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Re: Clarification on the Gwinnett County Police Department's policies and practices related to immigration enforcement

Representative Lim:

Thank you for your recent correspondence seeking clarity on the Gwinnett County Police Department's practices related to immigration enforcement, including its response to the requirements of the recently passed HB 1105. I understand that many of our citizens are concerned about this legislation and recent efforts to enforce federal immigration law undertaken by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. GCPD is committed to improving the public's trust in the department and its officers, so I will strive to answer your questions as best and as fully as I can.

It is important to understand that as law enforcement officers we are required to comply with, enforce, and uphold the laws of the State of Georgia, as well as federal and local laws. Last year, the Georgia General Assembly passed the Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024, commonly known as HB 1105. This Act requires that local law enforcement officers seek to verify the immigration status of any individual 18 years of age or older for whom probable cause is developed to make an arrest or issue a citation for a criminal offense. Immigration status verification will be notated in an officer's arrest report or citation. This requirement does not apply to other individuals who encounter law enforcement, be they victims, witnesses, or bystanders. The law also requires local law enforcement agencies to seek to enter into Memorandums of Understanding or Memorandums of Agreement with the U.S. Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, or others for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws, but it does not mandate that we do so. The Gwinnett County Police Department has complied with all requirements of HB 1105.

To best respond to each of your questions, I have attached written department directives that address various scenarios that our officers encounter, as well as training aids provided to all personnel. As I am sure you are aware, situations requiring a law enforcement response are often dynamic and responses depend upon many ever-changing factors. The attached orders and directives guide our officers in their responses. I hope that they provide you with the answers that you seek.

The mission of the Gwinnett County Police Department is to serve the community by delivering law enforcement services in an unbiased and compassionate manner. Our fundamental duty is to serve the citizens of Gwinnett County regardless of their race, ethnicity, or national origin. We answer calls for service no matter who makes the call, and we will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

J.D. McClure  
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