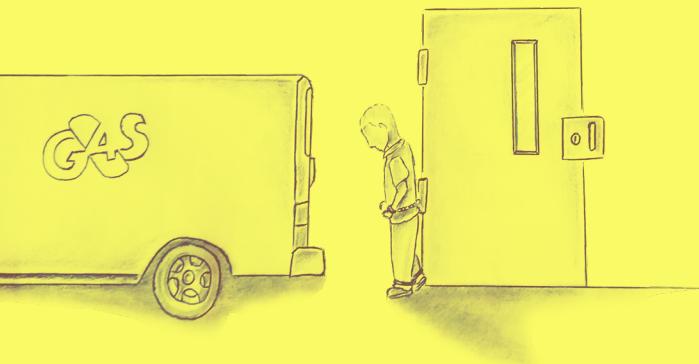


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# What are ICE Transfers?

Understanding California's Major Role in  
Funneling Immigrants into Deportation

A Zine by 510 Action Crew

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This zine documents a direct transfer that the 510 Action crew successfully stopped in 2020. It also explains what a direct transfer from state prison to ICE is and what you could do to stop this horrible and unjust practice.

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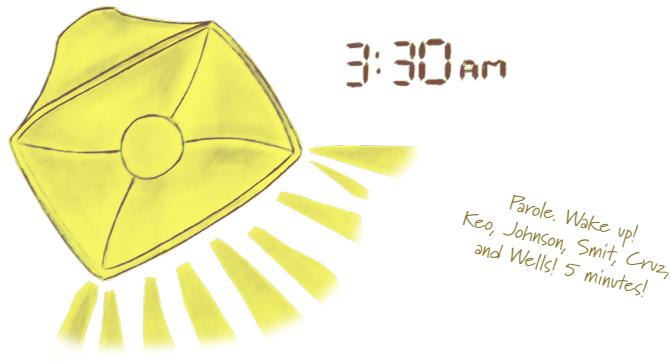
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# Introduction

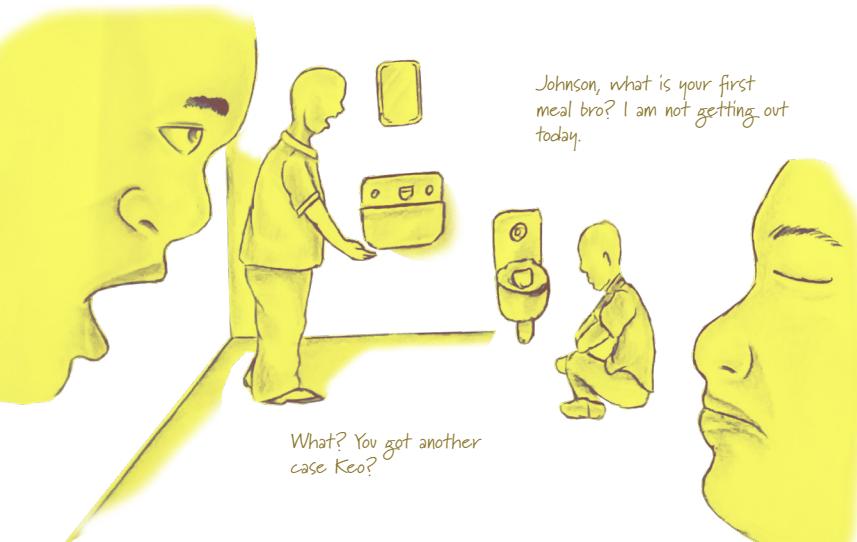
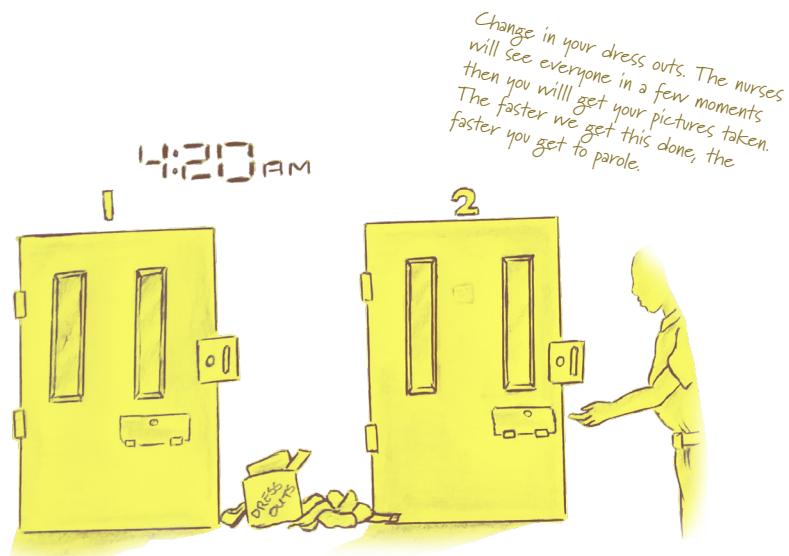
ICE transfers are a practice whereby local jails and state prisons subject immigrants to double punishment by transferring immigrants to ICE for deportation purposes, even though they have earned release from these facilities.

