

PRESS RELEASE

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The United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa has temporarily relocated a number of judges and other court personnel and services to Waterloo, Iowa in response to the anticipated arrest and prosecution of numerous illegal aliens in the Department of Homeland Security law enforcement initiative in northern Iowa.

Chief Judge Linda R. Reade made the decision to temporarily relocate some judges and court personnel to make it easier for arrestees' families to attend court proceedings and because of the anticipated scope of the initiative. There is inadequate space in the Cedar Rapids and Sioux City courthouses to hold and process those arrested.

It is not anticipated that the temporary relocation of some judges and court personnel will substantially affect normal court operations in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City.

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