

ICE Affidavit Says Plant 'Knowingly' Hired Illegal Workers – No Charges for Company

The company that was the target in a sweep of workers allegedly living in the country illegally had a history of “knowingly hiring and employing illegal aliens,” according to allegations in an unsealed affidavit for a federal search warrant.

The *Chicago Tribune* reports that “Six of seven Mississippi chicken processing plants raided were ‘willfully and unlawfully’ employing people who lacked authorization to work in the United States, including workers wearing electronic monitoring bracelets at work for previous immigration violations, the affidavit alleges.”

The sworn statements supported the search warrants that led a judge to authorize the raids, and aren't official charges.

A spokesman for the company, Koch Foods, denied that the company knowingly or willfully employed any unauthorized workers at its Morton, Miss., plant.

Read the *Chicago Tribune* article.