

ICE arrests man in raid of Amazon facility in Hazel Park, Michigan

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On Monday morning, ICE and other federal agents raided the Amazon facility in Hazel Park, part of an escalating series of actions in Southeastern Michigan. Sources confirm the arrest of one person, Edwin Romero Gutierrez, a Venezuelan national.

A video posted on Instagram by the Metro Detroit News shows the interior of the Amazon facility during the raid. One individual, apparently Romero Gutierrez, is shown surrounded by four or five agents.

Comments on the video were overwhelmingly hostile to ICE. “We have to stand against this,” one worker wrote. Another commented, “Why would Amazon allow them on the premises?” Another declared that “the whole shift should’ve walked out with [Gutierrez].”

According to ICE, as reported by the *Detroit Free Press*, Romero Gutierrez entered the United States in 2023, at which time he was arrested by Border Patrol. ICE agents claim that they attempted to pull Gutierrez over in his vehicle on Monday, and he attempted to flee by car and then on foot, before entering the Amazon warehouse.

ICE also stated that a security guard at Amazon permitted agents to enter the facility to make the arrest. It is unknown at this time whether ICE made additional arrests at the facility.

There is still much that is not known about Gutierrez’s arrest, and nothing ICE says can be believed. However, ICE has not alleged that Romero Gutierrez has committed any crime that could justify his arrest, as living in the US without documentation is not a crime, and entry into the US without inspection can be a misdemeanor.

The report from ICE on the arrest treats Romero Gutierrez’s 2023 arrest when he entered the United States as particularly relevant to Monday’s arrest.

However, he was clearly released from immigration custody after this initial arrest, demonstrating that Border Patrol did not consider him a threat.

The arrest in Hazel Park is part of a campaign of state-sponsored terror across the United States, including the murder of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis, which has sparked mass protests. While the Democrats are trying to present tactical maneuvers on the part of Trump as a “retreat,” the administration is in fact continuing ICE raids throughout the country, including in Minneapolis itself.

Romero Gutierrez, as an undocumented immigrant, would have been acutely aware of his precarious legal status and personal safety when confronted by immigration agents.

As of this writing, it is unclear whether the security guard who permitted ICE entry to the premises was under direct instructions from Amazon to cooperate with immigration operations.

Amazon and Jeff Bezos—Amazon’s largest individual shareholder and the world’s fourth richest person, with a net worth of \$253 billion—have deep ties to the Trump regime. Amazon donated \$1 million to Trump’s 2025 Presidential Inaugural Committee, and Bezos is actively allying himself with the Trump administration.

Amazon is slated to slash 16,000 jobs, on top of the 14,000 jobs cut in late 2025, as it uses advances in technology to implement a jobs massacre. More than 2,000 Amazon jobs have already been eliminated in the Seattle, Washington area. Amazon made \$56.4 billion in profits in the first nine months of 2025.

Hazel Park, a working class suburb of Detroit, has a population of approximately 15,000, more than 97 percent of whom are US citizens. Approximately 4.5 percent of Hazel Park residents were born outside the

United States, lower than the Michigan average of 7.4 percent. However, as ICE has made repeatedly clear, its mission is not that of immigration enforcement but as a federal occupying force aimed at suppressing the working class.

ICE operations in Michigan have increased in recent weeks. In late January, federal agents abducted at least four immigrant parents while they were waiting to pick up their children from school in Ypsilanti. The operations were carried out with such secrecy and violence that the local school district issued warnings urging students to walk in groups and use trusted carpools. Earlier in the month, three immigrants were arrested during a traffic stop in Sterling Heights, one of many such “routine” encounters now used to detain and deport people with no criminal background.

ICE has also reportedly been sighted near Canton, Royal Oak and other cities in Southeastern Michigan.

According to the most recent available data, ICE arrests in Michigan more than doubled in 2025, reaching 2,349, a staggering 230 percent increase from the previous year. Nearly three-quarters of those arrested had no prior criminal history. Many were seized in everyday settings: at green card interviews, on the way to work, near schools and in their own homes.

Agents now frequently wear plain clothes, refuse to identify themselves and operate in unmarked vehicles. In one case last fall, a Honduran immigrant with a US citizen spouse and two children was abducted during his morning commute.

There is mounting public resistance to this campaign of terror. Protests, marches and school walkouts have taken place in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Traverse City and other cities. On February 4, thousands of students in the Canton and Plymouth school districts are planning to walk out in solidarity with their immigrant classmates and families.



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