

## February Winter Weather Outlook

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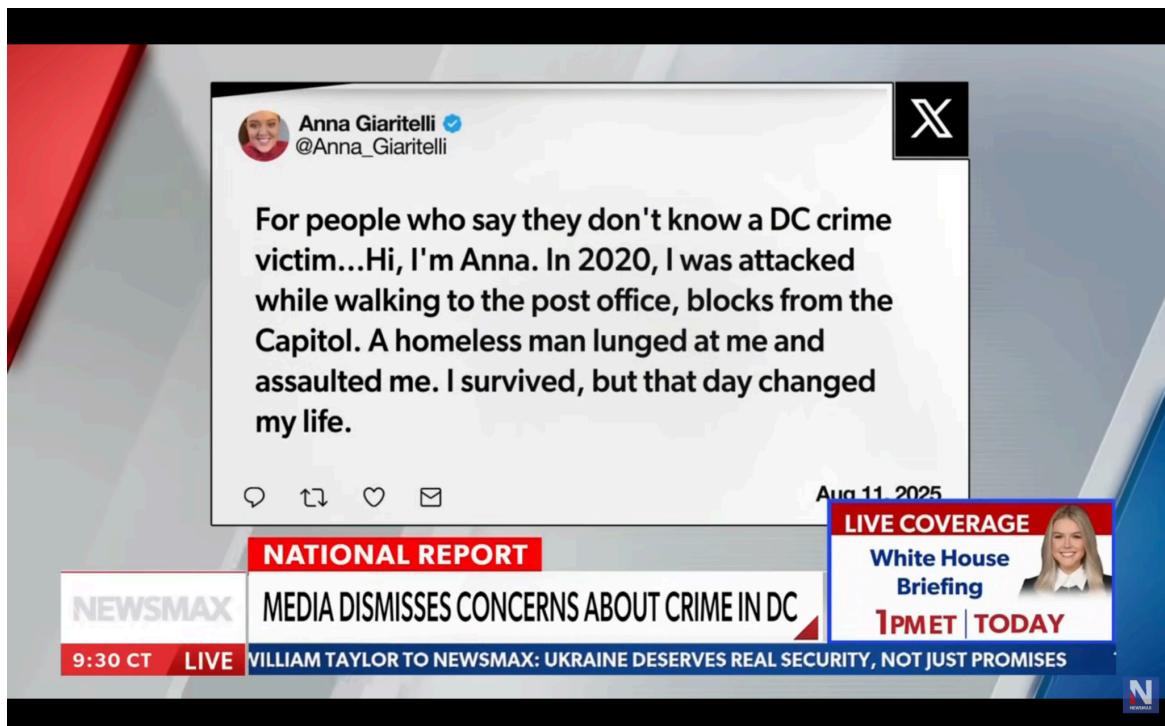
After the longest January of many of our lives, we're now hearing that Bovino is out of Minnesota as suddenly as he showed up, and that there are agents leaving.



I've seen this image shared repeatedly on Facebook, and I wanna share what I found and some thoughts.

### So who's making this claim?

Anna Giaritelli has previously been brought onto LiveNow (a Fox News 24 hour coverage outlet) and her social media posts got shown and seems to frequent Fox adjacent shows as a guest. She's a contributor at the Washington Examiner, a DC publication that has been leaked to by Stephen Miller before strategically. (October 8, 2025: [ICE: Border security, enforcement efforts 'remain strict' amid shutdown | LiveNOW from FOX](#) )



Another example of her contributions, this one on NewsMax, from 5 months ago. ([My assault was not counted in D.C. crime stats: Anna Giaritelli | National Report](#))

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## Anna Giaritelli



Anna Giaritelli joined the *Washington Examiner* in 2015 and focuses on homeland security, immigration, and border issues. Anna has traveled to the border on more than 60 occasions since 2018 and has covered human smuggling, the evolution of the war on drugs, domestic terrorism, and migration trends. She is currently based in Austin, Texas.

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*Screenshot of Anna Giaritelli's profile from the [Washington Examiner](#), which is a DC based conservative/right leaning publication, owned by [Philip Anschutz](#), a billionaire serial sports team owner and oil/media tycoon who's given to the Heritage Foundation. In 2020 he was #41 on the Forbes 400 (wealthiest Americans ranked by net worth).*

Mentioned on the Examiner's Wikipedia page is an [op-ed by Erik Wemple at WaPo](#) (who also seems to suck it up, I don't speak for legacy media his take on it is "so what" I hope the bills get paid from that one) from 2019, discussing the allegations at the time that Stephen Miller used strategic leaks to the Washington Examiner to push narratives and courses of action to undermine DHS leadership (Kirstjen Nielsen) using scare tactic rhetoric.

