

OPERATION METRO SURGE

How Federal Enforcement Led to the
Killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti

INTERIM STAFF ANALYSIS

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I. OVERVIEW

In January 2026, federal immigration agents fatally shot two U.S. citizens. On January 7, 2026, Renée Nicole Macklin Good was shot by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer. On January 24, a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer and agent fatally shot Alex Jeffrey Pretti. Shot less than two miles from each other in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti lost their lives while bearing witness to the abuses and injustices being inflicted on their neighbors by the Trump Administration's aggressive, violent, and unlawful immigration enforcement tactics.

On the morning of January 7, after dropping their child off at school, Ms. Good and her partner, Becca Good, stopped their car down the street from activity by federal agents. Footage depicts Ms. Good's smiling face as she told Jonathan Ross, the masked officer who would later shoot and kill her, "That's fine dude. I'm not mad at you."¹ Moments later, another masked officer tried to force open her door as she was in the process of moving her vehicle, swearing at her to get out of the car.² Seconds later, as Ms. Good angled her car away from—not toward—Officer Ross, Ross fired the first shot through the side of her windshield and subsequent shots through the open driver side window. According to an autopsy, Ms. Good died from a shot to the side of her head.³ The cell phone footage captured a male voice saying "fucking bitch" after the third shot was fired.⁴ The Trump Administration would later claim that Ms. Good tried to run him over, but recordings show that the officer was not in the car's path when he fired.⁵ She had been peaceful throughout the encounter.

Ms. Good did not die instantly. The available evidence indicates that none of the ICE officers attempted to administer CPR. Instead, officers prevented a physician witness from coming to her aid. Had they assessed Ms. Good, they might have noticed that she still had a pulse, as local emergency workers discovered when they arrived six minutes later.⁶

¹ Alpha News (@AlphaNews), X (Jan 9, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/AlphaNews/status/2009679932289626385>); *ICE Officer Who Shot Renee Good in Minneapolis Has Served Decades in Military And Law Enforcement*, AP (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/immigration-minnesota-jonathan-ross-b9ce88da676d74ec6a1ab36aa55fbda1>).

² *ICE Shooting Timeline: Video Analysis of Renee Good's Death*, Newsweek (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at <https://newsweek.com/ice-shooting-timeline-video-analysis-of-renee-goods-death-11328177>).

³ *Renee Good Was Shot in The Head, Autopsy Commissioned by Her Family Finds*, NBC News (Jan. 21, 2026) (online at <https://nbcnews.com/news/us-news/renee-good-was-shot-head-autopsy-commissioned-family-finds-rcna255335>).

⁴ Alpha News (@AlphaNews), X (Jan 9, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/AlphaNews/status/2009679932289626385>).

⁵ *Video Analysis of ICE Shooting Sheds Light on Contested Moments*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/15/video/ice-shooting-renee-good-minneapolis-videos.html/>).

⁶ *Newly Released Records Detail Chaos During Fatal ICE Shooting in Minneapolis*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/live/2026/01/15/us/minneapolis-shooting-ice>); *New Evidence Reveals*

Seventeen days later, on the morning of January 24, Mr. Pretti was filming CBP officers and agents who had pushed a woman in the street. Video footage shows the moments that followed: an agent appeared to aggressively approach Mr. Pretti, push him, then turn and push a second woman to the ground. When Mr. Pretti stepped between them, the agent immediately pepper-sprayed both Mr. Pretti and the woman in the face. Then, at least five still-unnamed CBP agents and officers assaulted Mr. Pretti and pinned him to the ground as one CBP agent announced that Mr. Pretti was in possession of a firearm, which was holstered. One agent took possession of the firearm. In videos captured from multiple witnesses, Mr. Pretti was disarmed, restrained, and facing the ground when Border Patrol agent Jesus Ochoa and CBP officer Raymundo Gutierrez drew their firearms and shot Mr. Pretti multiple times.⁷ He was first shot in the back, and officers continued firing when Mr. Pretti was lying motionless on the street.⁸

As the shots were fired, the agents initially moved away from Mr. Pretti's body. Eyewitness footage appears to show one agent clapping in response.⁹ A separate agent searched for Mr. Pretti's firearm, though it had already been taken from his body before he was shot. A licensed pediatrician provided sworn testimony that "none of the agents who were near the victim were performing CPR," but instead appeared to be "counting his bullet wounds."¹⁰ After initially refusing, the agents allegedly allowed the pediatrician to provide CPR until emergency personnel arrived. Mr. Pretti did not have a pulse at that time.¹¹

II. KEY FINDINGS

- The Trump Administration's extreme policies, violent tactics, and culture of impunity led to the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti.
- The Trump Administration's lies about the killings cannot cover up what the American people saw with their own eyes.

Renee Good Was Still Alive When ICE Blocked Medic, The New Republic (Jan. 16, 2026) (online at <https://newrepublic.com/post/205373/evidence-renee-good-still-alive-ice-blocked-medic>).

⁷ *Two CBP Agents Identified in Alex Pretti Shooting*, ProPublica (Feb. 1, 2026) (online at www.propublica.org/article/alex-pretti-shooting-cbp-agents-identified-jesus-ochoa-raymundo-gutierrez).

⁸ According to an autopsy, Mr. Pretti died from multiple gunshot wounds, and his death was ruled a homicide. See *Medical Examiner Issues Initial, Public Report on Death of Alex Pretti*, MPR News (Feb. 2, 2026) (online at <https://mprnews.org/story/2026/02/02/medical-examiner-report-alex-pretti>); *Watch The Movements of Two Officers Involved in Pretti Killing*, CNN (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/politics/video/immigration-agents-shooting-alex-pretti-vid-invs).

⁹ *Immigration Agent Seen Clapping His Hands Seconds After Alex Pretti Is Shot Dead*, Independent TV (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/alex-pretti-shooting-ice-minnesota-clapping-video-b2908677.html).

¹⁰ *Read a Witness Statement on The Pretti Shooting*, New York Times (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/interactive/2026/01/25/us/pretti-witness-statement-from-doctor.html).

¹¹ *Id.*

- The available evidence suggests that the Trump Administration is attempting to cover up misconduct.
- The Trump Administration is continuing its cover-up by impeding thorough and impartial investigations into the shootings.

III. ANALYSIS



The fatal shootings of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti were not isolated incidents. They are the direct result of the rapid and intentional escalation of violence by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in its ongoing efforts to carry out President Donald Trump’s mass deportation campaign, and to suppress dissent with no regard for Americans’ constitutional rights.¹² The damage from DHS’s increasingly aggressive—and frequently unlawful—tactics has been documented across the country.¹³

¹² *Trump Promised The “Largest Deportation” in US History. Here’s How He Might Start*, OPB (Nov. 15, 2024) (online at <https://opb.org/article/2024/11/15/trump-mass-deportation-immigration-border/>); *Revealed: FBI Opened Domestic Terrorism Investigations into Anti-ICE Activity Across US*, The Guardian (Dec. 19, 2025) (online at <https://theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/19/fbi-terrorism-investigations-anti-ice-activity>).

