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U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General Federal Agents Arrest Arizona Produce Company Owner in Foreign Labor Visa Fraud and Illegal Firearms Investigation

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal agents with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General (DOL-OIG) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), with significant support from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division, executed three federal criminal search warrants last week in southern Arizona. The warrants targeted two locations in Rio Rico and one in Nogales. The coordinated enforcement action is part of an ongoing investigation into alleged foreign labor visa fraud and federal firearms violations. The subject of the investigation is the owner of an Arizona produce repacking company that employed illegal foreign workers at its facility. During the execution of the search warrants, agents discovered multiple firearms allegedly possessed by the subject, a previously convicted felon who is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms. The investigation remains ongoing, and no additional information is being released at this time.

“This is exactly the kind of aggressive enforcement the American people deserve. These coordinated efforts, working with President Trump and Vice President Vance’s White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud demonstrate our unwavering commitment to protecting federal programs and safeguarding AMERICAN workers,” **said Anthony P. D’Esposito,**

Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor. “With the support of our partners across the Department of Labor, the White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, and federal law-enforcement agencies, we will continue to aggressively investigate foreign labor schemes and ensure those who break the law are held accountable.”

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