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Monty,

Here are updated documents to include responses from DC and NM, leaving only NC-M and OK-E as non-responsive. I will send the chart and spreadsheet to the group, (b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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District	Response	Increase in threat-related case referrals from federal/state/local law enforcement or state/local prosecutors.	Increase in USAO outreach activities on threat-related issues.	Increase in direct inquiries related to potential crimes or requests for information from any of the specified target groups.	OPTIONAL: BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ANY OTHER RELATED USAO ACTIVITIES/EVENTS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE.
AK - ALASKA	Yes	No	No	No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
ALM - ALABAMA/MIDDLE	No	No	No	No	
ALN - ALABAMA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
ALS - ALABAMA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
ARE - ARKANSAS/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
ARW - ARKANSAS/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
AZ - ARIZONA	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	Yes	Yes	No	No	
CAE - CALIFORNIA/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
CAS - CALIFORNIA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	Yes	
CO - COLORADO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
CT - CONNECTICUT	Yes	No	No	No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
DE - DELAWARE	Yes	No	No	No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Yes	No	No	No	
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
GAM - GEORGIA/MIDDLE	Yes	No	No	No	
GAN - GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
GAS - GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
GUAM - GUAM/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MARIANAS	Yes	No	No	No	
HI - HAWAII	Yes	No	No	No	
IAN - IOWA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
IAS - IOWA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
ID - IDAHO	Yes	No	No	No	
ILC - ILLINOIS/CENTRAL	No	No	No	No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
INN - INDIANA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
INS - INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
KS - KANSAS	Yes	No	No	No	
KYE - KENTUCKY/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
KYW - KENTUCKY/WESTERN	No	No	No	No	
LAE - LOUISIANA/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
LAM - LOUISIANA/MIDDLE	Yes	No	No	No	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MA - MASSACHUSETTS	Yes	No	No	No	
MD - MARYLAND	Yes	No	No	No	
ME - MAINE	Yes	Yes	No	No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	Yes	
MIW - MICHIGAN/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MN - MINNESOTA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
MOE - MISSOURI/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MDW - MISSOURI/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MSN - MISSISSIPPI/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MSS - MISSISSIPPI/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
MT - MONTANA	No	No	No	No	
NCE - NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
NCW - NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
ND - NORTH DAKOTA	Yes	No	No	No	
NE - NEBRASKA	Yes	No	No	No	
NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE	No	No	No	No	
NJ - NEW JERSEY	Yes	No	No	No	
NM - NEW MEXICO	Yes	No	No	No	
NV - NEVADA	Yes	No	No	No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
NYN - NEW YORK/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
NYS - NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	Yes	Yes	No	No	
NYW - NEW YORK/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
OHN - OHIO/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
OHS - OHIO/SOUTHERN	Yes	Yes	No	No	
OKN - OKLAHOMA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No	
OKW - OKLAHOMA/WESTERN	Yes	Yes	No	No	
OR - OREGON	Yes	No	No	No	
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	
PAM - PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE	Yes	No	No	No	
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
PR - PUERTO RICO	Yes	No	No	No	
RI - RHODE ISLAND	Yes	No	No	No	
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA	Yes	No	No	No	
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA	Yes	No	No	No	
TNE - TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No	

TNM - TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Yes	No	No	No
TNW - TENNESSEE/WESTERN	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
TXE - TEXAS/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No
TXN - TEXAS/NORTHERN	Yes	Yes	No	No
TXS - TEXAS/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No
TXW - TEXAS/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No
UT - UTAH	Yes	No	No	No
VAE - VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No
VAW - VIRGINIA/WESTERN	Yes	No	No	No
VI - VIRGIN ISLANDS	Yes	No	No	No
VT - VERMONT	Yes	No	No	No
WAE - WASHINGTON/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	No
WAW - WASHINGTON/WESTERN	Yes	Yes	No	No
WIE - WISCONSIN/EASTERN	Yes	No	No	Yes
WW - WISCONSIN/WESTERN	No			
WWN - WEST VIRGINIA/NORTHERN	Yes	No	No	No
WVS - WEST VIRGINIA/SOUTHERN	Yes	No	No	No
WY - WYOMING	Yes	No	No	No
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

District	Name of Case/Matter	Status of the Case/Matter	Target of the Threat	Lead Charge or Potential Lead Charge (format ## USC ###)	USAO Number	Did the Threat Result in Actual Harm?	OPTIONAL: Description of Matter/Case ONLY PROVIDE IF IT IS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE OR HAS RECEIVED/WILL RECEIVE NATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION
AK - ALASKA	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 115(a)(1)(B), (b)(4)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
ALN - ALABAMA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
ALN - ALABAMA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1038		No	
ALN - ALABAMA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 223		No	
ALN - ALABAMA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
ALS - ALABAMA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(d)		No	
ARE - ARKANSAS/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 113(a)(4), 49 U.S.C. 46506(1)		Yes	
ARE - ARKANSAS/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		49 U.S.C. 46504		No	
ARE - ARKANSAS/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 111(a)(1)		No	
ARE - ARKANSAS/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 2231(a)		Yes	
ARE - ARKANSAS/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 111(a)(1)		No	
ARW - ARKANSAS/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
ARW - ARKANSAS/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 2261A		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 111(a)(1)		Yes	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 111(a)(1)		Yes	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 113(a)(5)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
AZ - ARIZONA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 844		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		21 USC 846		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	

CAC - CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	49 USC 46504	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Yes	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
CAE - CALIFORNIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. 115		No	
CAE - CALIFORNIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 876		No	
CAE - CALIFORNIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. § 876(c)		No	
CAE - CALIFORNIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1503		No	
CAE - CALIFORNIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2252(a)(4)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. § 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. § 1038(a)(1)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 842		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2332(b)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2332(b)		No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 842		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2332(b)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2332(a)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2332(a)		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1117		No	
CAN - CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 371		No	
CAS - CALIFORNIA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 373a - Solicitation to Commit a Crime of Violence		No	
CAS - CALIFORNIA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504 - Interference with flight crew members		Yes	
CO - COLORADO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875c		No	
CO - COLORADO		Pending (charged) case		49 USC § 46504		Yes	

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)					
CO - COLORADO	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC § 01028	No
CO - COLORADO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875c	No
CO - COLORADO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875c	No
CO - COLORADO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 00875	No
CO - COLORADO	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 00875	No
CO - COLORADO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 00875	No
CO - COLORADO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 00875	No
CO - COLORADO		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111, pleading to 115(a)(1)(b)	No
CO - COLORADO	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC § 02261a1	No
CT - CONNECTICUT		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 111	No
CT - CONNECTICUT		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. 875	No
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 111a	yes
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875c, 111a	no
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c	No

DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875c	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	no	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c, 2261A		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c, 111a		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c, 1952b		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c, 1952b		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		22 D.C. Code 407		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Pending (charged) case		22 D.C. Code 1810		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Pending (charged) case		Attempted Threats		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		Attempted Threats		No	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DC - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		no	
DE - DELAWARE		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 844(e)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC Sec. 111		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC Sec. 875(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC Sec. 876(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 111		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC Sec. 876(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875		Yes	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		49 USC Sec. 46504		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC Sec. 113		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 876(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 922(g)(3)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 115(a)(1)(D)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875(C)		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 875		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 245		No	
FLM - FLORIDA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC Sec. 2261A		No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(c)		No	
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		49 U.S.C. § 46504		Yes	
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 876(c)		No	
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1038		No	
FLN - FLORIDA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1038		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. Sec. 115		No	

FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 U.S.C. Sec. 115	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. Sec. 875		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. Sec. 875		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. Sec. 875		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. §§ 111 and 115		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. Sec. 875		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. Sec. 113(a)(5)		Yes	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 875		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 2261A		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. 2261A		No	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		49 U.S.C. 46506(1); 18 U.S.C. 113(a)(5)		Yes	
FLS - FLORIDA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 111(a)(1)		Yes	
GAM - GEORGIA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875		No	
GAM - GEORGIA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
GAM - GEORGIA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 871		No	
GAM - GEORGIA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2261A		No	
GAN - GEORGIA/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 2244(b)		Yes	
GAN - GEORGIA/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 113(a)(4)		Yes	
GAN - GEORGIA/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 113(a)(4)		Yes	
GAN - GEORGIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
GAN - GEORGIA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
GAS - GEORGIA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 1503(a)		No	
GAS - GEORGIA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C § 113(a)(5)		Yes	
GUAM - GUAM/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
HI - HAWAII		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504		Yes	
HI - HAWAII		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504		Yes	
IAN - IOWA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
IAS - IOWA/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. 1038(a)(1)		No	
ID - IDAHO		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
ID - IDAHO		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 876(c)		No	
ID - IDAHO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
ID - IDAHO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 119(a)(2)		No	
ID - IDAHO		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1038		No	
ID - IDAHO		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B), 111(a) and (b)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 113(A)(5)		Yes	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 113(A)(5)		Yes	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 876		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 247(a)(2)		No	

ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875(c)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111(a) and (b)		Yes	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111(a)		Yes	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 876(b)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 2261A		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 922(g)		No	
ILN - ILLINOIS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 2261A		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		Use of a Firearm to Commit Murder in Connection with a Federal Crime of Violence (Carjacking) 18 USC 924(j), 18 USC 211 and 18 USC 924(c)		Yes	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer 18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		Possession of Unregistered Firearm 26 USC 5861		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		Felon in Possession of a Firearm 18 USC 922(g)(1)		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		Felon in Possession of a Firearm 18 USC 922(g)(1)		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		Felon in Possession of a Firearm 18 USC 922(g)(9)		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		Felon in Possession of a Firearm 18 USC 922(g)(1)		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		Threatening a Federal Employee 18 USC 115(a)		No	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		Threatening a Federal Law Enforcement Officer 18 USC 111(a)(1)		Yes	
ILS - ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		Assault of Federal Officer 18 USC 111(a)		No	
INN - INDIANA/NORTHERN	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875(c)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	
INN - INDIANA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		47 USC 223		No	
INN - INDIANA/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
INS - INDIANA/SOUTHERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 1114		Yes	
KS - KANSAS		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 876		No	
KYE - KENTUCKY/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
KYE - KENTUCKY/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 871		No	
KYE - KENTUCKY/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 876 (c)		No	
KYE - KENTUCKY/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
LAE - LOUISIANA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. 245		Yes	
LAE - LOUISIANA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 U.S.C. 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
LAM - LOUISIANA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		18.875(c)		No	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111(a)(1)		Yes	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 1038		No	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115		No	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115 & 18 USC 875(c)		No	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875		No	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 111		Yes	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
LAW - LOUISIANA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
MA - MASSACHUSETTS		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 876(d)		No	
MD - MARYLAND	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 U.S.C. 2339B	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	
MD - MARYLAND		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. 1114		No	
ME - MAINE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1038		No	
ME - MAINE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
ME - MAINE		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875c		No	
ME - MAINE		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875c		No	

ME - MAINE	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Open investigation (matter)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 111	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Yes	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
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MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 1201c; 18 USC 2332a2; 26 USC 5861d		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 876; 18 USC 1036		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111(b); 18 USC 924c		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875c		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 1038		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 871		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875; 18 USC 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 876; 18 USC 1036		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 876(c)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 875(c)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 875(c)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 U.S.C. § 1521		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		49 U.S.C. § 46504		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC § 922(q)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 875(c)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC §§ 115(a)(1)(B) and (b)(4).		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC §§ 115(a)(1)(B) and (b)(4); 18 USC § 875D		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC § 9 Section 115(a)(1)(B) and (b)(4)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC §§ 115(a)(1)(B) and (b)(4)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC §§ 115(a)(1)(B) and (b)(4)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC §§ 115(a)(1)(B) and (b)(4)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 115		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(A)(1)(b)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 2244(b)		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		49 USC 46504		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46503		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		49 USC 46504		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 113(a)(5)		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 113(a)(5)		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 2244(b); 49 USC 46506		Yes	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		Interstate Threats 18 USC 875(c)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		Threatening Communications 18 USC 844e		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 2261A(2)		No	
MIE - MICHIGAN/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		18 USC 111(a)(1)		Yes	