¹³ See *Immigration Arrests in Los Angeles Spike Amid Aggressive Enforcement*, New York Times (July 11, 2025) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2025/07/11/us/politics/los-angeles-immigration-enforcement.html>); *Trump’s Crackdown in DC Leaves Residents on Edge as Federal Agents Set Up Checkpoints*, WSLS (Aug. 21, 2025) (online at <https://wsls.com/news/politics/2025/08/21/trumps-immigration-crackdown-brings-checkpoints-and-new-fears-to-washington/>); *Drones, Helicopters, Hundreds of Arrests: Trump’s Immigration Crackdown in Chicago So Far*, New York Times (Oct. 1, 2025) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2025/10/01/us/trump-chicago-immigration-national-guard.html>); *Border Patrol Tactics in Charlotte Prompt Concerns Over Intimidation*, Axios Charlotte (Nov. 19, 2025) (online at <https://axios.com/local/charlotte/2025/11/19/first-amendment-charlotte-volunteers-border-patrol>); *New Orleans Residents in Fear as Immigration Crackdown Descends on Their City*, BBC (Dec. 4, 2025) (online at <https://bbc.com/news/articles/clw93r2zn7yo>).

The recent focus on Minnesota began in early December 2025 as ICE announced “Operation Metro Surge.”¹⁴ Since that time, immigration agents have been documented deploying pepper spray and tear gas against peaceful protestors, observers, and journalists; dragging people from their cars; tackling workers at businesses; pepper-spraying and detaining people on school grounds; taking a 5-year-old child and his father on their way home from school and using the child as bait to lure his pregnant mother out of their house; unlawfully forcing their way into homes without a valid judicial warrant; and stopping people without any apparent reason other than the color of their skin.¹⁵ The Administration has embarked on a campaign to terrorize American communities with impunity, not an effort to deport violent criminals or to fairly enforce U.S. immigration law.

The constant and deliberate escalation of tensions by the Trump Administration provides the context for the January killings. Indeed, it is critical to understand the wide scope of the devastation the Trump Administration has inflicted on the people of Minneapolis and the wider region, impacting citizens and noncitizens alike. Residents describe Operation Metro Surge as a “nightmare” and an “occupation” that has upended their daily lives in “unsustainable” ways—teachers report students staying home from school and signs of traumatic stress in those who do attend; doctors report pregnant women and sick patients missing appointments and immigrant hospital staff missing work, too afraid to leave their homes; and business leaders report “widespread disruption” with sales dropping at small and large businesses alike, with small businesses locking their doors and shortening their hours as workers and consumers stay

¹⁴ *ICE Announces a Dozen Minneapolis Arrests in “Operation Metro Surge”*, The Minnesota Star Tribune (Dec. 4, 2025) (online at <https://startribune.com/minneapolis-minnesota-ice-arrests-dhs-operation-metro-surge/601539892>).

¹⁵ *Pepper-Sprayed While Pinned Down: A Searing Scene Provokes Outrage*, New York Times (Jan. 23, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/23/us/minneapolis-man-pepper-sprayed-pinned-video.html>); *Immigration Agents Deploy Tear Gas, Pepper Spray in Minneapolis as Confrontations With Protesters Grow*, NBC News (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at <https://nbcnews.com/news/us-news/immigration-agents-deploy-tear-gas-pepper-spray-minneapolis-confrontat-rcna253782>); *Federal Immigration Agents Filmed Dragging a Woman From Her Car in Minneapolis*, KSAT (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://ksat.com/news/national/2026/01/16/federal-immigration-agents-filmed-dragging-a-woman-from-her-car-in-minneapolis/>); *US Citizens “Aggressively” Detained by CBP While Working at Target*, Newsweek (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at <https://newsweek.com/us-citizens-aggressively-detained-border-patrol-working-target-11349481>); *ICE Agents Outside Roosevelt High School Draws Conflicting Accounts From Union, DHS*, FOX 9 (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at <https://fox9.com/news/ice-agents-outside-roosevelt-high-school-draws-conflicting-accounts-from-union-dhs/>); *Kids, Staff, Parents Detained: How Federal Activity in Minnesota is Affecting Schools and Students*, MPR News (Jan. 23, 2026) (online at <https://mprnews.org/story/2026/01/23/how-schools-and-students-are-affected-by-ice-enforcement>); *Judge: ICE Violated Liberian Man’s Rights by Bursting Through Front Door During Arrest*, FOX 9 (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://fox9.com/news/judge-ice-violated-liberian-mans-rights-bursting-through-front-door-during-arrest>); *ICE Broke Down St. Paul Man’s Doot, Walked Him Half-Naked into Freezing Temps*, Sahan Journal (Jan. 19, 2026) (online at <https://sahanjournal.com/immigration/st-paul-east-side-hmong-man-detained-ice-chongly-scott-thao/>); *Mother Recounts Her Terror at Seeing Her 5-Year-Old Son Be Taken by ICE Agents*, NBC News (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/mother-5-year-old-taken-ice-immigration-agents-use-son-bait-rcna256729).

home in fear.¹⁶ Their descriptions echo reports from other cities targeted by the Trump Administration.¹⁷

Such tactics have been coupled with overt attempts to intimidate, threaten, and use indiscriminate force against individuals who exercise their constitutional rights.

In a leaked December email, ICE officials warned agents about increased protest activity and told them to be “prepared to take appropriate and decisive action should you be faced with an imminent threat.”¹⁸

¹⁶ “*Make No Mistake, This Is An Occupation*”: ICE’s Deadly Presence Casts Long Shadow Over Minneapolis, The Guardian (Jan. 17, 2026) (online at <https://theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/17/minneapolis-twin-cities-ice-dispatch>); *ICE Raids Turn Life into a Daily Terror for Minneapolis Schoolkids: “This Is a Generational Trauma”*, The Guardian (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at <https://theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/24/minnesota-ice-raids-children-trauma>); *Doctors in Minnesota Decry Fear and Chaos Amid Trump Administration’s Immigration Crackdown*, ABC News (Jan. 20, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/doctors-minnesota-decry-fear-chaos-amid-trump-administrations-129395348>); *As Immigration Raids Target Minnesota Somalis, Bustling Community Hubs Fall Silent*, Sahan Journal (Dec. 19, 2025) (online at <https://sahanjournal.com/immigration/immigration-enforcement-somali-community-impact/>); *“Under Siege”: Minneapolis Business Community Grapples with ICE Surge*, Newsweek (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at <https://newsweek.com/under-siege-minneapolis-business-community-grapples-ice-surge-11437300>); *ICE Presence Threatens Small Business in Minneapolis And Minnesota, Some Owners Say: “I Can Hardly Do My Normal Job”*, CNBC (Jan. 28, 2026) (online at <https://cnbc.com/2026/01/28/ice-presence-threatens-small-business-in-minneapolis-minnesota-some-owners-say.html>).

¹⁷ *Immigration Arrests in Los Angeles Spike Amid Aggressive Enforcement*, New York Times (July 11, 2025) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2025/07/11/us/politics/los-angeles-immigration-enforcement.html>); *Trump’s Crackdown in DC Leaves Residents on Edge as Federal Agents Set Up Checkpoints*, WSLs (Aug. 21, 2025) (online at <https://wsls.com/news/politics/2025/08/21/trumps-immigration-crackdown-brings-checkpoints-and-new-fears-to-washington/>); *Drones, Helicopters, Hundreds of Arrests: Trump’s Immigration Crackdown in Chicago So Far*, New York Times (Oct. 1, 2025) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2025/10/01/us/trump-chicago-immigration-national-guard.html>); *Providers: Patients Skip Care During NC Immigration Crackdown*, NC Health News (Nov. 20, 2025) (online at <https://northcarolinahealthnews.org/2025/11/20/medical-appointments-drop-during-immigration-enforcement/>); *New Orleans Residents in Fear as Immigration Crackdown Descends on Their City*, BBC (Dec. 4, 2025) (online at <https://bbc.com/news/articles/c1w93r2zn7yo>).

