Free the MN15! Abolish ICE!

The Minnesota 15 (MN15)

The MN15 are 15 people from the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul), who were part of the massive response to the invasion and occupation by 4,000 ICE and other Federal forces. The Trump regime claims they are part of a terrorist conspiracy - Antifa. In reality they are people who make up the community, some of them work as: electricians, healthcare workers, welders, public school teachers, a college professor, and a carpenter/musician.

They were indicted by the federal government in June 2026 on charges arising from their participation in the resistance to the violence and terror of ICE forces. They face federal conspiracy charges along with other charges, which could mean six years in prison. All have pleaded not guilty.

Operation Metro Surge - the Community Mobilizes

In December 2025, the Trump regime announced **Operation Metro Surge,** with racist attacks on the large Somali community in Minneapolis**.** In January, 2,000 ICE and other Federal forces were sent to Minnesota, mostly to Minneapolis. Soon there was an army of 4000. People organized to protect the targeted members of their community – those identified as recent immigrants. Thousands of people organized to protect the children so they could safely attend school, to make sure that families had food because it was no longer safe to shop, and to cover their rent if they were not able to work.

ICE patrolled the streets, arresting people and invading homes. More than 4000 people were arrested. People organized car patrols to monitor ICE activity, alerting a coordinating network when ICE was spotted. People would be alerted and come out of their homes blowing whistles warning of an ICE presence. An estimated 30,000 people participated in car patrols during the occupation.

On January 7, Reneé Good was shot and killed as she attempted to drive away after a verbal exchange with an ICE officer. Her killer still has not been charged. The following weekend, tens of thousands protested across the country. On January 23, an estimated 100,000 people took to the streets in Minneapolis, in sub-zero temperatures, shutting down business as usual. The next day, Alex Pretti, a nurse at the Veterans Administration Health Care System, was murdered. He was forced to the ground and shot 10 times after trying to help a woman who was pepper-sprayed by Border Patrol agents. His murderers continue to walk free.

Within days, the administration began withdrawing agents and announced the end of Operation Metro Surge. But hundreds of ICE forces remain and arrests continue in Minnesota.

The War on Us Continues - We Cannot Back Down

We must oppose the continued ICE terror everywhere. In June, Congress authorized $70 billion to fund ICE through 2029. On July 7, ICE murdered Lorenzo Salgado Araujoin, in Houston, Texas as he was driving to work. A week later, they murdered Johan Sebastián Durán Guerreroas in Biddeford, Maine, as he was driving to work. Currently, an estimated sixty thousand people languish in concentration camps. ICE continues its terror throughout the country and is arresting more people than ever. Tens of thousands are being flown to countries they have no connection to.

The fight to free the MN15 is part of that struggle. We need to build defense committees to bring people together to organize support, to involve unions, churches and other organizations in the struggle. When we are organized we can be ready for anything. **Join us!**

