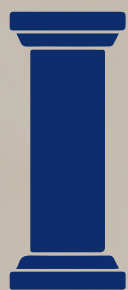




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LITTLE VILLAGE OCCUPATION INVESTIGATION BRIEF April 2026



INVESTIGATION BRIEF

LITTLE VILLAGE OCCUPATION

Date: October 22 and 23, 2025, November 8, 2025

Location: Chicago neighborhood of Little Village

Estimated Number of Agents Involved: on each day, upwards of 25, all in full tactical gear with long rifles, pepper ball launchers, tear gas canisters, and OC (MK-9) spray/foam.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITTLE VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

Little Village is known as the “Mexico of the Midwest.” Little Village, or “La Villita,” has an estimated 100,000 residents, most of whom identify as Latinx. It is considered a welcoming point. With over 1,000 businesses and over 100 restaurants, the 26th Street commercial corridor in Little Village has consistently generated over \$900M in annual tax revenue for the City of Chicago, earning one of its many nicknames of the “second Magnificent Mile.” The two-mile stretch is the primary source of over 1,800 employees, supporting roughly 30,000 jobs in the area. Each year, thousands of customers from across the region flock to 26th Street to experience the diverse consumer goods and services it offers.

It is against the backdrop of Little Village’s rich culture and deep immigrant roots that the Trump Administration chose to use it as a focal point of its mostly performative immigration enforcement campaign. But the spectacle and social media promotion that the Trump Administration created in the neighborhood had real consequences for the many individuals who lived, worked, and visited Little Village and whose lives and livelihoods were upended. Even before the inauguration of the newly elected U.S. President, Little Village braced for a future of immigration raids and enforcement activity. Elected officials like Alderman Michael Rodriguez confirmed that in speaking to his Little Village constituents, “the fear [was] palpable” as early as January 21, 2025. Little Village residents told him that they were scared that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents would show up “at their doorsteps, at their workplaces, at their places of worship, or places of going to school.” Even before the inauguration, businesses along the 26th Street corridor began locking their doors and posting notices that ICE and federal agents were not welcome in their establishments. Community organizations began posting information about federal agent sightings and alerts.

Throughout Operation Midway Blitz (“OMB”), federal immigration agents – often with former Commander-in-Chief of Border Patrol Gregory Commander Bovino leading the way – conducted roving patrols, deployed tear gas, and executed racially motivated stops and arrests in Little Village.

“If you don’t protect what belongs to you, then sooner or later it belongs to someone else. Because for your land, your wallet, your home, your country, everything, it is your job as a man to protect it. It’s a story of America, the story of the whole f***g world, and ain’t nothing changing it.”ⁱ

Commander Bovino pledged that he would consider his mission accomplished when all immigrants self-deported or “we arrest them all.”ⁱⁱ Under oath, Commander Bovino declared that he directed his officers to “go hard against people that are advocating threats, violence, death against those, in the form of threats.”ⁱⁱⁱ However, body-worn camera (BWC) recordings and other evidence we reviewed showed overwhelmingly that federal agents often trampled over constitutional and other legal protections that apply to all individuals, regardless of immigration status. Rather than pursue individuals with known criminal histories through targeted enforcement activities, supported by judicial warrants and consideration of the unique circumstances of each individual, federal agents relied on apparent race or ethnicity, mere hunches about immigration status, and generalized assumptions about where people work and gather to pursue individuals in their everyday lives. As a result, they targeted people walking to and from work or an errand, vendors on street corners, and people in parking lots. Anyone who looked Latinx could, and often was, stopped, interrogated about their place of birth, and potentially arrested forcefully, regardless of any threat they may have posed.

II. October 3, 2025

The sudden stop and subsequent arrests of a father and his adult son on October 3, 2025, illustrate the discriminatory and aggressive tactics used by federal agents during OMB. On that day, at around 11:42 AM, three federal agents were driving in the Little Village neighborhood on a roving patrol when they approached the two men.^{iv} There is no indication that federal agents targeted the two men for any reason other than their apparent race or ethnicity and presence in the Little Village neighborhood. The BWC video shows Border Patrol Agent Timothy

Donahue and Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Thomas Parsons exiting their vehicle hurriedly and accosting the two men as they finish crossing the street.^v Without identifying themselves, the federal agents immediately begin to interrogate the father about his place of birth as his son attempts to shield him.



Image 1 A son shields his father as agents threaten to arrest them for not answering questions.^{vi}

As the son stretches out his arms behind him to protect his father, the federal agents corner them and state that they are “trying to have an investigation of [the father] and determine his citizenship.”^{vii} The father and son stand still and refuse to answer the federal agents’ questions. They are not combative and do not attempt to flee. The agents then threaten them with arrest, telling the son that he is impeding their investigation. Within seconds, Supervisor Parsons places his hands on the son’s right arm in an arm bar position while the son pulls away. Agent Donahue grabs the son’s left arm and pulls the son away from his father before forcefully slamming the son to the ground. Supervisor Parsons and Agent Donahue attempt to handcuff the son as Agent Donahue pins the son’s upper body to the ground. The father remains standing and pleads with his son and the federal agents, but does not interfere with the federal agents. After the son is partially handcuffed, Supervisor Parsons grabs the father and pulls him backward, slamming him to the ground. Supervisor Parsons then hoists the father from his waistband. The federal agents escort the handcuffed men to their vehicle, and Supervisor Parsons slams the son’s upper body into the backseat. Once they are in the vehicle, the federal agents depart with the father and son in custody. The son tells the federal agents that he is a United States citizen.

The federal agents' written incident report is materially contradicted by the BWC video.^{viii} Agent Donahue wrote that the interaction with the father and son was a "consensual encounter."^{ix} He added that when the son refused to "step aside," he "attempted to move him out of the way," and that the son "threw a closed-fist punch toward my face."^x Supervisor Parsons reported that the son "proceed[ed] to fight and wrestle with BPA Donahue."^{xi} None of these alleged actions by the son are evident in Supervisor Parson's BWC video. Agent Donahue also reported that he hit the son with "knee strike to his midsection" but omits that he also pulled the son and slammed him to the ground. Supervisor Parsons also failed to document in the incident report that he forcefully pulled the father back and slammed him on the ground. These are material omissions and misrepresentations intended to justify the agents' use of force.

