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# Feds conduct immigrant raids around Houston

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents this morning raided a southeast Houston transportation business that was a front for a stash house for illegal immigrants, authorities said.

The 9 a.m. raid at People Express in the 7200 block of Long Drive was one of several ICE operations conducted around Houston today, agency spokesman Gregory Palmore said. He did not immediately provide other details, citing sealed warrants.

Agents accompanied by a helicopter and an armored Department of Homeland Security vehicle swarmed the Long Drive site around 9 a.m., pulling out an undisclosed number of suspected illegal immigrants from a stash house behind the storefront, authorities said.

At a second location nearby in the 7700 block of Park Place, agents conducted a similar raid on a business called Ramirez Transportation.