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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Fallout From Deadly ICE Shooting]

PETER ALEXANDER: Meantime, tensions are also continuing to flare in Minneapolis where anti-ICE protests are only growing despite the frigid temperatures, nearly two weeks after the fatal shoot of Renee Good. The White House denouncing the demonstrations and launching federal investigations where the Pentagon is ordering more than 1,000 U.S. troops to prepare to deploy. NBC's Maggie Vespa is in Minneapolis with the very latest details this morning. Maggie, good morning.

MAGGIE VESPA: Peter, good morning. Defense officials stressing to NBC News the readying of troops does not mean a deployment is definite. Still, people on the ground seeing that as a massive escalation and comes as we learned the Justice Department has opened investigations into multiple local officials. One person seemingly not under investigation? The ICE officer who fatally shot a woman here. As clashes over ongoing immigration raids mount in Minneapolis, this morning, the Trump administration preparing to potentially take historic measures with two defense officials confirming to NBC News the Pentagon has placed two battalions of the 11th Airborne Division, some 1,500 active duty troops often prepare to deploy orders after President Trump publicly weighed invoking the Insurrection Act in Minneapolis. Those officials adding they have no further indication the President will do so, calling the orders "prudent planning." Meanwhile, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey under growing pressure with the Justice Department investigating whether he and Minneapolis Governor Tim Walz have been impeding immigration enforcement, according to a senior law enforcement official and a person familiar with the matter.

MINNEAPOLIS MAYOR JACOB FREY (D) [on NBC's *Meet the Press*, 01/18/26]: To have a federal government targeting people simply because of the speech they are using — [SCREEN WIPE] — this is stuff that happens in other countries. It shouldn't happen in America.

VESPA: Governor Walz posting "the only person not being investigated for the shooting of Renee Good is the federal agent who shot her."

REBECCA GOOD: [on 01/07/26]: Have some lunch, big boy.

VESPA: The DOJ representing whether Rebecca Good, the partner of the Minneapolis woman killed earlier this month, impeded the ICE officer who shot her, though Rebecca Good's lawyer says there's been "no contact from the FBI or federal officials to Ms. Good, indicating she is the subject of an investigation." The deputy attorney general asked if the DOJ is investigating the shooting itself.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL TODD BLANCHE [on *Fox News Sunday*, 01/18/26]: We

don't just go out investigate every time an officer is forced to defend himself — [SCREEN WIPE] — so, no, we are not investigating.

VESPA: On the ground, tensions rising. Yesterday, protesters interrupting a service at a church where they say an ICE employee serves as a pastor.

ANTI-ICE MOB [INSIDE CHURCH]: Justice for — Renee Good!

VESPA: The Justice Department says it's looking into the incident. Yeah, that protest getting a lot of attention. Back to that headline about troops, Governor Walz also mobilizing the state's National Guard, putting them on standby to support local law enforcement if needed. All of it putting people here increasingly on edge, Peter.

ALEXANDER: Maggie Vespa there in Minneapolis this morning. Maggie, thank you.