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**Subject:** Re: OPA: Setting up local media interviews with Miami FOD for Orlando visit Oct 18

Strike the third paragraph. (b)(5)

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This cleared statement and talkers below might be of use as well.

**ON THE RECORD**

"Secure Communities agreements are generally reached at the State level and activated locally on a set schedule. ICE seeks to work with local law enforcement agencies to address any concerns and determine next appropriate steps.

If a jurisdiction does not wish to activate on its scheduled date in the Secure Communities deployment plan, it must formally notify both its state identification bureau and ICE.

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**ON BACKGROUND:**

Does Secure Communities mandate state and local participation in federal immigration enforcement?

The Secure Communities program is not based on state and local participation in federal immigration enforcement. Instead, the program's foundation is information sharing between the Department of Justice (FBI-CJIS) and the Department of Homeland Security (USVISIT & ICE).

State and local law enforcement agencies book and fingerprint people they have arrested on criminal charges as they always have. The person's fingerprints are transmitted to federal agencies for criminal and immigration checks. ICE receives leads from this interaction and takes immigration enforcement action as appropriate to ensure the removal of criminal aliens from our communities.

A local jurisdiction may opt not to receive results of the immigration query. However, the state authorities determine whether to participate in the federal information sharing.

If an agency doesn't want to be part of SC, will ICE still implement interoperability?

In 2008, ICE launched Secure Communities. In its initial deployment, ICE activated counties and corresponding law enforcement agencies in a measured and phased approach to ensure technical and operational responsiveness. This approach required an unprecedented amount of coordination and collaboration with state identification bureaus and willing local law enforcement partners. As a result of this cooperation, ICE has been able to adapt and modify its deployment strategy to address the technical, logistical and operational challenges faced in the first two years of existence. Going forward, ICE will coordinate with FBI CJIS to activate the remaining counties and law enforcement agencies by FY 2013. The program does not require state and local law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration law. Instead, the program rests on the sharing of information between federal partners and ICE independently enforces the immigration law as appropriate if a person in criminal custody is subject to removal proceedings.

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Hi Brian,

Dani is driving and unable to respond at this time. All 67 Florida counties are activated and we have not received any request from the Florida jurisdictions to opt out. If we are asked, what if a jurisdiction decides they want to opt out, my suggested response would be:

ICE developed the Florida Secure Communities deployment plan in consultation with the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The plan was based on where ICE could provide adequate resources for response, the highest populations of criminal aliens, and the levels of involvement and interest by various jurisdictions. The "how" of implementing was handled primarily at the state and local level as Secure Communities did not involve any cost to local agencies nor any change in local agency protocols.

FDLE is the exchange point for criminal justice information sharing technology in Florida. FDLE has been a front runner in terms of pre-positioning itself with the most advanced technology capabilities. FDLE's new Biometric Identification System (BIS) was the technology conduit for Secure Communities. The BIS system was designed years ago to work in close compatibility with federal criminal justice information systems so Florida was well-positioned to transition to Secure Communities relatively quickly and at no cost.

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What does he plan to say if asked about whether you can opt out of Secure Communities?

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Miami FOD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) will be in Orlando for an all-hands meeting with Orlando ERO staff on Monday, Oct 18. As part of that visit, I plan to set up one-on-one media opportunities with local newspaper and TV stations who expressed interest in interviewing him when he was in town following the announcement of his arrival as the new FOD.

Media to be invited include the Orlando Sentinel, El Sentinel and local TV affiliates. Topics of discussion will include ICE ERO immigration enforcement priorities and Secure Communities.

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