¹⁸ *Amid Protests, ICE Told Agents to Take ‘Decisive Action’ if Threatened*, New York Times (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/08/us/politics/homeland-security-ice-protests-warning.html>).

In a chilling video captured two days after Ms. Good's death, an ICE officer appeared to warn a protestor that she could meet the same fate as Ms. Good: "Have y'all not learned from the past couple of days?"¹⁹

Federal agents have followed observers to their homes, pepper-sprayed protestors, and violently detained people who were simply filming.²⁰ These incidents are not isolated to Operation Metro Surge in Minnesota. In Maine, for example, federal agents went to the home of an observer and threatened her.²¹ In another incident, a federal agent told a woman who was filming him that she was now in "a nice little database" as a domestic terrorist.²² While federal judges in Illinois and Minnesota have sought to prohibit the Trump Administration's unlawful conduct against peaceful protestors and observers, these tactics continue.²³

At the same time, the Trump Administration has cultivated a sense of impunity within DHS that appears to invite these aggressive and violent tactics. In contrast to state and local law enforcement personnel across the country, ICE and CBP agents often hide their faces and frequently fail to wear identifying information on their uniforms. Face coverings have become commonplace instead of being reserved for high-risk or undercover operations.²⁴ Vice President J.D. Vance and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Stephen Miller have incorrectly assured agents that they have "absolute immunity" from criminal prosecution.²⁵ Legal experts agree that these

¹⁹ *ICE Agent Captured in Video Asking Woman Following Him "Have Y'all Not Learned" Since Renee Good's Fatal Shooting*, People (Jan. 14, 2026) (online at <https://people.com/ice-agent-captured-asking-have-yall-not-learned-after-renee-good-death-11885415>).

²⁰ American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, *Press Release: ACLU-MN, Pro Bono Partners Sue to Protect Protesters, Observers and Journalists from Illegal Activity by ICE* (Dec. 17, 2026) (online at <https://aclu-mn.org/press-releases/1a/>).

²¹ *"This Is a Warning": ICE Agents Follow Protesters Home*, The New Republic (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at <https://newrepublic.com/post/205759/ice-agents-follow-protesters-home-maine-minnesota>).

²² *Id.*

²³ *Chicago Judge Says Border Patrol Official Lied About Threats Before Restricting Agents' Use Force*, AP (Nov. 6, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/chicago-illinois-immigration-ice-border-patrol-7bb7d05c90b970226073857d97427c9e>). *Judge Imposes Sweeping Restrictions on The Tactics ICE Can Use Against Protesters in Minnesota*, TIME (Jan. 17, 2026) (online at <https://time.com/7347110/ice-minneapolis-judge-arrests/>).

²⁴ Center for American Progress, *Masked and Unidentifiable: The Risks of Federal Law Enforcement Operating Without Identification*, (Jan. 28, 2026) (online at <https://americanprogress.org/article/masked-and-unidentifiable-the-risks-of-federal-law-enforcement-operating-without-identification/>).

²⁵ *DHS Shares Stephen Miller Clip Telling ICE They Have "Federal Immunity"*, FOX 9 (Jan. 14, 2026) (online at

statements encourage federal immigration agents to engage in these aggressive and violent tactics as if they were above the law.²⁶ Additionally, as detailed in this report, Trump Administration officials consistently respond to evidence of wrongdoing by DHS agents with false statements, by slandering victims, and invariably exonerating officers.²⁷

Trump Administration officials have a well-documented record of lying to the public, Congress, and the courts about their misconduct and the misconduct of their subordinates.

The weakening of internal oversight, and the gutting of systems of accountability—discussed below—compounds the disastrous impacts of these policies.

Further contributing to tension is the Administration’s hostility to, and disregard of, legal and judicial restraints. A federal judge appointed by President George W. Bush called out the Trump Administration for defying nearly 100 court orders stemming from the aggressive and unlawful immigration enforcement crackdown in Minnesota since January 1, 2026.²⁸ Taken together, the Trump Administration’s reflexive use of disinformation and documented defiance of judicial orders betray a strategy to evade accountability for its violent and lawless tactics which have allowed the crisis to escalate.

<https://fox9.com/news/trump-adviser-stephen-miller-tells-ice-have-federal-immunity-when-dealing-protesters>); *Do ICE Agents Have Absolute Immunity? No, Experts Say, But It’s Not Easy for a State to Prosecute*, CNN (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://cnn.com/2026/01/08/politics/ice-immunity-jd-vance-minneapolis>).

²⁶ *On Thin ICE in Minneapolis: How Trump’s Immigration Crackdown Sparked a Crisis of Trust*, TIME (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at <https://time.com/7358027/ice-agents-minnesota-alex-pretti-abolish-ice/>).

²⁷ *How a Collision with Border Patrol Led to a Chicago Woman’s Arrest*, CBS News (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at <https://cbsnews.com/news/how-a-collision-with-border-patrol-led-to-a-chicago-womans-arrest-60-minutes/>); *Woman Shot by CBP in Chicago Wants Evidence Disclosed to Public*, ABC News (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/woman-shot-cbp-chicago-evidence-disclosed-public/story?id=129581617>).

²⁸ *Judge in Minnesota Says ICE Has Violated Nearly 100 Court Orders*, New York Times (Jan. 28, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/28/us/politics/judge-minnesota-ice-court-orders.html>).

B. THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S LIES ABOUT THE KILLINGS CANNOT COVER UP WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAW WITH THEIR OWN EYES



Immediately following both shootings, the Administration began lying about the victims in an attempt to advance the false claim that the federal agents had acted in self-defense. Administration officials went so far as to even blame the victims for their own deaths, with Vice President Vance stating that Ms. Good's death was a "tragedy of her own making" and then-Border Patrol Commander-at-large Gregory Bovino stating that Mr. Pretti "put himself in that position."²⁹

1. Lie #1: The available evidence contradicts the Administration's claims that Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti impeded ICE operations

The lies began with the circumstances that led to the shootings: Trump Administration officials stated that both Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti had impeded and obstructed federal law enforcement operations. Without evidence, the DHS Secretary Kristi Noem claimed that Ms. Good "was blocking the officers in with her vehicle and she had been stalking and impeding their work all throughout the day."³⁰ Secretary Noem also claimed Mr. Pretti had been present to "impede law enforcement operation" on the day he was killed, and then-Border Patrol Commander-at-large Bovino implied that Mr. Pretti had chosen to "interfere, obstruct, delay, or assault law enforcement officers[.]"³¹

²⁹ *Vance Says Death of Minnesota woman Killed by ICE Was "A Tragedy of Her Own Making"*, NBC News (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at <https://nbcnews.com/politics/trump-administration/vance-says-death-minnesota-woman-killed-ice-was-tragedy-making-rcna253063>); *Bovino Claims Border Patrol Agents Are "The Victims" in Deadly Minneapolis Shooting*, Politico (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at <https://politico.com/news/2026/01/25/bovino-border-patrol-agents-minneapolis-victims-00745702>).

³⁰ *WATCH: Noem Defends Fatal ICE Shooting of Minneapolis Woman in Remarks to Reporters*, PBS News (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-noem-holds-news-conference-in-minneapolis-after-fatal-ice-shooting-of-woman>).

