

What we know about the investigations into the Minneapolis shooting death of Alex Pretti

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WASHINGTON — The fatal shooting over the weekend of a Minneapolis man has prompted calls for a thorough independent investigation into the second death at the hands of federal immigration officers since the Trump administration began its large-scale operation in the city late last year.

But many of the investigation's details, including the identities of the officers involved and precisely what evidence is being examined, remain unclear even as tensions soar in Minneapolis over the death of Alex Pretti, 37, an ICU nurse.

Any investigation into the details of the shooting will likely be highly scrutinized. The Trump administration has been quick to cast Pretti as an armed instigator, although videos emerging from the scene and local officials contradict that claim.

Here's a look at what's known about the investigation into the shooting and what's not:

THREE PROBES LAUNCHED

The White House says three federal investigations into the shooting are underway.

During a briefing Monday, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI were investigating the shooting and U.S. Customs and Border Protection was "conducting their own internal review."

"As President (Donald) Trump said yesterday, the administration is reviewing everything with respect to the shooting, and we will let that investigation play out," Leavitt added, without providing additional details on the probes.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which normally plays a key role in any case in which a federal law enforcement officer kills a civilian, is instead only lending support in



Adam Gray/AP photo

People gather near the scene where Alex Pretti was fatally shot by a U.S. Border Patrol officer yesterday, in Minneapolis, Sunday, Jan. 25.

processing physical evidence from the scene, such as Pretti's gun.

Historically, the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department investigates shootings of civilians by law enforcement officers for potential criminal violations, but there's no indication that they intend to do so in Pretti's case. In the case of Renee Good, who was shot and killed by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent in

Minneapolis on Jan. 7, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche said in a statement earlier this month that "there is currently no basis for a criminal civil rights investigation."

Gil Kerlikowske, who headed Customs and Border Protection during the Obama administration, said that when he was at the agency, if a Border Patrol agent used deadly force on the job, it would be "routine"

for the FBI to conduct a criminal civil rights investigation, even in cases where the force may have been justified and even if the probe wouldn't necessarily lead to prosecution.

Kerlikowske also questioned why Homeland Security Investigations, an arm within DHS that traditionally probes cross-border issues like drug smuggling and human trafficking, would take a lead role in this investigation.

"This isn't something that HSI has real expertise or does at all," said Kerlikowske. "Shooting and use of force and potential criminal liability is not something that would be in their portfolio."

VIDEOS, FIREARMS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT PRETTI'S PHONE

FBI Director Kash Patel said

Sunday on Fox News that the agency will be assisting HSI by "processing physical evidence."

Patel said they're in possession of "the firearm, which is going to go to our laboratory," in reference to Pretti's gun.

But Patel made no reference to whether the bureau had gathered the firearms of the officers or agents who were on the scene or what other evidence the FBI was processing.

DHS officials did not respond to questions Monday about whether they are in possession of Pretti's phone or whether they have recovered the video he was recording when he was killed.

Pretti's family told The Associated Press they don't have the phone and don't know where it is. Pretti's father, Michael Pretti, said Monday the family had still not been contacted by or provided any information by

federal law enforcement.

Investigators also have an extensive array of videos to sift through, including multiple videos shot by activists and protesters at the scene.

Use-of-force experts have said that bystander video undermined federal authorities' claim that Pretti "approached" a group of lawmen with a firearm and that a Border Patrol officer opened fire "defensively." There has been no evidence made public, they said, that supports a claim by Border Patrol senior official Greg Bovino that Pretti, who had a permit to carry a concealed handgun, intended to "massacre law enforcement."

Investigators have video from at least four Border Patrol agents on the scene who were wearing body cameras, said DHS spokeswoman Tricia McLaughlin. Those videos have not been made public.

Neither have the identities of the Border Patrol agents involved. The officer who shot the man is an eight-year Border Patrol veteran, federal officials said Saturday.

STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE BEING SHUT OUT

The incident has shined a light on the increasing mistrust between officials in the state and the Trump administration over who should take the lead in investigating.

Drew Evans, superintendent of Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which investigates police shootings, told reporters Saturday that federal officers had blocked his agency from the scene of the shooting even after it obtained a signed judicial warrant.

