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**Joint Statement: The National Crime Victim Law Institute and the National Organization for Victim Advocacy Alarmed by Fatal Shootings in Minnesota Involving ICE; Demands Accountability, Justice, and Transparency**

**[Portland, OR]** — The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) and the National Organization for Victim Advocacy are heartbroken and profoundly distressed by the killings of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the hands of federal immigration enforcement agents. Renée Nicole Good, a 37-year-old, was fatally shot on January 7, 2026, in an incident that has been officially ruled a homicide by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. Then just this past weekend, on January 24, 2026, 37-year-old Alex Pretti was shot and killed by federal agents.

NCVLI and NOVA extend their condolences to the families, friends, and communities grieving the killings of these individuals. We are also painfully aware that while these deaths have garnered significant media attention numerous additional acts of violence and harms associated have occurred with immigration operations in Minnesota and beyond that have not been as widely publicized. NCVLI's mission is to advance victims' rights and victims' voices. NOVA's mission is to champion dignity and compassion for those harmed by crime and crisis. As national victim assistance organizations, central to both of our missions is the belief that all victims — regardless of race, nationality, immigration status, or political context — are entitled to dignity, respect, and meaningful access to justice. The killings of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti — and the broader climate of harm and fear in which they occurred — underscore the urgent need for a justice system that protects human life and honors the rights and dignity of victims and survivors.

NCVLI and NOVA call on federal and state authorities to:

- Initiate and complete independent, transparent, and timely investigations into the killings of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Pretti, with public disclosure of findings and evidence.
- Respect and uphold the rights of the victims' families, including their rights to information, participation, privacy, and dignified treatment throughout every step of the investigative and legal processes.
- Ensure accountability for conduct that violates domestic state or federal law, or internationally recognized standards regarding the use of force.

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A justice system worthy of public trust must treat loss of life with the gravity it deserves and must center the voices and rights of victims and survivors. That is the justice system that this country deserves. NCVLI and NOVA stand with the families of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Pretti, with all of the community members affected by these killings, and with all those calling for transparency, accountability, and respect for fundamental human rights. Victims' rights are human rights, and they must be upheld in every investigation, every policy, and every enforcement action.

For more information about victims' rights and the legal representation of crime victims generally, please contact [ncvli@clark.edu](mailto:ncvli@clark.edu). For information on victim advocacy services, please contact [nalc@trynova.org](mailto:nalc@trynova.org).

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*Founded in 2000, the National Crime Victim Law Institute is a national resource for crime victim lawyers and advocates to support the assertion and enforcement of victims' rights in criminal and civil processes. NCVLI continues to be the only national organization whose mission is focused on enforcement of victims' rights in the courts.*

*Founded in 1975, the National Organization for Victim Advocacy is the oldest national victim assistance organization with a mission to champion dignity and compassion for all victims and survivors of crime and crisis.*