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Undercover Report Raises Alarms Over NGO's Real-Time Alerts to Illegal Migrants

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A recent undercover investigation has uncovered concerning details about the operations of the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonprofit organisation (NGO) involved in criminal justice advocacy. The report, published by journalist James O'Keefe, features footage of a Vera Institute staff member admitting the group helps illegal migrants evade United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through real-time alerts shared via a private online platform.

The staff member stated: "We keep track of everything that's happening with ICE. If agents are spotted, people text our group — it goes live on a secret site so migrants can avoid the area." These actions raise serious questions about the role of NGOs in federal law enforcement matters and border security.

The Vera Institute of Justice has long been involved in legal and policy support for immigrants and detainees, but this investigation suggests a deeper level of coordination that may obstruct the enforcement of immigration law. The use of technology to monitor federal agents and distribute location-based warnings in real-time appears to operate more as an intelligence network than a standard legal aid group.

What adds to the controversy is the funding behind Vera Institute's operations. Public records show major financial support from George Soros' Open Society Foundations, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Jeff Bezos' Earth Fund. The connection between these high-profile donors and the alleged shielding of unlawful activity has sparked debate over the influence of philanthropy on national security and border control.

Beyond alerts and tracking, the NGO reportedly uses litigation to extract information from federal agencies, raising concerns about the extent to which such groups are working to limit the effectiveness of immigration enforcement.

While the Vera Institute presents itself as a reform-driven organisation, the findings from this investigation suggest a significant disconnect between its public messaging and the operational tactics exposed. The report brings renewed focus to how some NGOs function behind the scenes and the need for greater transparency and oversight, especially when public safety and national sovereignty are at stake.

This case is likely to renew calls for legislative scrutiny of organisations that receive considerable private funding while actively influencing border operations.