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390 ARRESTED IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATION

United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth and ICE Special Agent in Charge Claude Arnold announced today that 390 people were administratively arrested yesterday in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operation at the Agriprocessors, Inc. meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa. 314 men and 76 women were initially placed into ICE custody. Of that number, 56 were released on ICE supervision for humanitarian reasons. Based on the number of those administratively arrested, this is the largest single-site enforcement operation of its kind ever in the United States.

It is anticipated some criminal arrests will take place. As any criminal arrests take place, those arrested will be provided with attorneys and will be taken before a magistrate judge for an initial appearance in a courtroom set up in Waterloo, Iowa.