"We will continue to investigate this case and others that we have recently been involved with. But I would be remiss if I didn't state that it would be difficult to obtain all of the evidence and information obtained without cooperation," Evans said Saturday.

BULLITT

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flawlessly and put on quite the show at state, so it was worth it."

According to Sweat, this group is as good off the mats as it is in action.

"I want to brag on how consistent and gritty this group of athletes is," the coach said. "They are consistent in how they show up for each other, inside and outside of practice. They are consistent in their school work and grades."

"They are consistent in

their skills and the effort they pour into the routine," Sweat added. "They are dependable and determined."

This Bullitt East team just does not make mistakes.

"It is the most consistently hitting team I've coach in my six years of coaching this program," Sweat said. "We have hit a zero deduction routine 51 times since Oct. 31, 2025, which is unheard of for this caliber of skill and I have a feeling that they are just getting started."

The team members include seniors Chelsea Wright, Bailey Basham, Kaleigh Kaufman and Jazzy Vowels. The juniors on the squad

include Isla Fisher, Raegan Cook, Rylee Roederer, Emma Abell and Kinley McClellan. The sophomores on the team are Madi Davis, Tori Hartung, Brayleigh McMillen, Kayla Hale and Cambryn Norrick. The freshmen on the team are Kylie Scalf, Teagan Murphy, Reagan Strider, Kiemey Wilks, Zoe Odgers, Quinn Keown, Jayden Dalton, Bella Vice, Mya Mencer and Ava Recktenwald.

Sweat is assisted by Brooke Stivers Poole and Carrie DeBold. The assistant coaches specializing in skills are Jay Kirk, Beth Anne Borman, Makayla McMichael, Maggie Green and Shaela Worsley.

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BULLITT CENTRAL (10-13-9-15) 47

— Abrie Dillman 15, Cami Bickett 14, Alexius Rinker 6, Chloe Hurst 6, Awel Deng 2, Malia Hagan 2, Kynslee Gibson 2

MOORE (9-10-9-14) 42

— Asia Bowens-Jackson 11, Saryah Todd 10, Nacara Lewis 9, Natalya Pitts 6, Kynadee Walls 4, VaNiyah Tiller 2

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The victory was also important in terms of district seeding for a tournament. She said the goal is to have a 1 or 2 seed. Moore appears to be destined for the fourth seed and a first round game against Southern.

Bullitt East, North Bullitt

and Bullitt Central will battle for the top three seeds. The top seed would play the 4/5 winner in the semifinals, while the second and third seeds would play in the other. The two winners would qualify for the Sixth Region tournament.

Dillman led the scoring with 15, including 10 in the first half. Bickett had 14, 12 of which came in the second half after she sat a few minutes in the first half with a scary fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF COUNTY OF BULLITT, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

SECTION ONE: That the above property located in the unincorporated area of Bullitt County and more particularly described in the minutes and records of the Planning Commission in Docket Number 2025-59 is hereby changed from R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

SECTION THREE: Should any section, provision or part of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR: All ordinances and resolutions, to the extent they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO KRS 67.077(3)

The following is a summary of Ordinance #25-01, #25-02, and #25-04 which were introduced and given first reading by Bullitt County Fiscal Court at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, and given second reading, public hearing, voted on and adopted at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the Bullitt County Clerk, Nina Mooney Courthouse Annex, 149 N. Walnut, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF BULLITT ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26-02

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CHANGING OF ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS 14.279 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT HIGHWAY 44 EAST, PARCEL NUMBER 045-002-02-008, 045-002-02-009, 045-002-02-010, 045-002-00-00-040 IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court of Bullitt County has considered the evidence of the public hearing held by the Joint Planning Commission and the recommendations of the Commission, the information provided in the Staff Report of the Office of Bullitt County Planning and Zoning, and the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing held by the Fiscal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court concurs in and adopts the reasons of the Joint Planning Commission for said zoning change and approves and accepts the recommendations of the Planning Commission in this matter as set out in said minutes and determines that the proposed zoning change is acceptable and should be approved; and

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