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## Witnesses: ICE Just Shot a Legal Observer in the Face Multiple Times

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A woman in Minneapolis was just shot during a traffic stop by ICE agents. The agency has confirmed the shooting.



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A woman at an anti-ICE protest in Minnesota in December 2024

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Federal agents shot a woman in the face multiple times in Minneapolis on Wednesday, according to witness statements reported by MPR News.

Resident Emily Heller [told](#) MPR she woke up to loud noise outside of her home, and saw a car blocking traffic as part of a protest against the 2,000 law enforcement officers that have recently descended upon the Twin Cities.

“She was trying to turn around, and the ICE agent was in front of her car, and he pulled out a gun and put it right in—like, his midriff was on her bumper—and he reached across the hood of the car and shot her in the face like three, four times,” said Heller, going on to say that the woman—who Minneapolis Representative Ilhan Omar indicated was [a legal observer](#)—then drove forward for about 100 feet before running into a utility pole. She was seen unresponsive in the vehicle. Her status is unknown at this time.

“I am aware of a shooting involving an ICE agent at 34th Street & Portland. The presence of federal immigration enforcement agents is causing chaos in our city,” Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey [wrote on X](#) shortly after the shooting. “We’re demanding ICE to leave the city immediately. We stand rock solid with our immigrant and refugee communities.” In a press conference held Wednesday afternoon Frey [told](#) ICE to “get the fuck out of Minneapolis.”

DHS Secretary Kristi Noem insisted that the shooting was [justified](#) and that the victim was a “domestic terrorist” who endangered officers’ lives. Videos of the incident that have circulated on social media suggest that was not the case—which Frey also [noted](#) in his first public remarks about the shooting.

ICE is indistinguishable from an independent hired militia, and has been for some time. More information about the shooting will come as the situation develops.

*This piece has been updated.*



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