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In addition to Nicole Good, Keith Porter, and Alex Pretti's murders, six men kidnapped by ICE have died in detention centers due to violence and/or medical neglect:

- Heber Sanchaz Domínguez**, age 34, of Mexico.
Robert A Deyton Detention Facility, Lovejoy, Georgia.
- Victor Manuel Diaz**, age 36, of Nicaragua.
Camp East Montana, El Paso, Texas.
- Parady La**, age 46, of Cambodia.
Federal Detention Center in Center City Philadelphia.
- Luis Beltran Yanez-Cruz**, age 68, of Honduras.
Imperial Regional Detention Facility, Calexico, California.
- Luis Gustavo Nunez Careres**, age 42, of Honduras.
Joe Corley Processing Center.
- Geraldo Lunas Campos**, age 55, of Cuba.
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At this rate, we will see over 100 killings by ICE this year.

These nine deaths might only be scratching the surface. We have reason to doubt the truthfulness of ICE's reporting. The American Immigration Council found that ICE has repeatedly released critically-ill individuals from detention centers to avoid reporting or taking responsibility for the detainee's death.

More than **73,000 human beings are currently in ICE detention**, a figure that has increased by 30,000 in twelve months. These facilities are places of torture. From the outside, we see people abducted without warning, families separated violently, and intense barriers which make it nearly impossible to locate, let alone contact detained family. Inside these facilities, detainees continue to face cruel conditions at the hands of ICE: overcrowding, lack of legal access, unsanitary and unsafe facilities, inadequate food, sleeping on the floor, arbitrary solitary confinement, harassment, forced labor, insufficient medical care, physical violence and sexual abuse.

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Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin GA is **one of the largest and deadliest prisons in the state**. Since its founding in 2006 it has been notorious for human rights violations. A recently released detainee said there were 30 people to a room, sleeping on concrete floors, and despite this, Stewart's population increased from 1,500 to 2,300 in 2025, hundreds of people over its intended capacity. A report released by El Refugio last year detailed the horrible conditions and complete medical neglect that the detained population faces. The prenatal dietary accommodations needed by pregnant women and crucial medical appointments for pregnant women were withheld. One woman suffered a miscarriage and was only transferred to a hospital after excessive pain and bleeding. Others were denied neurological evaluations and accommodations, mental health support, chemotherapy, important medications, or use of their prosthetic limbs. Through the years, there have also been dozens of reports of sexual assault at the hands of ICE employees inside SDC. At another **recently reopened** Georgia ICE jail, Irwin County Detention Center, women were subjected to invasive gynecological procedures without their consent.

SDC also **weaponizes forced labor against detainees**. In one case against CoreCivic, the private prison company that runs SDC, plaintiffs allege that CoreCivic forced them to work for as little as \$1 per day. Private prison companies like CoreCivic rely on forced labor inside the prisons to cut costs and increase their profit. Detainees who resist are often threatened or even punished with solitary confinement. SDC is just one of four major detention centers in our state, which has the **fourth highest number of people in ICE detention in the country**. As ICE's budget and power continue to expand, ICE brutality and terror will only continue to rise, threatening all residents of the United States. The agency currently has \$78 billion dollars at its disposal. With part of this budget, ICE plans to convert **23 warehouses across the country into 76,500 cages, doubling ICE's capacity to imprison from 75,000 to over 150,000**. Here in Georgia, two new ICE detention-concentration camps have been proposed, one in Social Circle and another in Flowery Branch. The mega detention center in Social Circle will add 8,500 new "beds" by converting a warehouse designed to store merchandise into a makeshift gulag. The processing site of Flowery Branch will be a fast-paced model which will commodify human life and expedite deportations. These two sites alone increase the number of people ICE can hold captive by over 10,000.

These facilities will be paid for by our tax dollars. These facilities will drain the communities' resources. These facilities will allow extreme violence and chaos to take place in our own neighborhoods. In order to fill the new ICE prisons, the amount of ICE abductions and political persecution would have to expand rapidly in the coming years. This reflects a frightening shift towards fascism that we must fight against with urgency. We are against these new detention centers in Georgia, not because we don't want them in our neighborhoods, but because we oppose the warehousing of human beings. We will not sit by as our neighbors are abducted in the street. We will not allow for our neighbors to be dehumanized and abused in concentration camps. We must stick together, defend our communities and fight against the new detention centers.

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