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ICE’s new tactic may be letting perps walk

Suspects, witnesses deported before trials

Trevor Hughes
USA TODAY

DENVER – Some suspects in violent assaults and sex crimes are escaping American justice because they’re being deported before they can stand trial, according to a number of prosecutors and legal experts across the country.

In one suburban Denver county, the district attorney has tallied at least six criminal cases he’s had to shelve or drop because Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents detained or deported suspects before he could prosecute them.

In another case in the city of Denver, a man suspected of attempted murder was released because ICE had deported the witnesses against him, forcing prosecutors to drop the charges. That suspect then tackled an ICE agent trying to detain him outside the jail.

And in Boston, a judge was forced to drop charges against a man accused of using a fake name on a driver’s license after ICE took him into custody mid-trial and refused to return him. Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden called ICE’s actions “troubling and extraordinarily reckless,” because the agents prevented him from prosecuting the detainee.



Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrest an immigrant from El Salvador after surveilling him for days, in Herndon, Virginia, on Jan. 15. The man had a criminal conviction and was in the country illegally. JOSH MORGAN/USA TODAY

Across the country, prosecutors, defense attorneys and legal observers say they’ve seen an uptick in ICE agents choosing to deport criminal suspects, instead of keeping them in custody and producing them for local court proceedings.

“It’s not only undermining to the justice system but also impacting community safety,” said Adams County District Attorney Brian Mason, who serves a suburban area northeast of Denver.

These rapid deportations mean some innocent people are being denied the chance to clear their name in a U.S. courtroom. For crime victims, it means they never see the satisfaction of their assailant behind bars.

And it could be making all Americans less safe, legal experts say, when people with criminal backgrounds and no respect for the law cross back into the United States and commit more crimes.

“My fear that is that people will get deported, will essentially avoid criminal prosecution, will sneak back into

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Storytelling defines Kendrick Lamar’s rise

Hip-hop artist Kendrick Lamar kicked off his co-billed Grand National Tour with SZA at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on April 19. The pair will play North America and Europe through August. PROVIDED BY PGLANG

‘It’s like he makes a documentary of his life with his music’

Melissa Ruggieri
USA TODAY

Kendrick Lamar swept this year’s Grammy Awards with his stinging No. 1 hit “Not Like Us.”

It’s a layered title that the Compton rapper said embodies “the man I represent ... he has morals, he has values, he believes in something.”

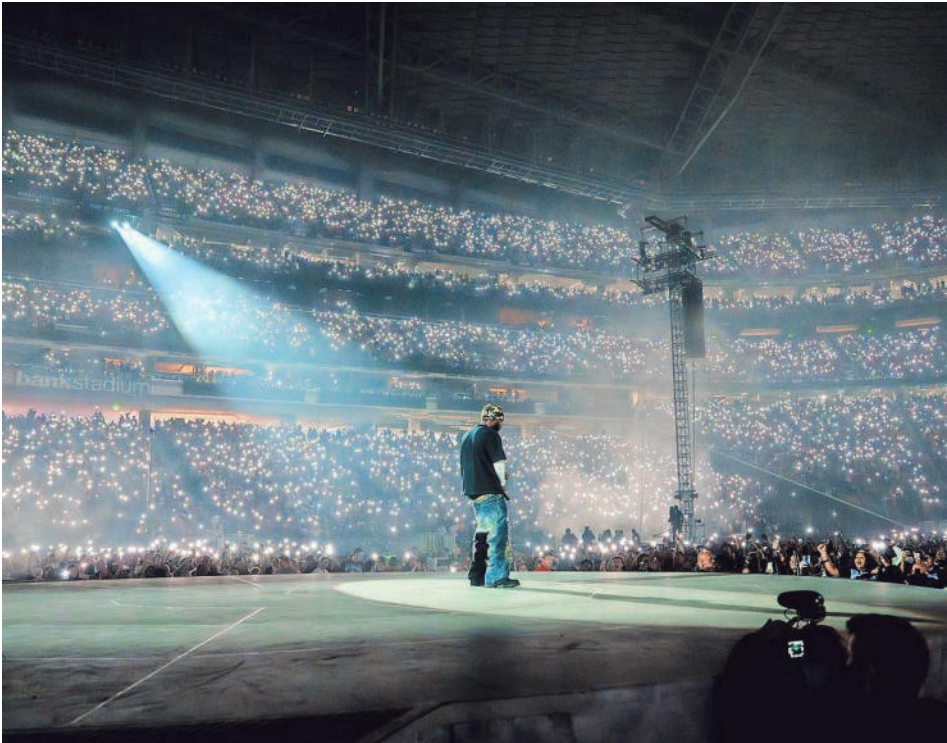
It’s also definitive of his outlier status in music, an artist able to capture the respect of industry elites – he won the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 2018 – while retaining his authenticity with hip-hop fans, many of whom have followed his 15-year-career since its infancy.

