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Federal agents patrol the halls of immigration court at the Jacob K. Javitz Federal Building on Aug. 5 in New York City. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

ICE finds helping hands via 6 New York counties

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Six New York state counties have now answered the call from the Trump administration for their sheriff’s offices or police departments to help federal agents detain undocumented immigrants.

The latest recruit was Steuben, a county of 92,000 in southwestern New York. Sheriff Jim Allard signed two agreements in July for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to authorize and train members of his staff to perform ICE duties at the Steuben County jail

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Jim Allard, Steuben County sheriff

and to question and arrest other people suspected of illegally being in the U.S.

“We support, and collaborate with, all our local, state and federal law enforcement partners,” Allard told USA TODAY Network-New York by email

when contacted. “These agreements allow us to meet our public safety mission more fully in Steuben County by having an increased partnership with our federal partners.”

Similar pacts have been inked across the U.S. as the Trump administration enlists state and local law enforcement agencies to help with its immigration crackdown, using authority first granted by federal law in 1996. Some 896 cooperation agreements were in effect as of Aug. 19, spanning 40 states.

Six Democratic-led states have

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CONLEY CASE

Oneida County DA appeals sealing of evidence

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The Oneida County District Attorney’s Office has officially filed an appeal to Oneida County Supreme Court Judge Bernadette Clark’s decision to seal the evidence in the Kaitlyn Conley case.

According to documents obtained by the Observer-Dispatch, Oneida County District Attorney Todd Carville filed the motion to appeal on Aug. 18, asking to overturn the motion to seal the record of the Conley case, which was sealed Feb. 4.

The Observer-Dispatch reached out to the Oneida County District Attorney’s Office for comment, but did not receive a reply in time for publication.



Conley

The Kaitlyn Conley case

Conley, 31, formerly of Sauquoit, was tried twice in 2017 for second-degree murder for the July 2015 poisoning death of her employer, Whitesboro chiropractor Mary Yoder.

The first trial ended in a hung jury; jurors in the second trial found her guilty of first-degree manslaughter. However, Conley then filed for the right to appeal and was granted.

Conley said in her appeal motion that the attorney in the first case did not rightfully challenge the seizure and search of Conley’s phone and a laptop belonging to Adam Yoder,

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ANALYSIS

New maps could bring decades of GOP rule

Population trends in U.S. favor Republican states

David Morgan
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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump’s push for Republican-led states to redraw their U.S. House of Representatives districts to protect their majority in next year’s midterm elections could set the stage for Republicans to dominate the chamber in decades to come, political analysts and experts said.

Republicans hold a 219-212 House majority and Trump is looking to break the streak of midterm House losses for the sitting president’s party – as happened to him in 2018 and to Democratic President

Joe Biden in 2022 – by pushing states starting with Texas to aggressively redistrict.

Democratic states, led by California, have threatened to retaliate by redrawing their own districts for partisan gain, a longstanding feature of U.S. politics known as gerrymandering that has grown far more potent thanks to modern data analysis tools.

But Republicans hold the advantage, with control of the state legislatures and governorships of 23 states, compared with 15 for Democrats. Further, independent analysts say, population shifts could create as many as 11 new congressional seats in Republican Southern and Western states after the 2030 U.S.

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