³¹ *Top Border Patrol Official Says Alex Pretti to Blame for Being Fatally Shot by ICE Agents*, Washington Times (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at www.washingtontimes.com/news/2026/jan/25/gregory-bovino-border-patrol-chief-alex-pretti-choices-led-fatal/); *Alex Pretti "Placed Himself There": US Border Patrol Chief Praises Agents Who Shot Minneapolis Nurse*, News18 (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at

From the available video evidence, these statements are not true. Ms. Good was shot and killed at 9:37 a.m., invalidating the Secretary's claim that she had been impeding ICE's work "all throughout the day."³² Ms. Good also appears to have remained in her car for the duration of the incident, parked several houses down the street from where DHS agents had congregated.³³ Multiple videos depict cars freely passing by Ms. Good's car, and moments before she was shot, Ms. Good can be seen waving cars past her.³⁴ As the ICE officer walked around the front of her car, Ms. Good reversed it further out of the second lane of traffic.³⁵ Her actions cannot be fairly described as stalking, impeding, or blocking.

Similarly, video footage shows that Mr. Pretti was not advancing toward CBP agents or blocking their immigration enforcement work at the time of his killing.³⁶ Rather, when CBP officials aggressively advanced toward him, Mr. Pretti was attempting to direct passing cars and asked the agents not to push people into traffic while filming the agents with his cellphone.³⁷ The available video footage shows that Mr. Pretti did not brandish his firearm or attack the agents, directly contradicting the Trump Administration's early claims.³⁸

2. Lie #2: The available evidence contradicts the Administration's claims that Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti were violent domestic terrorists who intended to kill federal agents

www.news18.com/world/alex-pretti-placed-himself-there-us-border-patrol-chief-praises-agents-who-shot-minneapolis-nurse-9857148.html).

³² *Minneapolis ICE Shooting: A Minute-by-Minute Timeline of How Renee Nicole Good Died*, ABC News (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/minneapolis-ice-shooting-minute-minute-timeline-renee-nicole/story?id=129021809>).

³³ *New Video Shows Moments Before Fatal ICE Shooting*, FOX 9 (Jan. 11, 2026) (online at https://youtu.be/4umOKy_Gi2E).

³⁴ Max Nesterak (@maxnesterak), X (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/maxnesterak/status/2008961959731859757?s=20>); *WATCH: New Footage Sheds Light on Renee Good Shooting and Reveals Passenger Leaving Vehicle*, CNN (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://mediaite.com/media/news/watch-new-footage-sheds-light-on-renee-good-shooting-and-reveals-passenger-leaving-vehicle/>); YouTube, *New Video Shows Moments Before Fatal ICE Shooting*, (online at https://youtu.be/4umOKy_Gi2E) (accessed Feb. 2, 2026).

³⁵ Alpha News (@AlphaNews), X (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/AlphaNews/status/2009679932289626385>).

³⁶ *Videos Show Moments in Which Agents Killed a Man in Minneapolis*, New York Times (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/01/24/us/minneapolis-shooting-federal-agents-video.html); *Watch the Movements of Two Officers Involved in Pretti Killing*, CNN (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/politics/video/immigration-agents-shooting-alex-pretti-vid-invs).

³⁷ *Id.*

³⁸ *Id.*; Homeland Security (@DHSgov), X (Jan 24, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/DHSgov/status/2015115351797780500>).

In another apparent attempt to defend the shootings, the Administration immediately tried to frame Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti as violent “domestic terrorists” who intended to kill federal agents.

Within hours of the shooting of Ms. Good, the White House and DHS had already declared that Ms. Good “violently, willfully, and viciously” “weaponized her vehicle” and “ran over the ICE officer” in an act of “domestic terrorism.”³⁹

These claims are clearly false. The ICE officer’s own cellphone video conveys a peaceful encounter with Ms. Good and does not depict violent behavior or rhetoric. As the officer walked around her car, his cellphone pans to her smiling face as she calmly says to him, “That’s fine, dude. I’m not mad at you.”⁴⁰

Available video evidence shows that Ms. Good did not hit or intend to run over the officer with her vehicle: footage depicts that she first reversed her car with her wheel turned to the right and then began to drive away from—not toward—the ICE officer when he fired the first shot through the right side of her windshield.⁴¹ Despite President Trump’s attempt to claim that Ms. Good hit the officer, footage clearly shows a gap between the officer’s legs and the car at the time of the first shot.⁴² Another video clearly shows that the gap between his body and the car

³⁹ Homeland Security (@DHSgov), X (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/DHSgov/status/2008958123092979817>); *WATCH: Noem Defends Fatal ICE Shooting of Minneapolis Woman in Remarks to Reporters*, PBS News (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-noem-holds-news-conference-in-minneapolis-after-fatal-ice-shooting-of-woman>); Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115855701696773990>); *ICE Minneapolis Shooting: Noem to Deploy Hundreds More Federal Agents to City*, CNBC (Jan. 11, 2026) (online at <https://cnbc.com/2026/01/11/ice-minneapolis-shooting-noem.html?msocid=3cc12115f94c68300e3a37f7f81d69b8>); *WATCH: Vance Blames Victim of Fatal ICE Shooting at White House Briefing*, PBS News (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at <https://pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-vance-joins-white-house-briefing>).

⁴⁰ Alpha News (@AlphaNews), X (Jan 9, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/AlphaNews/status/2009679932289626385>).

⁴¹ *Minneapolis ICE Shooting: A Minute-By-Minute Timeline of How Renee Nicole Good Died*, ABC News (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/minneapolis-ice-shooting-minute-minute-timeline-renee-nicole/story?id=129021809>); *Videos Contradict Trump’s Claim Minn. Driver “Viciously Ran Over” Officer in Fatal ICE Shooting*, NBC News (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://nbcnews.com/news/us-news/videos-contradict-trump-account-fatal-ice-shooting-minneapolis-rcna253107>); *Video Analysis of ICE Shooting Sheds Light on Contested Moments*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/15/video/ice-shooting-renee-good-minneapolis-videos.html/>).

⁴² Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115855701696773990>); *Video Analysis of ICE Shooting Sheds*

grew as he fired the second and third shots through her open driver side window.⁴³ Available evidence demonstrates that he was not run over, did not fall to the ground, did not drop his phone or gun, walked freely after he shot Ms. Good, and went to a federal building—not a hospital—after the shooting.⁴⁴ This clearly contradicts President Trump’s claim that Ms. Good “ran him over” and that it was “hard to believe he is alive, but is now recovering in the hospital,” as well as statements by anonymous Trump Administration sources a full week after the incident reportedly claiming that the officer “suffered internal bleeding to the torso.”⁴⁵

The Trump Administration’s lies about Mr. Pretti echoed those about Ms. Good, claiming that Mr. Pretti intended to “massacre” and “assassinate” law enforcement in an act of “domestic terrorism.”⁴⁶ Secretary Noem repeatedly claimed that Mr. Pretti “attacked” officers and that he arrived on scene “wishing to inflict harm on these officers.”⁴⁷ Border Patrol Commander-at-large Bovino claimed, “This looks like a situation where an individual wanted to do maximum damage and massacre law enforcement.”⁴⁸

DHS initially claimed that Mr. Pretti “approached” Border Patrol officers with a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, that officers tried to disarm him but he “violently resisted,” and that additional details on “the armed struggle” would follow.⁴⁹ This claim is refuted by video footage

Light on Contested Moments, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/15/video/ice-shooting-renee-good-minneapolis-videos.html/>).