III. October 22, 2025

CBS News Chicago reporter Victor Jacobo aptly summarized the events that occurred along the two-mile stretch of 26th Street on October 22, 2025. Jacobo shared that while waiting for the start of a press conference by community groups protesting DHS' use of City of Chicago--owned property he received an alert that federal agents were present in Little Village. According to Jacobo, what followed was a "miles-long, chaotic scene that culminated in Cicero."^{xii}

That morning, Commander Bovino led a squad of federal agents on a 90-minute occupation of Little Village on and around the 26th Street corridor. Using Commander Bovino's "turn and burn" approach to rack up arrests, federal agents often blurred the line between a voluntary encounter and a temporary detention when they approached individuals on the street to question them about their citizenship status. For immigration-related stops, federal agents need at least reasonable suspicion to believe a person is unlawfully present in the United States and cannot rely on apparent race or ethnicity alone. To assess the actions of federal agents that day, the Commission reviewed video recordings, news reports, and other information gathered from witnesses and other individuals involved in the incidents.

1. 26th St. & Kildare Ave. (laundromat)

The occupation began that morning at approximately 9:00 AM near a laundromat at 26th Street and Kildare Avenue. A social media video shows an SUV of federal agents positioned to block a man driving a car with children on board. Several masked and armed federal agents, some with weapons drawn, exit their own vehicle and approach the driver. The federal agents open the driver's side door of the individual's vehicle, all while pointing a weapon at the driver who did not appear to resist. According to the post, the man was then "kidnapped" by federal agents.

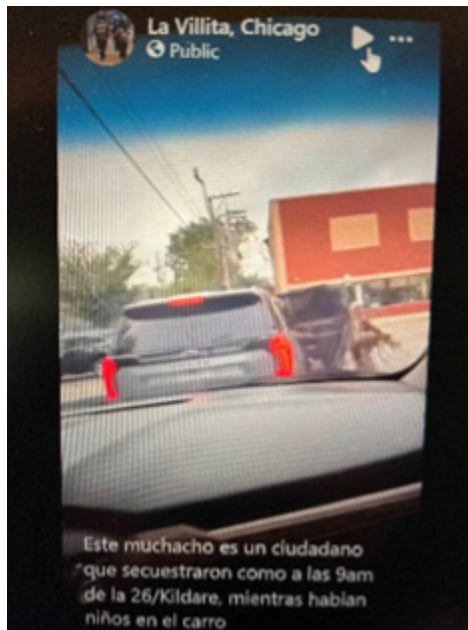


Image 2 Federal agents position their vehicle to prevent driver from leaving.^{xiii}

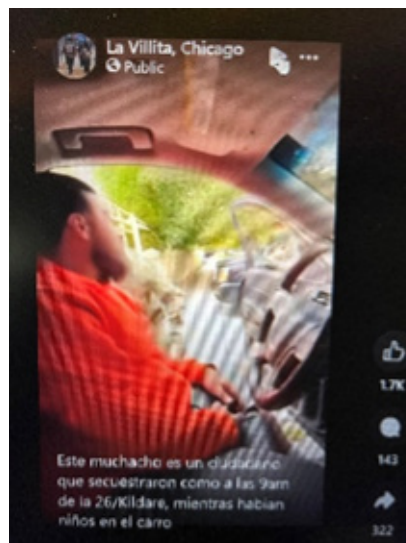


Image 3 Federal agents approach the vehicle, open the door while pointing a weapon at the driver.^{xiv}

2. 31st St. & Pulaski (laundromat)

At approximately 10:00 AM, Commander Bovino and federal agents went to a laundromat at 31st Street and Pulaski Rd. [Video](#) also captures a female agent's comments that it is their "job" to ask people where they were born.^{xv} The video shows Commander Bovino laughing about being referred to as "famous." In a split second and with no apparent cause, Commander Bovino and the federal agents under his command turn their attention to a female bystander. The federal agents, with Commander Bovino by their side, accuse the bystander of an unspecified offense and forcefully push her to the ground.

In an interview, Illinois State Representative Edgar Gonzalez said the woman was a mother of three children and a U.S. citizen. The woman in the video does not appear combative or otherwise threatening when Commander Bovino corners her and a swarm of federal agents forcefully take her to the ground. Another bystander [video](#) shows Commander Bovino walking around the laundromat premises after he attempted to enter the laundromat, prompting the owner to lock the doors to protect his customers.^{xvi} The owner of the laundromat is heard on the video reassuring the customers that he told the federal agents they could not enter the premises and that the door was locked.

3. Near 26th & Kedzie #1 (grocery store)

After leaving the laundromat, federal agents traveled east on 26th Street around 10:31 AM. In one video, a white SUV can be seen driving down 26th Street coming from the direction of the iconic Little Village Arch and abruptly pulling onto a side street.^{xvii} At the same time, two employees, unaware of the approaching convoy, are unloading merchandise from a van. One of the men noticed the federal vehicle and yelled, "ICE!" A masked and armed agent blasts out of the white SUV, with a second masked agent following right behind. The federal agents chase the two men. One of the men runs into his employer's storefront (a grocer), but the other is chased down and detained by the federal agents.

Michelle Macía, the manager of Carniceria Aguascalientes, stated that the owner tried to follow the federal agents and the detained employee.^{xviii} The owner asked the federal agents why they were taking the employee, and their response was, "You know why, he's illegal." In a later interview, Macias explained that the detained employee had a pending immigration case. Macias and her mother picked up the employee a month later from an out-of-state detention facility. There is no indication that federal agents had a warrant to detain the employee, or that the

agents knew the employee's identity or immigration status before they chased and detained him. There is no evidence that federal agents questioned the individual about his immigration status before chasing him, nor is there any indication they had probable cause for his arrest.

4. Near 26th & Kedzie #2 (near furniture store)

Shortly after the arrest of the grocery store employee, several armed, masked agents were recorded near the corner of 26th Street and Kedzie Avenue standing on the sidewalk after arresting an individual near a bicycle propped against a wall on the sidewalk.^{xix} Commander Bovino, surrounded by federal agents, stands uprightposing with his arm hanging to the side and gazing to the side. The video does not show that there was a threat from bystanders or that any criminal activity was occurring. Commander Bovino and his federal agents remained on the site, with no apparent objective beyond observing the chaos that their presence caused.