California's local jails and state prison system are the main pipeline funneling immigrants into immigrant detention and deportation.



About 70% of people incarcerated in immigration detention centers nationally are transferred to ICE custody directly upon release from prison or jail (TRAC).

## How does ICE collaborate with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)?

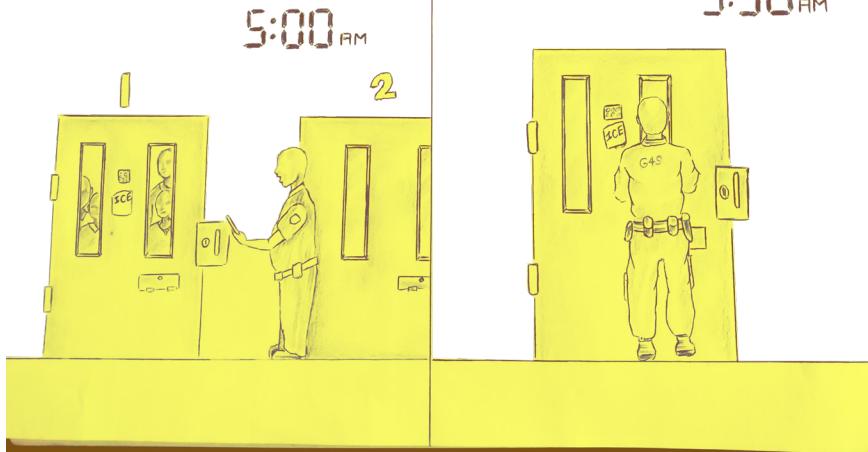


Prisons will notify ICE when a person will be released, and will allow ICE and ICE private subcontractors to enter their facilities to conduct an immigration arrest and transport the person to an immigration detention facility.

ICE transfers are 100% voluntary because CDCR is not (and cannot) be required by law to conduct ICE transfers. Yet, CDCR bends over backwards to further criminalize immigrants and refugees.

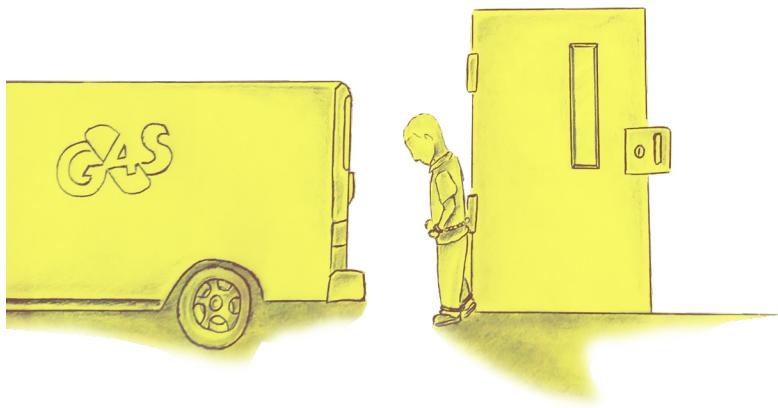
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Cruz, Johnson, Smith, and Wells.

Keo, you're being transferred to ICE.

