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Charleston County Sheriff Kristin Graziano responds to letter from Rep. Nancy Mace

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Below you will find a statement from Charleston County Sheriff Kristin Graziano in response to the letter from Representative Nancy Mace.

"Congresswoman Nancy Mace, whose district doesn't contain the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center, never misses an opportunity to entertain performative politics. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office – as well as any other law enforcement officer in this state – cannot and has never been able to legally arrest someone because of their immigration (civil) legal status. This is a federal issue. And we do not and have never released a detainee without a judge's order. Our policy clearly states, on our public website, that "The SACDC will only hold residents for ICE if they have an I-247, a detainer and Immigration Order signed by an Immigration Judge. The Immigration Judge's order does not have an expiration and will be honored to hold the resident." ([Policy 9-24 IV-B-4](#)). We currently have 13 individuals housed in our facility that are on a hold by an immigration judge. We have never refused an order from a judge, and the ICE officers are the ones responsible for obtaining those orders. Mace has a history of mischaracterizing events for her perceived political benefit, and this letter is particularly egregious. I suggest that she turn her focus to the people of the Lowcountry and do what she does best – whatever that may be. She needs to let our law enforcement professionals do their job."

– Sheriff Kristin Graziano

Those interested can find all of the CCSO Policy and Procedure Manuals online [here](#). For our policy specifically pertaining to Intake and Processing, individuals can click [here](#). Furthermore, people can refer to Section IV-B-4 on page 5.

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