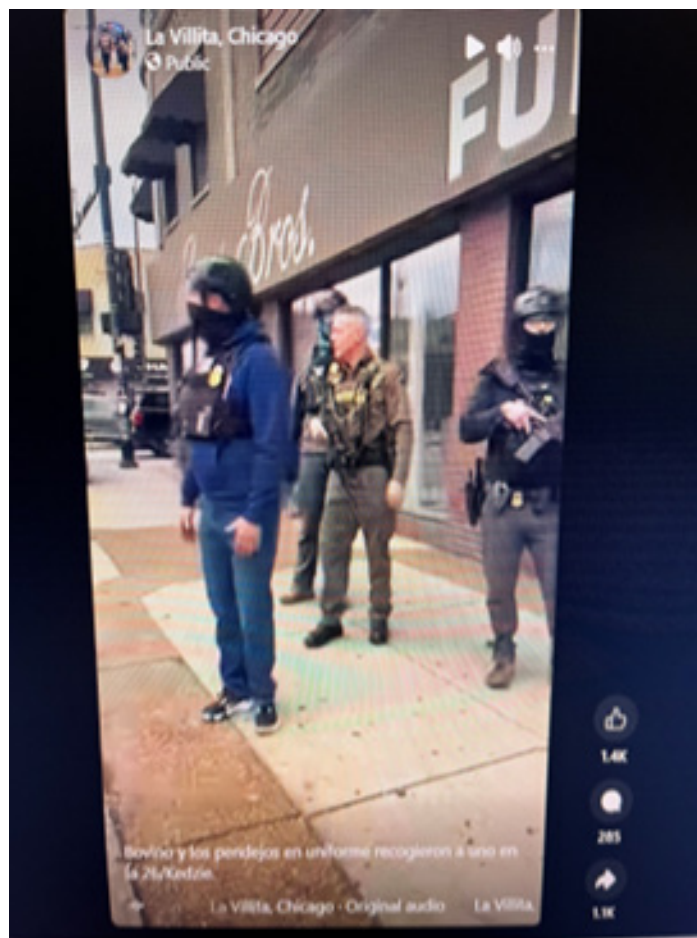


Image 4 Bovino near 26th & Kedzie after an arrest on Oct. 22, 2025^{xx}



Image 5 Federal agents arrest individual near 26th & Kedzie on Oct. 22, 2025^{xxi}



Image 6 Federal agents after arresting individual near 26th & Kedzie on Oct. 22, 2025^{xxii}

5. 26th & Spaulding Street Vendors

At approximately 10:40 AM, over a dozen armed and masked federal agents exited their vehicles near the intersection of 26th Street and Spaulding.^{xxiii} They arrested two vendors, one selling eggs from a van and the spouse of a street vendor. The agents, with an armed Commander

Bovino standing watch, chased and apprehended at least one street vendor. Video evidence shows federal agents tackling the vendor in the middle of 26th Street, disrupting the traffic.^{xxiv} After the arrest, Commander Bovino, surrounded by federal agents, walked by the detained man on the ground and stood in the middle of 26th Street as a show of force and authority.^{xxv}

One video shows an agent chasing an individual into a business, numerous federal vehicles blocking traffic in the street, federal agents standing in the middle of the road, and one federal SUV pulled up onto a sidewalk while an agent appears to place someone in the back seat.^{xxvi}

Afterwards, a Univision reporter, Viviana Avila, interviewed the distraught wife of one of the vendors.^{xxvii} Tearfully, the vendor's spouse recalled how federal agents chased them and then took her husband. News media statements and several videos documented the incident from the initial encounter with federal agents.

6. 26th Street & Ogden Ave (Escalation Point)

Commander Bovino and armed and masked federal agents continued to the westernmost end of the 26th Street corridor. According to their written incident report,^{xxviii} at approximately 10:55 AM, federal agents drove into the parking lot of the Home Depot/Sam's Club shopping plaza located at that intersection. According to the written report, the federal agents went to the shopping plaza because a blue truck was following them, trying to "ram them," and "playing chicken." A collision then allegedly occurred between the blue truck and another vehicle at or near the intersection of 26th Street and Ogden Avenue.

However, video evidence and statements from witnesses does not support the accounts documented by agents.^{xxix} Witnesses at the site said agents contributed to the crash by chasing the driver of the blue truck or maneuvering in a way to cause the car collision. According to the federal agents' incident report, the driver of the blue truck was taken into custody by the federal agents at approximately 11:09 AM

At approximately 11:15 AM, officers from the Cicero Police Department ("Cicero PD") arrived on the scene.^{xxx} At 11:26 AM, federal agents were advised that Cicero PD would "hold the scene" to allow the agents to leave the site.^{xxxi} Video shows Commander Bovino and over 30 armed federal agents standing in front of a growing crowd of peaceful protesters.^{xxxii} Beginning at approximately 11:32 AM, the federal agents began to leave the intersection.^{xxxiii} As they began to leave, a federal agent sprayed pepper spray from his car window near a crowd, affecting at least two protesters. According to an incident report by Border Patrol Agent Shane Popke, at

11:32 AM, he was seated in the back passenger seat when three to four “rioters” approached the vehicle, shouting obscenities “in a threatening manner.”^{xxxiv} According to Agent Popke, one of the individuals “aggressively [kicked] the side of the vehicle” where he was seated, so he rolled down the window and “delivered a short 1 second [sic] spray of MK-9 OC aimed at the rioter’s face, approximately 2-3 feet away.”^{xxxv} Agent Popke also notes in his report, that the wind “took the spray to [his] left, and it affected the other 3 or 4 agitators near [his] vehicle.”^{xxxvi} Agent Popke stated in his report that the intent was to deter the “isolated aggressor that kicked the vehicle, not to deter the other agitators.”^{xxxvii}

Of the dozens of videos available of the encounter, none shows the events described by Agent Popke in his official report. There are at least two individuals affected by the “1 second” spray who stated that they were not threatening the agents and simply standing near the federal agents’ vehicle when they were hit by the pepper spray blown their way by the wind. Agent Popke disregarded the safety of bystanders and other drivers on the road when he sprayed chemical agents from his moving vehicle. DHS use of force policy requires agents to “minimize the risk of unintended injury” and use force that is “objectively reasonable in light of the totality of the circumstances.” The policy also authorizes the use of pepper spray when an individual is actively resisting. Here, based on Agent Popke’s own report, he was already inside the vehicle and ready to depart the scene when the “rioters” allegedly hit the side of the vehicle. Agent Popke could have told the driver to leave the scene.

At a press conference held in front of the laundromat where the mother of three was arrested, a community leader, Marcela Rodriguez, declared that on October 22, 2025, “ICE and CBP agents brought chaos and destruction to [Little Village]. Caravans of armed masked men stormed through our streets, slamming into cars and endangering people’s lives. They trespassed private property, and they detained U.S. citizens...That is not safety. That is violence. It is reckless and destructive.”