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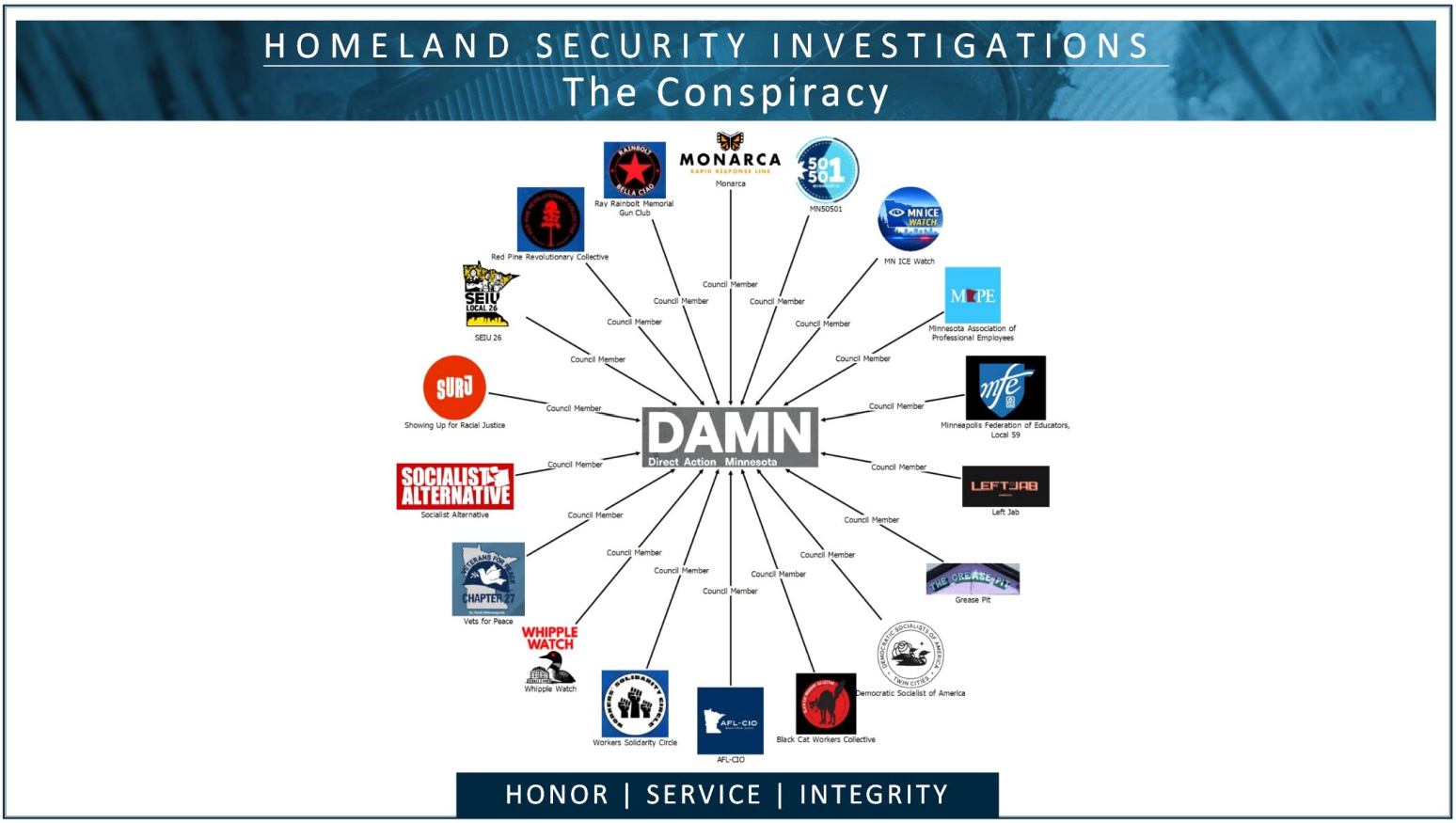
We Are All Under Attack - An Injury to One is an Injury to All

The 94 page indictment of the MN15 defendants, accuses them of activities that tens of thousands of people were involved in. They chose some people who were part of organizations that were active in the resistance to ICE in Minneapolis. Following the indictment, the Justice Department released a document revealing what it claims is a **conspiratorial network** in the Minneapolis area (below). For them, we are all part of a conspiracy to stand against the terrorism of ICE and other militarized forces. **We will not stand aside while the government tries to imprison those who have been a part of the mobilization come under attack.**

They call the informal network DAMN, Direct Action Minnesota, a conspiracy - ***the chart below.***



The so-called conspiracy (in the chart above) includes a wide range of groups and individuals active in the Twin Cities area - this "conspiracy" would involve tens of thousands of people:

Monarca - A coalition that trains for Rapid Response networks to protect people's rights - a project of Unidos
MN5051 - The Minnesota part of a national group that has organized No Kings Days and other demonstrations
MN ICE Watch - Trains neighbors to monitor and record ICE activity
Minnesota Association of Professional Employees - State public employee union
Minneapolis Federation of Educators Local 59 - Minneapolis public school educators' union
Left Jab - "An anti-racist, queer friendly, and beginner oriented, Mixed Martial Arts club"
The Grease Pit - A volunteer-run bike collective Minneapolis
Twin Cities Democratic Socialists of America -A national social democratic organization
Black Cat Workers Collective - A Twin Cities anarchist group that some of the MN15 are connected to.
Minnesota AFL-CIO - The umbrella organization of many U.S. labor unions
Workers Solidarity Circle - A Twin Cities "organization of class-struggle militants"
Whipple Watch - A Signal chat group that kept watch on the Whipple detention center and tracked and identified ICE vehicles
Veterans for Peace - "Veterans educating about the real causes and costs of war"
Socialist Alternative - A socialist group in the US
Showing Up for Racial Justice - "organizing white people for racial and economic justice"
SEIU Local 26 - An 8000 member local union in the Twin cities area – janitors, security, & window cleaners.
Red Pine Revolutionary Collective - a collective in Twin Cities area