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That Breitbart article, which was re-published by conspiracy theorist Alex Jones's web site Infowars, falsely described Gonzalez as having been detained in connection with the wildfires, claiming he was "arrested Sunday on suspicion of arson in Wine Country fires that have killed at least 40 residents." Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano directly refuted these claims in a press conference later that day.

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Statement from ICE Acting Director on Sonoma County's repeated releases of dangerous criminal alien

“Once again, a non-cooperative jurisdiction has left their community vulnerable to dangerous individuals and preventable crimes. ICE lodged a detainer against Jesus Gonzalez with Sonoma County jail officials on October 16, following his arrest on felony charges for maliciously setting fire to a property. This is especially troubling in light of the massive wildfires already devastating the region. Over the past year, ICE has lodged detainees against Mr. Gonzalez after four separate arrests by Sonoma County on various felony and misdemeanor charges. ICE was never notified of Mr. Gonzalez’ various releases. Additionally, Mr. Gonzales has been returned to his home country of Mexico on two separate occasions. The residents of Sonoma County, and the state of California, deserve better than policies that expose them to avoidable dangers. Non-cooperation policies – now enshrined in California state law – ensure only one thing: criminals who would otherwise be deported will be released and left free to reoffend as they please.”

Word Bank:

ICE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a branch of the federal government

Jurisdiction: area of legal decision making

Lodged: formally present a complaint

Detainer: an order to keep someone in prison

Felony: serious, usually violent crime

Non-Cooperation Policies- an official policy to not help the federal government

Review the facts as presented in the article. (Explicit message)