NE - NEBRASKA	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	USC 2242(2)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Yes	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
NE - NEBRASKA		Open investigation (matter)		USC 875(c)		No	
NE - NEBRASKA		Pending (charged) case		USC 111		Yes	
NE - NEBRASKA		Open investigation (matter)		USC 111		Yes	
NJ - NEW JERSEY		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 875(c) U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B)		No	
NJ - NEW JERSEY		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 876(c)		No	
NM - NEW MEXICO		Pending (charged) case		USC 46504		No	
NV - NEVADA		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(C)		No	
NV - NEVADA		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 49504 U.S.C. § 5(a)(1)(B)(b)(4)		Yes	
NV - NEVADA		Pending (charged) case				No	
NV - NEVADA		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 844(i)		Yes	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 844(i)		Yes	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 844(i)		Yes	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 924(j)		Yes	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 33		Yes	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 115		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 46503		Yes	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 879(a)		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 876		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 1512		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 1117		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 875(c)		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 46504		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYE - NEW YORK/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		U.S.C. § 875		No	
NYN - NEW YORK/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		USC 115		No	
NYN - NEW YORK/NORTHERN		Open investigation (matter)		USC 46504		Yes	

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OKW - OKLAHOMA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ U.S.C. 46504 § U.S.C. 111(a)(1)	No		
OKW - OKLAHOMA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ U.S.C. 875(c)	No		
OKW - OKLAHOMA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ U.S.C. 842 and 844	No		
OKW - OKLAHOMA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ U.S.C. 46504	No		
OKW - OKLAHOMA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ U.S.C. 46504	No		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c)	No		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c)	No		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case		§ :00875c § U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1) and §	No		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case			Yes		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case		§ U.S.C. § 46504	No		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case		§ USC § 2261A	No		
OR - OREGON		Pending (charged) case		§ USC § 844(e); 18 USC § 138(a)	No		
OR - OREGON		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC § 875(c)	No		
OR - OREGON		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC § 875(c)	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c), 2261A	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 1114	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 46504	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 111	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 2113	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 844	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 924(j)	Yes		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 115	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 844(e)	No		
PAE - PENNSYLVANIA/EASTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 844(e)	No		

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PAM - PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875c	No		
PAM - PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875c	No		
PAM - PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 115a18	No		
PAM - PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115a18	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115(a)(1)(B)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115(a)(1)(B)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 223(a)(1)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 111	Yes		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115(a)(1)(B)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 879	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c)	No		
PAW - PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c)	No		
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RI - RHODE ISLAND		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115	No		
RI - RHODE ISLAND		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 871/875	No		
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 46507	No		
SC - SOUTH CAROLINA		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 7(5)	Yes		
SD - SOUTH DAKOTA		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875	No		
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TXE - TEXAS/EASTERN		Open investigation (matter)		§ USC 115	No		
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TXN - TEXAS/NORTHERN		Pending (charged) case		§ USC 875(c) and 844(e)	No		
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WAW - WASHINGTON/WESTERN		open investigation matter)		49 USC 46504		Yes	
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WAW - WASHINGTON/WESTERN	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	Pending (charged) case	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	18 USC 875	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	No	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
WAW - WASHINGTON/WESTERN		Open investigation (matter)		18 USC 113		Yes	
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Good evening,

Attached are an updated spreadsheet and summary chart. DC and NM responded, leaving NC-M and OK-E as the only outstanding USAOs. Regarding the four USAOs that saw a “significant increase in the need for USAO outreach on threat-related issues,” we have learned:

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Best,
Norm

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Justice Dept. Tries to Shift Environmental Justice Efforts From Symbolic to Substantive, Glenn Thrush and Lisa Friedman, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

Last November, officials in Lowndes County, Ala., began fielding inquiries from an unexpected inquisitor — the Justice Department, which had opened an investigation into the link between environmental racism and the chronic water, flooding and sanitation woes in the area. The Biden administration's choice of Lowndes as the site of its first big environmental justice inquiry was based on the magnitude of the county's problems. But it also sent a message. The county was a voting rights battleground and a focal point of Martin Luther King Jr.'s march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965, making it a logical choice to open a new front on civil rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] Garland vs. Parents, James Freeman, May 12, 2022, 4:46 PM

How far has the U.S. Department of Justice gone to investigate parents who were angry with local school boards and administrators? A new report from two Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee suggests that federal powers are being misused just as First Amendment defenders feared. Readers may recall the revelations that came to light last fall. A Journal editorial noted in October. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland signals criminal case that may involve Donald Trump is not

out of bounds, Tierney Sneed, May 12, 2022, 1:15 PM

Joyce Vance, former U.S. attorney, talks about the Department of Justice investigating Donald Trump's handling of classified material when he moved boxes of documents from the White House to Mar-a-Lago after losing the 2020 election. [[Watch](#)]

NPR: Maryland and Virginia governors urge DOJ to tighten security outside justices' homes, Jonathan Franklin, May 13, 2022, 6:00 AM

Following a week of protests after the leaking of a draft Supreme Court opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade, the governors of Maryland and Virginia are urging the Justice Department to provide security at the homes of the Supreme Court justices who live in their states. In a letter sent to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland and Gov. Glenn Youngkin of Virginia called on the Justice Department to send adequate resources and tighten security for the justices. The governors hope that doing so will keep the conservative justices and their families safe as abortion-rights supporters continue to protest outside their homes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Frustration builds over DOJ's lackluster response to protests at Supreme Court justices' homes, Valerie Richardson, May 12, 2022, 6:02 PM

A few hours after Attorney General Merrick Garland promised to beef up Supreme Court security, it was business as usual in front of Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house. A dozen or so pro-choice activists waved signs and shouted slogans Wednesday evening outside his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Protesters also turned up at the nearby residence of Chief Justice John Roberts, as reported by WJLA-TV. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Crypto meltdown prompts Yellen to call for new regulation, Fatima Hussein, May 12, 2022, 3:00 PM

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, responding to the recent sharp decline in the value of cryptocurrencies, said Thursday that additional federal regulation was needed to respond to the wave of speculative investment in the currency whose secrecy is an essential part of its appeal. "We really need a regulatory framework to guard against the risks," Yellen said of cryptocurrencies called stable coins, during a House committee hearing Thursday. Citing the rapid rise in use of digital assets, she added, "Really, we need a comprehensive framework so that there are no gaps in the regulation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Russian Tycoon's Yacht Goes Dark on Way to Bahamas, K Oanh Ha, May 13, 2022, 3:22 AM

A \$150 million superyacht tied to Leonid Mikhelson, Russia's second richest-citizen whose gas company is a target of US sanctions, has stopped transmitting its location after last broadcasting it was headed to the Bahamas -- known for cooperating with other nations to

seize ships. [...] With the help of Fiji authorities, the US earlier this month seized the \$325 million Amadea vessel that the US claims belongs to billionaire Suleiman Kerimov. At the time, US Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said the seizure “should tell every corrupt Russian oligarch that they cannot hide -- not even in the remotest part of the world.”

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Bloomberg: US Cyber Chief Sees More Attacks in Russian Ukraine Playbook, Jamie Tarabay and Philip Heijmans, May 12, 2022, 10:23 PM

White House Cyber Director Chris Inglis said on Friday he expects Russia’s use of disruptive cyber attacks to continue so long as there is war in Ukraine. Speaking during an interview with Bloomberg TV, he said that the enduring war has shown Russia is “not perhaps as competent as they might have imagined, both in the physical world and the cyber world.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] John Durham Goes to Court, Kimberley A. Strassel, May 12, 2022, 6:28 PM

Special Counsel John Durham steps into court Monday with the first trial of his probe into Democrats’ Russia-collusion hoax. That’s a formality. Mr. Durham has already won. Perkins Coie lawyer Michael Sussmann stands accused of lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by claiming the dirt on Donald Trump he fed to the FBI wasn’t delivered on behalf of “any client.” Mr. Sussmann was in the pay of the Hillary Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee and worked extensively with outside players and the media to produce the collusion narrative as well as documents that stoked FBI probes of Mr. Trump’s 2016 campaign, according to Durham filings. Mr. Sussmann has pleaded not guilty. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Grand jury used in probe of classified documents taken to Mar-a-Lago, Matt Zapotosky, Jacqueline Alemany and Josh Dawsey, May 12, 2022, 5:44 PM

Investigators have begun conducting interviews, and a federal grand jury has issued a subpoena, as part of the Justice Department’s probe into how 15 boxes of government documents — some marked classified — made their way to President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence, people familiar with the matter said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Federal judges need protection right now, Esther Salas, May 13, 2022, 2:00 AM

The Senate this week approved legislation to protect the families of Supreme Court Justices. The legislation, if passed by the House, would authorize the Supreme Court Marshal to protect the families of the Justices and not just the Justices themselves. This step is necessary but not enough. Like all federal judges, the Justices’ home addresses and other personally identifiable information (“PII”) are available to the public on the internet, which makes us all vulnerable to attack and retribution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Feds seek dramatically reduced sentence for NYC 'Molotov cocktail lawyers' in 2020 attack on NYPD vehicle, Danielle Wallace, May 12, 2022, 11:38 PM

New York City federal prosecutors are seeking a dramatically reduced sentence of about two years for two Brooklyn lawyers accused of firebombing an NYPD vehicle during riots that erupted after George Floyd's death in May 2020 as part of a new plea deal disclosed in court documents Tuesday. In a letter filed Tuesday, prosecutors for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York said Colinford Mattis and Urooj Rahman, both attorneys from Brooklyn, agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy to commit arson. Under the deal, prosecutors agreed to recommend an 18- to 24-month sentence, but a judge could still impose the maximum sentence of five years behind bars. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Federal judge orders Fusion GPS to turn over 22 emails to John Durham, Jeff Mordock , May 12, 2022, 11:50 PM

A federal judge late Thursday ordered Fusion GPS, the research firm tapped by Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign to gin up dirt on former President Trump, to turn over nearly two dozen emails to special counsel John Durham, who is investigating the Russian-collusion narrative. U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper's decision is a major victory for Mr. Durham, who is prosecuting former Clinton campaign lawyer Micheal Sussmann on charges of lying to the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

Washington Examiner: Russian ransomware attack raises concerns about future actions, Grant Gross, May 12, 2022, 11:00 PM

A ransomware attack by a Russian-speaking hacking group on the government of Costa Rica could be a preview of future attacks on the United States and allied governments, some cybersecurity professionals have warned. The Conti ransomware group claimed responsibility for cyberattacks on several government agencies in Costa Rica starting in mid-April. On May 8, newly elected President Rodrigo Chaves declared a national emergency due to the cyberattacks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CyberScoop: Ukrainian cybercriminal sentenced to 4 years in U.S. prison for credential theft scheme, AJ Vicens, May 12, 2022, 10:38 PM

A Ukrainian man convicted in February of trafficking in stolen username and password credentials was sentenced to four years in federal prison Thursday, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Thursday. Polish authorities arrested Glib Oleksandr Ivanov-Tolpintsev, 28, on Oct. 3, 2020, and extradited to the U.S. to appear in a Florida courtroom on Sept. 8, 2021. He pleaded guilty to the charges on Feb. 22, 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFLA-NBC \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

Business Insider: Accused Capitol rioters are talking themselves into deeper trouble at hearings and trials related to January 6, Ryan Barber, May 12, 2022, 4:55 PM

