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The following is a statement from the [Immigrant Defense Project](#) regarding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrest at [Bronx Criminal Court](#) today:

"Earlier today ICE arrested a young man at Bronx Criminal Court who has no prior criminal record and was there to contest a misdemeanor charge. He is a DACA applicant and posed no threat to public safety. ICE's recent directive on courthouse enforcement suggested they would not target immigrants like him, yet they did so -- affirming that the agency will continue to stalk and arrest vulnerable immigrants and trample the Constitutional rights of those who participate in our judicial system. This is precisely why we are demanding that Chief Judge Janet DiFiore implement policies to keep ICE out of courts and protect all immigrant New Yorkers."

About the Immigrant Defense Project

The Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) is a New York-based nonprofit that works to secure fairness and justice for immigrants in the racially-biased U.S. criminal and immigration systems. IDP fights to end the current era of unprecedented mass criminalization, detention and deportation through a multi-pronged strategy including advocacy, litigation, legal support, community partnerships, and strategic communications.