⁴³ *Video Analysis of ICE Shooting Sheds Light on Contested Moments*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/15/video/ice-shooting-renee-good-minneapolis-videos.html/>).

⁴⁴ *Video Analysis of ICE Shooting Sheds Light on Contested Moments*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/15/video/ice-shooting-renee-good-minneapolis-videos.html/>); *Newly Released Records Detail Chaos During Fatal ICE Shooting in Minneapolis*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/live/2026/01/15/us/minneapolis-shooting-ice>).

⁴⁵ Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump), Truth Social (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115855701696773990>); CBS News (@CBSNews), X (Jan. 14, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/CBSNews/status/2011466240527655076>); *ICE Agent Who Shot Renee Good Suffered Internal Bleeding, Officials Say*, CBS News (Jan. 14, 2026) (online at <https://cbsnews.com/news/ice-officer-who-shot-renee-good-internal-injuries-sources-say>); *CBS News Report on ICE Officer’s Injuries Drew “Huge Internal Concern”*, The Guardian (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://theguardian.com/media/2026/jan/15/cbs-news-ice-officer-injuries>).

⁴⁶ *Minneapolis Shooting Video Analysis Details Killing of Alex Pretti*, USA Today (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at www.usatoday.com/story/graphics/2026/01/24/minneapolis-shooting-video-analysis-alex-pretti/88338183007); *Fact-check: Trump Officials’ Statements About Alex Pretti’s Fatal Shooting by Border Patrol Agents*, PolitiFact (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at www.politifact.com/article/2026/jan/26/fact-check-Trump-official-Noem-Alex-Pretti-death).

⁴⁷ *What Trump Officials Claimed About Alex Pretti — And What The Evidence Actually Shows*, CNN (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/25/politics/trump-officials-shifting-rhetoric-alex-pretti).

⁴⁸ *Trump and Federal Officials Try to Blame Minnesota Authorities And Slain Man*, New York Times (Jan. 24, 2026) (www.nytimes.com/2026/01/24/us/trump-administration-minneapolis-shooting.html).

⁴⁹ Homeland Security (@DHSgov), X (Jan 24, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/DHSgov/status/2015115351797780500>).

of the minutes leading up to the killing. Mr. Pretti was conversing with an agent and several other protesters, then the agent shoved him toward the sidewalk as Mr. Pretti held up a cellphone and appeared to be recording. Officers then appeared to ignore Mr. Pretti while he directed traffic and filmed.⁵⁰ It is not until after an officer deployed pepper spray and Mr. Pretti was wrestled to the ground that the agents and officers appeared to realize he had a handgun.⁵¹

An agent removed the handgun from Mr. Pretti's waist before Mr. Pretti was shot.⁵² An agent and an officer fired at least ten shots at Mr. Pretti, including five after he lay motionless on his back on the ground, despite no apparent evidence that Mr. Pretti was attempting to shoot or harm anyone,

and clear evidence that he was not.⁵³ As one police trainer and former DHS official stated, “[w]hat the videos depict is that this guy did not walk up to anybody from CBP in a threatening manner.”⁵⁴

Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche later agreed that Mr. Pretti's actions were a far cry from the legal definition of domestic terrorism.⁵⁵ While President Trump and his supporters have cited a video filmed 11 days prior to his killing which shows Mr. Pretti kicking the tail light of a DHS vehicle in an attempt to justify his killing, the evidence shows Mr. Pretti was not attempting to harm anyone or anything in the moments that led up to his death.⁵⁶

⁵⁰ *Watch The Movements of Two Officers Involved in Pretti Killing*, CNN (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/politics/video/immigration-agents-shooting-alex-pretti-vid-invs).

⁵¹ *Videos Show Moments in Which Agents Killed a Man in Minneapolis*, New York Times (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/01/24/us/minneapolis-shooting-federal-agents-video.html); Email from Staff, Customs and Border Protection, to Staff, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Jan. 27, 2026).

⁵² *Federal agent Secured Gun From Minn. Man Before Fatal Shooting, Videos Show*, Washington Post (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2026/01/25/minneapolis-shooting-video-gun).

⁵³ *Watch The Movements of Two Officers Involved in Pretti Killing*, CNN (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/politics/video/immigration-agents-shooting-alex-pretti-vid-invs).

⁵⁴ *A Minute-by-Minute Timeline of the Fatal Shooting of Alex Pretti Involving Federal Agents*, ABC News (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/minute-minute-timeline-fatal-shooting-alex-pretti-federal/story?id=129547199>).

⁵⁵ *Blanche Says Nobody Thinks Alex Pretti's Actions Meet "Legal Definition of Domestic Terrorism"*, The Hill (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/5706454-alex-pretti-shooting-minneapolis>); 18 U.S. Code § 2331 (5).

⁵⁶ *New Videos Show Alex Pretti Scuffle with Federal Officers in Minneapolis 11 Days Before His Death*, WDSU (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.wdsu.com/article/alex-pretti-new-video-clash-federal-agents/70179227); *The*

The Administration has given no proof or credible rationale for the incendiary labels it placed on Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti in the wake of their violent deaths. Ms. Good was a 37-year-old poet and mother.⁵⁷ Mr. Pretti was a 37-year-old ICU nurse with the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System who happened to be legally armed.⁵⁸ Both were attempting to lawfully exercise their rights as free citizens in a democracy before they were killed by federal agents.

**C. THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE
SUGGESTS THAT THE TRUMP
ADMINISTRATION IS ATTEMPTING
TO COVER UP MISCONDUCT**



DHS's Use of Force Policy—which applies to both ICE and CBP—requires federal officers and agents to comply with the Fourth Amendment and constitutional law when deploying force: law enforcement officers may only use force when “no reasonably effective, safe, and feasible alternative appears to exist.”⁵⁹ Additionally, the level of force must be

Dismaying Response to a New Alex Pretti Video, Vox (Jan. 31, 2026) (online at <https://vox.com/politics/477430/alex-pretti-new-video-ice-ai-trump>).

⁵⁷ *Renee Good, Poet and Mother of 3, Was Supporting Neighbors When ICE Shot Her, Wife Says*, Minnesota Reformer (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://minnesotareformer.com/2026/01/09/renee-good-poet-and-mother-of-3-was-supporting-neighbors-when-ice-shot-her-wife-says/>).

⁵⁸ *What We Know About Alex Pretti, VA Nurse Killed by Federal Agent in Minneapolis*, ABC News (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/alex-pretti-icu-nurse-killed-federal-agent-minneapolis/story?id=129525591>).

⁵⁹ Memorandum from Alejandro N. Mayorkas to Agency Leaders, Department of Homeland Security (Feb. 6, 2023) (online at https://dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/23_0206_s1_use-of-force-policy-update.pdf).

