



STATEMENT REGARDING PROSECUTION OF EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE CASES INVOLVING FEDERAL AGENTS

Santa Ana, Calif. (January 28, 2026) – Yesterday, the governor and the CA State Attorney General reaffirmed the authority of local prosecutors to pursue charges against Federal agents who commit crimes or use excessive force against people in our state.

We need to ensure that federal agencies are held accountable for their violent and illegal actions during immigration raids and their efforts to suppress the free speech rights of peaceful demonstrators.

I was encouraged to see Orange County District Attorney Spitzer commit to pursuing cases of excessive use of force by Federal law enforcement when complaints are filed with local police departments or the sheriff.

I urge the DA to pursue every avenue, including working with the Grand Jury, to review the violent and disturbing conduct of Federal agents during protests here in our county, even if direct complaints are not formally filed. I remain concerned that victims of these crimes may not come forward for fear of government reprisals or inaction.