Anthime Gionet, the far-right video blogger known as "Baked Alaska," made the

announcement just before 10 pm Monday: "No stream tonight!" "Balls deep in legal shit as I prepare for Wednesday's Jan 6 hearing," Gionet told followers on Telegram, two days before he was set to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge stemming from his involvement in the attack on the Capitol. The hearing could have marked the beginning of the end of Gionet's legal woes from January 6, but there was more to come. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **US signs multilateral treaty to combat cybercrime**, Ines Kagubare, May 12, 2022, 2:21 PM

The U.S. on Thursday signed the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention, a multilateral treaty aimed to protect citizens from cybercrime and hold cybercriminals accountable. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard Downing signed the treaty at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. According to the Justice Department, the U.S. will join more than 60 countries that have pledged to combat cybercrime, with more expected to join in the coming years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Florida Times-Union: **Locked up on gun charge, Clay County man gets 90-day sentence for part in U.S. Capitol riot**, Steve Patterson, May 12, 2022, 11:38 PM

Almost done serving prison time for a gun crime, an Orange Park man will spend another 90 days behind bars for taking part in last year's riot at the U.S. Capitol, a judge has decided. Adam Avery Honeycutt can go home when his current sentence ends May 23 but will have to report for his new sentence soon afterward, U.S. District Judge Carl J. Nichols said Wednesday in Washington. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KHSL-CBS/CW (Chico, CA): **Sheriff: Glenn County School District ransomware attack referred to FBI**, Brandon Downs, May 12, 2022, 9:00 PM

The Glenn County School District was the victim of a ransomware attack, the Glenn County Sheriff said. Sheriff Richard Warren Jr. told Action News Now the case has been referred to the FBI Cybercrimes Task Force. Action News Now has reached out to the Glenn County School District and is working to learn what this means for the school district's access to data. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: **Top House Republican gets subpoena from U.S. Capitol riot panel**, Jan Wolfe, May 12, 2022, 5:31 PM

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the top Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, and four other lawmakers received subpoenas on Thursday from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters. The Jan. 6 House Select Committee issued the subpoenas to try to secure the lawmakers' testimony after they had rejected voluntary cooperation with the investigation. The other Republican lawmakers receiving subpoenas were Representatives Jim Jordan, Mo Brooks, Scott Perry and Andy Biggs. McCarthy, Jordan and Perry on Thursday told reporters that

they believe the committee's investigation is illegitimate but did not directly answer questions about whether he would comply with the subpoena. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Daily Beast: **Bannon Is Using an FBI Interview to Undermine the Jan. 6 Panel**, Jose Pagliery, May 13, 2022, 4:49 AM

The Justice Department has already weaponized informal discussions with Steve Bannon's lawyer to turn him into a witness against his own client. But now, the right-wing provocateur is trying to seize on those same FBI interviews to turn the tables on the Jan. 6 Committee. This week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) chimed in on the ongoing criminal case against Bannon for "contempt of Congress," with lawyers asking for permission to make some necessary clarifications in front of the federal judge overseeing Bannon's case.

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MSNBC: **Lindsey Graham was right about Trump, Jan. 6 (but only briefly)**, Steve Benen, May 12, 2022, 6:02 PM

When a previously undisclosed recording of a politician causes a controversy, it's generally because he or she is heard saying or doing something provocative. In recent weeks, however, this model has been turned on its head. In the aftermath of the Jan. 6 attack, for example, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy was surreptitiously recorded talking about Donald Trump and the then-president's responsibility for the insurrectionist violence. In the behind-the-scenes tapes, the chamber's top Republican lawmaker actually came across pretty well: McCarthy is heard drawing ethical boundaries and telling his ostensible GOP allies that he was prepared to do something somewhat courageous. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: **Man who fired shots into party headquarters gets prison term**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 5:00 PM

A suburban Philadelphia man who fired three shots into a local Democratic Party office on Inauguration Day in 2021 has been sentenced to more than three years in federal prison. Anthony Nero, 48, of Norristown, must also serve three years of supervised release once he's freed as part of the 37-month term imposed Thursday, federal prosecutors said.

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NBC: **Cryptocurrency is not actually perfectly designed for crime. Just ask the crypto cops**, Ken Dilanian and Michelle Cho, May 13, 2022, 4:49 AM

When the Justice Department announced in February that it had seized bitcoin worth \$3.6 billion, it was more than just the largest recovery of alleged crime proceeds in U.S. history. It was the biggest signal yet that cryptocurrency, once seen as attractive to criminals for its

supposed shield of anonymity, may not be so crime-friendly after all. Just a few years ago, the federal government barely knew what to do with cryptocurrency. Now, most federal law enforcement agencies employ experts adept at tracing it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: Alleged Chicago gang members, associates charged in federal drug trafficking probe, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:46 PM

Ten alleged members of Chicago's Four Corner Hustlers gang and associates face federal drug trafficking charges after a seizure of drugs and a cache of weapons, including a submachine gun. Dubbed "Operation Hustle" authorities found multiple kilos of heroin, some laced with fentanyl, and cocaine. Handguns, rifles, a submachine gun, a shotgun, and more than 450 rounds of ammunition. The Chicago Police Department worked with the feds in the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Chicago Sun Times](#), [WGN-ABC \(Chicago, IL\)](#), [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#), [WTTW \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

CBS: Oakland man sentenced in Richmond pot grow shootout, illegally selling machine gun, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:56 PM

A 30-year-old Oakland man was sentenced Thursday to more than 6 years in federal prison for his participation in a failed robbery and ensuing shootout at a Richmond marijuana grow in 2017. U.S. Attorney Stephanie M. Hinds said Vernell Thrower pleaded guilty to his participation in the shootout and was given additional time for admitting to the sale of a machine gun. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Buffalo News: 10 accused of narcotics charges targeted in sweep by federal agents and local officers, Harold McNeil, May 12, 2022, 11:00 PM

A 13-count federal indictment was unsealed Thursday that targeted nine people charged with narcotics conspiracy, among other charges. Seven of the nine were also charged with conspiracy to commit sex trafficking by force or coercion, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Approximately 200 law enforcement officers and support personnel took seven of the nine people into custody without incident. The other two were already in custody, said Stephen Belongia, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's Buffalo field office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

CT Insider: Feds: Granby man pleads guilty to embezzling \$430,000 from employer in Hartford, Liz Hardaway, May 12, 2022, 9:16 PM

A Granby man pleaded guilty Thursday after he embezzled about \$430,000 from his employer, according to federal prosecutors. David McManus, 56, was the chief financial officer for a Hartford-based company for nearly 14 years. For about four of those years, from 2012 to 2018, prosecutors said he used company funds to pay off his personal credit card expenses and issued reimbursements to himself for personal expenses unrelated to the company. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Granby-East Granby, CT\)](#), [WVIT-NBC \(New Britain, CT\)](#)

Juneau Empire (Juneau, AK): **Department of Justice announces multiple criminal sentencings**, Michael S. Lockett, May 12, 2022, 7:26 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice announced multiple sentencings for people charged in crimes over the last several years. The incidents leading to the charges were unrelated, and were announced in separate news releases. All three sentencings were announced by U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Burgess on Thursday. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Schmidt prosecuted all three cases. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Republican (Springfield, MA): **Holyoke man to serve 5 years in prison after pleading guilty in large fentanyl seizure**, Jeanette DeForge, May 12, 2022, 6:46 PM

A Holyoke man will spend five years in prison after pleading guilty to distributing drugs in one of the largest illegal fentanyl seizures that Western Massachusetts has ever seen. Carlos Morales, 31, pleaded guilty in February to possession with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, according to a statement from U.S. Attorney Rachael S. Rollins. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WWLP-NBC \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

The Register Citizen (Torrington, CT): **Feds: Norwalk man used app to distribute child sex abuse material**, Peter Yankowski, May 12, 2022, 6:36 PM

Federal authorities have arrested a city man accused of accessing and distributing child sex abuse material through a messaging app. Jake Scott Flewellyn, 24, surrendered to law enforcement Wednesday afternoon, the U.S. attorney's office said. He was charged on a federal criminal complaint with an offense related to the distribution of child sex abuse material, and another offense of accessing with intent to view child sex abuse material, according to the office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fayetteville Observer: **Fayetteville daycare owner found guilty of distributing \$4M worth of cocaine, marijuana**, F.T. Norton, May 12, 2022, 6:06 PM

A Fayetteville man faces a sentence of up to life in prison after a federal jury found him guilty Monday of selling large quantities of drugs from the home he used as a daycare, officials said Thursday. Reshod Jamar Everett, 36, was found guilty of conspiracy to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana, 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, and THC, the psychoactive substance that produces a high in marijuana; possession with intent to distribute marijuana and cocaine, and aiding and abetting the possession; possession with intent to distribute THC and tramadol, a synthetic opioid; possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and aiding and abetting possession; and two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [News & Observer \(Raleigh, NC\)](#), [WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#), [WRAL-NBC \(Raleigh, NC\)](#)

Houston Chronicle (Houston, TX): **Pasadena man charged in shooting of Houston police officer at Gulf Freeway gas station**, Ben Mitchell, May 12, 2022, 6:03 PM

A Pasadena man believed to have shot and wounded a Houston police officer during a traffic stop earlier this month is now facing federal charges. Jimmy Caston Bryan, 29, was

charged Thursday with the use of a firearm, drug trafficking and possession of methamphetamine for his role in a shoot-out with two police officers on May 4, according to a federal criminal complaint filed by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KPRC-NBC \(Houston, TX\)](#)

Denton Record Chronicle (Denton, TX): **California man indicted for sending threats to UNT president**, Brooke Colombo, May 12, 2022, 5:00 PM

A man from Rossmore, California was indicted Wednesday for sending threatening messages to the University of North Texas President Neal Smatresk via email. Jeremy David Hanson, 44, could face up to five years in federal prison if convicted. He allegedly sent Smatresk emails in response to a March 2 protest on campus at an event with a political candidate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Pioneer Press (Saint Paul, MN): **St. Paul man sentenced to more than 9 years for robbery spree in 2021**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 4:25 PM

A St. Paul man was sentenced to more than nine years in prison for conducting a robbery spree last summer. Warren Dean, 27, who had pleaded guilty to one count of robbery in federal court in Minneapolis, also received three years of supervised release to follow his prison term. His robberies were committed in St. Paul. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Republican (Springfield, MA): **'I need a partner in crime'; Convicted killer Jabarie Phillips flew to Boston to meet up with 14-year-old girl, took her across country**, Tom Matthews, May 12, 2022, 4:19 PM

A Washington State man previously convicted of manslaughter will be heading back to prison after he was caught meeting up with a 14-year-old Fall River girl and taking her on a bus across the country, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Jabarie Phillips, 44, of Seattle, Washington, pleaded guilty to one count of coercion and enticement of a minor before U.S. Senior District Court Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. in federal court in Boston Wednesday. Phillips was charged in May 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston Globe](#)

Jersey City Times: **Repeat Offender Arrested for Possession of Child Pornography**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 4:00 PM

For the second time, a Jersey City man has been arrested for possession of child pornography. According to U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger, Jonathan Lattif, 44, has been charged with one count of possessing child pornography. On March 18, 2022, Lattif allegedly had at least three videos depicting sexual abuse of minors, including prepubescent children, on his cell phone. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Hudson County View](#)

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Pittsburgh, PA): **California men accused of defrauding older Americans indicted in Pittsburgh**, Paula Reed Ward, May 12, 2022, 3:53 PM

