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Unmarked convoy enters Portland ICE office as Kristi Noem visits city

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A convoy of unmarked cars entered the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in South Portland as Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem visited the city on Tues., Oct. 7, 2025. Sean Meagher/The Oregonian



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Portland police officers cordoned off the area surrounding the U.S. [Immigration and Customs Enforcement building](#) Tuesday morning as U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem was [set to visit the city](#).

Officers set up caution tape outside the fortified facility and along a stretch of South Bancroft Street around 10:30 a.m. as a pair of fighter jets buzzed overhead.

The Portland Police Bureau fielded roughly a dozen squad cars to enforce the street barricades but did not enter the facility. A bureau spokesperson said earlier in the day that its dignitary protection unit would provide “routine support” on roads and in public spaces, as they would with any visiting official.

A convoy of unmarked cars entered the ICE office around 12:15 p.m, and footage posted online by conservative influencer Benny Johnson showed Noem entering the building through a covered parking lot.



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Gov. Tina Kotek met with Noem at Portland International Airport shortly after the Trump cabinet member deplaned.

In a statement, the governor said she had asked Noem to instruct Homeland Security and ICE agents to obey Oregon laws while conducting federal operations.

“I reiterated again that there is no insurrection in Oregon,” Kotek said. “I was clear that I have confidence in local law enforcement to meet the moment.”

Portland ICE protests

Protests in Portland are occurring nightly in front of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building, along South Bancroft Street. The facility is about 2 miles south of downtown Portland.



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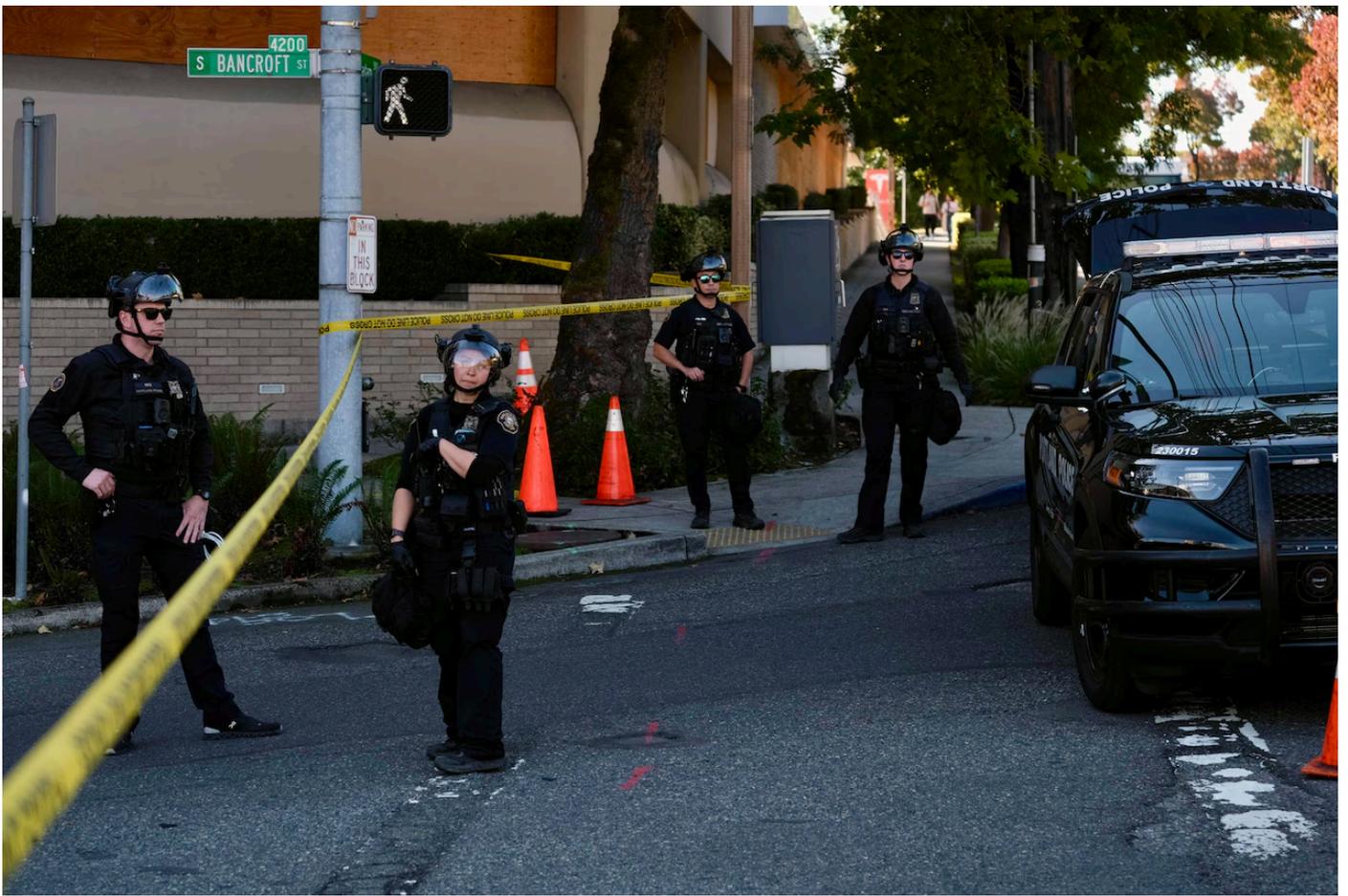
Map: Mark Friesen / The Oregonian

About 25 protesters were visible near the facility, outnumbered by members of the media.

While some in the crowd blasted loud music or waved signs, others took a relaxed attitude to the unusual scene. Charlie Fischer, a local resident, set up a lawn chair and sat down with his laptop not far from the police line.

“I work from home and thought this would be a good place for it,” he said.

Earlier in the day, federal officers emerged from the ICE office and could be seen removing protest signs from a fence across the street and picking up trash.



Portland police officers cordoned off the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Tues., Oct. 7, 2025. Zaeem Shaikh/The Oregonian

The city and the feds have been locked in a legal battle for more than a week since President Donald Trump announced plans to federalize the Oregon National Guard and deploy several companies of soldiers to Portland.

Trump wrote at the time that he was mobilizing troops at the request of Noem.

Portland and Oregon's attorney general sued to stop the deployment and succeeded in federal court, where a judge paused the mobilization effort for two weeks and later expanded it to include National Guard soldiers from other states.

An appeal is now pending at the U.S. 9th Circuit Court.

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