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LANDON DICKERSON, THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES’ STALWART LEFT GUARD, IS HEADING TO INJURED RESERVE. SO, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR THE EAGLES MOVING FORWARD? **F1**

MORRIS COUNTY

State investigating claim ICE defied court, held detainee at warehouse



An ICE SUV at the entrance to a warehouse in Roxbury where immigrants’ advocates say the agency has violated a court-brokered agreement not to use it to hold detainees pending completion of an environmental assessment. NJ.com was not allowed to get any closer on Monday. *Steve Strunsky, NJ.com*

An anti-ICE group claims at least one person arrested by immigration officials was taken to the Roxbury warehouse.

Steve Strunsky *NJ.com*

The New Jersey State Attorney General’s Office said Monday that it was reviewing reports that ICE used a warehouse in Roxbury to detain immigrants, which would violate a court-brokered agreement barring its use as a detention center pending completion of an environmental assessment of the property.

“If ICE tries to convert the Roxbury warehouse site into a detention facility, it would violate a court order,” a spokesman for state Attorney General Jennifer Davenport said in a statement Monday. “We are carefully reviewing reports of ICE activity at the warehouse and will take all necessary steps to address any non-compliance with a court order.”

The AG’s office confirmed it was reviewing the matter after a lawyer for the No ICE in Northern Jersey Alliance, or NINJA, sent a letter to Davenport on Friday informing

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David Broderick, attorney for No ICE in Northern Jersey Alliance (NINJA)

that the warehouse had been used to temporarily detain at least one person on Sept. 4, following a raid and arrests that day in Dover, a community near Roxbury that is also in Morris County.

The letter stated the detainee was taken to the warehouse off Route 46 in Roxbury’s

Ledgewood section, where he was held briefly before being transported to the Elizabeth Contract Detention Center in Union County.

“In effect, ICE is using the Roxbury Warehouse as a de facto detention and transfer facility in order to facilitate its raids in the Northern NJ area,” the alliance’s attorney, David Broderick, wrote, according to an announcement Monday by alliance, which did not release the entire letter Monday.

A private security guard and a uniformed ICE officer atop the driveway from Route 46 told a reporter they could not get any closer to the facility, which is not visible from Route 46.

ICE did not respond to requests for comment on Monday.

On May 12, ICE and its parent agency, the federal Department of Homeland Security under President Donald Trump, agreed not to house detainees at the 470,0330-square-foot warehouse pending an environmental assessment required by the National Environmental Policy Act, a federal law approved in 1970.

The agreement grew out of federal lawsuit filed March 20, in which New Jersey and Roxbury Township charged that ICE violated the environmental law signed by **SEE ICE, A3**

SUSSEX COUNTY

Official invokes gun rights, refuses to quit after charges

County GOP chair says he was the one threatened in road rage incident.

Riley Yates and Jeff Goldman *NJ.com*

The Sussex County GOP chairman facing gun and child endangerment charges following a weekend road rage incident says he did nothing wrong and refuses to step down amid calls for his resignation.

Joseph Labarbera’s attorney, Patrick P. Toscano Jr. said his client did not instigate the confrontation and was trying to help another driver who had stopped along Millbrook Road in Stillwater at

2:15 p.m. Saturday.

In a text message to NJ.com, Labarbera said he “did nothing wrong legally or morally.”

“The simple of it is this — our client was threatened with death by an out of control driver last Saturday,” Toscano said Tuesday in a statement.

“Upon seeing another car with emergency flashers activated and stopped in the middle of the road who then pulled over, and in line with his military training, the Chairman slowly approached the vehicle to render aid,” Toscano said. “When he did so, that driver became irate for reasons of which only he knows, screamed uncontrollably and proceeded to threaten the Chairman with death. His actions were nothing short of bizarre.”

Toscano said Labarbera then tried to de-escalate and informed the other driver that he had a gun.

“Directly in line with his military training and experience, our client, who has a concealed carry firearms permit, told the driver to calm down, and that he was legally armed,” Toscano wrote.

“That individual then sped off, and the Chairman immediately called the State Police and waited for their arrival. At no time did the Chairman ever unholster his weapon or point it at anyone.”

The other driver told investigators a vastly different story.

A man behind the wheel of a Kia Telluride told investigators he was being tailgated by a Mercedes SUV, so he pulled over **SEE LABARBERA, A2**

STATEHOUSE

In wake of abuse cases, parents push for cameras in group homes

Assembly committee hears hours of testimony on abuse, privacy concerns and implementation challenges.

Jackie Roman *NJ.com*

It was standing room only at the Assembly Health Infrastructure Committee meeting Monday at the Statehouse in Trenton, where advocates for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities provided hours of emotional testimony.

The majority were there to speak in support of a pending bill that would require some group homes to put cameras in common areas.

Caregivers and advocates for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities said the legislation is needed to help prevent abuse and investigate complaints. But some opponents have raised issues about privacy, implementation and cost.

The legislation has been a long time coming, said Assemblyman Christopher P. DePhillips, one of the bill’s primary sponsors.

“At its core, this is a bill about protecting people who may not be able to protect themselves,” said DePhillips, a Republican who represents District 40, which includes parts of Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties.

The legislation would require group homes that do not already have cameras in common areas to install them if they serve people in tier C and beyond, meaning they serve individuals with moderate-to-high-level needs. However, the cameras can only be installed if all of the residents agree.

The monitoring would be limited to common areas — no bathrooms or other private areas — and only include video, not audio.

The idea for the bill emerged after the 2017 death of 33-year-old Billy Cray who was found unresponsive in his bedroom at a group home. His mother, Martha Cray, has devoted the years since then to trying to pass legislation in his memory.

“I ask opposers to this camera bill, what would you feel if police officers came to your home letting you know that your loved one was found deceased in a school locker room or a dorm?” Cray asked in testimony submitted to the committee and shared with NJ.com.

“Our kids have the right to be protected by law enforcement just like any other citizen,” said Cray. “If only there was a camera at my son’s group home, I may have known what happened to my son.”

In the years since Billy Cray’s death, there have been numerous other deaths and injuries in group homes and day programs throughout the state. Paul Aronsohn, the former disability ombudsman, described abuse and neglect in state-licensed group homes as “rampant” in a 2024 report.

Lisa Montalbano, appointed in May as the new Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental **SEE GROUP HOMES, A2**

NEWS

New bishop named

Pope picks N.J. native Michael Saporito to lead the Archdiocese of Metuchen. **A2**

NEWS

Train kills 2 from N.J.

Authorities identify two former Rutgers students killed by NYC subway train. **A5**