Two California residents have been indicted in federal court in Pittsburgh after prosecutors said they scammed older victims — including three in Western Pennsylvania — out of more than \$1 million. The indictment, unsealed Thursday, charges Thien Phuc Tran, 32, and Ton Huynh Bui, 29, both of Santa Ana, Calif., with conspiring to commit wire fraud and money laundering between December 2020 and December 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Sacramento Bee: **Suspect facing sentencing in \$4.8 million embezzlement pleads guilty in PPP loan scheme**, Sam Stanton, May 12, 2022, 2:41 PM

A Rocklin man awaiting sentencing in a \$4.8 million embezzlement scheme pleaded guilty Thursday in Sacramento federal court to making a false statement on COVID-19 paycheck protection program loans for his solar business. Kevin Lee Co, 51, entered the plea as part of an agreement that could result in him being sentenced to a total of 10 years in federal prison. Co appeared with his defense attorney, Candice Fields, before U.S. District Judge Troy L. Nunley, who set sentencing for Aug. 18. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): **Man sent to prison for overdose deaths warned buyer to 'be careful' of drug's potency**, John Agar, May 12, 2022, 2:17 PM

A man who sold a potent mix of heroin and fentanyl, leading to two overdose deaths, warned an undercover cop - posing as a drug user - not to use too much. Mustafa Deville Reynolds, 24, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced this week to 27 years, four months in prison by U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney in Kalamazoo. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOOD-NBC \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

Toledo Blade: **Toledo area physician charged with Medicare fraud**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal grand jury in Toledo returned a six-count indictment charging Dr. Ankita Singh formerly of Maumee with fraudulently billing Medicare \$8.4 million, acting U.S. Attorney Michelle M. Baeppler announced Thursday. From June, 2018 through May, 2021, it is alleged that Dr. Singh participated in a scheme to bill Medicare approximately \$8.4 million in durable medical equipment, prosthetics/orthotics, and supplies that were medically unnecessary, the announcement said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Freeman: **Ex-student teacher who worked in New Paltz, Kingston districts draws prison in child porn case**, Diane Pineiro, May 12, 2022, 1:13 PM

ALBANY, N.Y. — A former student teacher from SUNY New Paltz who worked in public schools in the Kingston and New Paltz districts was sentenced Thursday, May 12, to six and one-half years in federal prison for receiving and possessing child pornography, prosecutors said. Jacob Delaney, 24, of Holtsville, pleaded guilty before Senior U.S. District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy, U.S. Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Janeen DiGuseppi, special agent in charge of the Albany Field Office of the FBI, said in a press release. McAvoy also imposed a 10-year term of post-release supervision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJXT- CW (Jacksonville, FL): Mayport sailor accused of possessing & distributing child sexual abuse videos, Erik Avancier, May 12, 2022, 10:38 PM

A federal grand jury has indicted a Naval Station Mayport sailor, who is accused of possessing and distributing child sexual abuse videos. Investigators say Adam Lee-Fucci Ferenbach, 34, of Atlantic Beach, faces up to 20 years in prison and a potential lifetime term of supervised release, if convicted. He was arrested at his residence on Friday and is said to be an active-duty member of the U.S. Navy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXMI-Fox (Grand Rapids, MI): Nashville man pleads guilty to drug, firearms violations, fentanyl possession, Sydney Keller, May 12, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Nashville man scheduled for trial Tuesday pleaded guilty to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition and possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of fentanyl. U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced that 40-year-old Anthony Ussery pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WKRN-ABC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Man sentenced to prison for exiting St. Albans halfway house, Amanda Barber, May 12, 2022, 6:35 PM

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a man from Parkersburg, West Virginia, was sentenced to prison followed by supervised release for exiting a federal halfway house in Kanawha County. Joshua Dowler, 40, admitted he exited the fenced-in area of Dismas Charities in St. Albans on September 16, 2021. The DOJ reports Dowler had been sent to Dismas because he was convicted of being a felon possessioning a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): Conway man indicted by federal grand jury on gun charge, Kevin Accettulla, May 12, 2022, 6:24 PM

A Conway man was indicted by a federal grand jury in Florence on a single gun charge, according to a news release from the Department of Justice. Demetrice Trayvon Campbell, of Conway, was indicted for allegedly possessing a Colt .45 caliber pistol after previously being convicted on a charge resulting in a prison sentence of more than one year, according to the release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVII-ABC (Amarillo, TX): 8 arrested, 10 federally charged with trafficking meth resulting from Tulia bust, Matthew Watkins, May 12, 2022, 6:03 PM

Eight people accused of trafficking methamphetamine were arrested in Tulia on Tuesday as a result of Operation Tulia Takedown, US Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Chad E. Meacham announced Thursday. Two more defendants were already in state custody and have been federally charged, the US Attorney's Office said. During the bust, agents and officers seized five firearms, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, 1.4 pounds of methamphetamine, 2.6 pounds of marijuana and 93 Xanax pills. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTAP-NBC (Parkersburg, WV): **Parkersburg man pleads guilty to federal gun crime,** Samantha Cavalli, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

According to a news release, Matthew Ryan Hunt, 34, pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. On September 9, 2021, officers with the Parkersburg Police Department responded to a domestic violence complaint at Hunt's apartment. Court documents and statements say officers forced entry after learning that shots had been fired inside Hunt's apartment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTVQ-ABC (Lexington, KY): **Whitley County man sentenced to life in prison for violent kidnappings,** Nefertiti Jenkins, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Kentucky, 62-year-old George Oscar Messer of Rockholds, was sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday, May 11. Messer was convicted in January by a federal jury on two counts of kidnapping. According to court records, evidence presented during the trial, shows the kidnappings were motivated by an unsuccessful drug transaction, during which Messer's son and his co-conspirators lost \$10,000. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WDKY-Fox \(Lexington, KY\)](#), [WLEX-NBC \(Lexington, KY\)](#), [WYMT-CBS \(Hazard, KY\)](#)

WVNY-ABC (Burlington, VT): **Rutland man pleads not guilty to gun and drug charges,** Ben Mitchell, May 12, 2022, 5:52 PM

A Rutland man appeared in the United States District Court in Burlington on firearm and drug charges that stemmed from an incident on October 31, 2021. According to court records, a citizen had made a report that two people were unconscious inside a vehicle at a grocery store parking lot. When Rutland police responded, they found two occupants, 37-year-old Craig Wilkins, and a female, both conscious, however, they appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Wilkins was asked to exit the vehicle and as he was doing so, ammunition fell on the ground. Wilkins had prior felony convictions for distributing narcotics and was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice (Rockland County, NY): **NY CEO Charged In \$59M Cryptocurrency Scheme,** Zack Failla, May 12, 2022, 5:30 PM

A CEO from New York is facing charges for his role in a \$59 million cryptocurrency scheme where he touted phony technology to garner additional funding, federal officials announced. Long Island resident Eddy Alexandre, age 50, of Valley Stream, the leader of a purported cryptocurrency and forex trading platform called EminiFX, has been charged with commodities fraud and wire fraud offenses, according to US Attorney Damian Williams. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): **Gibson County felon gets 6 years in prison for possessing firearm,** Kyle Peppers, May 12, 2022, 5:00 PM

38-year-old John Thomas Ward, of Gibson County, has been sentenced to over six years in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to information

presented in court, deputies in Gibson County were dispatched to a residence on Milan Highway on March 17, 2021 after reports of suspicious persons in the area. A deputy observed John Ward and a female standing near two vehicles. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

News12 (Norwalk, CT): **Mount Vernon police arrest man in 2018 cold case death,** Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 4:29 PM

Federal authorities and Mount Vernon police arrested a man in a 2018 death. James Bazemore faces federal charges in the death of 37-year-old Tasheen Williams. He was shot outside of this home on Union Avenue during the day on April 30, 2018. A second man was charged with providing Bazemore with the gun he allegedly used to commit the crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): **Concord drug dealer sentenced after found with fully automatic machine gun,** Colleen Guerry, May 12, 2022, 4:24 PM

A Concord man was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison on Wednesday after being accused of distributing large amounts of marijuana in the Lynchburg area while in possession of a fully automatic machine gun. According to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), 23-year-old Malik Lee Simpson pleaded guilty in February to two counts of possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, as well as two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCAV-CBS \(Charlottesville, VA\)](#)

WSAV-NBC/CW (Savannah, GA): **Owner of clinic faces 5 years in prison for involvement in 'pill mill',** Joseph Leonard, May 12, 2022, 4:01 PM

The owner of a local clinic faces five years in prison for laundering money for a "pill mill." Jamesetta Whipple-Duncan, 59, owner of Georgia Laboratory Diagnostics LLC in Garden City was sentenced to 60 months in prison after she pleaded guilty to money laundering, according to U.S. Attorney for the Southern District, David H. Estes. She also has to pay more than \$86,000 in restitution fees and serve three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#)

WLEX-NBC (Lexington, KY): **Agents across Kentucky arrest 12, seize over \$2 million in drug bust,** Ben Branscum, May 12, 2022, 3:55 PM

Agents across Kentucky arrested 12 people and confiscated more than 10,000 oxycodone pills. Several agencies including, the DEA Criminal Diversion Group, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, Barbourville Police, and several other departments helped to arrest the following people: Jose Luis Barata Vazquez, Alexey Barata Hernandez, Yoleisys Reyes Castillo, Dioslen Jimenez Ortiz, Kaid Rogers, Allison Renee Rogers, Michael King, Christopher King, Floyd Barker, Sheila Barger, and Samuel Barger. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Kentucky Today](#), [Lexington Herald Leader](#)

WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): **Previously deported man from Hazleton sentenced for**

identity theft, Rayna McGlynn, May 12, 2022, 3:50 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Hazleton man has been sentenced for aggravated identity theft, social security account number fraud, and illegal reentry of a removed alien. Adrian Hernandez-Gutierrez, age 36, of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, was sentenced on Wednesday yesterday to 2 years in prison and a one year term of supervised release for his crimes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

KOAM-CBS (Pittsburg, KS): Kansas cattle trader fined and banned for violations, Stacie Strader, May 12, 2022, 2:46 PM

A Kansas cattle trader is fined and banned for life after repeated violations. According to the Department of Justice District of Kansas, John Rife violated the Packers and Stockyards Act. The Department also states that he not only violated federal law, but breached prior injunctive orders entered by the federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KSN-NBC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [WIBW-CBS \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WHOI (Peoria, IL): Peoria woman pleads guilty to making false statements in connection with straw-purchasing scheme, Jason Howell, May 12, 2022, 2:24 PM
A Peoria woman - Keena Fauntleroy, 28, of the 2600 block of West Humboldt Street - pleaded guilty Wednesday, May 11, to one count of making false statements in connection with the acquisition of firearms, which is commonly referred to as straw purchasing. The Department of Justice says the statements related to her purchase of firearms for her partner, Jamarco O. Moore, 32, of the 1300 block of North Machine Avenue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRAL-NBC (Raleigh, NC): Feds: Durham man forced NC girls to be prostitutes in Myrtle Beach, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:06 PM

A Durham man was sentenced Thursday to more than 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to forcing minors from North Carolina to be prostitutes in Myrtle Beach, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. The Myrtle Beach Police Department started their investigation after interviewing a 15-year-old girl who told police she was a victim of sex trafficking in 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHNS-Fox \(Greenville, SC\)](#), [WJBF-ABC \(Augusta, GA\)](#), [WTVB-ABC \(Durham, NC\)](#)

WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): Inmate to serve additional jail time after attempted Suboxone smuggling, Rayna McGlynn, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

An inmate at USP Canaan is facing additional jail time for attempting to smuggle drugs into the jail. According to United States Attorney John C. Gurganus, in January of 2019, 38-year-old USP inmate Devro Hebron tried to smuggle Suboxone into the prison. According to the release, this was part of a plan to sell the Suboxone strips for profit to other inmates. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH): **Columbus man sentenced for shipping kilos of drugs using US Priority Mail**, Stephanie Thompson, May 12, 2022, 1:43 PM