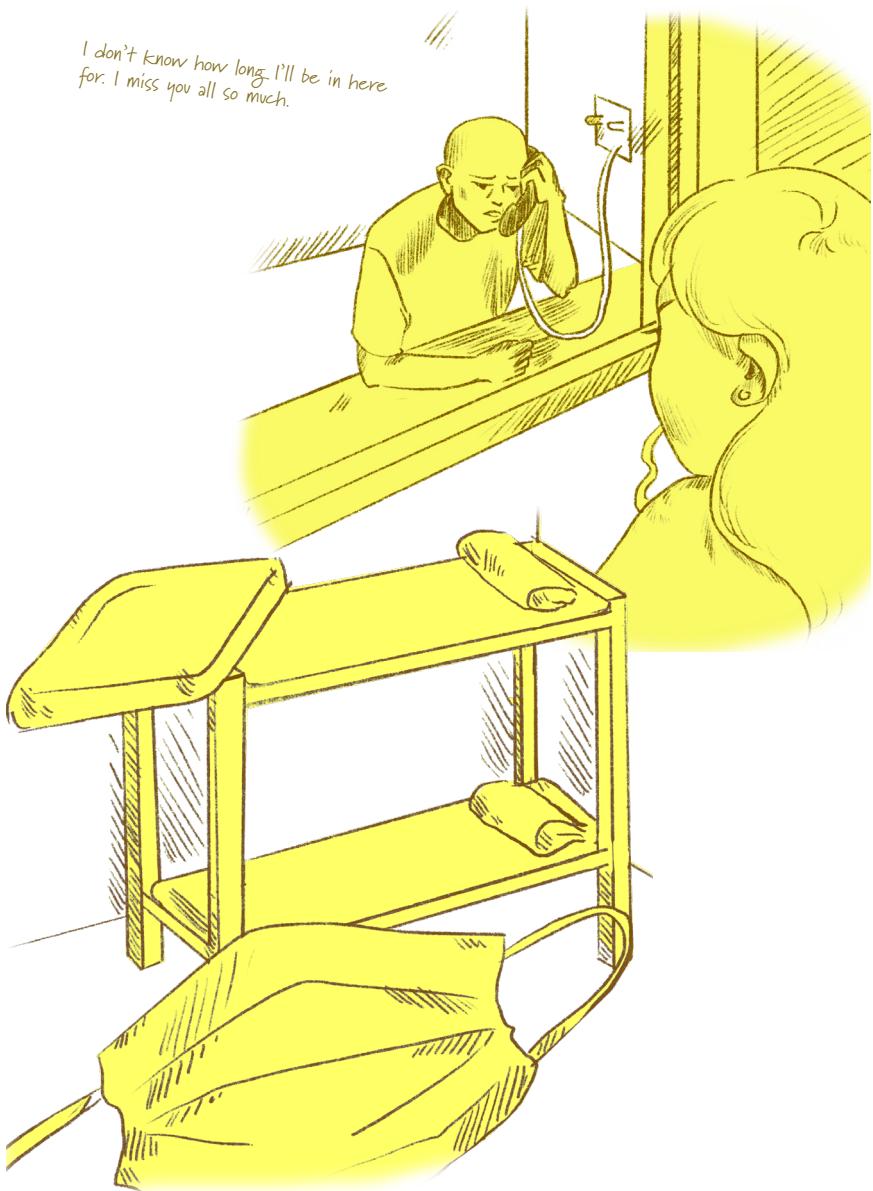


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After serving his time, Keo is punished again for being an immigrant. He is detained indefinitely until he is separated from his family by being deported.



Instead of releasing our loved ones back into community care, they are criminalized and sent to ICE. This deepens community trauma and family separation.



Social distancing, maintaining adequate hygiene, and other COVID-19 procedures are not possible in ICE detention.

So what can be done about this? Well, for one, Governor Newsom can take action.

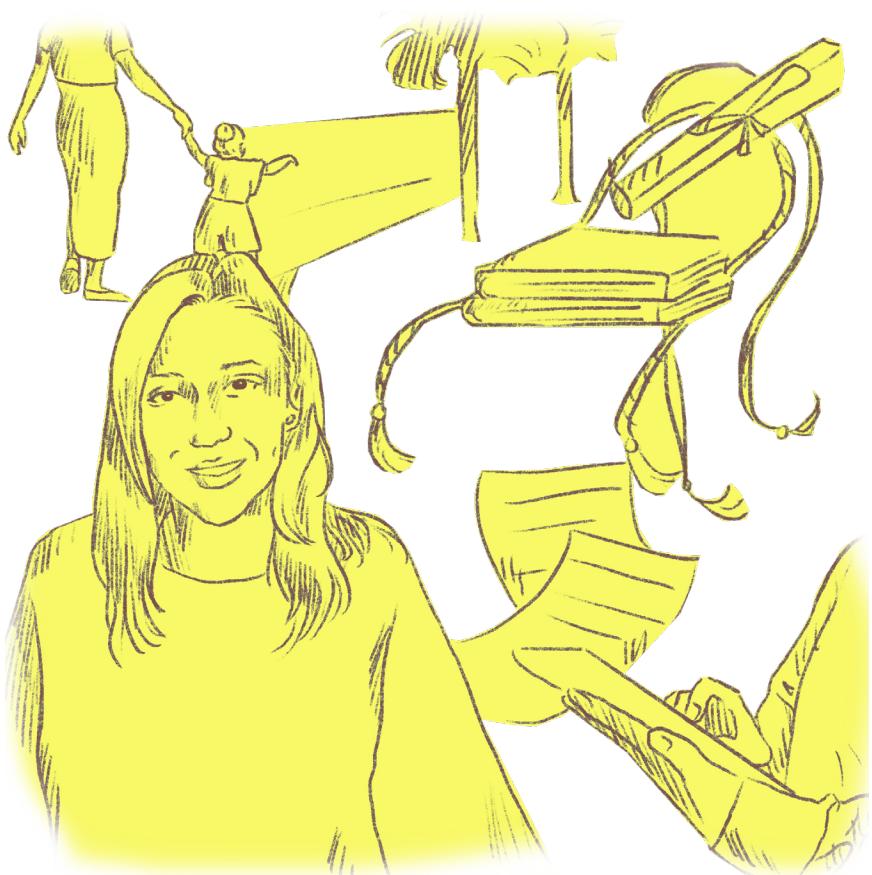
He has the power to stop CDCR from collaborating with ICE.

