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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Boiling Point]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: Boiling point. [SHOUTING] Protesters clashing with federal agents in Chicago. Reports of tear gas used on the crowd. The details straight ahead.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Happening *Today*; Chicago Clashes]

GUTHRIE: We'll start, of course, though, with several breaking stories this morning, including in Chicago. There was a tense clash between protesters and federal agents over immigration, and you can see right there tear gas — gas deployed during that confrontation.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Heated Clashes Amid Immigration Protests]

GUTHRIE: To Chicago now. Tensions escalating there over President Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration. Here's the scene yesterday. Protesters clashing with federal law enforcement officials. The Department of Homeland Security is now saying its agents are being targeted. NBC's Shaquille Brewster is at an ICE processing center just outside of Chicago. Shaquille, good morning to you.

SHAQUILLE BREWSTER: Good morning. And overnight, that massive fence that was blocking off the road to this ICE processing facility did come down. The federal government complying with the federal court order of ordering the fence removed over objections of local officials all as DHS and the federal government warned that ICE officers and CBP officers are facing more serious threats. This morning, tensions running high in multiple areas around President Trump's immigration crackdown. Overnight, Los Angeles County declaring a state of emergency in response to ICE raids. Officials voting to clear the way for financial assistance for residents they say have been negatively impacted by immigration raids while, in Chicago, clashes on the streets getting heated. [SHOUTING] Homeland Security says federal officers face the hostile crowd after an undocumented immigrant rammed a Border Patrol vehicle while trying to flee an immigration operation. After a pursuit, agents crashed into the vehicle to stop it and arrested the

suspects when a crowd grew. Chicago police responded to the scene and say some people threw objects at federal agents who deployed tear gas, exposing some in the crowd, including 13 Chicago police officers.

CHICAGO DEPUTY MAYOR PATRICE PONCE DE LEON: This type of escalation is what is going to cause harm. It's not the people of Chicago, but it's the federal agents.

BREWSTER: It's the latest flare-up during the Trump administration's so-called Operation Midway Blitz. DHS posting this video celebrating 1,500 immigration related arrests in the Chicago area since early September.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: All of these cities we want to clean them up.

BREWSTER: But the dramatic confrontations come as Homeland Security officials are warning Mexican drug cartels are now offering cash bounties to target ICE officers and other federal agents including \$5,000 to \$10,000 for kidnapping or assaulting officers and up to \$50,000 for the assassination of high-ranking officials.

TRICIA MCLAUGHLIN [on FNC's *America Reports*, 10/14/25]: Our message to the cartels in these criminal ranks? We're not backing down.

BREWSTER: Now back to the clashes that you saw here in Chicago yesterday, one of those detained was a 15-year-old boy, an American citizen. His attorney says he was zip tied for hours but released overnight. Governor Pritzker pointing to his arrest among many saying that DHS needs to answer for what he's calling unchecked attacks on Chicago residents. Savannah?

GUTHRIE: All right, Shaq, thank you very much.