A Columbus man who pleaded guilty in federal court to taking part in a drug pipeline from Arizona to Ohio has been sentenced to more than 12 years in prison. According to a release from the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, 24-year-old Dawit Mamay helped ship “at least 17 kilograms of methamphetamine and fentanyl” using U.S. Priority Mail. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFVS-CBS (Cape Girardeau, MO): **2 western Ky. men plead guilty to stealing more than \$350K from grain elevator company**, Amber Ruch, May 12, 2022, 12:43 PM

Two western Kentucky men pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$350,000 from a Lyon County grain elevator company. Gerald Kent Kingston, 61, of Elkton, and Bobby Joe Merrick, 72, of Princeton, both pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and five counts of wire fraud on Wednesday, May 12. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSIL-ABC \(Harrisburg, IL\)](#)

WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): **Multiple people in Phenix City charged in federal drug case**, Jolyn Hannah, May 12, 2022, 12:22 PM

Several people from Phenix City have been arrested and charged in a federal drug case. The United States Attorney’s Office Middle District of Alabama made the announcement on May 12, 2022. According to a news release, Andre Tremayne Franklin, 29, Khourtney Jakeith Brown, 33, Xavier Toombs, 33, Ryan Brown, 32, and Kahlia Nichelle Washington, 26, have been indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): **Man sentenced for role in nationwide drug trafficking scheme**, Rayna McGlynn, May 12, 2022, 12:00 PM

A man has been sentenced after police say he took part in a drug trafficking scheme moving narcotics across the Midwest and East Coast. US Attorney John C. Gurganus says in January 2019, 21-year-old David Sandoval, from California, was initiating a drug exchange in Pottsville when he was found to be in possession of two large duffle bags containing around 3 kilograms of heroin. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: **Civil rights enforcers warn employers against biased AI**, Matt O'brien, May 12, 2022, 5:00 PM

The federal government said Thursday that artificial intelligence technology to screen new job candidates or monitor worker productivity can unfairly discriminate against people with disabilities, sending a warning to employers that the commonly used hiring tools could violate civil rights laws. The U.S. Justice Department and the Equal Employment

Opportunity Commission jointly issued guidance to employers to take care before using popular algorithmic tools meant to streamline the work of evaluating employees and job prospects — but which could also potentially run afoul of the Americans with Disabilities Act. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: Man accused of yelling racial slurs at ‘Stop Asian Hate’ rally faces federal charges, Julian Mark, May 13, 2022, 6:29 AM

Dozens of protesters gathered at an intersection in Los Angeles County in March 2021, waving colorful signs that read: “Stop Asian Hate” and “End the Violence Against Asians.” Most people honked in support of the demonstrators in Diamond Bar, but prosecutors say one driver expressed disgust. [...] Now, Steve Lee Dominguez, a 56-year-old resident of Diamond Bar and the driver of the car, has been charged with two counts of “bias-motivated interference” of a protest and faces up to 20 years in prison, the U.S. attorney’s office in Los Angeles announced Thursday. Dominguez was arrested Thursday and pleaded not guilty, a Department of Justice spokesman said. Dominguez could not be reached for comment, and it was not immediately clear if he had an attorney. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#)

CIVIL LAW

Bloomberg Law: Construction Company to Pay \$2.8 Million Over Fraud Allegations, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 1:13 PM

Hensel Phelps Construction Co. agreed to pay \$2.8 million to resolve allegations that it manipulated a federal subcontract designated for a business owned and operated by a service-disabled veteran, according to the Department of Justice on Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Wire: Federal Court Shuts Down Woman’s Fake Vaccine Card Operation, Ben Zeisloft, May 12, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal court in Ohio issued a permanent injunction to stop a woman from selling fake vaccine cards, the United States Department of Justice said Thursday. Tiffany Keller, a 39 year old from Junction City, Ohio, allegedly “advertised her services on a blog that discussed how to make fake CDC COVID-19 vaccination cards and offered to print fake cards for \$40 per card and ship them to paying customers via priority mail,” the Justice Department said in a press release. Keller sold at least 77 fake cards. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: Judge approves consent decree in case against Baltimore pharmacy, Ngan Ho, May 12, 2022, 9:16 PM

A Baltimore-based pharmacy and pharmacist have agreed to pay \$15,000 in penalty and adhere to “corrective action” in a civil case that involves allegedly filling fraudulent prescriptions despite red flags. The United States entered into a consent decree with Ketan

K. Dankhara and Falls RX, LLC, doing business as Ultra Care Pharmacy Baltimore, according to a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Report: 11 dead, 31 rescued after boat capsizes near Puerto Rico, Danica Coto, May 12, 2022, 8:09 PM

A boat loaded with passengers capsized north of an uninhabited island near Puerto Rico and 11 people had been confirmed dead while 31 others were rescued Thursday, authorities said. It wasn't immediately clear how many people were aboard the boat when it turned over, said U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Ricardo Castrodad. He said a "mass rescue effort" was still underway. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

USA Today: Beyond immigration: ICE's massive surveillance system has info on most Americans, report says, Amanda Pérez Pintado, May 12, 2022, 11:29 AM

Your information could end up in the hands of Immigration and Customs Enforcement when you apply for a driver's license, drive on the roads or sign up for utilities, a new report has found. ICE has built a surveillance infrastructure that gives the agency access to data on most people living in the U.S. and has gone well beyond its immigration enforcement duties to become a broader domestic surveillance agency, according to an investigation released by Georgetown Law's Center on Privacy & Technology. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Judge will hear arguments on Biden administration ending Covid border restrictions for migrants, Priscilla Alvarez, May 13, 2022, 6:00 AM

A federal judge in Louisiana will hear arguments Friday in a highly anticipated case over whether the Biden administration can end a controversial Trump-era pandemic restriction, known as Title 42, on the US-Mexico border later this month. The public health authority at the center of the case allows border officials to turn migrants back to Mexico or their home countries because of the public health crisis -- an unprecedented move invoked at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Cubans are arriving to the US in record numbers. Smugglers are profiting from their exodus, Patrick Oppmann, May 12, 2022, 11:00 AM

As Cuba confronts the worst shortages of food and medicine in decades and runaway inflation, a new exodus of the island's citizens is underway. In March, more than 32,000 Cubans arrived at the US-Mexico border, almost twice the number from the previous month, according to US Customs and Border Protection data. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 11th Circ. Says No Counsel Needed Before Immigration Judge, Rae Barona, May 12, 2022, 7:22 PM

A split Eleventh Circuit panel on Wednesday denied a Haitian asylum seeker's request to

review a removal order, saying the man was not entitled to counsel when he appeared before the immigration judge who reviewed his asylum request. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 11th Circ. Affirms Asylum Denial For Indigenous Guatemalan, Carolina Bolado, May 12, 2022, 6:23 PM

The Eleventh Circuit on Wednesday denied a petition for review of a U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals decision denying asylum to a Guatemalan man after finding that the protected social group he proposed — young Mayan descendants subject to discrimination — is "impermissibly circular" and not cognizable. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 4th Circ. Erases Order Granting Detainees New Bond Hearings, Alyssa Aquino, May 12, 2022, 6:16 PM

The Fourth Circuit erased a lower court injunction requiring the Baltimore Immigration Court to conduct new bond hearings for detainees who say their first hearings were flawed, ruling Thursday that federal judges are barred from entering classwide injunctions over immigration bond hearings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Arizona follows Texas, begins busing migrants from southern border to DC, Brad Dress, May 12, 2022, 5:55 PM

Arizona began busing migrants from the U.S.-Mexico border to Washington, D.C., this week, joining Texas in a protest over the Biden administration's policies on immigration and border control. The first bus arrived in the capital on Wednesday, loaded with 20 migrants who volunteered for the trip, according to the Arizona Daily Star. Republican Gov. Doug Ducey's communications director, C.J. Karamargin, told the local news outlet the state will bus as many migrants as needed. And however much the new busing program costs the state, Arizona will push the federal government to pick up the tab. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Laredo Morning Times: Suspect identified in \$18M in meth smuggling try at Laredo bridge, Cesar Rodriguez, May 12, 2022, 5:39 PM

The man accused of trying to smuggle \$18 million in meth has been identified in a Laredo federal court. Luis Alberto Garza-Cisneros, 33, of Mexico was charged with import, attempt to import and conspire to import a controlled substance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Laredo Morning Times: Woman tried smuggling 3 children via a Laredo international bridge, Cesar Rodriguez, May 12, 2022, 4:00 PM

A woman has been indicted for attempting to smuggle three migrant children via the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge, according to court documents. A grand jury charged Jacquelyne Martinez, 24, on May 3 with conspiracy to transport migrants within the United States and providing a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Algonquin-Lake In The Hills, IL): Former ICE Detainees Sue McHenry Co. Jail, Claim They Were Forced To Perform Unpaid Labor, Sam Borgia, May 12, 2022, 3:35

PM

Multiple former immigration inmates at the McHenry County Jail have filed a federal lawsuit against the sheriff's office, claiming they were forced to perform unpaid labor while detained. The suit was filed last month in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, court records show. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGFL-CBS (Gainesville, FL): Traffic stop in Alachua County results in ICE detainer and heroin and guns recovered, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 12:00 PM

Wednesday afternoon Alachua County deputies arrested three people, and recovered guns, heroin, and Oxycodone, according to an arrest report. A deputy stopped a car for tint violations, and said the people in the car said they were from Mexico and here working construction, the arrest report states. The traffic stop took place on NE County Road 1475 in Waldo. [...] According to the arrest reports, they were all originally born in Mexico. The jail tells CBS4 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) requested a detainer for Velasquezgii. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Bloomberg: DOJ Loses Bid to Sanction Google for Withholding Documents, Peter Blumberg, May 12, 2022, 7:41 PM

Alphabet Inc.'s Google dodged court sanctions after it was called out by the Justice Department for hiding documents from government lawyers. U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta in Washington said during a hearing Thursday he wouldn't punish the company over its practice of having employees copy company lawyers on emails when discussing competition issues. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Price Gouging on Baby Formula Is to Be 'Actively' Monitored by FTC, Patricia McKnight, May 12, 2022, 8:03 PM

Amid baby formula shortages across the country, President Joe Biden is pressing the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate reports of price gouging. Ongoing supply chain disruptions along with safety recalls have parents scrambling to find baby formula at stores nationwide. The Biden administration is now calling on the FTC to look into "any illegal conduct" contributing to the shortage. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Judge Disinclined To Toss School Nurse No-Poach Indictment, Bryan Koenig, May 12, 2022, 7:57 PM

A Nevada federal judge said Thursday that he's unlikely to toss a U.S. Department of Justice criminal case accusing a health care staffing company and its former regional manager of scheming to suppress wages for Las Vegas school nurses, absent a change in Ninth Circuit law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Magistrate Backs Own Warrants In Oncology Antitrust Case, Matthew

Perlman, May 12, 2022, 6:22 PM

A magistrate judge has told a Florida federal court it should deny a bid from the founder and former president of an oncology group accused of splitting the market with a competitor to challenge a pair of search warrants the magistrate issued during the investigation.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Tyson Hit With Antitrust Lawsuit Over Alleged Buyout Scheme, Mike Leonard, May 12, 2022, 2:19 PM

Tyson Foods Inc. is facing federal antitrust litigation in Atlanta over claims it inked exclusive agreements with two poultry processors as part of a scheme to strong-arm a regional “renderer” into a below-market buyout. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Reuters: Nine U.S. Gulf Coast refineries exceeded federal benzene levels -study, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:19 PM

