

Judge Approves \$14-Million Settlement Over Sheriff's Department's illegal Immigration Holds

"Federal judge on Friday approved a \$14-million settlement in a class-action lawsuit over the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's past practice of holding people in jail beyond their release dates because of requests from immigration authorities. The settlement caps a nearly decade long court," reports Alene Tchekmedyan in MSN.

"Battle for people who were held in L.A. County jails illegally for days or months because of pending investigations by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Only a part of the settlement \$3.7 million will go toward the victims. While nearly 20,000 people qualified for relief because they were held unlawfully between October 2010."

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