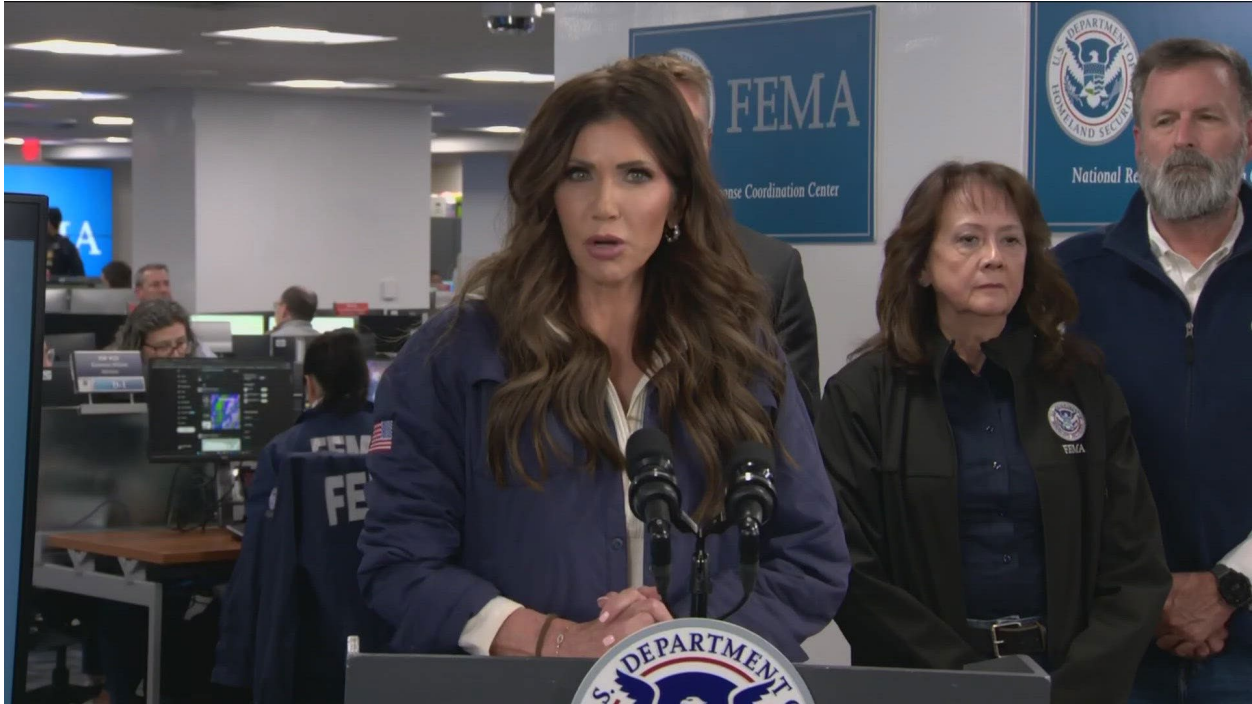


## Minnesota DOC launches new website to 'address ongoing misinformation by DHS'

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MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Department of Corrections is hitting back after weeks of attack from federal officials.

The agency has launched a new website to combat what it calls "ongoing misinformation" from the Department of Homeland Security, just hours after a federal immigration enforcement agent fatally shot 37-year-old U.S. citizen and Minneapolis man Alex Pretti.

The DOC names Border Patrol Commander Greg Bovino directly in a statement.

"In the hours following the shooting, U.S. Border Patrol Chief Gregory Bovino held a press conference asserting that the operation was targeting an individual named Jose Huerta-Chuma and characterized him as having a significant criminal history. Because federal statements have repeatedly included inaccurate information about Minnesota custody and

criminal records, the DOC reviewed available records to determine whether the individual referenced had any connection to Minnesota state prison custody.

Based on DOC records and publicly available Minnesota court data:

- The individual identified by federal officials has never been in Minnesota DOC custody.
- DOC and court records show no felony commitments associated with this
- Public Minnesota court records reflect only misdemeanor-level traffic offenses from more than a decade ago.
- The individual is not currently under DOC supervision."

On its website, the DOC mentions other statistics it claims federal officials have been inaccurate about.

"The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to release false numbers about ICE detainees in Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) has provided verified data and requested clarification. DHS has not responded," according to the DOC.

A Department of Homeland Security spokesperson told the AP Pretti was armed with a handgun, but several angles of the incident appear to show multiple agents striking him repeatedly on the ground and securing a handgun moments before Pretti was killed.

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