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CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) - Three people arrested in this week's immigration raid at a meatpacking plant in Postville have filed a federal class-action lawsuit against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division and several government officials.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. It claims Agriprocessors Inc. acquired false identification for workers, along with numerous allegations of abuse from supervisors. It also alleges the detainees haven't had adequate time for legal services.

The lawsuit was filed by Antonin Trinidad Candido, Roman Trinidad Candido and Maria del Refugio Masias, on behalf of an "unspecific number of detained immigrant workers." It was filed through the Peck Law Firm and Dornan & Lustgarten firm in Omaha, Neb.

ICE agents arrested nearly 400 people on Monday in the largest immigration raid in U.S. history.