

CBS Evening News with Tony Dokoupil

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: ICE Detains 5-Year-Old]

TONY DOKOUPIL: Plus, the image seen by millions. How did this five-year-old boy end up in a federal detention center?

ANTI-ICE STALKER: Where's your humanity! That's a kid.

DOKOUPIL: What you are learning tonight.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 'ICE Out Protest']

DOKOUPIL: We turn now to the battle over the power of that powerful image of the five-year-old Liam Ramos and the question on so many people's minds: what exactly happened here with federal immigration agents? The family lawyer and school say the boy was used by ICE as 'bait,' but the Department of Homeland Security calls that a horrific smear, and say in fact the boy's father ran from officers and abandon his child. Here is Nicole's Sganga with what we know right now as new protests break out in Minneapolis.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Thousands of Minnesota Residents Protest Against ICE]

NICOLE SGANGA: Today, thousands braved subfreezing temperatures in the twin cities to protest ICE, with businesses declaring Black-Out Friday.

ANTI-ICE PASTORS: Lord, have mercy.

SGANGA: Dozens of clergy were arrested in demonstrations outside Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. And U.S. Border Patrol Commander Gregory Bovino defended ICE agents who detained this five-year-old boy, Liam Ramos, and his father, an asylum seeker, are being held together at a federal detention center in a South Texas.

GREGORY BOVINO: The child is in the least restrictive setting with a family member. I don't think it gets better than that.

SGANGA: Agents picked up the boy moments after his father brought him home from preschool. School board chair Mary Granlund was there.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD CHAIR MARY GRANLUND: And somebody else saw me and said to the agents, school is here, the school is here. They can take him. And I said, yes, I am here. I am here. I will – I can help with that.

SGANGA [TO GRANLUND]: You offered to take him, and you saw ICE agents drive away with the five-year-old boy?

GRANLUND: Yes.

MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEITH ELLISON (D): It's 100 percent about – about politics.

SGANGA: Minnesota attorney general Keith Ellison calls Operation Metro Surge a political tactic meant to punish municipal leaders. He told us he has seen no evidence of the FBI investigating the fatal killing of Renee Good. [TO ELLISON] You don't believe the federal government is investigate a potential wrongdoing in the killing of Renee Good?

ELLISON: I have no evidence – in fact, I have evidence to the contrary that the federal government is investigating the death of Renee Good at all.

SGANGA [TO ELLISON]: I think that's going to make a lot of people in the state and in this country angry.

ELLISON: The federal government can come back and say, we were wrong for jumping to a conclusion that Renee Good's death was not worth investigating.

SGANGA: We're just outside of Minneapolis arena, where thousands have turned up despite it being -10 degrees outside right now. As for Liam and his father, CBS News has reviewed government records showing both of pending, active asylum cases, which means they can't legally be deported, Tony.

DOKOUPIL: Alright, Nicole, thank you very much.