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Ald. Michael Rodriguez recounted incidents that occurred throughout the Little Village area, resulting in seven arrests, including two of his staffers – U.S. citizens – who were alerting residents to the federal agents’ presence.^{xxxix} Ald. Rodriguez noted that the enforcement activity was neither justice nor public safety: “it was fear-mongering.”^{xl}

In contrast, during a Fox News interview (broadcast at approx. 1:09 p.m.) at the escalation point at the intersection of 26th Street and Ogden Avenue on October 22, 2025, Commander Bovino remarked, “I was just out with agents, just a couple of minutes ago on the streets of Chicago, and we had a protest there in the Little Village area of Chicago just now. And I watched our agents operate with extreme professionalism.”^{xli}



Image 7 Bovino and agents at 26th and Cicero on Oct. 22, 2025^{xlii}



Image 8 Bystander after exposure to deployed chemical agents, 26th St. & Ogden Ave. on October 22, 2025.^{xliii}

IV. OCTOBER 23, 2025

The occupation of Little Village continued into the next day, October 23, 2025. The spree of enforcement activity began with a convoy of federal agents patrolling along 26th Street and ended with another escalation point on the eastern end of the 26th Street corridor.

1. Where are you from? Stop 1—Home Depot

At approximately 9:03 AM, federal agents begin the day at the Home Depot parking lot in Cicero, Illinois (adjacent to Little Village and in the same shopping plaza as Sam's Club). The agents' BWC video shows the agents stopping by an individual in the parking lot and asking about his citizenship, leaving after he states that he is a U.S. citizen.^{xliv}

2. Stop following us—Stop 2

At 9:09AM, federal agents continue to patrol the residential streets of Little Village. Around 9:12 AM, one group of agents appears to block traffic through an alley and threatens to arrest the driver of a vehicle for following them.^{xlv} Another agent exits his vehicle to tell a driver that was driving behind them that "Following law enforcement, honking and harassing agents is impeding law enforcement."^{xlvi}

3. Showboating to Instill Fear—Stop 3—26th Street & Springfield Avenue

At approximately 9:30 AM, approximately 5 vehicles of federal agents, including Commander Bovino, stopped at the corner of 26th Street & Springfield Avenue. It is unknown what prompted them to stop at this particular intersection. Federal agents begin exiting their vehicles, walking around in the middle of the well-traversed street. Commander Bovino eventually walks towards the sidewalk with a weapon in hand and proceeds to stand around, surrounded by other armed federal agents, before returning to his vehicle. Federal agents shove a couple of bystanders away from the vehicle where Commander Bovino is sitting inside and hold open the door, allowing him to observe the reaction of the bystanders. Commander Bovino exits the vehicle and stands on the sidewalk while his federal agents form a barrier around him.



Image 9 Agent uses left arm to shove individual^{xlvii}

4. Showboating to Instill Fear—Stop 4—26th & Avers

Federal agents continue in their vehicles to 26th Street and Avers, where they encounter protesters and a traffic jam. At 9:35 AM, Commander Bovino once again gets out of his vehicle and walks into the middle of the street nearby to a large crowd of protesters.^{xlviii} The federal agents do not appear to be carrying out an organized operation or seeking out specific locations or individuals. A federal agent is recorded on his BWC as he aggressively approaches the driver of a truck who is driving away. The federal agent pulls the driver out of the vehicle and throws him to the ground, where a swarm of federal agents descends on him. The individual is arrested, and the convoy moves on.

Before heading to the Discount Mall area, the federal agent's BWC video shows that the convoy attempted to detain a vendor at or near 26th & Spaulding. According to the radio communications heard on the video, the vendor was able to avoid apprehension.

5. Where are you from? Stop 5—26th & Spaulding

BWC footage shows that while the convoy moved past the intersection of 26th & Spaulding, at approximately 9:44 AM, federal agents approached a young woman standing at a bus stop and asked in Spanish where she was born and where she was headed.^{xlix} It appears that the federal agents questioned the woman based on her appearance and presence at a bus stop. She responded in a trembling voice in Spanish that she was born in the United States and

was headed to the University of Illinois at Chicago ("UIC"). A second federal agent then asks, "Where are you going?" in English. The federal agents departed after the woman repeated that she was headed to UIC.

6. Escalation Point (eastern End of 26th Street): Discount Mall Area—27th & Sacramento/Whipple/Troy

According to an incident report, at 9:50 AM, Commander Bovino and his federal agents arrived at the Discount Mall shopping plaza at 27th & Sacramento.ⁱ For the next 45 minutes, federal agents deployed tear gas, pepper balls, and flashbangs against an active but non-violent crowd. Federal agents, with Commander Bovino often nearby, used violent force to make arrests, including two aggressive takedowns of minors.



Image 10 Federal agents detaining individual near discount mall on Oct. 23, 2025 ⁱⁱ

BWC footage shows federal agents stop and exit their SUV to approach a white truck that stopped a couple of feet behind the federal SUV.ⁱⁱⁱ The video evidence shows that at least four to five federal agents open the door of the truck and forcefully grab the passenger (a minor approximately 15 years old), pull him from the vehicle, and throw him to the ground. They pin him down, using their knees and body weight, sometimes around the upper back/neck area, until they handcuff him. During the arrest, a federal agent sprays the teenager in the face with pepper spray from inches away. In the BWC video, the teenager appears to be experiencing distress and pain from the pepper spray.ⁱⁱⁱⁱ The federal agents douse the teenager's face with water, but do not appear to call a paramedic or ambulance. The teenager remained handcuffed

and in custody even though a federal agent admitted to the teenager that “[he] did not do shit, but [his] father did, okay.”^{liv} None of the available BWC video shows the truck trying to hit the federal agents’ vehicle. The available BWC video does not show that the truck was close enough to hit the federal agents’ vehicle when it stopped in front of the truck.



Image 11 Federal agents pour water on eyes of individual hit with pepper spray^{lv}

At around 10:00 AM, a BWC video records a loud boom, which a federal agent identifies over the radio as fireworks on California Ave.^{lvi} The location of California Ave. is a couple of blocks away from the Discount Mall escalation point and did not pose an immediate threat of danger to the federal agents at the Discount Mall site. Commander Bovino arrives at the site shortly after the boom of fireworks and walks toward the vocal crowd.^{lvii} The lively, but non-violent crowd can be heard yelling “peaceful” as Commander Bovino walked up to them. At about 10:01 AM, a young male on the sidewalk allegedly throws a bottle of unknown liquid (later, an older protester who identifies as a veteran repeatedly claims it was water).^{lviii} Federal agents swarm the young male and tackle him to the ground, then handcuff him. At the same time, protesters around him denounce the excessive use of force, asking why the show of force if the young detainee is “100 pounds soaking wet.” Commander Bovino was a few feet from the federal agents when they used force against the young man.

