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**SHERIFF**

Date: January 16, 2019  
Type of Incident: Inmate Detention  
Supervisor Approval: Sgt Joel Roon

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. November 21, 2018 Jilmar Ramos-Gomez was arrested by the Grand Rapids Police Department and was subsequently lodged at the Kent County Correctional Facility on charges of Arson - Preparation to burn property greater than \$20,000.00, Malicious Destruction of Property - Building \$1000.00-\$20,000.00, Fire - False Alarm, and Airport - Trespassing . These charges stemmed from a situation in which Mr. Ramos-Gomez allegedly gained access to a secure area at Spectrum Butterworth Hospital, set a fire, pulled the fire alarm, and gained access to the helipad.

Subsequent to his arrest, Mr. Ramos-Gomez was held on local charges stemming from the above incident, and as part of the booking process his fingerprints were taken and submitted to state, and federal repositories. The Kent County Sheriff's Office maintained custody of Mr. Ramos-Gomez on the basis of his pending local charges until December 14, 2018. It was on December 14, 2018 that the KCSO was notified by the court that Mr. Ramos-Gomez was issued a personal recognizance (PR) bond for his local charges, and within 61 minutes of that notice being processed, he was picked up by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. Calhoun County then transported Mr. Ramos-Gomez to their facility where he was detained for ICE.

KCSO administration was notified of this situation late in the day on January 15, 2019 which prompted a thorough review of Mr. Ramos-Gomez's detainment and release. Although our full review has not yet been completed there is no indication of a violation of policy. Additionally we contacted representatives of ICE so that a similar review could be conducted.

The role of the Kent County Sheriff's Office in this very unfortunate situation was that of a holding facility. We do not possess the authority to verify the investigative justification for detaining a person. We regret any circumstance in which an individual is detained needlessly regardless of whether the person is being held by local or federal authorities, and we believe this case underscores the need for immigration policy reform.