

Federal judge 'embarrassed' by immigration hearings

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Immigration and the Church

The 2008 raid on a Postville, Iowa, meatpacking plant by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that ignited church efforts for a more just immigration policy is now the subject of a documentary, "[abUSed: The Postville Raid](#) [1]," by Luis Argueta and Vivian Rivas.

According to this report [from the Des Moines Register](#) [2], a federal judge who participated in court hearings after the immigration raid says the legal proceedings were "a travesty."

"I was embarrassed to be a United States District Court judge that day," District Judge Mark Bennett told the filmmakers.

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