



NAPD Statement On The Widespread Terror And Killing of Renée Good And Alex Pretti Committed By ICE In Minneapolis, MN

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The National Association for Public Defense (NAPD) vehemently condemns the actions taken by federal immigration enforcement agents, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Border Patrol, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that resulted in the deaths of Renée Nicole Good on January 7, 2026, and Alex Jeffrey Pretti on January 24, 2026.

NAPD stands unequivocally for the protection of our Constitution and the civil liberties it enshrines. The fundamental rights to free expression, peaceful assembly, and due process must never be abridged by agents acting under the color of federal authority.

The deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti during federal enforcement operations have devastated their families and communities. They have also raised urgent questions about the use of force, accountability, and respect for constitutional protections during law enforcement activities.

These incidents have triggered widespread mourning, protest, and calls for independent investigation. The deployment of thousands of federal agents under “Operation Metro Surge” and repeated confrontations with residents and observers underscores the need for transparency, oversight, and immediate reexamination of federal enforcement tactics.

Attorney General Bondi's January 24, 2026 letter setting forth non-immigration related demands of the State for ending this operation further highlights concerns that the true intent of the Federal government's deployment is not serving a legitimate public safety purpose and therefore it must end immediately.

NAPD urges:

- *Immediate cessation* of the Federal immigration operation in Minneapolis.
- *Full, transparent, and independent investigations* conducted by the State into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, including complete public release of all evidence and witness accounts.
- *Immediate review and reform* of federal operational policies to ensure enforcement actions do not violate constitutional rights or endanger civilian lives.

- *Accountability* for any actions found to be unlawful, excessive, or inconsistent with constitutional limits on the use of force.

Our legal system and democratic ideals depend on government actors being held to the highest standards of accountability and respect for civil liberties. The tragic killings in Minneapolis have shaken public trust and inflicted profound harm on the very communities these enforcement operations claim to serve and protect.

NAPD stands with the families of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, with the people of Minneapolis, and with all who seek justice, constitutional fidelity, and humane enforcement of law. We reaffirm our commitment to defending constitutional rights against all forms of government overreach.