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Illegal Immigrants Taking a Risk for Harvest

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Farmers say their fields are ready to harvest, but workers are disappearing. A day after a federal judge makes a ruling blocking certain parts of the Immigration Law, some illegal workers are not staying around to find out how it affects them.

Even with the preliminary injunction, fear of the unknown is driving these migrant workers away. They feel it's just a matter of time before they are forced to leave or face deportation.

Farmer Keith Smith breathed a sigh of relief after the ruling ... that was until he got to the field this morning. Only five of his twenty workers showed up.

Workers say it would only take one traffic incident to send them to jail. The law does not call for random checks of residents or targeting them based on race or ethnicity, however, law enforcement say they will continue to pull people over for traffic violations.

Today, the Civil Rights Coalition filed an emergency request to block key provisions of the law that would among other things, authorize police to demand "papers" showing immigration or citizenship status during routine traffic stops.