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**POSTVILLE CRIMINAL ARRESTS RISE TO 154**

United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today that 154 people, 144 men and 10 women, have been arrested on criminal charges following the administrative arrest of 390 people on May 12 at Agriprocessors, Inc. in Postville, Iowa.

Initial appearances have been held in Waterloo, Iowa, for many of those arrested. Court appearances will continue until about 6:00 o'clock tonight and then resume at about 10:00 p.m. Initial appearances should be concluded tomorrow morning.

Charges vary by individual and include allegations of aggravated identity theft, false use of a social security number, and fraudulent use of an alien registration card. As with any criminal case, a charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Men facing criminal charges will be housed in Estel Hall in Waterloo until they have appeared in court on those charges. Women facing criminal charges will be housed in local jails until they have appeared in court on those charges.

After initial appearances, anyone not released pending their next court appearance will be turned over to the custody of the United States Marshal for placement in local jails.

Anyone not facing criminal charges but detained administratively will be housed in Estel Hall or local jails until they are removed or otherwise moved to another facility for completion of the administrative matter.