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Arizona Nurses Association Statement on Fatal shooting of Alex Pretti, RN

[Phoenix, Arizona] - Today, January 24, 2026, Alex Pretti, a 37-year-old ICU nurse at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, was shot and killed by federal immigration agents in Minneapolis during an enforcement operation.

Compassion and respect for human dignity are central to nursing and to the common good. Lethal violence against any human being on U.S. soil is unacceptable and demands full accountability. Acts of state violence may erode trust, undermine the rule of law, and inflict profound harm on individuals, families, and communities.

The Arizona Nurses Association calls for a fully transparent, independent investigation into this killing and all use-of-force incidents involving federal agents, and for a reevaluation of the presence of ICE and related entities in our communities. People across this nation deserve clarity and assurance that the rule of law applies equally to all, and that no individual in the United States is subjected to unwarranted violence by those sworn to uphold the law.

The nursing profession is guided by an ethical commitment to protect human life and dignity, and those values compel us to demand accountability when violence is carried out in our communities. No person in the United States should be subjected to lethal force without rigorous oversight and institutional responsibility.

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