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Illicit political correctness and so-called “Sanctuary State” laws imperiling Oregonians, going further down this road is madness and engenders violence
Marion, Multnomah and Washington Counties top three for criminal illegal alien activity

SALEM, Ore.—[Oregon has quickly become nationally-known as the illicit poster-state for criminal illegal alien sanctuary state policies](#), and a measure to cast further hurdles in front of the federal government to do their job in apprehending criminal illegal aliens will now become law.

Republican state Sen. Kim Thatcher, of Keizer, who has earned recognition for leading as a key champion for pragmatic policy solutions to protect citizens and undocumented workers, says it is time to take a hard look at the disturbing outcomes of seemingly coddling criminal illegal aliens. Her constituents are outraged over legislation passed this session to block any Oregon public body from cooperating with the federal government. Thatcher pointed out that the proposal takes Oregon from a state that simply won't spend its own money on enforcing federal immigration law to a state that's essentially obstructing justice.

“When I talk to constituents from both sides of the aisle, there is reasonable disagreement on immigration policy but I haven't met a single soul who thinks letting criminal illegal aliens suck up taxpayer resources is sound policy. Why when we have veterans, women and children, seniors, you name it in need, our own citizens, would we be squandering all this hard-earned taxpayer money on showering illegal aliens who commit crimes with taxpayer-funded benefits?” Thatcher questioned.

She added that protecting Oregonians from dangerous assailants should not be a partisan issue, but that some have made it one.

“We don’t need to be up in arms and in each other’s faces over this, but we need to have a serious conversation about this without false charges of so-called racism or what have you. It is absolutely legitimate to be concerned about the destructive effects of flawed immigration policy both on the state and federal law,” Thatcher added.

During the Democrats’ ram-through of the highly-controversial House Bill 3464, that Democrats painted as a “privacy bill” for Oregonians, the bill’s chief opponents, Thatcher, Senate Minority Whip Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, and state Sen. Alan Olsen, R-Canby, called out the dangerous impacts of blocking the federal immigration law enforcement from doing their job, especially in terms of criminals. Just weeks ago, meth-addled Sergio Jose Martinez, who goes by aliases like “Poison” and was deported 20 times, made national headlines.

The Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese asserted in an interview with [Full Measure](#) that turning over criminal aliens to the federal government, damages "community trust."

Despite evidence to the contrary, Reese [claimed](#) Oregon's "sanctuary state" policy "makes us all safer." Multnomah County receives about \$60 million in federal grants according to *The Oregonian*.

Authorities arrested criminal illegal alien Sergio Jose Martinez, suspected of multiple violent attacks in Portland, including the [sexual assault of a 65-year-old woman, in which he bound her hands and feet with scarves, and sexually assaulted her](#). Martinez broke into her home and then stole her car, [Portland police said](#). Later that day, he antagonized a woman in a parking garage with a blade and threatened to kill her. Martinez is suspected of attempting to kidnap the woman as she left work. Martinez ran away police forcing them to go on a foot chase through the neighborhood until finally capturing him in a neighborhood apartment.

"Defendant has entry/removal from [the] United States to/from Mexico 20 times with at least [five] probation violations from re-entry," KOIN 6, a CBS affiliate, reported from court documents filed in March 2017. He also has quite the rap sheet. Court records reveal Martinez has a vigorous criminal history that includes burglary, battery, and multiple deportations.

According to *The Daily Caller*'s Will Racke, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) policy prevents the agency from honoring ICE detainers, which he explained are “administrative requests to hold a criminal alien for up to 48 hours so ICE officers can take the suspect into custody.” MCSO only holds suspects for immigration agents if they are subject to a federal arrest warrant signed by a judge or magistrate, according to Racke.

Racke reported that Reese explained in a [September 2016 statement](#) that MCSO policy is determined by Oregon law and a 2014 federal court decision in *Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas County, Oregon*. In that case, Racke said, magistrate Judge Janice Stewart [ruled](#) that holding illegal alien based on an ICE detainer is a violation of the Fourth Amendment if the detention request is not backed by a federal arrest warrant.

According to Racke, ICE has lodged [another detainer](#) against Martinez, which was reported in *The Oregonian*.

"Under no circumstances should an alleged sex offending criminal illegal alien get off scot free from their heinous crimes," said Linthicum, upon the breaking news. "This is why we have rules, laws and the legislature... these institutions protect people. Sanctuary states excuse lawless behavior and perpetuate criminal, rape and gang cultures. Every Oregonian should be outraged to see criminals let loose into the streets. Career Democrats shouldn't sacrifice Oregonians' safety on the altar of their extreme political agenda."

Following the outrage that ensued, *The Daily Caller* did a [deep-dive report into Oregon's questionable sanctuary state laws](#) and said people should forget about California, that Oregon is the foremost sanctuary state.

On July 1, Washington County had 200 of the 986 criminal illegal aliens incarcerated in the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) prison system. WashCo was third in criminal illegal alien crime in the state with 20.28 percent of the criminal aliens in DOC prisons. And, 78 percent of criminal illegal aliens in Oregon with ICE detainees are from Mexico. Currently, Marion County is number one and Multnomah County number two, for criminal illegal aliens caught for crime.

David Olen Cross, who reports on immigration and foreign nationals [wrote](#) that "criminal aliens from 25 different countries have harmed or victimized the residents of Washington County."

The following table reveals how Washington County residents were harmed or victimized by the 200 criminal illegal aliens incarcerated on July 1 in the DOC prison system with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) immigration detainees:

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Crime	Total Number of Inmates W/ ICE Detainers in DOC Prisons from Washington County by Type of Crime	Percentage of Inmates W/ICE Detainers in DOC Prisons from Washington County by Type of Crime
Sex Abuse	49	24.50%
Rape	42	21.00%

Homicide	21	10.50%
Assault	20	10.00%
Drugs	19	9.50%
Sodomy	19	9.50%
Robbery	12	6.00%
Burglary	5	2.50%
Kidnapping	4	2.00%
Theft	3	1.50%
Driving Offense	2	1.00%
Arson	0	0.00%
Escape	0	0.00%
Forgery	0	0.00%
Vehicle Theft	0	0.00%
Other / Combination Crimes	4	2.00%
Total	200	100.00%

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