

# Federal class-action lawsuit filed in immigration raid

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The lawsuit was filed on Thursday in Cedar Rapids, and names the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division and several government officials.

It claims government agencies and officials violated the workers' constitutional rights.

ICE agents arrested nearly 400 people on Monday at the Agriprocessors plants in the largest immigration raid in U.S. history.

According to the lawsuit, an immigration official said the raid was undertaken, in part, because there was evidence that the company violated federal wage and labor laws and undertook criminal enterprises that violated racketeering laws.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Telephone messages left for those who filed the lawsuit -- the Peck Law Firm and the Dornan & Lustgarten firm, both of Omaha, Nebraska -- weren't immediately returned.