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Words on ICE draw heat



Hundreds gathered in Murfreesboro on Jan. 11, to protest ICE operations. Entitled ICE OUT for GOOD, the protest was organized by Indivisible Murfreesboro to demand accountability for the shooting in Minnesota and the treatment of immigrants. PROVIDED BY PAT CASEY DALEY

Gooch says 'special place in hell' for those spreading fear about ICE

Scott Broden

Murfreesboro Daily News Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

A Rutherford County Commissioner who said "there's a special place in hell for those people" spreading fear about ICE law enforcement offended public speakers at the Dec. 11 government meeting.

The comments continue to resonate for some audience members in light of national controversy about immigration enforcement.

Commissioner Trey Gooch, a Republican representing District 20 in west Murfreesboro area, spoke those words to public comment speaker Anakarina Loren-

zana DeWitt after she expressed the fears she experiences as a result of immigration enforcement.

"Whoever lied to you and convinced you ... that you are unsafe in this community, that the police will pick you up, there's a special place in hell for those people," Gooch said.

Lorenzana DeWitt, however, contends the fear is real.

She is just one among many citizens close to the immigrant community to speak to commissioners over the past few months in opposition to the Rutherford County Sheriff Office's arrangement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

A nearly 21-year-old woman who follows a Mexican custom of using two last names to honor her mother and father, Lorenzana DeWitt plans to join other public speakers again during the Jan. 15 county commission meeting to oppose ICE law enforcement. She was born and raised in Murfreesboro and views

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Trump threatens Insurrection Act in MN

Second ICE shooting in 7 days raises tensions

Christopher Cann, Thao Nguyen and Jeanine Santucci
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump on Jan. 15 threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act, which would give him power to deploy armed forces domestically, as tensions ratcheted up yet further in Minnesota following a second shooting involving a federal agent.

The agent shot a person in the leg in Minneapolis on Jan. 14 after allegedly being assaulted during an arrest, the Department of Homeland Security said.

"If the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don't obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrectionists from attacking the Patriots of I.C.E.,

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How 5 TN districts decide when flu cancels school

Rachel Wegner

Nashville Tennessean | USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

While flu cases have declined somewhat in nationwide so far in January, flu activity remains high in many parts of Tennessee, according to the latest state data.

Flu cases typically rise during the fall and winter, reaching their highest numbers in Tennessee in January and February, according to the state Health Department.

While some flu statistics show a drop, other indicators show the season is far from over. Experts have

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