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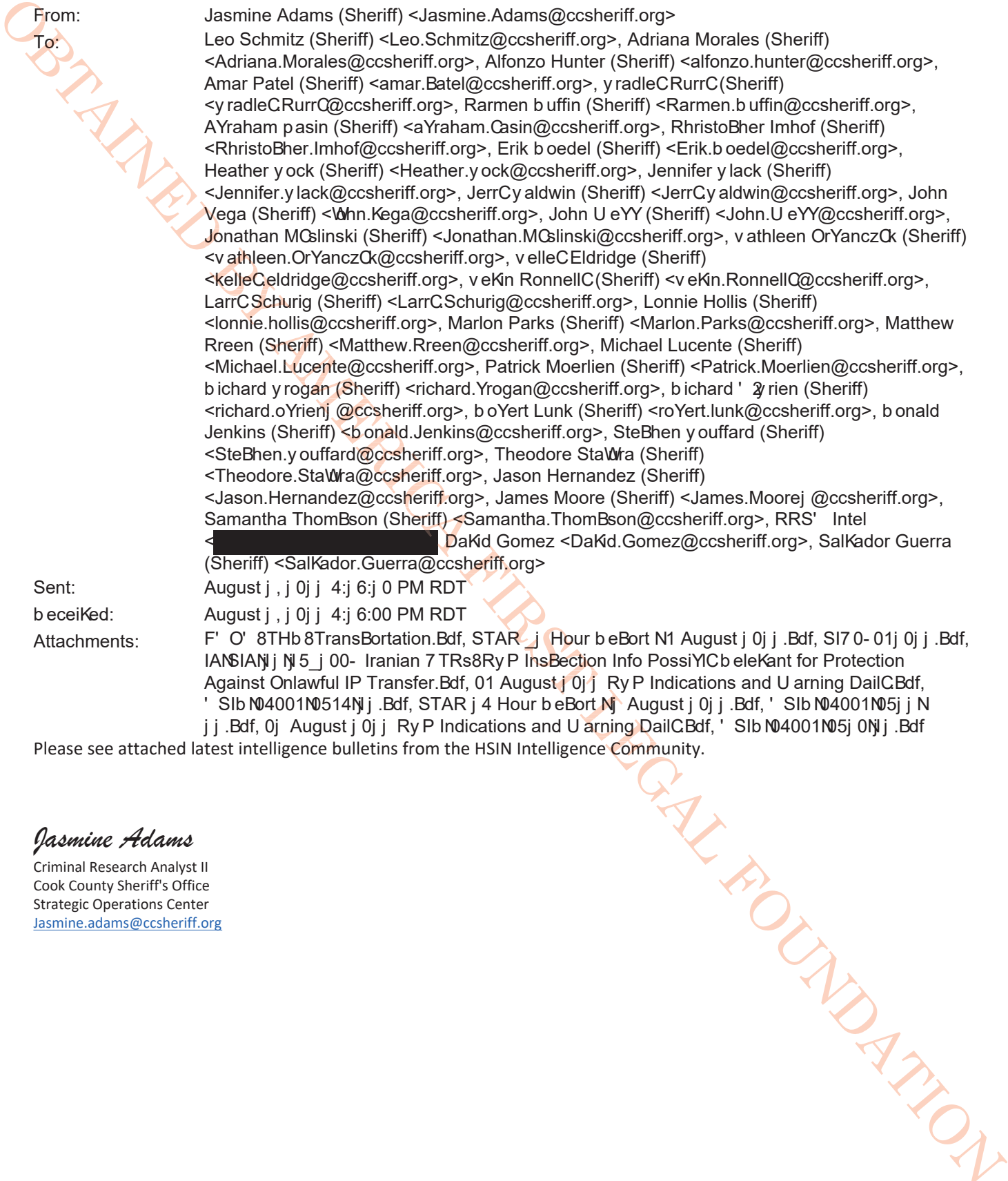
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All,

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Thanks Sarge,

Good Job on this

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Thank you. Keep me posted.  
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## RE: More Tren de Aragua stuff

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Some additional Tren de Aragua stuff from social media and DHS systems. There is a bunch more but this gives you the general idea that they're operating here.

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## Scant evidence of migrant gang members despite CPD alerts

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## Good morning, Chicago

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**Below:** Employees at Chicago businesses will soon be guaranteed twice as many days off as workers in the rest of Illinois, under an expanded paid leave policy approved by the City Council on Thursday.

☐ **Coming this afternoon:** Mayor Brandon Johnson wasn't supposed to take campaign money from city contractors – but he did. [Sign up for our Afternoon Edition newsletter here.](#)

**Keeping score:** [The Bears beat the Panthers, 16-13; the Blackhawks beat the Lightning, 5-3.](#)

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## TODAY'S WEATHER 🌤️

Partly cloudy with a high near 47.

