

## WHAT IS OPERATION STREAMLINE?

Operation Streamline is a federal government program of *en masse* fast-track criminal prosecution of migrants. It began in Del Rio, Texas, on December 16, 2005. It expanded to Yuma, Arizona in 2006 and Tucson, Arizona in 2008. At the height of the program, it took place in six of nine sectors of the U.S.-Mexico border and in every southern land-border state except California. It continues to operate in the Tucson, Del Rio, and Laredo sectors today.

In Tucson, groups of up to 70 people are shackled at the hands, waist, and feet before being brought into court for a single *en masse* hearing lasting two hours or less. All are advised of their charges, waive their constitutional rights, plead guilty to entering at a place other than a port of entry, and are sentenced to up to 180 days in federal prison. Many serve this time in private prisons run for profit by well-connected corporations such as Corrections Corporation of America and GEO Group. Lobbyists for these corporations donate large sums of money to U.S. government officials and presidential candidates with the expectation of receiving contracts for housing people criminalized by the federal government.

For decades, the U.S. government deported or returned undocumented border crossers through the civil system. However, between

the advent of Streamline and the present, the U.S. government has conducted about 700,000 prosecutions nationwide for immigration-related crimes, the vast majority in border-state districts where Operation Streamline was operating. In Arizona, immigration cases have overwhelmed our federal courts: According to a 2012 report by Pretrial Services Officer David Martin, immigration-related offenses comprised 81 percent of charges brought in the District of Arizona in 2011.

The expense of imprisoning immigrants is staggering. In 2012, Grassroots Leadership used conservative figures to estimate that the U.S. government spent \$5.5 billion dollars on the incarceration of immigrants between 2005 and 2011. Estimates from local U.S. government officials suggest that immigration prosecutions in Tucson alone cost federal taxpayers \$33 million per month. Since the true cost of Streamline is distributed through the budgets of numerous government agencies and the federal courts, the exact cost is difficult to calculate.

## ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

### Go.

Operation Streamline hearings take place Monday through Friday at 1:30pm on the second floor of the DeConcini Federal Courthouse, 405 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ. They are open to the public and usually last about two hours; bring a form of

government-issued identification with you. You may download the calendar and list of defendants on the morning of the hearing you plan to attend. Go to [www.azd.uscourts.gov](http://www.azd.uscourts.gov). Under Calendars, select "Tucson Operation Streamline Calendar." You may print and bring the list with you into court that afternoon.

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Go to [tinyurl.com/njhe98b](http://tinyurl.com/njhe98b) or search for "Operation Streamline" on [change.org](http://change.org) to

sign the petition to let key Senators know that Operation Streamline is inhumane, expensive, and ineffective.

## COME TO A MEETING.

End Streamline Coalition meetings take place every other Tuesday at 5:30 PM at Southside Presbyterian Church, 317 W. 23rd St., Tucson, AZ 85713.

## WHO WE ARE

The End Streamline Coalition was founded in January 2013 as an association of individuals and organizations concerned about the initiation of Operation Streamline in Tucson in 2008. We seek the decriminalization of migration, an end to all illegal entry and re-entry prosecutions, an end to the practices of incarcerating and of "detaining" immigrants, an end to private-prison profiteering from mass incarceration, and principled immigration reform that addresses the root causes of migration and refuses to concede to provisions that would increase criminalization of migrants in the future in exchange for legalizing undocumented community members now.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

[endstreamline.org](http://endstreamline.org)  
[endstreamline.wordpress.com](http://endstreamline.wordpress.com)  
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