Lamar was the first rapper to place three albums concurrently in the Top 10 of the Billboard 200. He’s the leading nominee at 2025’s American Music Awards, earning more nods than Taylor Swift and Beyoncé at the fan-voted show.

He’s also in the midst of one of the most lucrative tours of the year, a career-defining spectacle unveiled in stadiums – rare venues for hip-hop artists – with friend and collaborator SZA.

As Lamar returns to his home state for the first of three concerts at SoFi Stadium near LA, we look at how he has become unlike anyone else in music right now.

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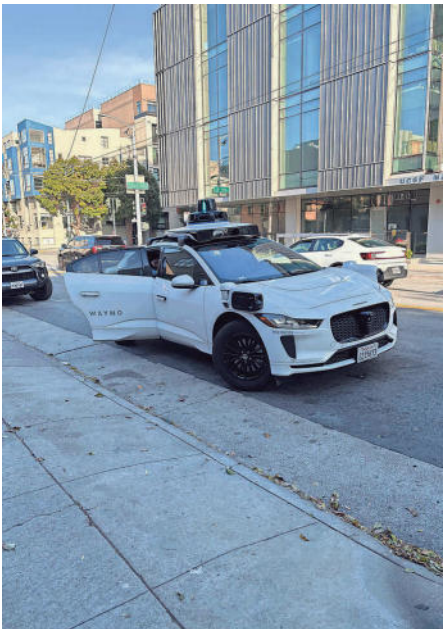


Lamar became the first rapper to gross more than \$9 million at a single show as a headliner from the opening night of his Grand National Tour with SZA in Minneapolis. GREG NOIRE/PGLANG FOR KENDRICK LAMAR

“When you listen to him speak, you can hear he’s pulling from things that he’s lived.”

Justin Tinsley
A senior sports and culture reporter with ESPN’s Andscape and Kendrick Lamar fan since 2010

Robotaxi fans glad for a ticket to ride



A passenger climbs into a Waymo robotaxi in San Francisco’s Potrero Hill neighborhood on May 16. ELIZABETH WEISE/USA TODAY

Customers praise safety, privacy, peace of mind

Elizabeth Weise
USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO – Taxis without drivers.

The concept has sparked controversy, unease, amazement and confusion. But a surge in ridership shows that many people prefer being driven by a computer rather than a person.

For Tienna Perez-Close, it’s knowing she can get into a car and the driver won’t be weird or invasive. For Leila Minowada, it’s a safe, ultra-smooth ride that never makes her nauseous. For Lee Rogers, who’s legally blind, it was the independence of being alone in a car for the first time in her life. And for Jay Hack, it’s the chance to live for a moment in a future he’s eagerly awaiting.

Each of these riders are part of the more than 250,000 trips a week taken in

driverless robotaxis from Waymo in Austin, Phoenix, Los Angeles, parts of Silicon Valley and all of San Francisco. They’re expected to start in Atlanta, Miami and Washington in 2026.

The rollout has been riddled with controversy, including unnatural driving behaviors, safety concerns, fears of clogged streets and confused cars wandering into fire zones and crime scenes.

But 16 years after the first driverless taxis were tested in California, they now calmly wander up the steepest San Francisco byways (though Lombard Street is rarely a most efficient route, Waymo notes) and thread their way through construction, traffic and bike lanes, dropping off and picking up passengers along the way. Their quiet electric hum (all are EVs) has become a new part of the city’s soundscape.

Spend an evening out in popular nightlife areas like the Mission District, Hayes Valley or the Marina, and the

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