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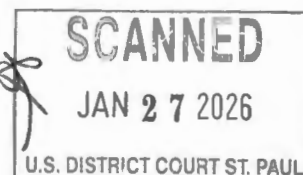
EXHIBIT A: Minnesota Police Chiefs Declaring ICE Constitutional Violations
Upon Off-Duty Officers

Source: Press Conference Transcript

Date: January 20, 2026

Speaker: Chief Mark Bruley, Brooklyn Park Police Department

1. Good morning everyone. I'm Mark Bruley, Police Chief of City of Brooklyn Park. Behind me is a bunch of amazing police chiefs that are here in support of a very short but very important message that we want to share with you.
2. What you won't hear from any of us today is rhetoric of abolish ICE, or that there shouldn't be immigration enforcement. The truth is immigration enforcement is necessary for national security and for local security, but how it's done is extremely important.
3. In fact, we have a long history of working exceptionally well with our federal partners, including ICE agents, and we have seen the best of them perform their job extremely well in the past.
4. With that said, recently—as in the last two weeks—we as a law enforcement community have been receiving endless complaints about civil rights violations in our streets from US citizens.
5. What we're hearing is they're being stopped in traffic stops or on the street with no cause and being forced to produce paperwork to determine if they are here legally.
6. As this went on over the past two weeks, we started hearing from our police officers the same complaints as they fell victim to this while off duty.
7. Every one of these individuals is a person of color who has had this happen to them in Brooklyn Park.
8. One particular officer that shared her story with me was stopped as she passed ICE going down the roadway. When they boxed her in, they demanded her paperwork—of which she's a US citizen and clearly would not have any paperwork.
9. When she became concerned about the rhetoric and the way she was being treated, she pulled out her phone in an attempt to record the incident. The phone was knocked out of her hands, preventing her from recording it.
10. The agents had their guns drawn during this interaction.



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- 3 11. After the officer became so concerned, she was forced to identify herself as a Brooklyn Park
- 4 police officer in hopes of slowing the incident and deescalating it.
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- 6 12. The agents then immediately left after hearing this, making no other comments, no other
- 7 apologies. They just got in their vehicles and left.
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- 9 13. I wish I could tell you that this was an isolated incident. In fact, many of the chiefs standing
- 10 behind me have similar incidents with their off-duty officers.
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- 12 14. This isn't just important because it happened to off-duty police officers, but what it did do is—we
- 13 know that our officers know what the Constitution is. They know what right and wrong is, and
- 14 they know when people are being targeted, and that's what they were.
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- 16 15. If it is happening to our officers, it pains me to think of how many of our community members are
- 17 falling victim to this every day. It has to stop.
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- 19 16. This behavior erodes the trust that these police chiefs have worked tirelessly for the last five
- 20 years—and theoretically the last 60 years—to stop this exact behavior from happening.
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- 22 17. Now, I wanna be really clear. I've called lots of other ICE agents and HSI agents and have talked
- 23 to a lot of individuals about this. This is not widespread. This is a small group of agents within
- 24 the surge in the metro area that are performing or acting this way.
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- 26 18. As a matter of fact, as rumors of this had spread, I've received phone calls from ICE agents and
- 27 HSI agents indicating this is not how they act. This is not what they do.
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- 29 19. Regardless, we're calling to action that we have more supervision over the surge, and that this
- 30 type of civil rights violations have to stop.
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- 32 20. With that, I'll turn it over to Chief Henry, the St. Paul Police Department.
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