Commander Bovino throws the first of two tear gas canisters into the crowd. BWC video shows individuals in the crowd beginning to run away after the first tear gas canister is thrown.^{lix} No verbal warnings can be heard before the gas was deployed. Other federal agents then follow Commander Bovino’s lead and throw additional tear gas canisters, shoot pepper balls (one hitting a protester in the neck), and flashbangs. Commander Bovino and the federal agents chased

after the crowd and, less than a minute later, Commander Bovino deployed a second tear gas canister. From the video, it does not appear that the agents followed the court order requiring warnings before the deployment of chemical agents. In her opinion issued on November 20, 2025, in the matter of Chicago Headline Club v. Noem, Case No. 25-cv-12173, Judge Sara Ellis noted warnings about the deployment of chemical agents were not heard on the BWC video, or if they were issued, the warnings only reached a small number of people within earshot of the warning.



Image 12 Bovino tossing tear gas cannister near Discount Mall Oct. 23, 2025^{ix}

At 10:02 AM, after Commander Bovino had already launched at least one tear gas canister, the transport van called for assistance because it was purportedly “under attack.” Less than two minutes later, a handful of federal agents, without the use of chemical weapons, clear a path for the transport van, which then parks near 27th & Whipple.

Within the next five minutes or so, several tear gas canisters are deployed. At least three additional individuals were taken into custody, all of whom were arrested in a forceful manner, despite video documentation showing that none of the individuals were resisting arrest. Commander Bovino was nearby, watching the activity and the detention of some of the individuals.

At about 10:05 AM, over radio communications, Commander Bovino (referred to as “Eagle Raptor” on the radio) called Trail Boss (“TB”) and told TB that they were going to “gas.”^{lxi} Within seconds, an alert over the radio says gas has been deployed. At approximately 10:06 AM, Commander Bovino is heard over the radio saying “we’re gonna start gassing this area please” and “I want some less lethal deployed here, guys.”^{lxii} At around 10:11 AM, Commander

Bovino is once again heard over the radio calling for gas because the crowd was purportedly growing.^{lxiii} At approximately 10:12 AM, individuals arrested by federal agents are led onto the transport van along with “IAs.” The directive communicated over the radio was to take the IAs to Broadview and the USCs to the FBI Building. At around 10:14 AM, Commander Bovino once again reappears in front of the crowd and can be heard to ask, “Is that it?” when another federal agent hands him what will be a third tear gas canister. Commander Bovino does not launch the third canister.^{lxiv} At 10:24 AM, Commander Bovino instructs TB to “load up,” meaning to clear the site. By 10:35, the last federal vehicle leaves the Discount Mall escalation point.

Around 10:30 AM, as agents were leaving, Chris Gentry (“Gentry”), a veteran familiar with military-style weapons, was standing on the east side of the crowd on 27th Street, as an agent entering a vehicle pointed the pepper ball gun at him through the open window of the vehicle’s open door.^{lxv} Gentry further attested that another agent in a different vehicle rolled down his window, pointed a handgun through the open window at his face, and said, “Bang, bang.” Gentry was not armed, nor did he threaten the agents.



Image 13 Agent pointing pepperball gun at protester on Oct. 23, 2025^{lxvi}

One exchange shows a discussion between a protester who identified himself as a veteran and a couple of federal agents.^{lxvii} The veteran tells the federal agents to leave, pointing out that the area behind them (27th & Whipple) is clear. The protester also questions the federal agents’ strategy to meet the crowd with M-16s when all they had was water. The veteran notes that the federal agents with M-16s appear to lack training. Another protester is heard saying, “We will fight back. We have no guns, but we have whistles.”^{lxviii} Protesters can be heard asking agents to leave so that protesters can leave as well, assuring the agents that there was no need to brandish weapons and offering to “hold the line” so that agents could get into their vehicles and leave the site.^{lxix}

The available BWC video shows that the active, but mostly non-violent, crowd did not justify the deployment of chemical agents or the excessive force used to apprehend individuals on October 23, 2025, at the Discount Mall.^{lxx} Judge Ellis notably stated that the BWC videos of what transpired in Little Village did not match the agents' descriptions of the "alleged chaos they encountered."^{lxxi} Judge Ellis noted that federal agents created a narrative of what happened in Little Village on October 23, 2025, by misrepresenting the evidence to justify their actions. For example, Enrique Bahena, testified that he had been "standing there silently and peacefully watching" when officers told the crowd to move back, and then "Without warning, one of the officers lifted a gun and shot me from five feet away with a pepper ball. It made contact with my neck."^{lxxii}

Regarding Commander Bovino, the Court found "his testimony not credible" regarding the various instances of use of force that occurred during OMB, including the deployment of chemical agents in Little Village. Specifically, Judge Ellis noted that "Commander Bovino admitted in his deposition that he lied multiple times about the events that occurred in Little Village that prompted him to throw tear gas at protesters."^{lxxiii} Yohana Sotelo testified in the Chicago Headline Club litigation that she personally observed Commander Bovino throwing two tear gas canisters, without issuing a warning.^{lxxiv} According to Sotelo, the crowd did not take any violent action or physically threaten the agents at the time of the chemical deployment. Video that Sotelo recorded of Commander Bovino throwing tear gas is available [here](#).^{lxxv} John Bodett also testified that he saw when Commander Bovino was pulling the pin on the second canister of gas as he was turning to get away.^{lxxvi} Bodett did not hear any warnings before the chemical deployment, nor did he observe any threatening actions by the crowd. Bodett testified that the agents were armed and masked.

B. Witnesses/Personal Accounts/Declarations

The Commission contacted over two dozen potential witnesses about immigration enforcement in Little Village during OMB. However, many of these individuals were unwilling to speak on the record in any form (audio or video recording, or in-person testimony at a hearing) out of fear of retaliation against themselves, their business, or their loved ones. Some individuals shared their experiences and concerns anonymously.

One witness is a female business owner who asked that her name or her business name not be used, fearing retaliation in future immigration enforcement operations. She provided testimony about the fear she felt on October 23, 2025, as she heard what was happening. She testified that she closed the door and just hid in her business. The business owner also testified to a

drastic decline in her business during OMB, noting she lost approximately 70% of her revenue. To this day, the business owner states that the business is better but still far below the growth and revenue she saw before OMB.