“objectively reasonable in light of the facts and circumstances,” and the reasonableness must be judged “from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene.”⁶⁰

Furthermore, under this policy, ICE and CBP must use tactics and techniques that de-escalate encounters, attempt to identify themselves and issue verbal warnings to obtain compliance before using force, provide and/or obtain appropriate medical assistance for anyone with visible or apparent injuries, and receive training on all of these requirements.⁶¹

The available evidence raises serious concerns about whether the ICE and CBP officers and agents followed these requirements and, presumably, their training. In both shootings, officers and agents were seen escalating the encounters—for example, forcibly trying to open Ms. Good’s door and pushing and pepper-spraying Mr. Pretti—and the officer and agent who fired the shots gave no verbal warning.⁶² In both cases, ICE and CBP appear to have delayed medical care: no officer administered life-saving aid to Ms. Good during the six minutes before emergency responders arrived, and, according to sworn testimony from a licensed pediatrician who witnessed the killing of Mr. Pretti, the agents present were not performing CPR, did not know if he had a pulse, and instead appeared to be “counting his bullet wounds.”⁶³

1. The available evidence supports the conclusion that the ICE officer shot Ms. Good even though she did not pose a threat

ICE policy prohibits officers and agents from deploying deadly force for the sole purpose of preventing a “suspect” from fleeing. Deadly force is only authorized “if there is probable cause to believe that the escape of the subject would pose an imminent danger of death

⁶⁰ *Id.*; See *Tennessee v. Garner*, 471 U.S. 1 (1985) (holding that a police officer may not use deadly force to prevent the escape of a fleeing suspect unless the officer has a good-faith belief that the suspect poses a significant threat of death or serious physical injury to the officer or others); See *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989) (holding that excessive force by law enforcement during an arrest, stop, or other seizure of an individual is subject to the objective reasonableness standard of the Fourth Amendment. . . the facts and circumstances related to the use of force should drive the analysis, rather than any improper intent or motivation by the officer who used force).

⁶¹ *Id.*, Sections II.B, E, G, and I.

⁶² *Minneapolis ICE Shooting: A Minute-By-Minute Timeline of How Renee Nicole Good Died*, ABC News (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/minneapolis-ice-shooting-minute-minute-timeline-renee-nicole/story?id=129021809>); *Videos Show Moments in Which Agents Killed a Man in Minneapolis*, New York Times (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/01/24/us/minneapolis-shooting-federal-agents-video.html).

⁶³ *ICE Agents Are Trained in CPR. They Didn’t Use It on Renee Macklin Good*, MPR News (Jan. 17, 2026) (online at <https://mprnews.org/story/2026/01/17/ice-agents-are-trained-in-cpr-they-didnt-use-it-on-renee-macklin-good>); *Read a Witness Statement on the Pretti Shooting*, New York Times (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/interactive/2026/01/25/us/pretti-witness-statement-from-doctor.html).

or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person.”⁶⁴ In addition, the DHS Use of Force Policy, which also applies to ICE, prohibits firing “at the operator of a moving vehicle... unless the use of deadly force against the operator is justified under the standards articulated elsewhere in this policy.”⁶⁵

At this time, the available evidence supports the conclusion that the ICE officer deployed deadly force in violation of DHS and ICE policies. In a lawful encounter, deadly force may only be deployed when no safe or feasible alternative exists; in this case, a safe and feasible alternative did exist—simply stepping further away from the car, which the officer did, and letting Ms. Good leave. In addition, available evidence suggests that the officer was not in the path of the car when he fired the first shot—indicating, therefore, that the officer was not in danger, let alone the “imminent danger” necessary to justify the use of deadly force under DHS policy.⁶⁶ Finally, it is unclear whether the ICE officers had a lawful basis to attempt to detain Ms. Good, raising further fundamental questions about the deployment of deadly force if the stop itself was not lawful.⁶⁷

2. The available evidence supports the conclusion that the CBP agent and officer shot Mr. Pretti even though he did not pose a threat

CBP policy strictly reserves the use of deadly force only when necessary; that is, when officers or agents have a reasonable belief that the subject “poses an imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death to the officer/agent or to another person.”⁶⁸ Additionally, personnel may only discharge a firearm to stop the subject from “continuing the threatening behavior.”⁶⁹

⁶⁴ ICE Directive 19009.3, Firearms and Use of Force, Section 5.4.4. (May 26, 2023) (online at <https://loevy.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/284-39-ICE-Directive-19009.3-Firearms-and-Use-of-Force-05.26.2023.pdf>).

⁶⁵ Memorandum from Alejandro N. Mayorkas to Agency Leaders, Department of Homeland Security (Feb. 6, 2023) (online at https://dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/23_0206_sl_use-of-force-policy-update.pdf).

⁶⁶ *We Pressed Trump on His Conclusion About The ICE Shooting in Minneapolis. Here's What He Said.*, New York Times (Jan. 8, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/08/us/politics/trump-minnesota-ice-shooting-video.html>); *Minneapolis ICE Shooting: A Minute-By-Minute Timeline of How Renee Nicole Good Died*, ABC News (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/minneapolis-ice-shooting-minute-minute-timeline-renee-nicole/story?id=129021809>); *Videos Contradict Trump's Account of Fatal ICE Shooting in Minneapolis*, NBC News (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://nbcnews.com/news/us-news/videos-contradict-trump-account-fatal-ice-shooting-minneapolis-rcna253107>); *Video Analysis of ICE Shooting Sheds Light on Contested Moments*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/15/video/ice-shooting-renee-good-minneapolis-videos.html>).

⁶⁷ *Was Renee Good Obligated to Comply with an ICE Agent's Orders?*, New York Times (Jan. 15, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/01/15/us/renee-good-ice-agent-comply-legal.html).

⁶⁸ U.S. Customs and Border Protection, *CBP Use of Force Policy*, (4500-002A) (Jan. 2021) (online at https://borderoversight.org/files/2021-01-00_cbp_use_of_force.pdf).

⁶⁹ *Id.*

As summarized previously, video footage leading up to the shooting clearly demonstrates that the agents present appeared frustrated with the observers, not afraid for their lives. At least five agents appeared to descend on Mr. Pretti because one agent appeared to lose his temper, push a female observer to the ground, and then turn his anger on Mr. Pretti when he attempted to help her.⁷⁰ The shots were fired despite the fact that Mr. Pretti does not appear to have brandished his lawfully-possessed firearm at any point,⁷¹ was already restrained by multiple agents, clearly posed no “imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death,” and clearly was not engaging in “threatening behavior.”⁷²

There is no conceivable way that the use of deadly force against Mr. Pretti was in compliance with CBP policy.



From the President on down, this Administration has sought to blame the victims for their own deaths and exonerate the officers and agents involved—and, by extension, themselves. Not only has the Trump Administration misled the public about the fatal shootings of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti, but it has also actively obstructed impartial investigations at every step. Federal officials have sidelined independent investigators, shut out state authorities, and insisted that a

⁷⁰ *Watch the Movements of Two Officers Involved in Pretti Killing*, CNN (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/politics/video/immigration-agents-shooting-alex-pretti-vid-invs).

⁷¹ Email from Staff, Customs and Border Protection, to Staff, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Jan. 27, 2026).

⁷² *Watch the Movements of Two Officers Involved in Pretti Killing*, CNN (Jan. 29, 2026) (online at www.cnn.com/2026/01/29/politics/video/immigration-agents-shooting-alex-pretti-vid-invs); U.S. Customs and Border Protection, *CBP Use of Force Policy*, (4500-002A) (Jan. 2021) (online at https://borderoversight.org/files/2021-01-00_cbp_use_of_force.pdf).

