

# ICE Minneapolis Invasion: January 14, 2026

ICE has brought 3,000 agents into Minneapolis. In just over a week, they've arrested more than 2,500 people. They've detained US citizens, Native Americans, legal residents, and children. They've used tear gas and pepper spray on city streets. They've rammed cars. They've broken down doors without judicial warrants. They killed a woman who was observing and documenting - shot her in the face while she was following their instructions.

They are not following the law. They give contradictory orders and then use force. They detain people for hours without charges and pressure them to inform. There are no boundaries. The courts haven't stopped them. The state hasn't stopped them.

And it escalates daily. Not weekly - daily.

This is happening throughout the Twin Cities. Minneapolis, St. Paul, the suburbs. In rural MN. And everywhere, people are responding. Every few blocks on Lake Street there are observers. People wait outside schools when children arrive and leave. Grocery stores, restaurants, dance studios have posted signs denying ICE entry. Crowds show up when agents go door to door. The community is refusing to look away.

But observation alone is not stopping them. They shot an observer in her face and denied her medical attention until it was too late. They pepper spray people who are watching. They don't care who sees. They are pulling over people who are Constitutional Observers even though they have ZERO legal ability to do so.

They chose Minneapolis. They've tested these tactics in other communities and worked their way here because they know this city will resist. They want the confrontation. They want justification for what comes next.

We need national support. Not eventually - now. What's being done to Minneapolis will be done to your community next.

This is not a full list of what has happened. Not even close. Here is a jumping off point if you want to help - but you are not \*here\* physically in Minneapolis: <https://www.standwithminnesota.com/>

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What follows is the documented record. ([CBS News](#), [AP News](#))

## The scale

- 3,000 federal agents deployed to the Minneapolis area ([CBS News](#))
- 2,500+ arrests claimed by DHS since early December ([CBS News](#))
- 2,000+ arrests in Minnesota reported by AP ([AP News](#))

## Who is being detained

**U.S. citizens have been detained.** Two U.S. citizens were held for eight hours at the Whipple Federal Building and released without charges. ([Sahan Journal](#)) Another was detained for 10 hours after following an

ICE vehicle in Woodbury. ([CBS Minnesota](#)) The Whipple Building has dedicated cells specifically for detained US citizens - one for men, one for women. ([AP News](#))

**Native Americans have been detained.** The Oglala Sioux Tribe president reported four tribal members were detained in Minneapolis, with three transferred to the ICE facility at Fort Snelling. ([AP News](#))

**Legal permanent residents have been detained.** A Green Card holder was pulled over by multiple agents and detained for over 10 hours. He was taken to the Whipple Building, threatened with charges and deportation, then released. ([Sahan Journal](#))

## How arrests are conducted

**Boxing in vehicles.** ICE officers surrounded Renee Good's SUV on January 7, with bystander video showing an officer standing in front of her vehicle. ([AP News](#)) Officers stopped in front of observer Patty O'Keefe's car before using force. ([AP News](#)) Minnesota's lawsuit describes DHS vehicles "boxing in" a legal observer's car. ([Sahan Journal](#))

**Pulling people from vehicles.** AP reports agents have "yanked people from cars and homes." ([AP News](#)) The Minnesota lawsuit describes people being dragged out of vehicles. ([Sahan Journal](#)) On January 13, video shows agents breaking a car window and dragging out a woman who told them she was autistic and disabled, trying to get to a doctor's appointment. ([Global News](#), [CBC](#))

**Forced entry into homes.** AP reports a Minneapolis home entry using a battering ram. ([AP News](#)) The family's attorney claims the agents did not have a warrant signed by a judge. ([FOX 9](#))

**Transit stops.** Metro Transit union officials describe ICE detentions at transit stops, including a January 10 incident at Bloomington Ave & E 31st St where agents forced people out of vehicles in front of a bus stop. ([Sahan Journal](#))

**Door-to-door operations.** ICE conducted door-knocking operations in south Minneapolis (Powderhorn), drawing over 100 observers. ([Sahan Journal](#))

## Use of force

**Pepper spray.** Officers fired pepper spray through a windshield vent and smashed windows. ([AP News](#)) Agents used pepper spray at close range against a local attorney on January 7. ([Sahan Journal](#))

**Chemical agents in public.** Tear gas and chemical irritants have been used on Minneapolis streets. ([AP News](#)) During the Powderhorn operation, witnesses described pepper spray used from vehicle windows as agents drove away. ([Sahan Journal](#)) A nearby MnDOT facility shut off its HVAC system due to the chemical irritants near the Whipple Building.

**Vehicle ramming.** Multiple videos show ICE vehicles ramming civilian cars. On January 12, agents rammed Christian Molina's car in south Minneapolis, blocks from where Renee Good was killed; Molina is a US citizen. ([Sahan Journal](#)) Another video shows an unmarked ICE vehicle pushing a car into an intersection at a red light. ([IBTimes](#)) A federal judge in Chicago found DHS claims about being rammed "difficult, if not impossible to believe" after reviewing video evidence. ([FOX 9](#))

**Abandoned vehicles.** Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara told the New York Times that ICE has left cars abandoned on roadways during arrests, blocking traffic - sometimes with dogs still inside. In one case, agents pulled a driver out before putting the car in park, allowing it to roll into oncoming traffic. ([Star Tribune](#))

## Detention conditions

**Extended detention without charges.** U.S. citizens were detained for eight hours and released without charges. ([Sahan Journal](#)) Detainees were held in a semi-enclosed garage area before being moved to cells. ([Sahan Journal](#))

**Medical needs ignored.** Detainees describe medical distress and inadequate response, including denial of needed medication. ([Sahan Journal](#), [AP News](#)) After Renee Good was shot, a physician at the scene offered to administer emergency care; agents told him to "back up" and said "I don't care" when he identified himself as a doctor. ([The Hill](#)) An ambulance couldn't reach the scene because ICE vehicles were blocking the road. ([CNN](#)) In another incident, a nurse who tried to help an injured driver after ICE rammed their car was shot at with rubber bullets. ([Salon](#)) ICE detained a Libyan man who had come to Minnesota for treatment of a rare skin disease that makes his skin as fragile as paper; they put metal cuffs on his legs. ([Star Tribune](#))

**Pressure to inform.** Detainees report being offered money and legal protection in exchange for identifying immigrants. ([Sahan Journal](#))

## Conflicting instructions

Reports indicate people have been given contradictory orders. Good's family attorneys say she was following officers' orders to move her car when she was shot. ([AP News](#)) In another incident, an agent told a person to "drive away" and then force was used and detention followed. ([Sahan Journal](#))

## The killing of Renee Good

On January 7, 2026, ICE officers shot and killed Renee Good. She was observing and documenting an ICE operation. According to her family's attorneys, she was following officers' orders to move her vehicle when she was shot in the face. ([AP News](#))