

## Interference of Trafficking Operations

### *Let The Truth Be Known:*

“Reports indicate that in some instances, individuals identified by law enforcement as **cartel members or associates have been present at or directly involved in disrupting, protesting, or ambushing ICE and drug enforcement operations**. These incidents have included:

- **Disrupting Drug Busts:** In June 2025, Pinal County Sheriff reported that protestors interfered with a major drug bust, with a previously deported cartel member among those involved, according to [KOLD News 13](#).
- **Spotter Networks:** DHS has reported that gangs and cartels utilize "**spotter networks**," sometimes on rooftops, to monitor ICE/CBP movements and facilitate interference.
- **Cartel Bounties:** Reports suggest **cartels have offered bounties for attacks on federal officers** in cities like Chicago.
- **Direct Confrontations:** Videos have shown tense interactions where protestors or individuals have confronted or attempted to block federal agents.

Law enforcement and federal officials have argued that some **anti-ICE protests have been manipulated or used as cover to hinder law enforcement, particularly during drug interdiction efforts.**”