

Exhibit B:

January 18, 2019

GRPD Statement

POLICE
DEPARTMENT



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Grand Rapids Police Department's statement on the case involving Jilmar Ramos-Gomez:

Our police department took this incident very seriously and believed it was a possible act of terrorism. In the interest of public safety and because there was a risk to federal airspace, we contacted federal authorities, including the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and ICE. It is standard for local police agencies to contact federal authorities any time there is a possible act of terrorism. Grand Rapids Police Department policy requires this notification for incidents involving potential acts of terrorism. Our police department's No. 1 priority is to keep our community safe. We do not enforce immigration laws. Contacting ICE is not a routine part of our investigative process. We do this only when there is a potential risk to the public's safety, specifically when there is a possible act of terrorism. There are times when law enforcement agencies work collaboratively to ensure the public's safety. We are committed to being a welcoming community where immigrants and refugees feel safe. We want to reassure the community that safety - not immigration status - is our No. 1 priority.