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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Immigration Arrests Ramping Up]

TOM LLAMAS: The immigration raids launching in two states today and our reporter with a community on edge after President Trump lashed out over Somalis in America.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Tensions Rise Over Minnesota ICE Raids]

TOM LLAMAS: Now to those new ICE enforcement operations in Minneapolis coming just as President Trump is doubling down on his inflammatory comments about the large Somali community in the city. Maggie Vespa is there for us tonight.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Source: ICE Operations Begin in Minneapolis]

MAGGIE VESPA: Tonight, a senior law enforcement official telling NBC News ICE has begun enforcement operations all as President Trump is doubling down on his comments railing against the Somali community here, the largest in the U.S..

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: The Somalians should be out of here. They've destroyed our country.

VESPA: Minneapolis City Councilman Jamal Osman was born in Somalia. [TO OSMAN] How did it hit you in you heard what the President had to say?

MINNEAPOLIS COUNCILMAN JAMAL OSMAN: You know, the hard part for me was just trying to answer my daughters and say, why are we being singled out?

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT: I won't answer any more questions.

CPB OFFICER: Can you put handcuffs on him, please?

VESPA: While Border Patrol tonight is launching a crackdown on illegal immigration in New Orleans, administration officials say ICE in Minneapolis is not targeting the Somali community, but just enforcing deportation orders already issued by judges.

TOM HOMAN [on FNC's *Jesse Watters PrimeTime*, 12/01/25]: We're going to enforce the laws

of this country without apology including in the Twin Cities. [SCREEN WIPE] Focus is on those Twin Cities more because of the criminal activities been uncovered by DOJ and DHS.

VESPA: Federal prosecutors have charged dozens of people in Minnesota's Somali community for allegedly stealing hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer money, including from government programs meant to give meals to low income children.

TRUMP: This beautiful place and I see these people ripping it off. [SCREEN WIPE] We don't want them in our country. Let them go back to where they came from and fix it.

VESPA: This son of Somali immigrants, who does not want to give his name, says the President is creating fear and unfairly blaming the whole community.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Other people hearing that, you know, they're going to really use that to come at us. That is what I'm really scared of.

LLAMAS: Alright, Maggie joins us live from Minneapolis. And, Maggie, the city's police chief had a pointed message to residents there.

VESPA: Yeah, Tom. That's right. The chief of police telling people here to call 911 if they come into contact with masked agents, saying people have said they're scared because they can tell if those agents are law enforcement. Borders czar Tom Homan responding, calling it shameful to call 911 on officers, Tom.

LLAMAS: Okay, Maggie Vespa for us tonight. Maggie, thank you.