



Summary of Investigation

Investigation Into Allegations That a NOAA Employee Interfered with ICE Operations While on Duty

Case No. 25-0942

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➤ **What We Investigated** | We received a complaint from Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's) San Francisco Field Office alleging that while ICE officers were conducting an arrest within the Federal Building in Sacramento, California, an employee of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) tried to interfere with the arrest by attempting to bypass a barricade while identifying themselves as a federal employee.

➤ **What We Found** | Our investigation revealed that the subject, an employee with NOAA, violated multiple regulations and policies. The employee:

- Misused their credentials and position by presenting their federal government identification and asserting their federal employment in an apparent attempt to bypass an active ICE security barricade and gain unauthorized access to a restricted law enforcement area during an official operation.
- Misrepresented their time and attendance by falsely reporting their duty status while being physically present in a location outside of their assigned workspace and engaging in nonwork activities.
- Demonstrated a lack of candor during their interview with us by falsely describing the timing and degree of their participation in these events.

This case was declined for criminal prosecution. We referred our findings to the Department in August 2025 for appropriate action.