All that said, Border Patrol is **not** ICE. The structure of the agencies we've been seeing is: DHS overseeing BPS and ICE, and ERO as a subdivision of the ICE agency. We are, in fact, not near the border, so it makes sense for them to go and be... not here.

Bovino **is** leaving Minnesota, and Tom Homan will be taking over as the figurehead. Homan is Trump's "border czar", which is just a different and weirder way of saying "immigration policy advisor" - a political appointee by Trump and not officially working for DHS, despite his authority to order them around and choose the direction of the agency (and other similar ones). He *used* to run ICE in 2017-2018 for Trump, and during the Obama years he worked for DHS as leadership for ICE.

Homan is one of the main figures who caused "zero tolerance" family separation policies -- AKA the "kids in cages" scandals ([that we were also mad at Obama about, for anyone of that mindset reading this](#)). On top of that, he was a contributor for Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, though not credited with writing a specific part of it, and reportedly has gotten money consulting for GeoGroup, one of the major prison industrial complex corporations that have led us to the for-profit prison system. ([Tom Homan Wikipedia article](#))

The White House's current enthusiasm sending him in has been coupled with the message that he'll be dealing with violent criminals and the "Somali fraud" problem, while almost at the exact time there's battles in court in both directions and unconstitutional demands being made asking for our voter rolls to make this stop.

Best case scenario, IMO, is Walz not being a Schumer about this, and we manage to return to some semblance of "stability" and "normalcy". But the kids have still been taken away, when they should be in school, and put in prison camps for profit (~~and for god knows what else, ugh~~). Basically, they gave us the "good cop, bad cop" treatment, and now that the violent delusional lunatic has left the ~~room~~ state of Minnesota, it makes Homan seem reasonable by comparison, despite being one of the sources of the brains and authority behind the inhumane practices and suffering we're seeing.

That may not have been their plan initially, **but.** [The fact that they've had to respond with strategy and restraint of any variety shows we've had an impact](#), consider the usual attitude by Trump admin 2.0 (literally not giving a fuck openly about anything and telling everyone to shut up, like how he was sick of hearing about affordability, or any of the remarks and interactions between WH figures and the press as of late).

One more thing I'd like to note: [Ken Klippenstein's article](#) just out, with quotes given anonymously by DHS agents who have contacted him and who have some amount of seniority. There had already been reports of the stress that was already impacting ICE agents [and causing them to not want to be deployed to MN](#), but the sheer amateur hour of both Bovino's "it's opposite day today" type messaging style, there's also the behavior of the mass of new agents who were not vetted, screened, or trained thoroughly (or at all) and have been given free reign with assurances of immunity by Pam Bondi and others.

To quote one of the anonymous ICE agents:

***“Yet another ‘justified’ fatal shooting … ten versus one and somehow they couldn’t find a way to subdue the guy or use a less than lethal [means]… They all carry belts and vests with 9,000 pieces of equipment on them and the best they can do is shoot a guy in the back?”***

I'd note it doesn't seem to be the violence that's upsetting established enforcement agents so much as the mediocrity and carelessness. The amount of watchfulness and responsiveness this situation has gotten has put too much of a spotlight on what they perceive as "business as usual", even with escalations.

They've planned on doing as they've always done in the name of "national security" - quietly, without transparency or accountability, and with the dollar sign as the bottom line, whether via stocks for shareholders and corporations, donations for politicians, or a paycheck and the allure of some bonuses for agents.

Keep pushing. The infrastructure of the cruelty is still churning, and accountability still needs to happen.

Further reading/citations:

[Trump sends border czar Homan to Minneapolis, talks with Walz amid shooting scrutiny - POLITICO](#)

[The Secret History of Family Separation - The Atlantic](#)

[Minneapolis shooting: AG Pam Bondi gives Gov. Walz conditions for ICE to leave Minnesota](#)

*The election process is starting in days, with caucuses and primaries and candidates being chosen. Republicans are panicked about how midterms will go. Votes happening in Congress, where Democrats have just barely shown a spine enough to wonder if they'll buckle at the worst moment and get nothing done, per usual.*

*Meanwhile, while all this “polite” talk and DHS cooling down their behavior, there’s a tangled legal battle in courts and negotiations about our constitutional rights, between Pam Bondi (who wants our law enforcement to collaborate with ICE and is trying to get voter rolls from us) and various elements of the state of Minnesota. And when the two sides’ ideas of what “cooperation” looks like inevitably doesn’t line up anymore...*

*... Well, we’ll see what happens. More to come.*