

# Minnesota day-care exposé journalist strikes again — and part 2 names the 'hub' of the fraud wheel

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Nick Shirley joins Liz Wheeler to drop his explosive part 2 video, exposing the hidden 'hub' of Minnesota's massive fraud wheel allegedly draining \$8 million a day from taxpayers.

Nick Shirley — the 23-year-old investigative journalist who exposed day-care fraud in Minnesota with a [video](#) that has now surpassed 140 million views — is back with part two.

"It's a whole other aspect to the fraud scheme," says [BlazeTV](#) host Liz Wheeler, who invited Shirley to "The Liz Wheeler Show" to share his latest discoveries.

In the first video, Shirley exposed numerous Somali-run day-care centers in Minnesota as fraudulent operations. Despite receiving millions (or even billions overall) in taxpayer-funded government subsidies through programs like CCAP and Medicaid, these centers provided no actual child-care services. Footage captures Shirley visiting multiple empty facilities with locked doors, blacked-out windows, no visible children, and sketchy "staff members."

In [part two](#), which dropped last week, Shirley shines a light on non-emergency medical transportation companies in Minnesota, which he alleges are fraudulently billing the state and Medicaid for millions of dollars in rides and services that never actually occurred.

Liz plays a clip from part two in which Shirley and his partner, Minnesota native David Hoch, enter a Somali-run business called "Safari Transportation," which is registered as a non-emergency medical transportation company. Except when they get inside, they find that it's a money-wiring business.

These non-emergency medical transportation centers, Shirley explains, are the hub of the wheel of Minnesota fraud. The day-care centers, autism services, assisted living, and food assistance programs are the spokes of the wheel because "in order for these people to receive these services, they need to get moved to locations," he says.

Shirley gives the example of an adult living at an assisted living center. If he or she needs to go to the doctor, a transportation service is needed. However, many of the transportation businesses in Minnesota are simply shell companies. They submit fake paperwork for services that were never provided while billing the state.

"Like how much money are we talking?" asks Liz.

"We estimated just doing like the national average. Like each NEMT averages around 20 vehicles per company. And then each ride, each trip is around \$50, and each vehicle, if they're out doing the work, they're doing about 10 trips a day. So we estimated around like \$8 million [per day]," says Nick.

This fraud, he explains, doesn't just rip off the Minnesota taxpayer. All Americans are affected because both "state money and federal money" is being used to reimburse these "transportation companies."

"Their hands are in our pockets," says Liz.