



## **NAHN Statement on the Death of Registered Nurse Alex Jeffrey Pretti**

**January 27, 2026 (Lexington, KY)** The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) is deeply saddened and disturbed by the death of Alex Jeffrey Pretti, RN, who was fatally shot during a federal immigration enforcement operation in Minneapolis on January 24, 2026. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Alex's loved ones, colleagues, and all those impacted by this tragic loss.

As nurses, we are bound by the *Code of Ethics for Nurses* to uphold the inherent dignity, worth, and rights of every person, and to advocate for conditions that promote health, safety, and human flourishing. The death of a nurse, someone who dedicated their life to healing and protecting others, during a public encounter with law enforcement resonates deeply across our profession and the communities we serve.

NAHN unequivocally denounces all forms of violence and recognizes the profound loss and harm they inflict. This tragic event underscores the critical need for transparency and accountability. As information regarding Mr. Pretti's death continues to emerge through ongoing reviews, including official documentation and video evidence subject to public and legal examination, NAHN urges a thorough, independent investigative process. The conclusions must be communicated in a timely and transparent manner to ensure that his family, professional peers, and the broader community receive clear and meaningful answers.

Human dignity, physical safety, and psychological well-being are foundational to health. The *Nursing Code of Ethics* affirms nurses' responsibility to promote social justice and to reduce health inequities. Enforcement actions that involve excessive or unwarranted use of force, particularly when carried out by authorities entrusted with public power, can result in trauma, fear, family separation, and avoidance of essential health services. These outcomes undermine public trust and have lasting consequences for individual and community health.

Nursing is grounded in a commitment to compassion, care, and the protection of fundamental rights. Nurses dedicate their careers to supporting individuals and families during times of profound vulnerability. Yet many face significant risks in doing so, with workplace violence affecting a substantial portion of the profession. Increasing encounters involving law enforcement further underscore growing concerns about the safety of nurses, both in clinical settings and within the communities they serve.

In keeping with its mission and ethical obligations, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses calls on federal, state, and local leaders to uphold accountability, transparency, and public safety by supporting independent investigations into civilian deaths and serious injuries during enforcement actions; establishing and enforcing clear federal standards, including mandatory training in de-escalation, civil liberties, and trauma-informed practices for all law enforcement personnel; and ensuring that enforcement strategies protect public health and community safety by not deterring individuals from seeking care or placing healthcare workers and communities at risk.

NAHN stands in solidarity with the family, colleagues, and communities grieving the loss of Alex Pretti. We remain committed to advancing policies and practices that uphold ethical governance, safeguard healthcare workers, and promote health equity, safety, and justice for all.

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### **About the National Association of Hispanic Nurses**

Since 1975, NAHN has been the nation's leading professional society for Latino nurses. With a growing membership of more than 40 local chapters, NAHN represents the voices of over 220,000 Latino nurses throughout the United States. NAHN is devoted to promoting safe, quality health care delivery to Latino communities and recognizing excellence among Latino nurses. To learn more, visit [www.nahnnet.org](http://www.nahnnet.org).

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