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# DHS site overstates Wisconsin arrests



US Border Patrol agents stand guard at the Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 8. CHARLY TRIBALLEAU, AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Women in Congress work to fight abuse

Dem, GOP legislators aim to hold men accountable

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – When two of their colleagues faced mounting accusations of sexual assault and misconduct earlier in April, the two most powerful leaders in the House of Representatives – both men – refused to demand their resignations.

Women in Congress weren't having it. In a matter of days, rank-and-file female lawmakers banded together across party lines to oust Eric Swalwell and Tony Gonzales. Rather than face being removed from office after embarrassing votes of their peers, the California Democrat and Texas Republican resigned within an hour of each other.

It was a striking demonstration of bipartisan resolve on Capitol Hill. And on the heels of the overwhelming approval of the Epstein Files Transparency Act, it was just the latest example of women legislators teaming up, at odds with the men in charge of Congress, to force accountability for prominent figures accused of hurting women.

As the Swalwell allegations reached a fever pitch, two congresswomen in particular – Anna Paulina Luna, a Florida Republican, and Teresa Leger Fernández, a New Mexico Democrat –

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Rep. Teresa Leger Fernández, D-New Mexico, worked in close collaboration with Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-Florida, to oust former Reps. Eric Swalwell and Tony Gonzales.

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## ICE's 'worst of the worst' mostly already in prison

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In 2018, an Ecuadorian man named Miguel Angel Rogel-Anchundia was cruising on a drug boat called "El Condor" 235 miles northeast of the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean, in international waters.

Then a U.S. Coast Guard crew spotted the boat, boarded and arrested Rogel-Anchundia and two other men. The crew recovered \$17 million worth of cocaine, a complaint said, and federal agents brought Rogel-Anchundia to the U.S. to face drug trafficking charges.

He was convicted in a federal court in Tampa and sentenced to prison. He was not an immigrant, and he was not illegally in the U.S.

But the Department of Homeland Security featured him on a website listing the "worst of the worst" detainees arrested in Wisconsin by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel analysis of the court records and movements of dozens of the immigrants on the site shows Rogel-Anchundia's case is one of many that contradict DHS' message that it is taking hundreds of violent criminals off Wisconsin streets.

Of the 272 people described as the "worst of the worst" in Wisconsin, the majority were already serving prison time, often for convictions handed down long before the start of President Donald Trump's second term. Like Rogel-Anchundia, many had no relation to Wisconsin. Others still had years left on their sentences.

Several were convicted of nonviolent offenses, such as illegal reentry and retail theft.

The Journal Sentinel also found listed criminal convictions that were incorrect and names and cities that were misspelled.

A DHS spokesperson did not answer Journal Sentinel questions about the findings but acknowledged the agency received the inquiry. It continually has touted its work to get criminals "off of our streets and out of our country," and it has described its website as listing "public safety threats arrested in [Americans'] communities."

Tim Muth, senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, characterized the list as propaganda.

"It pays little attention to the actual question of public safety in the state,"

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# ICE officer charged with assault has arrest warrant

## Minnesota prosecutors say it marks 'milestone'

Eduardo Cuevas  
USA TODAY

Minnesota prosecutors charged a federal immigration officer with assault, saying he was involved in a February road-rage incident during the Trump administration's Operation Metro Surge.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer Gregory Donnell Morgan

Jr., 35, faces two counts of second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon, according to April 16 Hennepin County court records. He has a nationwide warrant for his arrest.

On Feb. 5, prosecutors said Morgan allegedly drove illegally on the shoulder of a congested Minnesota highway in an unmarked SUV and pointed his weapon at two people in another car.

Morgan is the first officer involved in Operation Metro Surge to be charged. The controversial Minneapolis-area federal immigration operation resulted in two American citizens be-

ing fatally shot by federal officers, according to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

The charges "reflect an important milestone in our efforts to seek accountability for the harms inflicted on our community during Operation Metro Surge," Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty said in an April 16 video statement.

A conviction on a second-degree assault with a gun charge carries a presumptive sentence of 36 months in prison, she said.

"Mr. Morgan's conduct was ex-

tremely dangerous," she said, adding his actions could have led to "another disastrous incident" in the community.

The April 16 warrant, signed by District Court Judge Paul Scoggin, said there was a "substantial likelihood" Morgan would fail to respond to a summons and officials couldn't locate him.

On April 18, Daniel Borgertpoeping, a spokesperson for the county attorney's office, said he had no knowledge of Morgan being arrested.

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