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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 5 Year Old Detained by ICE]

NATE BURLESON: There is fresh outrage in Minneapolis after ICE is seen detaining a five-year-old boy. They say the father fled from agents.

VICE PRESIDENT JD VANCE: Are they supposed to let a five-year-old child freeze to death?

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: MN Father & 5-Year-Old Son Detained by ICE]

GAYLE KING: Now to the newest controversy over the immigration crackdown in Minneapolis. It involves a five-year-old boy, his name is Liam Ramos. Look at his face. ICE agents looking to detain his dad, went to Liam's house, then brought the little boy to the door before taking him away. Now, ICE says that the father abandoned him. Others claim — other eyewitnesses on the scene say that agents wanted to lure the boy's relatives outside the house. Nicole Sganga is in Minneapolis. Nicole, I was watching this story yesterday. It's very upsetting. Both sides are very, very disturbing.

NICOLE SGANGA: Yeah. Good morning, Gayle. We spoke with school officials who were there saying that they consoled the boy's sobbing mother after ICE agents took her husband and son away from her after they returned home from school that day. A lawyer for the family says they are being held at the Dilley Family Detention Center. That's down in Texas, and it's difficult to hear from them across state lines.

ANTI-ICE MALE: Hey! They're trying to take a kid!

SGANGA: More than half a dozen federal agents were seen on cell phone video Tuesday surrounding this five-year-old boy wearing a bunny hat and a Spiderman backpack. Liam Ramos was taken into custody, along with his dad, Ecuadorian asylum seeker Andriana Alexander Conejo Arias.

ANTI-ICE FEMALE: The school district staff are right there! He's going with his dad!

SGANGA: The preschooler was the fourth student from the Columbia Public Heights Public School district to be detained by immigration officials in the past week.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ZENA STENVIK: Over the last few weeks, ICE agents have been roaming our neighborhoods, circling our schools, following our buses, coming into our parking lots multiple times and taking our kids.

SGANGA: In a statement, the Department of Homeland Security said “ICE did not target...a child,” adding he was “abandoned” by the father who “fled on foot” after officers tried to arrest him and further added that Conejo Arias wanted the child to remain with him once he was detained. DHS also said attempted to reunite the child with his mother, but she refused to take custody. But according to school board chair Mary Granlund, that’s not how it happened. She says she saw it herself.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD CHAIR MARY GRANLUND: 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 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.

VANCE: What are they supposed to do? Are they supposed to let a five-year-old child freeze to death?

SGANGA: Yesterday, Vice President JD Vance visited Minneapolis, imploring state leaders to deescalate. [TO VANCE] What is the federal government’s role in turning down the temperature?

VANCE: What I do think that we can do is working with state and local officials, we can make the worst moments of chaos much less common, and all they’ve got to do is meet us halfway.

SGANGA: And according to the family’s lawyer, Liam and his father entered the country in 2024 at a Brownsville border crossing down in Texas. They submitted an asylum claim through what’s called the CBP1 app and were following through on steps throughout the immigration process. Now, here in the Twin Cities today, several businesses are advertising protests, another day of protests here with one march calling to get ICE out. But let me tell you, Nate, it is very cold here in Minneapolis.

BURLESON: Nicole, thank you.

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