

30. Alex Jeffrey Pretti

Who was Alex Pretti? Alex was a 37-year-old intensive care nurse who lived in the Lyndale neighborhood of Minneapolis. Alex Pretti was born in Park Ridge, a suburb near Chicago and was of Italian descent. He grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin, attended the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, where he received a bachelor's degree with a major in biology, society and environment in 2011.

Alex Pretti was hired in 2014 as a research assistant in the clinical research program at the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System. He had been a registered nurse with an active RN license in Minnesota since 2021. He was a member of the American Federation of Government Employees. According to Chief Brian O'Hara of the Minneapolis Police Department, Mr. Pretti had a Minnesota state permit to carry a gun and he had no criminal record.

How did Alex Pretti come into contact with ICE and Border Patrol officers? Alex Pretti participated in protests against the ICE invasion of Minneapolis. He was at a protest of the killing of Renée Good earlier in January 2026. His father told reporters that Alex Pretti acknowledged warnings from his parents to be careful while protesting.

How did Alex Pretti die under ICE responsibility? At a protest on January 24, 2026, Alex Pretti attempted to assist a fellow protester who had been pushed down by ICE agents when he was himself pushed back to the ground by the agents, pepper sprayed and then shot. Alex was killed by multiple gunshots to his back and neck, at close range, by ICE agents on a street in Minneapolis. He was surrounded by six ICE agents while filming agent activities. Bystanders including a physician were denied access to provide medical assistance while the ICE officers appeared to count the number of bullet holes in Alex's body.

What happened after Alex Pretti's death? Alex Pretti's parents released a statement after his death saying they were "heartbroken but also very angry." They continued, "the sickening lies told about our son by the (Trump) administration are reprehensible," asking for people to "Please get the truth out about our son. He was a good man." Alex Pretti's death provoked anger across the country while inspiring widespread activism against ICE.

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