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People run through a cloud of tear gas on the street amid a federal immigration operation Tuesday in Minneapolis.

Man charged in deadly shooting of neighbor pleads not guilty

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A 42-year-old Kansas City man charged with murder in the shooting death of a Northland neighbor appeared in Clay County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon, where a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf, according to court records.

Clay County prosecutors charged Jeffrey Travis King on Tuesday with first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of 41-year-old Chris Wells.

Court records show King appeared in custody without an attorney and charges were read to him. The court entered a plea of not guilty.

Clay County Circuit Judge Louis Angles set a bond reduction hearing for 2 p.m. on Jan. 20 and a preliminary hearing for 9 a.m. Feb. 20. Angles also advised King to immediately submit an application for a public defender.

King is being held in the Clay County jail on a \$5 million bond.

King is accused of shooting Wells during an argument Monday morning in the 2500 block of Northeast 78th Street. Wells died at the scene.

Court records show that King was found guilty of destruction of property in early November in Kansas City Municipal Court, and he was sentenced to 30 days in jail. The judge, however, suspended the jail term, and placed King on two years of probation. As part of that probation, he was ordered to stay away from Wells' home in the neighborhood.

Neighbors told The Star that King broke a mirror off a vehicle

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Lawyers for Renee Good's family plan to investigate shooting

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NYT News Service

Lawyers representing the family of Renee Nicole Good, the woman killed by a federal immigration agent in Minneapolis last week, announced on Wednesday that they were pursuing what they described as a civil investigation of the shooting.

The law firm Romanucci & Blandin, which said that it and another firm were representing Good's partner, parents and siblings, also provided the family's fullest accounting of what happened on Jan. 7, when Good

engaged in a dispute with immigration agents that ended with her being fatally shot in her vehicle.

The firm said Good and her partner saw federal agents after dropping their child off at school and stopped "to observe, with the intention of supporting and helping their neighbors." A spokesperson for the firm did not immediately respond to questions about whether the couple had been involved in any prior activism related to immigration enforcement.

President Donald Trump and top federal officials have repeatedly defended the actions of the Immigration and Customs

Enforcement agent who shot Good, describing it as self-defense, while state and local officials have dismissed the federal narrative.

Antonio M. Romanucci, a lawyer for the Good family, said his firm intended to provide updates to the public about what it learned as it gathered more information about the case.

The FBI is conducting the official investigation of the shooting. Federal officials have resisted calls for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to participate in that inquiry, as was initially planned in the hours after the shooting.

Romanucci said in a statement that people "want to know what could and should have been done to let Renee live and pick her child up safely from school that afternoon." In another statement, Good's parents and siblings described her as "relentlessly hopeful and optimistic."

CBS News reported Wednesday that the agent who shot Good sustained internal bleeding. A Department of Homeland Security official confirmed that the agent had internal bleeding after the encounter but did not specify further or

Trump threatens Insurrection Act to quash Minn. protests

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President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act to quell efforts to disrupt his immigration crackdown in Minneapolis. Tensions have risen in the city since a federal agent killed a woman there last week, with the administration doubling down on aggressive tactics that local officials say are meant to spread fear and provoke backlash.

Another shooting involving a federal agent Wednesday touched off hours of clashes



KENNY HOLSTON NYT

President Donald Trump said Thursday that he would invoke the Insurrection Act "if the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don't obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrections from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E."

between protesters and law enforcement officers. A man from Venezuela who was in the country illegally was shot in the leg after resisting arrest, a federal spokesperson said.

The president, who has previously threatened to invoke the 1807 act - which allows the use of the military on U.S. soil to quell an insurrection or in-

vasion - said he would do so "if the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don't obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrections from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E."

The administration has labeled Renee Good, 37, a mother and poet who was shot in her

SEE TRUMP, 2A

Recent changes at CBS News put Walter Cronkite in headlines

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Visitors often ask about the famous people buried at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City. There are several. Candy maker Russell Stover. Royals pitcher Dan Quisenberry. And one of the world's legendary journalists.

Walter Cronkite's ashes lie there next to those of his beloved wife, Betsy. They met and fell in love in Kansas City, and married here in 1940.

The final resting place of the newsman known as "the most trusted man in America" is covered by an unassuming grave marker. No conspicuous headstone for a dentist's son born in St. Joseph, Missouri who in 1963 famously shed tears with his fellow Americans after the as-

sassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Cronkite spent much of his life and career in New York City, but his family brought him back to the Midwest after he died from complications of dementia in 2009.

This was his neck of the woods, where he worked in Kansas City early on and where his journalism legacy is permanently honored at the Walter Cronkite Memorial on the campus of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph.

"Having the memorial on campus is incredibly special. Many people forget Cronkite's deep ties to this area," Luling Huang, assistant professor of communication at Missouri Western, told The Star.

"For our students, walking

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