

ACLU says no to ICE in LV

(KAIR)--The ACLU of Kansas is sending a reminder to Leavenworth County Commissioners why a private prison, which is attempting to reopen as an ICE detention center in Leavenworth, originally closed its operations, with a history of violence among the reasons cited.

The ACLU of Kansas, in a release, says that as private prison corporation CoreCivic attempts to reopen its detention center in Leavenworth, it's urging the County Commission to remember why the U.S. Marshals Service ended its contract with the facility in 2021.

Micah Kubic, Executive Director of the ACLU of Kansas, in the release, says that “the people who suffered through the facility- conditions of extreme violence, whether as staff or as residents, have definitely not forgotten—and neither have the families and community that witnessed it all.”

According to the release, the ACLU of Kansas, in 2021, "was one of the ACLU affiliates and public defenders' offices in four states that signed a letter urging the White House to ensure the facility was shut down by the end of the year, when CoreCivic's contract ended."

WIBW-TV reports that previously, the Department of Homeland Security said it would not pursue a contract with CoreCivic for a contract to become a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center, but Commissioners announced during their September 6 meeting that the company has reached out to them several times in an effort to reopen the facility.

The ACLU of Kansas is also urging U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, not to engage with CoreCivic for any plans in Leavenworth.

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