

**ICE Statement:**

“U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) previously removed Pablo Serrano-Vitorino from the U.S. in April 2004, based on a final order of removal issued by a federal immigration judge. Serrano-Vitorino illegally re-entered the United States on an unknown date. ICE placed a detainer on Serrano-Vitorino March 9, 2016, following his arrest on multiple murder charges. ICE will continue to work with local entities and take steps to once again remove him from the country once the criminal case is completed.

On Sept. 14, 2015, ICE received an electronic notification that Serrano-Vitorino was fingerprinted at the Overland Park Municipal Court after receiving a fine for driving without a license. Although the notification prompted ICE to issue a detainer to the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, Serrano-Vitorino was at court for a municipal fine and was never remanded to the sheriff’s office custody. Therefore, neither ICE nor the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office could take action on that detainer.”

**On Background (attributable to an ICE official):**

- As an illegal alien, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) placed Pablo Serrano-Vitorino into removal proceedings in 2002. A federal immigration judge ordered him deported in absentia on June 14, 2002.
- On March 27, 2003, Mr. Serrano-Vitorino was convicted in Los Angeles County Superior Court of making a terrorist threat, which is a felony; he was sentenced to two years. ICE officers encountered Serrano-Vitorino at the North Kern State Prison in Delano, California in May 2003 while he was serving his sentence and placed a detainer on him.
- On April 5, 2004, ICE removed Serrano-Vitorino to Mexico based on the 2002 removal order issued by an immigration judge. He subsequently illegally re-entered the United States on an unknown date.
- On Nov. 21, 2014, Serrano was convicted in the Coffee County (Kansas) District Court of DUI. An initial review of ICE records does not indicate that the agency was ever notified that Serrano was fingerprinted at that time. ICE is continuing to review its records.
- Kansas City Police Department arrested Serrano on June 15, 2015, for domestic assault. He was released by the police department after being processed and was never placed into ICE custody.