Jack Santiago ("Santiago") also agreed to a recorded interview with IAC attorneys. He is a vendor in the Discount Mall complex. He has frequently been interviewed by media outlets about the effect OMB had on the economy of 26th Street and Discount Mall, specifically. Regarding the escalation at the Discount Mall on October 23rd, Santiago said that there was "honestly a lot of, a lot of fear." Santiago said that he was concerned about "a lot of the business owners here, a lot of even just personnel around this area." Santiago reported that he was concerned that the incident would "escalate even further" and that he did not "know what was going to lead or, you know, come about with that." Most telling was Santiago's statement that he was "already kind of used to hearing them kind of going back and forth down 26th Street. So, the fact that it was really, really close, I think, hit a little further or closer to home. And I think that's where I was just maybe in shock. I think in shock would be the right word."

V. November 8, 2025

Federal agents continued their concentrated enforcement action in Little Village on November 8, 2025. That morning, federal agents, under Commander Bovino's direct command, conducted roving patrols throughout the streets of Little Village. Over the course of the next four to five hours, a caravan of federal agents traveled back and forth along the 26th Street corridor, between Little Village and Cicero.

At every stop along the way, chaos and terror followed. With Commander Bovino at the helm, federal agents deployed tear gas, pepper balls, and pepper spray against protestors and residents, including a 1-year-old baby. They also pointed guns at photographers and bystanders, detained individuals without justification, raided businesses without warrants, and generally spread panic throughout the community. As demonstrated in earlier operations in Little Village, federal agents sought to sow fear through shows of indiscriminate force.

Commander Bovino and his squadron of federal agents continued using the same discriminatory and aggressive tactics on November 8, 2025. Below is an account of their enforcement action as they rolled through the streets using Commander Bovino's "turn and burn" approach, attempting to rack up immigration arrests where they could. Because of the chaotic scenes, the times noted below are approximate.

a. *Raid on Carniciera y Tacqueria Aguascalientes (Approx. 9:22 AM)*

Federal agents began their operations in the early morning. At approximately 9:20 AM, video footage shows a CBP caravan stopped on 26th Street, near the iconic Little Village Arch and a heavily trafficked part of the community. One witness who works nearby noted that CBP caravans seemed to routinely target this area, seemingly just to broadcast their presence in the community. According to the video footage, several agents exit their vehicles and approach Carniciera y Tacqueria Aguascalientes, owned by Carlos Macias.



Image 14 CBP caravan arrayed in front of Carniciera y Tacqueria Aguascalientes^{lxvii}

Carlos Macias has spoken to numerous media outlets about what happened next, and Commission investigators have spoken to his daughter, Michelle Macias. Several federal agents, led by Commander Bovino, entered the business, claiming to be buying drinks. Both Carlos Macias and Michelle Macias believe this was a pretext and describe federal agents branching out and moving methodically down the aisles. The approach of the federal agents led to panic among the customers present, with many running through the back door, vaulting over the butcher's counter, and hiding wherever they could. Carlos Macias noted that federal agents covered their faces and carried both handguns and rifles. He turned them away.

Carlos Macias later told the BBC that the raid terrified his customers.^{lxxviii} The raid, and the chemical weapons eventually deployed nearby, caused his customers to cry, flee, or hide. He noted that he believed this raid has had an ongoing negative effect on his business, even months after the incident.



Image 15 Screenshot of Bovino entering Carniciera y Tacqueria Aguascalientes^{lxxix}

This was also not the first time that Carniciera y Tacqueria Aguascalientes had been targeted.^{lxxx} Both Carlos and Michelle Macias have described a prior incident in which a delivery driver had been detained outside of the store.

b. 26th & Kedzie (Approx. 9:30 AM)

From Carniciera y Tacqueria Aguascalientes, Commander Bovino and nearly a dozen CBP vehicles drove a short distance west down 26th Street, further into the heart of Little Village. Their first stop was at the intersection of 26th and Kedzie.

Video footage from that morning shows federal agents and a caravan of vehicles blocking the intersection, detaining at least one individual.^{lxxxi} Protesters are on the scene as well, and footage shows a tense standoff between protesters and federal agents. Some footage appears

to show protesters throwing bricks and other projectiles at federal agents,^{lxxxii} and eventually shots were fired from a moving car. Fortunately, no one was hurt. The perpetrator, arrested several days later, acted alone and seemingly opportunistically.

Some reports, and at least one witness, indicate that federal agents then deployed tear gas against protesters, although the exact circumstances of the use are uncertain.^{lxxxiii}

c. 26th & Pulaski (Approx. 11:09 AM)

Commander Bovino and his federal agents arrived near 26th Street and Pulaski, where another confrontation broke out. Video shows protesters demonstrating while the CBP caravan idles in the street— soon tear gas or another chemical crowd control device is deployed, and there are similar reports of pepper spray being used.^{lxxxiv} Commander Bovino himself can clearly be seen exiting an SUV and walking towards protesters with a tear gas cannister in his hand, pointing towards the demonstrators, and clearly brandishing the cannister. His threat is clear.

A witness to the events, Pastor Matt DeMateo, testified at the first Commission hearing in December of 2025, and noted that there were roughly ten federal vehicles stopped in the middle of the street. The cars of civilians appear intermixed with the federal agents' caravan. A crowd of protesters and observers had formed around the federal agents' vehicles. A DHS press release claims that protesters were "lying in the street" and preventing progress.^{lxxxv} This appears to be largely uncorroborated. At 11:09 AM, federal agents near the front of the caravan began to exit their vehicles with rifles drawn, confronting demonstrators. Video then shows these federal agents deploying tear gas canisters in the middle of the street, creating plumes of smoke. At this point, Commander Bovino exits a vehicle near the rear of the caravan. He approaches demonstrators who appear to be standing on the sidewalk, and multiple video recordings then show him pulling the pin on the cannister of a gas grenade and motioning as if to throw it toward a group of people several yards away. Pastor DeMateo, the witness from the first Commission hearing, testified that the only threat he observed during the interaction was that of force by the federal agents, and that he observed no risk of harm or threat from any members of the community.

