

## **HOTNIR Current Events Digest - January 25, 2026.**

### **Man Killed by Federal Agents in Minneapolis Was Holding a Phone, Not a Gun**

Videos analyzed by The New York Times appear to contradict federal accounts of the shooting. The man, an I.C.U. nurse, was an American citizen with no criminal record, the city police chief said. Federal officials sought to portray a 37-year-old Minneapolis resident killed by Border Patrol agents on Saturday as a domestic terrorist, saying he wanted to “massacre” law enforcement, even as videos emerged that appeared to directly contradict their account.

The man, Alex Jeffrey Pretti, was an intensive-care nurse described by the Minneapolis police chief as a U.S. citizen with no criminal record. Federal officials said he was armed, but there is no sign in videos analyzed by The New York Times that he pulled his weapon, or that agents even knew he had one until he was already pinned on the sidewalk.

<https://www.nytimes.com/live/2026/us/minneapolis-shooting-ice>

### **Live updates: Second Deadly Shooting in Minneapolis Sparks Unrest; Shutdown Threat Grows: BY THE HILL STAFF - 01/25/26**

The risk of a partial government shutdown at the end of January is growing more likely, as protesters demonstrated with renewed furor overnight after a second person in the span of a month was fatally shot by federal immigration authorities in Minneapolis.

Senate Democrats vowed to block a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funding package on Saturday after Alex Jeffrey Pretti, a 37-year-old intensive care nurse and Minneapolis resident, was shot several times in the chest by U.S. Border Patrol agents.



<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/5705063-live-updates-trump-minnesota-shutdown-winter-storm/>

Videos of the shooting are graphic, and do not confirm to ICE characterization of the shooting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ufqgst-t5Y>

### **Families Protest 5-Year-Old Boy Held at Texas Facility Separated from Detained Father**

Dozens of immigrant families protested Saturday behind the fences of a Texas detention facility where a 5-year-old Ecuadorian boy and his father were sent this week after being detained in Minnesota. Aerial photos taken by The Associated Press showed children and parents at the South Texas Family Residential Center clad in jackets and sweaters, some of them holding signs that included "Libertad para los niños," or "Liberty for the kids." Families could also be heard outside chanting "Libertad!" or "Let us go," said Eric Lee, an immigration attorney who was there to visit a client at the facility in the town of Dilley.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/families-protest-5-year-old-boy-held-at-texas-facility-separated-from-detained-father>

### **Federal officers detain 5-year-old boy who a Minnesota school official says was used as 'bait'**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A 5-year-old boy arriving home from preschool in Minnesota was taken by federal agents along with his father to a detention facility in Texas, school officials and the family's lawyer said, making him the fourth student from his Minneapolis suburb to be detained by immigration officers in recent weeks.

Federal agents took Liam Conejo Ramos from a running car while it was in the family's driveway on Tuesday afternoon, Columbia Heights Public Schools Superintendent Zena Stenvik said during a news conference Wednesday. The officers then told him to knock on

the door to his home to see if other people were inside, "essentially using a 5-year-old as bait," she said.



<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/federal-officers-detain-5-year-old-boy-who-a-minnesota-school-official-says-was-used-as-bait>

**Legal Scholars Raise Concerns About Internal ICE Policy Authorizing Entry into Homes without Judicial Warrants: By Caroline Cummings, January 23, 2026 / CBS Minnesota**

An internal U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement memo from a whistleblower and obtained by the Associated Press that authorizes officers to enter homes without judicial warrants is raising concerns among legal scholars who say the policy is a clear violation of the Constitution.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/legal-scholars-concerns-ice-policy-homes-warrants/>