

DHS FOIA Office Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to records described below.

This request concerns the creation, transmission, monitoring, or response to false or misleading claims circulated publicly following the January 24, 2026 killing of Alex Pretti in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Records Requested I request all records created, sent, received, or maintained by the Department of Homeland Security, including but not limited to DHS headquarters, ICE, CBP, Border Patrol, and the Office of Public Affairs, that reference or relate to:

Alex Pretti, including any discussion of his background, character, employment history, or alleged prior misconduct.

Claims, allegations, or narratives asserting that Alex Pretti was previously fired, terminated, disciplined, or investigated by a hospital or medical facility.

Any reference to "Lakeshore Medical," "Lakeshore Medical Centre," hospital misconduct allegations, or similar employment-related assertions.

Internal or external communications concerning public messaging, narrative management, reputational context, or anticipated media coverage following Mr. Pretti's death.

Media talking points, background briefs, internal guidance, Q&A documents, or draft statements prepared for press or congressional inquiries concerning the incident.

Communications with journalists, media outlets, social media platforms, or third parties referencing Mr. Pretti's alleged background or character.

Records reflecting monitoring, assessment, or awareness of viral social media posts, graphics, or online claims related to Mr. Pretti's alleged employment history.

Formats and Search Parameters

This request includes records in all formats, including emails, text messages, Signal, WhatsApp, Teams, Slack, memoranda, draft documents, notes, and attachments.

Please conduct a search of all relevant custodians, including leadership, public affairs personnel, incident response teams, and any officials involved in post-incident communications or coordination.

Exclusions and Clarifications This request does not seek medical records or HIPAA-protected patient information.

Redactions may be applied where required by law; however, all reasonably segregable, non-exempt portions must be released.

Certification if No Records Exist If no responsive records exist, please provide a written certification to that effect.

Statutory Requirements

If any portion of this request is denied, please cite the specific statutory exemption relied upon and describe how it applies. Please also identify whether any responsive records were destroyed or withheld pursuant to a records retention schedule. Please provide records electronically where possible. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.