

## 2 alleged gang members arrested Sweep named Project Big Freeze

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Two alleged gang members were arrested in El Paso as part of a national sweep led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, officials said Wednesday.

The operation, named Project Big Freeze, arrested 476 people in 83 cities in an effort focusing on transnational gangs with ties to drug-trafficking groups. Regionally, there were two arrests in El Paso and 12 in Albuquerque. Abel Heredia Castillo, 19, and Carlos Aguirre, 33, were arrested earlier this month in El Paso. Jail records show Heredia was arrested Jan. 19 and Aguirre was arrested Jan. 8.

"They had been previously deported and they came back into the country illegally. Now they face federal charges," said ICE spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa. Both men are allegedly associated with the Sureños gang, she said. Nationwide, 151 of those arrested were U.S. citizens, and 366 were from other countries and now face deportation.



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