



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE
DISTRICT 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: Todd Bettison, Chief of Police, Detroit Police Department
THRU: Public Health and Safety Standing Committee
FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.
DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025
RE: Arrest Records at I-75 and Springwells Street

On Friday, February 7, 2025, community members alleged that the Detroit Police Department (DPD) stopped a van with three gentlemen and contacted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) due to concerns about documentation. It is unclear what happened next, however, please answer the following questions.

1. Does DPD have any arrest record or record of a traffic stop at I-75 and Springwells Street on Friday, February 7, 2025? If so, please send any report to my office.
2. In what capacity does DPD cooperate or provide information to ICE? I want to ensure that DPD officers comply with Section 23-8-5 of the Detroit Municipal code, which states the following:

“(a) A public servant who is a police officer:

- (1) Shall not solicit information concerning immigration status for the purpose of ascertaining a person's compliance with federal immigration law; or*
- (2) Shall not solicit information concerning immigration status from a person who is seeking police services, or is a victim, or is a witness; or*

(3) Shall not subject a person to a higher level of scrutiny or to different treatment should a person utilize a passport or municipal identification card as a form of identification.

(b) Notwithstanding the prohibitions set forth in Subsection (a) of this section, public servants who are police officers are expressly permitted to solicit information concerning immigration status from the subject of an investigation only when relevant to the investigation or prosecution of a violent criminal offense, or when processing an arrested person on suspicion of committing a violent felony as defined in Section 23-8-2 of this Code.”

Please contact my Policy Analyst, Jai Singletary, at jai.singletary@detroitmi.gov if there are any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Chief Bettison.

CC: Honorable Council Members
Mr. Malik Washington, Mayor's Office