three Indians, have been involved in three fatalities.

- [In Tennessee](#), Huang Yisong, 54, was "watching a video on his phone when he rear-ended a tractor-trailer, causing a chain-reaction crash that killed a 31-year-old truck driver and injured a dozen others," the [New York Post reported](#). Yisong, who carried a New York CDL, failed an English proficiency test.
- Last month in Oregon, [cops allege](#), yet another Indian illegal whom the Biden administration caught and released at the border, Rajinder Kumar, killed a newlywed couple who had been married just 16 days. He held a CDL from California.
- In October, Indian illegal Jashanpreet Singh was charged with driving while intoxicated and causing a triple fatality in California. [Caught and released](#) at the border during the Biden administration, [he needed](#) an interpreter after the crash.



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- In August, Indian illegal Harjinder Singh was charged in a triple vehicular homicide in Florida. He too [failed an English test](#) after the wreck. Despite not speaking English, he had CDLs from Washington and California.
- The illegal-alien truck driver problem is so bad that federal [authorities even collared](#) an Uzbek truck driver, Akhror Bozorov, 31, wanted on terrorism charges back home. The Biden administration caught and released him at the border as well. He had a CDL from Pennsylvania.



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