## TODAY'S TOP STORIES

Migrants are seen camped out earlier this month at the Near North police district station, where those arrested for shoplifting on the Magnificent Mile have been processed. | AP

### There's scant evidence of violent gang members among Venezuelan migrants in Chicago — despite internal police alerts

Reporting by Frank Main and Tom Schuba

**Little evidence of threat:** The Chicago Police Department is warning officers to be on the lookout for members of a violent Venezuelan prison gang they say might be living among the 20,000 migrants who've come to the city in the past year. But there's little publicly available evidence the gang, El Tren de Aragua — known in South America for human trafficking, drug sales, kidnapping and the violence that comes with it — has a presence in Chicago.

**What records show:** A Sun-Times analysis, based on news reports, crime data and court records, identified more than 30 migrants from Venezuela who've been arrested in Chicago and DuPage County since April. More than half of the cases involved theft and shoplifting. Two involved violent crimes: a robbery and a stabbing. Records show only one of those migrants, charged with domestic battery, is listed in Chicago police rec

ords as being a suspected member of the prison gang.

**Poor coordination:** Kyle Williamson, former head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration office in El Paso, Texas, calls the gang "a huge criminal threat." But Williamson, who runs the West Texas Anti-Gang Center, says he doesn't know if it has a presence in Chicago. "I think we are a while away from seeing their true impact," he says. The United States' poor diplomatic relations with the Venezuelan government makes it nearly impossible for U.S. law enforcement officials to get warnings about members of such gangs, he says.

**Understanding migration:** Experts say most of the Venezuelan immigrants who've landed in Chicago were fleeing rising crime and the imploding economy in their home country, arriving broke after being bused or flown from Texas.

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Chicago businesses like Artopolis Bakery, shown in February 2022, will be required to provide 10 days of paid leave to workers starting next year. | Tyler Pasciak LaRiviere/Sun-Times file

**10-day paid leave plan passes City Council, requires Chicago employers to give workers more time off than other Illinois businesses**

Reporting by Mitchell Armentrout

**Expanded paid leave:** Employees at Chicago businesses will soon be guarant

eed twice as many days off as workers in the rest of Illinois, under an expanded paid leave policy approved by the City Council on Thursday. The Council voted 36-12 in favor of the ordinance that requires Chicago businesses to give their workers 10 days off per year beginning Jan. 1, including five sick days and five vacation days.

**Victory after delay:** Mayor Brandon Johnson landed his latest progressive victory two days later than expected after a parliamentary maneuver by Council opponents delayed a vote originally set for Tuesday, but the policy's support was hardly in doubt despite vehement opposition in the business community. "If COVID taught us anything, it's that workers need days off. This can be a life or death issue," said Ald. Mike Rodriguez (22nd), chairman of the City Council's Committee on Workforce Development, who championed the measure.

**Worries about impacts:** Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd) said she was a reluctant "yes" as a result of concessions made at the behest of Black Caucus members concerned about the burden on small businesses. She still had reservations. "I want to work to ensure that employees get time off, but the 'time off' issue is nonexistent if we enact policies that force businesses to close," Dowell said, later adding she was confident "modifications" could be made down the line.

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President Joe Biden speaks to United Auto Workers on Thursday at the Community Building Complex in Belvidere. | Evan Vucci/AP

## Biden stumps for unions and himself during UAW celebration in Belvidere

Reporting by David Roeder

**Biden celebrates union win:** Faced with declining poll numbers and a crisis in the Middle East, Biden leaned into his chance to fire up a crowd rejoicing over the UAW's historic gains from its targeted strike against the Detroit Three automakers. In its deal with Stellantis, the union secured a pledge to restart the Belvidere plant, adding thousands of jobs. Biden donned a red UAW T-shirt to address the crowd at a community center, and spoke in front of a banner that read, "Auto workers back to work."

**The deal:** The union and Stellantis reached a deal Oct. 28 that, along with wage hikes of up to 25% over the next 4 1/2 years plus cost-of-living raises, committed the company to reopening the Belvidere factory. GM and Ford also have settled with the union. Ratification votes are ongoing.

**Pritzker to reach into state pockets:** Pritzker has said his administration is finalizing an incentives package to support Stellantis' estimated \$5 billion investment in Belvidere. A spokesperson from the governor's office said Thursday that details were still being worked out.

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Takiya Holmes, 11, was shot while in a car in the Parkway Gardens neighborhood in February 2017. | Provided

- **Man convicted of fatally shooting girl:** A jury on Thursday took just two hours to convict Antwan Jones, 26, of the Feb. 11, 2017 murder of 11-year-old Takiya Holmes. "We won the case but we still lost my daughter," the girl's mother said.
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