

At least 67 illegal immigrants detained in Houston raid

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Immigration authorities apprehended at least 67 illegal immigrants in an afternoon raid today in southeast Houston.

Houston police contacted Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials at about 12:30 p.m. today to tell them there appeared to be illegal activity taking place at the offices of Super Express Van Tours on 1311 Garland and a nearby residence at 7009 Schley, said ICE spokeswoman Luisa Deason.

After arriving at the scene, ICE officials detained 67 illegal immigrants, including Brazilians, Mexicans, Hondurans and Salvadorans, Deason said. Half a dozen juveniles also were taken into custody, the youngest about 12 years old, she said. Investigators were still at the scene this evening and it is too early to determine what charges might be filed in the case or whether there are any smugglers among the group, Deason said.