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## **More being charged with theft of identities**

### **RAID AFTERMATH: U.S.**

More than 100 immigrants have now been charged with criminal identity theft, according to the Dallas Morning News. That number is expected to rise through the weekend, immigration authorities said. The Swift immigration raids were the largest in history, with 1,282 immigrants detained.

**In Nebraska:** Fifteen people were indicted on suspicion of identify theft in connection with the immigration raid at the meatpacking plant in Grand Island. Interim U.S. Attorney Joe Stecher said Friday that the 15 men and women had used someone else's identification to get jobs. "We had no evidence they were involved in a ring or any other process," Stecher said of the 15. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials rounded up 261 workers at the Grand Island plant on Tuesday.

**In Texas:** Fifty-three workers arrested during the raids at Swift & Co. in Cactus, Texas, have been charged with criminal identity theft, shedding new light on victims in the state and as far away as Puerto Rico and Massachusetts, the Dallas Morning News reported.

**In Colorado:** Some detainees arrested in the raid at the Swift plant in Greeley have appeared in court. The Rocky Mountain News reported that a few of the detainees who appeared to be in the most trouble with the law were the easiest to find in the Weld County court system. Elsewhere in Greeley's Hispanic community, frustration remained high as most of the other detainees were presumed to be at Immigration and Customs Enforcement holding facilities around Denver, according to the newspaper.