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## Top Cop in Chicago: Ambushing Law Enforcement Is “Deadly Force.” DHS: Gang Member Who Put Out Hit on CBP Official Arrested

The superintendent of Chicago Police has a warning for people who ambush law-enforcement agents, or ram their vehicles, as two violent leftists did to Border Patrol agents on Saturday. Law-enforcement agents — local, state, or federal — will rightly conclude that such actions constitute deadly force, and they will use deadly force to stop them, top cop Larry Snelling said.

Snelling also disputed claims that Chicago’s cops did not respond when leftists ambushed the agents. At a news conference on Monday, he said nearly 30 officers responded. The Department of Homeland Security avers that he lied.



AP Images  
Larry Snelling

Meanwhile, the Justice and Homeland Security departments have announced the arrest of and criminal complaint against the illegal alien they suspect is head of Chicago’s Latin Kings gang. He is charged with soliciting the murder of Border Patrol Commander at Large Greg Bovino.

Chicago PD Superintendent delivers a brutal warning to Antifa: Threaten law enforcement, and they will not hesitate to use deadly force.

So in other words... FAFO.

“Federal agents, ICE, HSI, are officers. They are agents of law enforcement.”

“When you plow into a vehicle that... [pic.twitter.com/WH9XB007IV](https://pic.twitter.com/WH9XB007IV)

— Benny Johnson (@bennyjohnson) [October 6, 2025](#)

### Deadly Force Ahead for Ambushers

[Federal authorities allege](#) that two leftists, Marimar Martinez and Anthony Ian Santos Ruiz, attacked Border Patrol agents in Chicago when they rammed their vehicles and, in Martinez’s case, tried to run down an agent when he exited his vehicle.

So far, the pair faces charges of resisting and assaulting a federal officer. The [criminal complaint describes](#) what is clearly a case of attempted murder on Martinez’s part.

Snelling said 27 officers who responded to the ambush suffered from the tear gas deployed by federal agents. He also said the federal agents were “extremely concerned” about the cops.



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“My leadership team are not political pawns,” [Snelling said](#) at the presser:

Their lives are too important to play politics with these men and women who face danger every single day.... This is not a game, this is not a joke. This is still our city and we still have a responsibility to maintain safety and calm in our city.

PLAY THE TAPE.

STOP protecting criminals:

“They were requesting the police—we’re not sending.”

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— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [October 7, 2025](#)

“Play the tape,” DHS wrote on X, referring to the audio recording of a [dispatcher’s telling](#) units not to respond:

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Whatever the case, Snelling warned would-be leftist ambushers that what Ruiz and Martinez are charged with doing on Saturday will be considered “deadly force.” Law enforcement, he said, will respond in kind.

Federal officers are “agents of law enforcement,” he said. “If you box them in with vehicles, it is reasonable for them to believe that they are being ambushed and that this could end in a deadly situation.”

“Following law enforcement agents around ... the question is why? What are you planning on doing?” Snelling continued:

It’s also reasonable for them to believe that you’re eventually going to do harm to them. If you ram any vehicle, especially that one that contains law enforcement agents, and that’s any law enforcement — local, state, federal, county — and you do this intentionally, this is considered deadly force. Deadly force is anything that can cause great bodily harm or death. When you plow into a vehicle that contains law enforcement agents, you’re using deadly force and they can use deadly force in response to stop you.



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Indeed, Martinez landed in the hospital after the ambush. A Border Patrol agent fired five shots at her vehicle, the criminal complaint says, after she tried to mow him down.

## Latin Kings Arrest

The arrest of the illegal Mexican gang banger, and the bounty he put on Bovino's head, came after DHS Secretary Kristi Noem mentioned such bounties. Currently, Latin Kings is offering \$2,000 to kidnap Border Patrol agents, and \$10,000 to murder them.

Those are the figures DHS reported in the arrest of Juan Espinoza Martinez in connection with the hit on Bovino.

"On October 03, 2025, a confidential source provided information indicating a 'hit' had been placed on Chief Bovino by a member of the Latin Kings Street Gang," [DHS reported](#):

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) identified the individual who placed the "hit" as Juan Espinoza Martinez and arrested him on October 6, 2025 in Burr Ridge, Illinois.

ICE and other federal agents collared Martinez yesterday after HSI in Chicago "received a screenshot of a Snapchat conversation from a user named 'Juan' appearing to place a \$2,000 bounty for information "cuando lo agarren," which translates to "when they catch him," and a \$10,000 reward "if you take him down," DHS reported:

A third response of "LK....on him" indicates the involvement of the Latin Kings.

Depraved individuals - who do not value human life and threaten law enforcement - do NOT belong in this country.

Thanks to ICE and our federal law enforcement partners, Juan Espinoza Martinez, a member of the Latin Kings street gang who placed a bounty on U.S. Border Patrol...  
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WOW: DHS Secretary Kristi Noem reveals the dark truth behind these I.C.E attacks getting worse by the day.

"Our intelligence indicates that these people are organized, they're getting more and more people on their team, as far as attacking officers and they're making plans to...  
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— DeVory Darkins (@devorydarkins) [October 5, 2025](#)

The criminal complaint says Martinez [will be charged](#) with murder for hire.

Speaking to Fox talker Sean Hannity about the ambush, Bovino repeated what Noem said of Chicago. It's a "war zone."



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“There’s going to be more more incidents, just like this because it’s a war zone out there,” Bovino said. Noting the bounties to kidnap and murder senior ICE and Border Patrol officials in the city, Bovino asks “what happens between the kidnapping and the killing portion?”:

That’s something out of a Third World country. Is this America?

Bovino predicted that Chicago police will cooperate with ICE and other federal agencies more willingly.



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