Nine U.S. Gulf Coast refineries exceeded the federal regulatory action level between 2018 and 2020 for pollution from benzene, which causes cancer, according to a study by the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) released on Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: [PRESS RELEASE] The U.S. Department of Justice and Hudbay Receive Rosemont 9th Circuit Court Ruling; Hudbay Continues to Advance Copper World, May 12, 2022, 4:00 PM

Hudbay Minerals Inc. (“Hudbay” or the “company”) (TSX, NYSE: HBM) and the U.S. Department of Justice today received a split decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the “Decision”), which affirmed the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona’s (“District Court”) decision in July 2019 relating to the Rosemont copper project in Arizona. In the Decision, the Court of Appeals agreed with the District Court’s ruling that the U.S. Forest Service relied on incorrect assumptions regarding its legal authority and the validity of Rosemont’s unpatented mining claims in the issuance of Rosemont’s Final Environmental Impact Statement. While Hudbay reviews the Decision, in any event, the company will continue to pursue its alternative plan to advance its Copper World project.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Arizona Daily Star](#), [Law360](#)

AP: Biden cancels offshore oil lease sales in Gulf Coast, Alaska, Matthew Daly, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration is canceling three oil and gas lease sales scheduled in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Alaska, removing millions of acres from possible drilling as U.S. gas prices reach record highs. The Interior Department announced the decision Wednesday night, citing a lack of industry interest in drilling off the Alaska coast and “conflicting court rulings” that have complicated drilling efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, where

the bulk of U.S. offshore drilling takes place. [...] A federal appeals court in New Orleans, meanwhile, is considering a challenge to a moratorium on new federal leasing that Biden imposed soon after taking office in January 2021. Biden said the administration needed to consider the effect of new drilling on climate change and conduct proper environmental reviews. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [WSJ](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Backs Block Of Ariz. Mining Project Waste Site, Clark Mindock, May 12, 2022, 8:45 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed an Arizona federal court's ruling that blocked a major copper mining project in the state, finding mining law does not permit contentious plans to dump nearly 2 billion tons of waste in national forests. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Fox: Hunter Biden tax probe: Grassley renews calls for recusal of DOJ official over potential conflict of interest, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 12:06 PM

Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley called for the recusal of Justice Department official Nicholas McQuaid in the investigation of Hunter Biden's taxes. On "America's Newsroom" Thursday, Grassley said McQuaid, who oversees investigations as head of the DOJ's criminal division, has connections to Hunter Biden's defense attorney which could be a conflict of interest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Salem News: Salem tax preparer sentenced in fraud, Julie Manganis, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

A former Salem tax preparer and business owner was sentenced Wednesday to five years in prison in a scheme to collect nearly \$900,000 in COVID relief funds and tax refunds, prosecutors announced. Roosevelt Fernandez, 42, of 120 Bridge St., Salem, pleaded guilty to fraud and identity theft charges in January. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Patch (Princeton, NJ): Pharmacy Owners Charged With Tax Evasion, Opiate

Distribution: Feds, Michelle Rotuno-Johnson, May 12, 2022, 1:02 PM

The owners of a Mercer County pharmacy face federal charges including tax evasion, filing false tax returns, and illegally distributing controlled substances, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Former professor Gordian A. Ndubizu, 67 and his wife, 62-year-old Florence Ndubizu, have been arrested on separate charges, Sellinger said Thursday. The Ndubizus live in Princeton Junction and owned Healthcare Pharmacy in Trenton, he said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

NYT: F.B.I. Told Israel It Wanted Pegasus Hacking Tool for Investigations, Mark

Mazzetti and Ronen Bergman, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

The F.B.I. informed the Israeli government in a 2018 letter that it had purchased Pegasus, the notorious hacking tool, to collect data from mobile phones to aid ongoing investigations, the clearest documentary evidence to date that the bureau weighed using the spyware as a tool of law enforcement. The F.B.I.'s description of its intended use of Pegasus came in a letter from a top F.B.I. official to Israel's Ministry of Defense that was reviewed by The New York Times. Pegasus is produced by an Israeli firm, NSO Group, which needs to gain approval from the Israeli government before it can sell the hacking tool to a foreign government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Manhunt underway after convicted murderer escapes after allegedly attacking officer driving prison bus, Michelle Watson, Andy Rose and Susannah Cullinane, May 13, 2022, 4:56 AM

A convicted murderer is on the run in Leon County, Texas, after fleeing a prison transportation bus after he assaulted a corrections officer, officials said Thursday. Gonzalo Lopez, 46, was serving a life sentence following convictions on capital murder and attempted capital murder, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Twenty High Profile January 6 Subpoenas—and the Reasons Behind Them, Ewan Palmer, May 13, 2022, 5:39 AM

The House Select Committee investigating the January 6 attack is continuing to issue subpoenas against high profile individuals as it probes the events before and after the Capitol riot. The panel, which consists of seven Democrats and two Republicans, has been seeking records and sworn testimony from dozens of people as it looks into the circumstances which led up to the mob of Donald Trump supporters attempting to stop the certification of the 2020 Election results. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: [AUDIO] In Puerto Rico, the arrests of elected officials worsen trust in government, Adrian Florido, Alejandra Marquez, JanseRoberta Rampton, May 12, 2022, 5:20 PM

NPR's Adrian Florido talks with Benjamin Torres Gotay, a reporter and columnist for Puerto Rico's El Nuevo Dia, about recent arrests of elected officials related to corruption. The FBI and the Justice Department have been on a tear arresting elected officials in Puerto Rico. In the last six months, they've charged 6 of the island's 78 mayors for public corruption, and more are believed to be under investigation. It's a ballooning scandal that our next guest says is endangering the public trust in a government that's been steadily losing the confidence of many of its citizens. [[Listen](#)]

Washington Examiner: FBI opened multiple investigations into protesting parents, GOP lawmakers say, Jeremiah Poff, May 12, 2022, 10:19 AM

The FBI has opened multiple investigations into parents protesting education policies,

including a father who was upset over mask mandates, according to new whistleblower revelations. The FBI's activities were publicly revealed in a letter Wednesday from Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee to Attorney General Merrick Garland . The specifics of the FBI's investigations were disclosed to lawmakers by whistleblowers.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsmax](#), [NY Post](#)

San Diego Union-Tribune: **FBI, SDPD seek suspect in failed robbery at Mountain View bank**, Alex Riggins, May 12, 2022, 10:51 PM

A man tried and failed to rob a bank teller Thursday afternoon at a branch in San Diego's Mountain View neighborhood, according to the FBI. It happened about 3:50 p.m. at the Chase branch on Imperial Avenue a little west of Interstate 805, San Diego-area FBI spokesperson William McNamara said in a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: **FBI comes calling, terrifies mom of three who spoke out at school board meeting**, Susan Ferrechio, May 12, 2022, 5:00 PM

At a school board meeting last fall, a woman approached the podium to complain to school board members about the longtime COVID-19 closure at her children's elementary school. School officials had shuttered the school for 40 consecutive days, frustrating and angering parents in the district. She told the board, "We are coming for you," which she later said was intended not as a threat, but to warn school board members that voters would kick them out in the next election. Then the FBI called her. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Texas Lawyer: **Galveston Gun Parts Maker Challenges Biden Rule on Ghost Guns**, Adolfo Pesquera, May 12, 2022, 4:00 PM

A former U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives acting director will participate in the representation of a Galveston firearms parts manufacturer that is challenging a Biden Administration rule intended to curtail the production of so-called ghost guns—3D-printed guns that have no serial numbers. Michael J. Sullivan, the ATF acting director from 2006-2009 and current partner in the Ashcroft Law Firm in Boston, is scheduled to appear pro hac vice at the initial conference set for Sept. 14 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): **Local DEA agent who died in the line of duty honored in Washington DC**, Lupita Murillo, May 13, 2022, 2:10 AM

Thursday is the start of National Police Week. Police from throughout the country honor their fallen heroes who died in the line of duty. It is celebrated on whatever week May 15 falls on under President John F. Kennedy's order to honor the men and women who risk their lives every day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBRC-Fox (Birmingham, Al): **Feds working with Tuscaloosa authorities to get illegal guns, violent criminals off the streets**, Josh Gauntt, May 12, 2022, 11:44 PM

A crackdown on violent crime in Tuscaloosa with help from the federal government. The

feds are working with local and state law enforcement to get illegal guns off the streets. Five people were shot earlier this week and several people injured at Hay Court apartments in Tuscaloosa. These shootings are a part of a recent wave of violence that's plaguing the city. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Tuscaloosa, AL\)](#)

KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO): **Gun-rights advocates push back on efforts to ban ghost guns in Kansas**, Matt Evans, May 12, 2022, 9:33 PM

Unregistered build-it-yourself firearms have been used in at least two high-profile crimes in the Kansas City metro this year. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives recently announced new rules to try to regulate ghost guns. Lawmakers in Kansas may be taking that even further. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA): **Federal agents concerned about 'switch' that turns handguns into machine guns**, Britney Dixon, May 12, 2022, 7:56 PM

Investigators have seen more of a small switch that turns handguns into full-automatic machine guns. It's called a machine gun conversion device but its street name is "the switch." Agents with the New Orleans Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) said the device gives handguns the ability to shoot 1,100 rounds per minute. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WWL-CBS (New Orleans, LA): **Illegal, deadly device turns ordinary guns into machine guns**, Paul Murphy, May 12, 2022, 7:23 PM

They are illegal, deadly, and federal agents are finding them on the streets of New Orleans and Jefferson Parish. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, criminals are turning ordinary weapons into machine guns, by simply attaching a tiny switch to the gun. [...] Thursday, ATF Agent Tony Pierce demonstrated the machine gun conversion device, commonly known as a Glock switch at a gun range in Slidell. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIVI-ABC (Boise, ID): **Caldwell officer charged in FBI investigation fired**, Jake Garcia, May 12, 2022, 7:21 PM

The City of Caldwell says Lt. Joesph Alan Hoadley has been terminated from the Caldwell Police Department. The City of Caldwell confirmed to Idaho News 6 that Hoadley was terminated on May 3. Hoadley has been on paid administrative leave since January. He is charged with two felonies Deprivation of Rights under Color of Law and Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal Investigations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBRZ-ABC (Baton Rouge, LA): **Deputies bust massive drug ring operating across Baton Rouge, find enough fentanyl to kill 2,500**, Emily Davison, May 12, 2022, 6:44 PM

Authorities busted a drug trafficking ring spread across four locations in the capital area on Wednesday, reportedly finding enough lethal doses of fentanyl alone to kill thousands of people. [...] The sheriff's office worked with the Baton Rouge DEA to conduct the investigation into the drug ring over the span of several weeks. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFDA-CBS (Amarillo, TX): **DEA arrests man after finding drugs estimated of \$380K at an Amarillo home**, Vanessa Garcia, May 12, 2022, 5:30 PM

A man is facing a felony drug charge after the Drug Enforcement Administration found methamphetamine and cocaine estimated at \$380,000 in an Amarillo home. A criminal complaint from yesterday said Domingo Delgado was arrested for possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine after meth and cocaine was found as well as money on a shrine of the Narco-Saint Jesus Malverde. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSIU-NPR (Carbondale, IL): **FBI warns people to beware of scams targeting seniors**, Steph Whiteside, May 12, 2022, 4:34 PM

Cases of fraud against seniors are rising and the FBI's Springfield Bureau is reminding people to watch out for elderly family members who could be at risk. Supervisory Special Agent Price McCarty works on financial fraud cases. He said it isn't new technology that makes seniors vulnerable, but their isolation. One type of scam the agency sees, he said, is a relationship or romance scam. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVT-CBS (Fort Worth, TX): **Feds bust alleged drug operation in Tulia, 10 charged**, Alex Keller , May 12, 2022, 3:36 PM