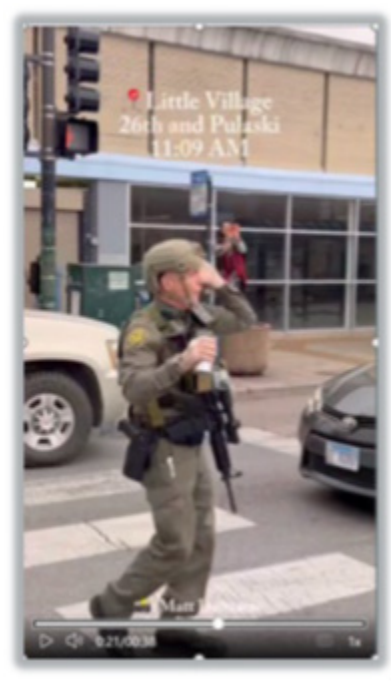


Image 16 Submitted to Commission by Matt DeMateo

d. Cicero Parking Lot (11:09 AM – 11:30 AM)

Pastor DeMateo reported that federal agents moved west from 26th and Pulaski, towards Cicero. Based on BWC video, the federal agents drove in a convoy into the Sam's Club/Home Depot parking lot.^{lxxxvi} Border Patrol Agent Jesus Guillen sat in the backseat of a SUV that was part of the convoy, along with two other CBP agents. The parking lot appeared crowded, and drivers honked their horns at the federal agents. At approximately 11:19 AM, the federal agents spotted a civilian SUV making a tight turn in front of them. The federal agent driving the SUV stated, "We need to talk to this guy, yes we do," as the civilian SUV backed away from the federal agents.^{lxxxvii} BWC video then shows the federal agent drive forward and turn toward the civilian SUV before making contact and abruptly stopping.^{lxxxviii} As Agent Guillen exits from the rear driver's side door, the agent driving the SUV appears to lunge forward, piling into the civilian SUV.^{lxxxix} Other federal agents then descend on the civilian SUV as Agent Guillen places a stop stick in front of the civilian SUV's tires. Federal agents shatter the passenger's side window of the civilian SUV and take the driver (wearing a blue sweatshirt below) and his passenger into custody. During transport, the federal agents accuse the driver and passenger of hitting them. The driver and passenger deny the accusation and tell the federal agents that they struck their civilian SUV.^{xc} Just three minutes before the collision, at approximately 11:16 AM, one of the federal agents tells the driving agent, "Don't get too far from the cars, they may try to hit us."^{xci} The driving agent responds, "I got you guys, don't worry. Don't think I won't, just waiting for the justification, I'll avoid it if I can, but."^{xcii}



Image 17 Agents detaining individual in shopping plaza parking lot on Nov. 8, 2025^{xciii}



Image 18 Photo of Jesus Maya being detained by federal agents^{xciv}

Nearby, at 11:18 AM, a black pick-up truck full of federal agents driving to Sam's club, without provocation, fired pepper spray into the open car window of a car passing through the parking lot, hitting the driver, Rafael Veraza, and his 1-year-old baby. Video of the incident clearly shows a federal agent leaning out of the truck and spraying an orange chemical along the length of Veraza's vehicle

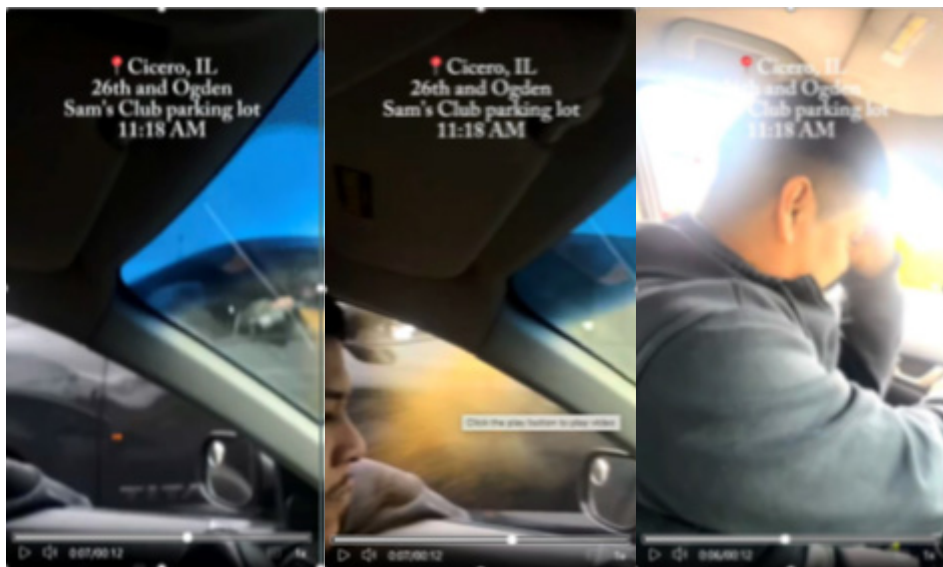


Image 19 Submitted by Matthew DeMatee

Pastor DeMateo, who was among the first on the scene, testified that following the attack the family was “frantically rubbing their eyes. It looked like...they had been tear gassed, or shot with pepper bullets or something.” This “drive-by” pepper spraying of a family served no purpose other than to injure and harm a family going about their day and placed other members of the public at risk from incapacitating Mr. Veraza, who was driving.

The Commission undertook investigation to identify the agent who sprayed the Veraza family. The video of the attack partially shows the offending agent, who appears to be of light complexion, wearing a black mask, no sunglasses, and a head covering with a dark brim. This person was driving a black four-door Nissan Titan pick-up truck. Surveillance video from that day captured a four-door black Nissan Titan truck driving in Little Village. Georgia license plate number SET5595 is visible on the truck. At one point, what appears to be the same truck stops; a masked agent of similar appearance to the driver of the Nissan truck at the time of the attack exits and is observable with better detail.

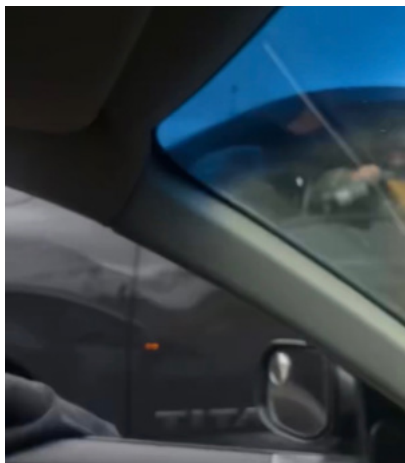


Image 20 Agent spray Veraza's vehicle



Image 21 Image of suspected Titan driven during Nov. 8 spraying



Image 22 Suspected driver of Titan

e. Return to Little Village (Approx. 11:30 AM)

From Cicero, federal agents drove back east into Little Village, with at least one confrontation occurring at 26th and Kostner.