So far, he hasn't done anything.



## Nayeli's Story

Olga Nayeli Pena Arce, "Nayeli," was born in Jalisco, Mexico, and was raised by her single widowed mother. Struggling to provide for them in Mexico, Nayeli's mother decided to move them to the US when Nayeli was 6 years old. Growing up in San Diego and later South Lake Tahoe, Nayeli excelled in all her classes and in 2012, graduated high school with top honors. After high school, Nayeli continued on a promising path, becoming a full-time restaurant manager and part-time student at a local community college.



However, by the time Nayeli was 20 years old, she ended a three year emotionally abusive relationship with a person she met in high school. Nayeli turned to alcohol to cope with peer pressure and the previous abusive relationship.

One evening after drinking with friends at a club, Nayeli made the mistake of driving herself and her friends home while intoxicated. She collided with a recessed manhole, leading to the death of her long-time high school friend, injuries to her second friend, and serious injuries to herself. After recovering from a broken hip and head contusion, Nayeli was arrested in April 2015, and charged with gross vehicular manslaughter, plus a DUI and a GBI. Nayeli, filled with grief and guilt of losing her friend and contributing to the injuries of her other friend, fully cooperated with the court and pleaded no contest. A judge sentenced Nayeli to a total of about 8 years in prison.



She spent the next 6 years incarcerated. During her sentence, she achieved many accomplishments including earning certifications in substance abuse counseling, construction maintenance, and computer coding. She graduated as Valedictorian of her class with two AA degrees in Criminal Justice and Business from Chaffey Community College. All this earned her an early parole date of September 11, 2020.

As Nayeli got closer to her release date and reuniting with her loved ones, Nayeli's worries weren't over. Governor Newsom and California's state prison system, CDCR, continue to hand over immigrants and refugees like Nayeli to ICE after they complete their time. For months during the pandemic, doctors, health experts, and legal and community groups have urged Governor Newsom to take action to stop these cruel transfers to ICE. Gov. Newsom has remained silent on the issue for incarcerated Californians, leading to over 113 deaths (as of December 23, 2020) due to COVID-19 in state prison, and filling and expanding ICE detention beds through funneling people from CDCR.

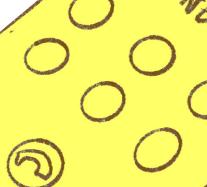
Demand Gov. Newsom and  
CDCR stop Nayeli from April's  
transfer to ICE

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#FreeNayeli  
#StopICETransfers  
#VISION4JUSTICE



GOV. NEWSOM



Hi! My name is .... and I'm a resident of.... I'm calling to urge Governor Newsom to stop Nayeli's transfer and all direct transfers from state prison to ICE.

On the morning of September 11, 2020, Nayeli's friend drove to California Institution for Women in anticipation of Nayeli's release. Nayeli's family and community waited anxiously to see whether CDCR would call ICE on Nayeli.

After a few hours, organizers received relieving and amazing news that Nayeli was with her friend, and already heading to a place of safety. Within a few days, Nayeli got connected to a network of sanctuary congregations that offered her a place to stay. A core support team created a plan with Nayeli to find long-term housing, and employment.



Community care and Nayeli's leadership made freedom possible. Freedom for Nayeli should be the norm for all immigrants and refugees. Gov. Newsom must listen to our incarcerated community to #FreeThemAll and #StopICEtransfers!

## Call to Action

We continue to fight for the freedom of incarcerated immigrants and refugees as we are now advocating for the release and pardon of Boun Keola, an incarcerated Khmu refugee from Laos. Like Kao, Boun fought wildfires for dollars a day while incarcerated, which led to an injury while fighting the recent Zogg fire. Instead of receiving long-term medical care, Boun was transferred to ICE detention where he now awaits release or deportation. We call on Governor Newsom to do what is just and intervene to release and pardon Boun.

We are in coalition with many criminal and immigrant justice organizations across the state, advocating for mass releases and a stop to all transfers between facilities amidst a global pandemic and a season of unprecedented wildfires. Individual defense campaigns like these are crucial to providing narratives that illuminate the larger structural issues of immigration, criminalization, and deportation at play. The victory of one person's freedom opens the door to that of many more.

For more action steps to support individual defense campaigns, please visit [bit.ly/StopICETransfers](http://bit.ly/StopICETransfers)

When we fight...  
WE WIN!!