Eight alleged methamphetamine traffickers were arrested in Tulia, Texas on May 10 in a federal operation called "Tulia Takedown." Two more who were already in custody have also been charged. Authorities said the operation was conducted by the FBI's Dallas Field Office with the help of the Amarillo Police Department, Tulia Police Department, Texas DPS, and Randall County Sheriff's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSN-NBC (Wichita, KS): **FBI manhunt ends, suspect taken into custody**, Laura McMillan, Daniel Fair, May 12, 2022, 2:50 PM

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), James Roberts has been taken into custody without incident as of 8:47 p.m. on Thursday by the FBI, Butler County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Highway Patrol. Around 11:50 a.m., the City of Towanda posted an emergency notice for residents that a dangerous individual may be in the city limits. Law enforcement notified the City and Towanda schools that there could be a risk. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

USA Today: **Meet the groups organizing protests outside the homes of Supreme Court justices over Roe v. Wade**, Erin Mansfield, Merdie Nzanga, Chelsey Cox, May 13, 2022, 5:02 AM

Protests outside two Supreme Court justices' homes drew about a dozen people Wednesday night who were outnumbered by local and federal law enforcement as they chanted that the justices should stay away from their bodies. On their way from Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house to Chief Justice John Roberts' home, the protesters shouted,

"Keep your rosaries off my ovaries," and "Keep your religion off my vagina. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Alito reluctant to discuss state of Supreme Court after Roe leak, Robert Barnes and Lauren Lumpkin, May 12, 2022, 7:45 PM

In his first public address since the explosive leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion he wrote that would overturn Roe v. Wade, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. breezed through a detailed examination of statutory textualism, and renewed a disagreement over the court's decision saying federal discrimination law protects gay and transgender workers. But he was a little stumped by the final audience question from a crowd at Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University: Are he and the other justices at a place where they could get a nice meal together? [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: A Battle Over How to Battle Over Roe: Protests at Justices' Homes Fuel

Rancor, Zolan Kanno-Youngs, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

For the protesters chanting loudly outside Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh's home, incivility was the point. They said they wanted to impinge on his privacy with picket signs and chants of "We will not go back!" to condemn the Supreme Court justice's apparent support for ending the constitutional right to privacy that has guaranteed access to abortion since Roe v. Wade was decided nearly 50 years ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Roe reversal draft fallout: Alito gives update on Supreme Court status amid abortion protests, Tyler O'Neil, May 13, 2022, 12:02 AM

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito briefly addressed the status of the court amid pro-choice protests after Politico published Alito's leaked draft opinion reversing Roe v. Wade (1973). Alito spoke remotely from the court building, addressing a crowd at the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University Thursday night. Both the court and the justices have received ramped-up security amid protests following the draft's release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [OPINION] Trust in the Supreme Court is grievously wounded, Barbara Perry, May 12, 2022, 7:00 PM

Renowned Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. compared the peaceful ambiance of the nation's highest court to "the quiet of the storm center." As anyone who has experienced a hurricane knows, howling winds and pelting rain prevail until an eerie calm signals that the eye has arrived. Then the storm recommences when the center moves on. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: [ANALYSIS] Supreme Court Ethics Bill Faces Tough Path In Congress, Justin Wise and James Arkin, May 12, 2022, 4:52 PM

A push to reform U.S. Supreme Court ethics and recusal standards earned a significant win Wednesday as the House Judiciary Committee advanced legislation that would require the

justices to adopt an ethics code, but opposition from Republicans suggests the bill faces a steep climb through Congress. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [SCOTUSblog](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: US reckoning with role in Native American boarding schools, Felicia Fonseca, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

Deb Haaland is pushing the U.S. government to reckon with its role in Native American boarding schools like no other Cabinet secretary could — backed by personal experience, a struggle with losing her own Native language and a broader community that has felt the devastating impacts. The agency she oversees — the Interior Department — released a first-of-its-kind report this week that named the 408 schools the federal government supported to strip Native Americans of their cultures and identities. At least 500 children died at some of the schools, but that number is expected to reach into the thousands or tens of thousands as more research is done. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

Law360: Chief Seattle's Duwamish Tribe Sues DOI For Recognition, Andrew Westney, May 12, 2022, 9:30 PM

The Duwamish Tribe has sued the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington federal court over its denial of federal recognition to the tribe, saying the department's position disregards the tribe's long history of recognition by the federal government and tramples on its constitutional rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Okla. Tribes Slam Governor's Veto Of Public Safety Law, Caleb Symons, May 12, 2022, 6:26 PM

Native American groups in Oklahoma blasted Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto this week of legislation that would revoke the driver's licenses of people convicted in tribal court of certain crimes, such as vehicular manslaughter and DUI, as the two sides spar over the reach of their jurisdictions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: Bipartisan Senators Push To Finally Enact Marijuana Banking Legislation, Tom Angell, May 12, 2022, 8:00 AM

Nearly a quarter of the members of the U.S. Senate are joining together to call on congressional leaders to ensure that marijuana banking provisions are enacted into law as part of a large-scale manufacturing bill. The 24 senators—including 19 Democrats and five Republicans—wrote in a letter that the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act would “help cannabis-related businesses, support innovation, create jobs, and strengthen public safety in our communities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: **Congressional Lawmakers Push For Marijuana Banking At First Conference Meeting On Large-Scale Manufacturing Bill**, Kyle Jaeger, May 12, 2022, 12:00 PM

A bicameral congressional conference committee tasked with settling differences on a large-scale manufacturing bill kicked off negotiations on Thursday—and several appointed conferees from the House and Senate took the opportunity to push for marijuana banking reform as part of the package. At least seven members made a point to raise the cannabis issue as part of the discussion on the AMERICA Competes Act—most of them in a supportive way. That includes the conference committee co-chair, Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA). [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDRV-ABC (Medford, OR): **Merkley part of SAFE Banking Act for cannabis businesses**, Jerry Howard, May 12, 2022, 3:00 PM

An effort to legalize banking for cannabis businesses involves Oregon's U.S. Senators and another push for a new law. Today, Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley and Senator Jacky Rosen (D-NV) led 22 of their bipartisan colleagues to request Congressional leaders support the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act of 2021. They put their request in a letter to leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: **Biden to meet with mayors, police chiefs on Friday**, Josh Boak, May 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

President Joe Biden will meet Friday with mayors, police chiefs and local public officials to discuss how cities are using funds from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on policing and public safety programs. A White House official insisted on anonymity to provide details of the meeting. In the afternoon, Biden plans to deliver remarks to ask state and local governments to devote more of their coronavirus relief spending to public safety. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

ABC: **Senate bill would create federal watchdog for Big Tech**, Max Zahn, May 12, 2022, 3:00 PM

Sen. Michael Bennet on Thursday introduced a bill that would create a federal watchdog for the oversight of Big Tech companies, empowering the new agency to address controversial issues like algorithm bias and transparency in content moderation. The bill from the Colorado Democrat comes as the tech giants face heightened scrutiny from both sides of the aisle in Congress, which has generated high-profile hearings and adversarial rhetoric but has struggled to pass legislation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Republicans call for DOJ to enforce law that would bar abortion rights demonstrators from protesting at justices' homes, Tierney Sneed, May 12, 2022, 2:46 PM

Republicans in Congress and governors' mansions are calling on Attorney General Merrick Garland to enforce a 1950 federal law that makes it illegal to hold protests outside the homes of judges in order to influence their decisions. In recent days, protesters have held peaceful demonstrations outside the homes of multiple conservative Supreme Court justices following publication of a draft Supreme Court majority opinion that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Law360: House Panel Votes Yes On Independent Immigration Courts, Nichole Rosenthal, May 12, 2022, 12:21 PM

The House Judiciary Committee voted 24-12 to advance a bill that would remove immigration courts from the U.S. Department of Justice and make them independent of the executive branch. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Roll Call: Congress leaps to action after Supreme Court protests, Michael Macagnone, May 12, 2022, 6:02 PM

Members of Congress have moved particularly quickly — at “lightning speed” as one senator put it — to beef up Supreme Court security and address a wave of protests at homes of justices in the last few days. Those protests, prompted by last week’s leak of a Supreme Court opinion on abortion rights, collided with simmering concerns about judicial security and sent Congress into an unusual flurry of activity. In the past few days, members have pushed to move measures and funding on judicial safety as well as push the Justice Department to crack down on allegedly illegal protests. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 12, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Parents across the US are struggling to find baby formula, spending hours driving to local stores and scouring shelves in search of nutrition for their children. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Top Republican Kevin McCarthy is not backing down after being issued a subpoena, along with four other GOP lawmakers, to appear before the House Jan. 6th committee. This comes after McCarthy and the others rejected the panel’s request for voluntary testimony months ago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden marked the death of 1 million Americans from COVID-19 as the nation reflected on the somber milestone today. While Biden acknowledged the losses, he also reiterated the pandemic is not yet over. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Russia is lashing out after Finland announced it's applying to join NATO, and Sweden is expected to quickly follow suit. One of the reasons Vladimir Putin attacked Ukraine was to block it from joining NATO. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- At least 20 homes have been torched and about 900 remain under evacuation orders as a wildfire grew to 10 times its size in just two hours and continues to burn through Southern California. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Homes were damaged, trees were uprooted and one person was killed in a car crash amid a dangerous storm that blew through parts of Minnesota last night. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- As California sees its driest conditions dating back to 1895 and wildfires continue to blaze, concerns are growing regarding the a critical western water supply, which is being threatened by climate change. [[CBS](#)]
- Ashley Judd speaks about mother's passing. The actress told it was important for her family to talk about what happened before things "become public without our control." [[ABC](#)]
- Department of Public Safety, which says there is a record breaking influx of migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. The Biden administration is seeking to end Title 42, a Trump-era Covid policy, saying it denies asylum seekers their rights. The move faces bipartisan criticism. Migrants from Cuba and Ecuador tell us the conditions they faced meant they could not wait to travel to the U.S. [[NBC](#)]
- Members of the women's lacrosse team at Delaware State University, an HBCU, were stopped on the way back from a match. The officers searched their luggage and some on the team saying they were victims of racial profiling. During the search, no drugs were found. Delaware Governor John Carney is calling the incident "concerning, upsetting and disappointing." [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Finland Moves to Join NATO, Upending Putin's Ukraine War Aims" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Crypto's plummet tests the durability of a hype-driven industry" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Jan. 6 panel subpoenas 5 House Republicans, including minority leader" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Overturn of Roe could make IVF more complicated, costly" [[WaPo](#)]
- "Major Donation to U.K. Conservative Party Was Flagged Over Russia Concerns" [[NYT](#)]

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CONGRESS

- 9:00 AM: Executive Business Meeting, to consider 'S. 2428, False Claims Amendments Act of 2021', 'S. 2429, Administrative False Claims Act of 2021', 'S. 998, Driving for Opportunity Act of 2021', and the nominations of Beth Robinson to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jennifer Sung and Lucy Haeran Koh to be U.S. Circuit Judges for the Ninth Circuit, Jane Beckering to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Shalina Kumar to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Armando Bonilla and Carolyn Lerner to be U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judges, and Jonathan Kanter to be Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division. Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, United States.
- 10:00 AM: DHS Secretary Mayorkas testifies to Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearing on 'Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security', with testimony from Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, United States.
- 10:00 AM: Hearing on 'Oversight of the Department of Justice'. CVC-200, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC, United States.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Reuters: **Biden administration seeks corporate America's help tracking cyber criminals**, Sarah N. Lynch, October 20, 2021, 3:15 PM

