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GREENE COUNTY COMET DRUG TASK FORCE ENTERS INTO A 287G AGREEMENT WITH ICE

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, March 19, 2026 – Greene County’s COMET Drug Task Force quietly entered into a 287g Agreement with ICE on March 2nd, 2026, according to ICE.gov. Although it has been 17 days since this agreement was signed, a MOA is still not available on the website to review who signed it. There are now 69 active 287g agreement in the state of Missouri - none of which existed before 2025.

There are 18 drug task forces, including COMET, in the state of Missouri. These federally funded task forces have come under scrutiny over the years for their ‘cowboy’ tactics, failure to set up required oversight commissions and hold public oversight meetings, failure to respond to Sunshine Act requests of information, use of expensive surveillance equipment like Stingray, and even some cases of pretending the task force itself does not exist.

Dave Roland, Co-Founder and Director of Litigation for the libertarian-conservative organization Freedom Center, was part of a years-long legal crusade for accountability against these Missouri task forces. During this legal crusade, Mr. Roland described these task forces as “...utterly dismissive of the humanity of the people they are investigating.”

COMET stands for Combined Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Team. According to Missouri State Highway Patrol this task force is administered by Greene County and is a collaborative law enforcement unit aimed at reducing illegal drug trafficking and related crimes throughout the state. COMET assisted with two recent drug busts in Cedar County in November 2025 and Douglas County in February 2026. Notably, all individuals arrested in both cases were white.

“This particular 287g agreement sets a dangerous precedent that immigration enforcement is somehow directly related to illegal drug trafficking. In an area where our population is over 80% white, we know that is simply not the case and the recent COMET drug busts reflect this as well. Units already described as ‘dismissive of humanity’ should not have the power to disproportionately impact the lives of our minority neighbors,” says Dominique Moore, President of Southern Missouri Immigration Alliance.

Take action. Get organized and informed. Raise awareness in your community. Support your neighbors: **REPORT ICE SIGHTINGS AT (417)-MELT-ICE.**

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