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## A MESSAGE FROM PLYMOUTH POLICE CHIEF DANA FLYNN

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**PLYMOUTH, MA** – Over the past few weeks, I have been asked what role the Plymouth Police Department has in enforcing and assisting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in apprehending immigrants. Please understand that it is unlawful for anyone, including local law enforcement agencies, to impede or obstruct a federal law enforcement officer in performing their duties, including during federal immigration enforcement.

Our community needs to know that the Plymouth Police Department follows the current state law, which *prohibits* local law enforcement officers from enforcing civil immigration detainers. In other words, the Plymouth Police will not take people into custody based solely on their immigration status, nor will we hold people in custody or delay the bail process for individuals arrested for an unrelated crime whose immigration status is in question.

The Plymouth Police Department will, however, enforce any *criminal* judicial arrest warrant issued by a court of law authorizing local law enforcement to act. The Plymouth Police Department may, at times during the apprehension of criminal immigrants, assist federal law enforcement agencies in their duties when assistance is requested, and may share criminal justice information with these agencies to the extent normally allowed by law.

In conclusion, all officers of the Plymouth Police Department have sworn an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and that of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our sworn oath requires us to enforce all laws of the Commonwealth fairly and impartially, regardless of a person's gender, race, religion, or immigration status.

The Plymouth Police Department, along with myself, understand the severity and emotional impact this situation has caused on national, state, and local levels. I hope that this message clarifies any questions and uncertainty surrounding the question of what role the Plymouth Police Department has in enforcing and assisting ICE agents in apprehending immigrants.

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