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Trump voters: MN shooting justifiable

Julia Harte
REUTERS

Video of a U.S. immigration agent fatally shooting a Minneapolis mother in her car on Jan. 7 has divided the nation, becoming a political Rorschach test that elicits different verdicts depending on who views it. President Donald Trump and his administration have defended the agent and branded 37-year-old Renee Good a domestic terrorist. Local

leaders and protesters across the country have condemned the shooting, saying the fact that Good turned her wheels away from the officer as she drove past him proved her peaceful intentions.

Since the Jan. 7 shooting, Reuters has spoken to six Americans who voted for Trump in 2024 – part of a group of 20 whom Reuters has interviewed monthly since February – to better understand how they assess an incident caught on video that has been viewed by millions.

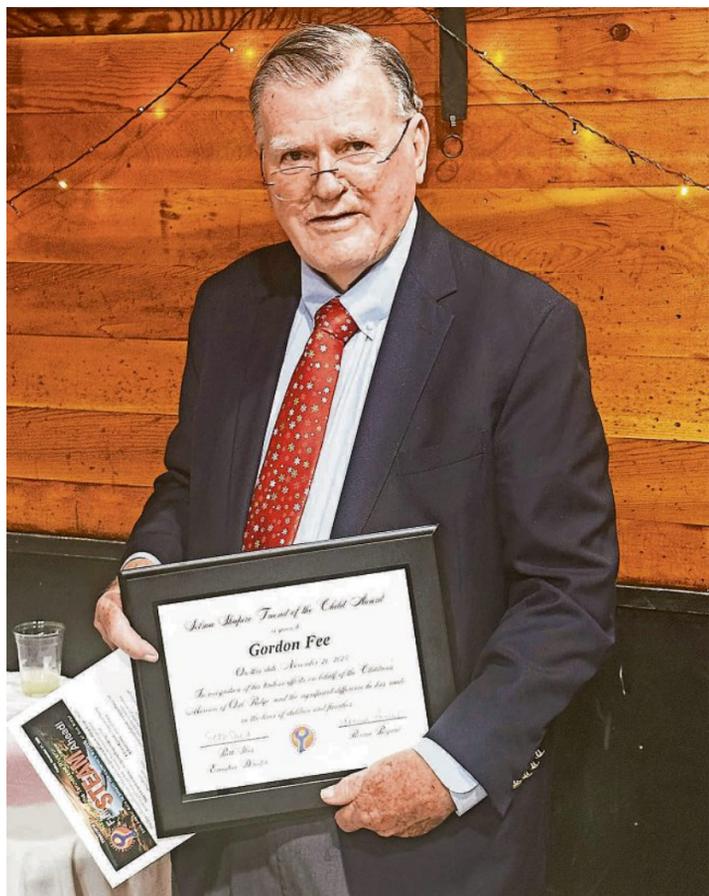
Each of these half-dozen voters, who vary in their assessments of Trump's immigration policy and overall performance, came away from the video with the same conclusion: The agent feared for his life and his decision to shoot Good was justifiable.

Their verdict mirrors that of the Trump administration. U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem told reporters hours after the incident that Good had refused agents' orders to move

and then "proceeded to weaponize her vehicle." Trump said on social media that the woman "ran over the ICE Officer."

Many Americans disagree. Tens of thousands of people marched through Minneapolis this weekend to decry the killing and the city's mayor, Jacob Frey, called the Trump administration's assessment "bull(expletive)." Frey said the

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Gordon Fee with the 2025 Selma Shapiro Friend of the Child Award. PROVIDED BY D. RAY SMITH



Gordon Fee's service to the Oak Ridge community continues. Here Fee, at right, gives an update on the Oak Ridge Heritage Railroad Authority, which he chairs, to Oak Ridge City Council on Jan. 12. Sitting next to him is Deputy City Manager Tom Pessemier. PROVIDED BY CITY OF OAK RIDGE



Ronnie Bogard presents the Selma Shapiro Friend of the Child Award to Gordon Fee. PROVIDED BY REBECCA RUPP

Three local events set for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

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The Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday is Monday, Jan. 19, and several free events are planned in Oak Ridge and Clinton for people to attend and reflect on the life of the slain civil rights leader.

Events are planned on Saturday and Monday, Jan. 17 and 19.

The schedule:

- **SATURDAY, JAN. 17** - A prayer brunch will begin at 11 a.m. at the Clinton Community Center, 101 S. Hicks St. Brunch will include bacon, eggs, pancakes, juice, and coffee. Prayers will be offered by Pastor Ernest Scroggs, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church; Pastor David Benjamin, Little Leaf Baptist Church; and the Rev. Margaret Mack, of Oak Valley Baptist Church. In addition, the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir will perform, and Mia Collins will offer spoken word. A Scarborough 85 skit written by Rose Weaver will also be performed. This event is free, but please reserve a ticket on Eventbrite so organizers can prepare the necessary amount of food. The Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlk-prayer-brunch-tickets-1976668871806>. The prayer brunch is sponsored by the Green McAdoo Cultural Center, the NAACP Oak Ridge/Anderson County Branch, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the Zeta Gamma Gamma Chapter (Oak Ridge).
- **MONDAY, JAN. 19** - The first event at 9:45 a.m. will be at High Places

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Fee receives Friend of the Child Award at gala

Ronnie Bogard
Guest column

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ronnie Bogard presented Gordon Fee with the 2025 Selma Shapiro Friend of the Child Award at the recent Children's Museum of Oak Ridge Gala. Here, she describes the partnership between Selma, her mother, who died in

2011, and Gordon that benefited the Museum over many decades.

Selma Shapiro became the director of the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge in 1973, working with Girl Scout Troop 69. She had the vision to take the Museum from the library of the old Jefferson Junior High School building to a Museum that now fills the entire building – an ele-

mentary school created for Manhattan Project families in 1944 known as Highland View.

She accomplished all this by understanding the importance of telling the history of our community, in a unique environment for all ages that utilized

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