DHS-led internal administrative review would be sufficient. This is a glaring departure from established protocols.⁷³

1. The Trump Administration moved quickly to block criminal investigations into the killings

Within the Department of Justice (DOJ), multiple offices have jurisdiction to conduct criminal investigations into excessive use of force by law enforcement officers.⁷⁴ Despite ample evidence and long-standing precedent to the contrary, the DOJ and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) leadership declared that the facts did not support civil rights investigations into the killings of Ms. Good and initially declared the same about the shooting of Mr. Pretti.⁷⁵

In the case of Ms. Good, according to reporting, an FBI agent initiated investigative steps to obtain a warrant to search Ms. Good's car pursuant to the federal civil rights statute that prohibits unlawful use of force by law enforcement officers.⁷⁶ However, the agent was stopped from proceeding, a decision which led the agent to later resign.⁷⁷ The Administration's politicized and improper refusal to conduct a criminal investigation into the shooting of Ms. Good also led to the resignations of six prosecutors in the Minneapolis U.S. Attorney's Office and additional senior prosecutors in the DOJ Civil Rights Division.⁷⁸

⁷³ *There's a Process for Investigating Killings by Federal Officers. Minneapolis is a "Complete Aberration"*, The Marshall Project (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at <https://themarshallproject.org/2026/01/30/good-trump-mn-minneapolis-pretti>).

⁷⁴ Federal Bureau of Investigation, *What We Investigate* (online at <https://fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights>) (accessed on Feb. 1, 2026); Department of Justice, *Criminal Section* (online at <https://www.justice.gov/crt/criminal-section>) (accessed on Feb. 1, 2026); Department of Justice, *U.S. Attorneys' Manual | 8-3.000 - Enforcement Of Civil Rights Criminal Statutes* (online at <https://justice.gov/archives/usam/archives/usam-8-3000-enforcement-civil-rights-criminal-statutes>) (accessed on Feb. 1, 2026).

⁷⁵ *Justice Department Sees No Basis for Civil Rights Probe in Minnesota ICE Shooting, Official Says*, AP (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/justice-department-resignations-renee-good-f456dc01c7d72e15662016193b2e383e>); *Six Prosecutors Quit Over Push to Investigate ICE Shooting Victim's Widow*, New York Times (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/13/us/prosecutors-doj-resignation-ice-shooting.html>).

⁷⁶ *FBI Opened Probe on Minneapolis Shooting; None Exists Now, Justice Dept. Says*, Washington Post (Jan. 18, 2026) (online at <https://washingtonpost.com/national-security/2026/01/18/fbi-minnesota-shooting-civil-rights-investigation/>).

⁷⁷ *FBI Agent Who Tried to Investigate ICE Officer in Shooting Resigns*, New York Times (Jan. 23, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/23/us/politics/fbi-agent-ice-shooting-renee-good.html>).

⁷⁸ *Six Prosecutors Quit Over Push to Investigate ICE Shooting Victim's Widow*, New York Times (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/13/us/prosecutors-doj-resignation-ice-shooting.html>); *Top Prosecutors in D.C., Minneapolis Leave Amid Turmoil Over Shooting Probe*, Washington Post (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at <https://washingtonpost.com/national-security/2026/01/13/justice-department-civil-rights-resignations/>); *Top DOJ Officials Quit After Their Division Refused to Probe Minnesota ICE Shooting*, MSNOW (Jan. 12, 2026) (online at <https://ms.now/news/doj-civil-rights-division-officials-quit-harmeet-dhillon>).

In the case of Mr. Pretti, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche initially stated that there was no need for a federal civil rights investigation.⁷⁹ In an apparent reversal of course six days after the shooting, Mr. Blanche announced that the FBI would conduct an initial examination of the shooting with participation by HSI and possibly DOJ's Civil Rights Division, though the details and legitimacy of such an examination are not yet clear.⁸⁰

The Administration's track record cannot inspire confidence.⁸¹ The day after Mr. Pretti's shooting, the FBI announced that ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) unit was leading the investigation: an alarming choice considering HSI is not experienced in, or trained to conduct, investigations into officer-involved shootings and raising concerns about the impartiality of the investigation as well as the focus—with some reporting indicating that HSI was investigating Mr. Pretti and not the agents who shot him.⁸²

In both cases, the Trump Administration acted quickly to bar independent and experienced criminal investigators from uncovering the truth and thus have denied justice to American citizens harmed by their own government.

2. The Trump Administration moved quickly to control the outcome of any internal DHS investigations into the killings

The Administration's obstruction of the criminal investigations into the killings also raises serious alarms about the integrity of the investigations within DHS. While internal investigations into officer misconduct traditionally seek to determine whether an officer violated agency policy or training, and to identify any lessons learned, the Trump Administration's

⁷⁹ *No Civil Rights Violation Probe into Latest Minnesota Shooting, Sources Tell MS NOW*, MS NOW (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at www.ms.now/news/no-civil-rights-violation-probe-into-latest-mn-shooting-sources-tell-ms-now).

⁸⁰ *The Justice Department Has Opened a Federal Civil Rights Probe into The Killing of Alex Pretti*, AP (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at <https://apnews.com/article/minneapolis-ice-fbi-alex-pretti-immigration-65a963816603a08bbc9db83961dd173f>); *FBI Now Leading Investigation into Fatal Shooting of Alex Pretti*, CBS News (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at <https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/alex-pretti-shooting-fbi-investigation/>).

⁸¹ *There's a Process for Investigating Killings by Federal Officers. Minneapolis is a "Complete Aberration"*, The Marshall Project (Jan. 30, 2025) (online at <https://themarshallproject.org/2026/01/30/good-trump-mn-minneapolis-pretti>); *FBI Now Leading Investigation into Fatal Shooting of Alex Pretti*, CBS News (Jan. 30, 2026) (online at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/alex-pretti-shooting-fbi-investigation/>).

⁸² *No Civil Rights Violation Probe into Latest Minnesota Shooting*, MS NOW (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at www.ms.now/news/no-civil-rights-violation-probe-into-latest-mn-shooting-sources-tell-ms-now); *ICE's Homeland Security Investigations Branch Leading Probe into Fatal Shooting of Alex Pretti*, CBS News (Jan. 25, 2026) (online at <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/alex-pretti-shooting-homeland-security-investigations/>).

immediate comments about the shooting inspire little confidence in the independence and integrity of any such investigation.⁸³

For example, on the day Ms. Good was shot, Secretary Noem defended the officer by stating that he had followed protocol: “Our officer followed his training and did exactly what he’s been taught to do in that situation and took actions to defend himself and his fellow law enforcement officers.”⁸⁴ As the prior discussion indicates, this statement not only appears false, but was also deeply improper before any internal investigation could be conducted. Despite indicating that DHS is “following the exact same investigative and review process that we always have,” Secretary Noem’s statements prejudged the outcome of the administrative investigation and sought to mislead the public without evidence.⁸⁵

In Mr. Pretti’s case, it is customary for CBP’s Office of Professional Responsibility to conduct an internal administrative investigation as the officers involved in the incident are CBP personnel. Reporting indicates that this office is conducting the internal investigation, yet much of the evidence has not been shared with the Office.⁸⁶ This evidence is needed for an impartial and thorough administrative investigation, again raising questions as to why the Trump Administration is withholding key information.

3. The Administration is blocking state and local law enforcement investigations

Following both shootings, the Administration quickly moved to block state and local officials from evidence and, in the case of Mr. Pretti, did so in violation of court orders. A day after Ms. Good was killed, the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Minneapolis informed state investigators that the two entities would no longer be conducting a joint investigation.⁸⁷ When

⁸³ Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, *Standard and Guidelines for Internal Affairs: Recommendations from a Community of Practice* (online at <https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/resourcecenter/content.ashx/cops-p164-pub.pdf>) (accessed Feb. 2, 2026).

⁸⁴ *WATCH: Noem Defends Fatal ICE Shooting of Minneapolis Woman in Remarks to Reporters*, PBS News (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at <https://pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-noem-holds-news-conference-in-minneapolis-after-fatal-ice-shooting-of-woman>).