Image 23 Federal agent at 26th & Kostner on Nov. 8^{xcv}

f. 23rd & Sawyer (Approx. 12:00 PM)

The next, and final, major flashpoint of the morning occurred around noon, near the intersection of 23rd and Sawyer. Reports indicate that federal agents tried to detain an 11-year-old girl, potentially leading to an altercation with a male relative. Observers began recording the interaction and video footage shows federal agents threatening those recording them with pepper spray,

as well as displaying tear gas cannisters. Observers continued to follow the federal agents, who according to witnesses, attempted to avoid scrutiny by ducking into an alley, appearing to leave the scene, before returning via a different direction. Federal agents arrived on the scene after agents called for crowd control, ostensibly in response to an attempted ramming of a federal vehicle,^{xcvi} and confronted demonstrators, ultimately arresting several.



Image 24 Screenshot of video of agents threatening to use tear gas ^{xcvii}

g. Other Incidents

In addition to the events described above, it appears that federal agents remained in Little Village throughout the day on November 8. Other video and photo evidence show, for example, federal agents holding a pepper spray cannister in close range to an elderly woman on the front steps of a residential property.^{xcviii}

V. After November 8th

Footage from public sources, and discussions with community members who requested to remain anonymous, amply demonstrate that federal agents remained in Little Village throughout November and December and continued to terrorize the community.

In at least one incident on December 16, 2025, captured on video, and corroborated by anonymous witnesses, federal agents can be seen attempting to breach a quinceañera shop (image below). Agents appear to have set off a tear gas cannister at the door after they are unable to enter the shop.



Image 25 Agent outside quinceañera shop^{xcix}

IV. Impact on the Residents and Economy of Little Village

Members of the Little Village Chamber of Commerce and individual business owners reported that the indiscriminate and aggressive enforcement has had a lasting effect on the residents and economy in Little Village. Specifically, available data convincingly shows that there has been a significant decline in foot traffic, labor shortages directly related to the fear of being targeted by federal agents and detained, reduced business hours, and temporary closures due to a lack of customers.

One business owner told investigators that the fear caused by federal agents is “worse than COVID” for local businesses due to the decline in traffic. This sentiment was echoed by Alderman Michael Rodriguez, who represents part of Little Village. Others say that “business has dropped [by] half during the week, sometimes even more than that. People don’t want to spend money.”^c Alderman Rodriguez has gone on record to note that sales may have dropped by as much as 60% following Operation Midway Blitz.^{ci} One business owner told a Reuters reporter that she lost 90% of her clients during the first wave of arrests because people decided to stay home out of fear of immigration agents.^{cii}

The immigration enforcement raids led by Bovino left a lasting impression on the streets and people of Little Village. Even simple pleasures like running in the neighborhood have been notably changed by Bovino and his operation. A member of a running group in the Little Village explained the physical, emotional, and economic scars Bovino left. In an article by a WBEZ reporter, the

runner explained that her running club has a new rule: No one can run by themselves.^{ciii} The members of the club are bracing for a return and are “constantly checking the news, what other organizations are doing in La Villita and around Chicago.” The runner sums up the aftermath of Bovino’s campaign of terror by stating, “It’s a different feeling. It’s this constant vigilance and heightened anxiety.”

Prior Illinois Accountability Commission testimony elucidates many of the same themes. Marcela Rodriguez, leader of Chicago community organization Enlace, noted in live testimony that after surveying 130 businesses in Little Village, more than half reported serious income loss stemming from Operation Midway Blitz. Similarly, Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia noted on the record that business owners up and down the 26th Street corridor were facing challenges due to ICE enforcement. Valencia noted that, ultimately, the impact was “much deeper than economic issues. This is an attempt to break the spirit of people who build lives here in spite of language barriers, racist policies and hate.”^{civ}

V. Commission Determinations of Misconduct

Sanctioned by superiors, Commander Bovino led much of the ground-level operations in Little Village. He set the tone and the expectations for the federal agents under his command through his words and actions. Not only did he position himself to have direct confrontations with members of the public, marching along the streets and brandishing tear gas canisters and other weapons, he also actively concealed the misconduct of the federal agents he supervised, including his own. In legal proceedings challenging the Trump Administration’s immigration enforcement in Operation Midway Blitz in the Chicago Headline Club case, Commander Bovino defended the actions of his federal agents as “more than exemplary.”^{cv} The court found that video evidence showed the opposite, citing numerous examples of excessive force and other significant inconsistencies between the Government’s representations and video footage.^{cvi} The court also cited several examples where Commander Bovino was not credible in his defense of the actions of other agents and his own, and where he admitted to lying over his use of tear gas in Little Village.^{cvi} It is not surprising that federal agents under his command followed suit, using excessive force with impunity and concealing their misconduct in official reports. Accordingly, the Commission has reasonable cause to believe that the actions of Commander Bovino, condoned and encouraged by his superiors at DHS and the White House, contributed in large measure to the widespread violation of constitutional rights and agency violations over the course of the Government’s occupation of Little Village.



Image 26 Bovino rousing federal agents after multiple enforcement actions in Little Village^{cviii}

Based on the information it has gathered, the Commission has determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that federal agents should be formally investigated for possible violations of agency policy, state and federal criminal laws, and individuals' constitutional rights. In particular, the following instances of misconduct should be investigated further:

1. Federal agents under Bovino's command in Little Village repeatedly escalated encounters with the public through aggressive enforcement and shows of force that ran counter to DHS policy providing for the use of de-escalation and violated federal court orders issued by Judge Sara Ellis in *Chicago Headline Club v. Noem*, Case No. 25-cv-12173.
2. Federal agents in Little Village frequently violated DHS use of force policies by deploying chemical weapons in the absence of an immediate threat, often without warning, and failing to use de-escalation techniques.
3. Federal agents routinely stopped individuals in Little Village on the basis of the individual's apparent race, ethnicity, gathering place, or job and without any particularized reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or unlawful presence in the United States. While many of these stops were intended to harass and intimidate large swaths of the Chicago population, they were also directed at arresting individuals for immigration violations without a warrant and without the required probable cause and flight risk assessment in violation of federal law and federal court orders. When stops occurred to question individuals about their citizenship, the encounters were typically prolonged and often involved shows of force or actual force.

4. Commander Bovino either directly or indirectly authorized agents under his command to chase individuals, target bystanders, and use chemical weapons indiscriminately. He set expectations for other agents by using force based on reasons that Judge Ellis found contrived.
5. Federal agents may have submitted materially inaccurate information in official reports regarding the events in Little Village.

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