⁸⁵ *Noem Confirms ICE Officer’s Conduct Under Review After Renee Good Shooting*, The Hill (Jan. 18, 2026) (online at <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/5694955-noem-confirms-ice-review-renee-good-shooting/>).

⁸⁶ *Investigators in Customs and Border Protection’s Internal Probe into Alex Pretti Killing Have Limited Evidence Access*, CNN (Jan. 28, 2026) (online at <https://edition.cnn.com/2026/01/28/us/cbp-pretti-investigation-evidence-fbi-dhs>).

⁸⁷ *F.B.I.’s Inquiry into ICE Shooting Faces Doubts After White House’s Remarks*, New York Times (Jan. 10, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/10/us/politics/trump-ice-shooting-response-minneapolis.html>).

asked why the FBI had reversed course, Secretary Noem lied again, stating that Minnesota authorities “don’t have any jurisdiction in this investigation.”⁸⁸

Hours after Mr. Pretti was killed, Minnesota officials filed a lawsuit trying to access evidence to conduct an independent investigation. The lawsuit accused federal officials of an “apparent determination” to deny state and local law enforcement evidence, illegally hindering their ability to do their jobs.⁸⁹ The Hennepin County Attorney stated that “access to the crime scene and physical evidence related to the shooting has been prevented” by federal authorities. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Superintendent likewise warned that without federal cooperation, “it would be difficult to obtain all of the evidence and information” needed for a proper investigation. In fact, because DHS has kept custody of the key evidence—including the involved officers’ body-camera footage, the weapons, and forensic data—state prosecutors have not been able to begin properly investigating potential criminal charges.⁹⁰

Despite Secretary Noem’s lies about the lack of jurisdiction, the reality is that the federal government often works alongside state and local officials to jointly investigate fatal shootings by federal law enforcement. In such cases, the federal government would typically investigate a fatal shooting under federal civil rights laws while state and local law enforcement would investigate under state homicide laws.⁹¹ Denying state and local investigators access to evidence and impeding their ability to enforce their own laws is yet another tactic by the Trump Administration to shield themselves from culpability for the killings of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti and to encourage federal immigration agents to continue violating state and local criminal law with impunity.

4. Instead of pursuing legitimate investigations, the Administration is investigating the deceased victims

⁸⁸ *Minnesota Officials Say They Can't Access Evidence After Fatal ICE Shooting and FBI Won't Work Jointly On Investigation*, PBS News (Jan 8, 2026) (online at <https://pbs.org/newshour/nation/minnesota-officials-say-they-cant-access-evidence-after-fatal-ice-shooting-and-fbi-wont-work-jointly-on-investigation>); *Minnesota Leaders Call for State Role in Investigating Deadly ICE Shooting*, New York Times (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/09/us/ice-shooting-investigation-minnesota-agents.html>).

⁸⁹ *Inside The Tug-of-War over Evidence in Alex Pretti Killing and Why It Matters for Law Enforcement Accountability*, MinnPost (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at www.minnpost.com/state-government/2026/01/inside-the-tug-of-war-over-evidence-in-alex-pretti-killing-and-why-it-matters-for-law-enforcement-accountability).

⁹⁰ *Minnesota Official Says Feds “Blocked” State Bureau from investigating Scene of Latest Shooting*, The Hill (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/5705051-alex-pretti-federal-shooting-investigation>).

⁹¹ *What’s Behind The Highly Unusual Move to Block Minnesota Officials from Investigating ICE Shooting*, CNN (Jan. 9, 2026) (online at <https://cnn.com/2026/01/09/politics/investigation-minneapolis-ice-shooting-deviates-police-shooting-playbook>).

In the days following both shootings, the Administration launched investigations into the deceased victims. As previously stated, the Administration is reportedly investigating whether Mr. Pretti broke any laws.⁹² In the case of Ms. Good, after FBI agents were directed to stop investigating the shooting as a civil rights investigation and to instead investigate Ms. Good for suspected assault of an officer, agents submitted a search warrant to a federal magistrate judge with Ms. Good listed as a suspect. The judge rejected the warrant, indicating that Ms. Good could not be considered a suspect since she had died.⁹³ Reportedly, the FBI is continuing to investigate whether Ms. Good had possible connections to activist groups, apparently to support the Trump Administration's claims that she was a domestic terrorist.⁹⁴ Reporting indicates that there is also a federal investigation into her partner for impeding a federal officer in the moments preceding the fatal shooting.⁹⁵

IV. CONCLUSION

The killings of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti are horrifying tragedies. Both Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti and their families deserve an official account of the truth, which the Administration has thus far denied. Responsibility for these tragedies must fall with President Donald Trump and Secretary Kristi Noem.

Both killings display in stark terms the Trump Administration's efforts to control what Americans see, think, say, and do. The Trump Administration established extreme policies, endorsed violent tactics, and amplified a culture of impunity that created heightened conditions for the use of deadly force against Americans for exercising their constitutional rights and expressing dissent. These conditions resulted in the violent shootings of two Americans in the span of two weeks. Then, in the face of evidence that these slain Americans posed no threat to federal officers or intended to kill them, Trump Administration officials lied to the public and tried to paint Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti as domestic terrorists. Trump Administration officials then took steps to actively impede standard, thorough, and impartial investigations into the killings—decisions that demonstrate the extent to which they are working to keep the facts and the truth from the public.

Despite these lengths, the Trump Administration cannot cover up what the American people see with their own eyes. President Trump's approval rating of his handling of immigration

⁹² *No Civil Rights Violation Probe into Latest Minnesota Shooting, Sources Tell MS NOW*, MSNOW (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at <https://ms.now/news/no-civil-rights-violation-probe-into-latest-mn-shooting-sources-tell-ms-now>).

⁹³ *DOJ Sought to Probe Renee Good for Criminal Liability, Even After Her Death: Sources*, MSNOW (Jan. 23, 2026) (online at <https://ms.now/news/doj-sought-to-probe-renee-good-for-criminal-liability-even-after-her-death-sources>).

⁹⁴ *F.B.I. Inquiry into ICE Shooting is Examining Victim's Possible Ties to Activist Groups*, New York Times (Jan. 12, 2026) (online at <https://nytimes.com/2026/01/12/us/politics/fbi-renee-good-ice-shooting.html>).

⁹⁵ *Federal Officials Investigating Renee Good's Partner, Sources Say*, NBC News (Jan. 17, 2026) (online at <https://nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/federal-officials-investigating-renee-goods-partner-rcna254038>).

is at an all-time low.⁹⁶ Following public outrage over the killing of Mr. Pretti and the Trump Administration's lies about the tragedy, the Administration has taken steps to improve its image. But the American people demand true accountability and transparency, and do not support President Trump's violent and aggressive immigration enforcement tactics.

The Trump Administration's efforts to obstruct justice, to trample on the Constitution and to lie to the American people must not be tolerated. Oversight Democrats will work to hold accountable all officials who have orchestrated, enabled, participated in, or witnessed—without speaking up—misconduct during this Administration's immigration enforcement operations. Oversight Democrats will use all available tools to end the Administration's campaign of violence, to protect the rights of Americans, and to stop the frightening erosion of our democracy.

⁹⁶ *Trump's Immigration Approval Drops to Record Low, Reuters/Ipsos Poll Finds*, Reuters (Jan. 26, 2026) (online at <https://reuters.com/world/us/trumps-immigration-approval-drops-record-low-reutersipsos-poll-finds-2026-01-26/>).