U.S. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco has a message for corporate America: The U.S. Justice Department needs its help in order to take down cyber criminals. "We cannot do this alone," Monaco said on Wednesday during a virtual roundtable on cybersecurity. "The bottom line is this: I believe it is bad for companies. It's bad for America and it hurts our efforts to uphold the value that we try to demonstrate as a country if companies are attacked, and don't partner with law enforcement." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [National Law Journal](#)

CNN: **Merrick Garland testifies in House with US Capitol riots, abortion, vaccine and voting-rights fights ongoing**, Tierney Sneed, October 21, 2021, 6:00 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland will appear before the House Judiciary Committee Thursday for a what should be a contentious hearing before a panel known for drama. Lawmakers will be questioning Garland at the same time the full House prepares to approve a criminal contempt resolution for Steve Bannon. The move that will put before the department a decision on whether to prosecute the adviser to former President Donald Trump for his refusal to cooperate in the House's January 6 insurrection investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: **Cash, shredded documents found at couple's home in spy case**, Eric Tucker, October 20, 2021, 3:45 PM

The FBI found a trash bag of shredded documents, thousands of dollars in cash, latex gloves and a “go-bag” when they searched the home of a Maryland couple accused of trying to sell information about nuclear-powered warships to a foreign country, an agent testified Wednesday. Jonathan Toebbe, a Navy nuclear engineer, and his wife, Diana, were arrested this month on espionage charges. Prosecutors allege that Jonathan Toebbe tried to pass submarine secrets to someone he thought was a representative of a foreign government but who was actually an undercover agent. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WaPo-2](#), [WBAL-NBC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: New U.S. Rule Would Limit Sales of Hacking Tools to Russia and China, David Uberti, October 20, 2021, 3:52 PM

The Commerce Department on Wednesday unveiled export controls intended to curb the sale of hacking tools to countries including China and Russia. The near-final rule from the agency's Bureau of Industry and Security will require companies to obtain a license to sell hacking technology to certain countries deemed threats to U.S. interests. It will take effect in 90 days. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WaPo](#)

Washington Examiner: Durham unloads thousands of documents to Sussmann defense, Jerry Dunleavy, October 20, 2021, 10:41 PM

Special counsel John Durham provided 81,000 pages of discovery to indicted Democratic lawyer Michael Sussmann in his criminal inquiry into the Russia investigation, court filings show. The reams of documents, which reveal details from grand jury subpoenas sent to 15 individuals and organizations likely including opposition research firm Fusion GPS, were produced this month after lawyers representing Sussmann, who denies any wrongdoing, demanded more information while calling the allegations that he lied to the FBI five years ago vague and confusing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

HuffPost: 'I'm Invincible': FBI Arrests Capitol Rioter Who Was 'Not Too Worried' He'd Be Charged, Ryan J. Reilly, October 20, 2021, 3:00 PM

On Jan. 6, Landon Mitchell bragged to a Facebook friend that he “breached the Capitol” and was “one of the very first in” when a pro-Trump mob stormed the halls of Congress. He appeared in video on the floor of the U.S. Senate, went through a senator’s desk and took to the dais, where he posed next to the so-called QAnon Shaman. Later, when a friend feared that the FBI might arrest Mitchell, he wrote that he was “invincible” and “not too worried” because he “was masked up the whole time” he was inside the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Major Russian hacking group linked to ransomware attack on Sinclair: report, Maggie Miller, October 20, 2021, 1:11 PM

A well-known Russian hacking group previously sanctioned by the United States is behind the crippling ransomware attack on Sinclair Broadcast Group that is continuing to impact news stations across the country, according to a new report. Bloomberg News cited multiple people “familiar with the attack” in reporting that a group known as Evil Corp. was behind the ransomware attack, which occurred late last week and was disclosed by Sinclair both to the Securities and Exchange Commission and to the public on Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Arizona Republic: **Far-right streamer 'Baked Alaska' threatened with jail after allegation he violated release conditions**, Anne Ryman, October 20, 2021, 6:32 PM

Tim Gionet, the social media personality known as "Baked Alaska," was threatened with jail Wednesday after an allegation that he violated release conditions as he awaits trial on federal charges related to the U.S. Capitol riot. His pre-trial services officer, Rebecca Teach, told a federal judge that the 33-year-old Arizona resident reported he was no longer residing in Arizona three weeks after he had signed a lease on a property in Clearwater, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: **Another rioter who thought they were in White House on Jan. 6 pleads guilty**, Samantha Hawkins, October 20, 2021, 4:00 PM

Two U.S. Marine Corps veterans from Texas – one of whom claimed on a video that they “crashed the White House” – pleaded guilty to their participation in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot on Wednesday. Jeffrey Witcher pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor count of entering a restricted building while Richard Barnard pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor count of parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building — both common plea deals that prosecutors have been handing out to low-level nonviolent Jan. 6 defendants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): **'He has to be right every single day': New video released as Lakeland capitol riot fugitive evades FBI**, Staci DaSilva, October 20, 2021, 4:48 PM

A 21-year-old Polk County man just needs to make one mistake in order to be captured by the FBI, a retired law enforcement official and missing person specialist said. “He has to be right every single day, every second in his hiding,” said Ken Stevens, a retired Pinellas County deputy. Law enforcement, on the other hand, only has to be right once in order to catch Jonathan Pollock. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

AP: **House to vote on Bannon contempt as Justice decision looms**, Mary Clare Jalonick, Michael Balsamo and Eric Tucker, October 21, 2021, 1:00 AM

The House is voting Thursday on whether to hold Steve Bannon, a longtime ally and aide to former President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress after he defied a subpoena from a committee investigating the violent Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection. That committee has vowed to move swiftly and forcefully to punish anyone who won't cooperate with the probe. But it's likely up to the Justice Department, and the courts, to determine what happens next. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#)

AP: **'The Stakes Are Enormous': Bannon Case Tests Congress' Power**, Mary Clare Jalonick, Michael Balsamo and Eric Tucker, October 20, 2021, 10:48 PM

The U.S. House is expected to hold Steve Bannon in contempt of Congress. It's up to the Justice Department, and the courts, to determine what happens next. As lawmakers ready a Thursday vote to send a contempt referral to the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, there's

considerable uncertainty about whether the Justice Department will prosecute Bannon for refusing to cooperate with the investigation into the Jan. 6 insurrection, despite Democratic demands for action. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

CNN: Trump's former deputy chief of staff, Dan Scavino, not ready to cooperate with January 6 committee, attorney says, Katelyn Polantz and Ryan Nobles, October 20, 2021, 2:26 PM

The Trump White House deputy chief of staff Dan Scavino has a deadline Thursday to respond to the House Select Committee's subpoena for documents related to January 6 and has another deadline the following week to testify -- but his attorney Stanley Brand says he's not ready to cooperate. The new details about Scavino's House subpoena emerge as committee members from both parties attempt to play hardball to entice witnesses to testify about January 6 and former President Donald Trump, and give new hints as to how that push may become bogged down in legal strategy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Meadows retains top GOP lawyer for Jan. 6 investigation, Betsy Woodruff Swan and Olivia Beavers, October 20, 2021, 9:25 AM

Mark Meadows, Trump's former chief of staff, has brought on a top Republican lawyer to handle the House's Jan. 6 investigation. Two people familiar with the matter told POLITICO that George Terwilliger, the deputy attorney general during the George H. W. Bush administration, is representing Meadows for the select committee's inquiry into the Capitol attack. Terwilliger confirmed that he represents Meadows, who did not respond to a request for comment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: New York lawyers plead guilty in Molotov cocktail case, David Thomas, October 20, 2021, 5:37 PM

Two New York lawyers pleaded guilty on Wednesday for their roles in a Molotov cocktail attack during May 2020 protests sparked by George Floyd's death. Prosecutors said one of the lawyers, Urooj Rahman, threw a gasoline-filled bottle into an empty police vehicle, attempted to distribute Molotov cocktails to others, and then fled in a minivan driven by Colinford Mattis. [...] Rahman, 32, and Mattis, 34, each pleaded guilty in federal court in Brooklyn to a single count of possessing or making a destructive device. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Former NFL wide receiver Kenbrell Thompkins pleads guilty to ID thief, COVID-19 relief fraud, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 5:14 PM

A former NFL wide receiver and South Florida native has pleaded guilty to stealing identities to fraudulently obtain coronavirus-related unemployment insurance benefits in California. Kenbrell Armod Thompkins, 33, pleaded guilty Monday in Miami federal court to one count of unauthorized access device fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft, according to court records. He faces up to 12 years in prison at his scheduled Jan. 6 sentencing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KNBC-NBC \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#)

AP: Feds: Seminole man pleads guilty in connection to 2 killings, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 5:00 PM

A Seminole man who was a member of a Native American prison gang pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges connected to separate homicides, federal prosecutors announced. Matthew Onesimo Armstrong, 32, a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon and to using a firearm during a crime of violence in connection with the May 2015 killing of Scotty Candler. Another man, John Douglas Knight, has been charged with killing Candler, and a jury trial in that case is set for January. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Testimony ends in ex-Giuliani associate's campaign finance trial, Luc Cohen, October 20, 2021, 4:10 PM

Testimony concluded on Wednesday in the campaign finance trial of a former associate of Rudy Giuliani, a case that has provided a glimpse into the inner workings of political fundraising in the United States. Prosecutors say Lev Parnas used money from a foreign national to donate to U.S. candidates and sought to conceal his identity for other contributions in the 2018 election cycle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: 8 Nigerian nationals charged with conspiring to engage in money laundering - U.S. DOJ, Kanishka Singh in Bengaluru, October 20, 2021, 3:52 PM

Eight Nigerians have been charged with conspiring to engage in internet scams and money laundering from Cape Town, South Africa, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Wednesday. Seven leaders of the Cape Town Zone of the Neo Black Movement of Africa, also known as "Black Axe," and an eighth man who conspired with a Black Axe leader, were charged with multiple federal crimes relating to internet scams they perpetrated from South Africa, Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael Honig said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [VOA](#)

NYT: Spanish Court Agrees to Extradite Former Venezuela Spy Chief to U.S., Raphael Minder, October 20, 2021, 1:00 PM

Spain's highest criminal court agreed on Wednesday to extradite Venezuela's former intelligence chief, Hugo Carvajal, to the United States, where he faces drug trafficking charges, according to a court statement. The National Court's decision came after Mr. Carvajal was denied asylum in Spain. A court official said he cannot appeal the extradition order and could be sent to the United States at any time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: GOP Rep. Jeff Fortenberry pleads not guilty to federal charges and steps down from committee assignments, Melanie Zanona and Christina Carrega, October 20, 2021, 6:54 PM

GOP Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska, who was recently indicted for allegedly concealing information and lying to the FBI regarding an investigation into illegal campaign contributions, pleaded not guilty Wednesday during an arraignment.

A federal grand jury in California indicted Fortenberry Tuesday with one count of scheming to falsify and conceal material facts and two counts of making false statements to federal investigators, and he officially resigned from his committee assignments Wednesday. [[Continue](#)

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Newsday: **MS-13 gang member admits luring teen to Central Islip woods and killing him, feds say**, Robert Brodsky, October 20, 2021, 9:04 PM

An MS-13 gang member admitted Wednesday to luring a teenager to the woods of Central Islip two years ago, shooting him multiple times and leaving him to die, federal prosecutors said.

Jose Omar Sorto Portillo, 18, pleaded guilty in federal court in Central Islip to murder in aid of racketeering for his role in the 2019 murder of 15-year-old Jasson Medrano-Molina. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: **GigaMedia Executives Charged With \$50 Million Fraud Scheme**, Chris Dolmetsch, October 20, 2021, 4:25 PM

The top executives of defunct cybersecurity company GigaMedia Access Corp. were charged with duping investors out of more than \$50 million by faking financial statements and having one of them pose as a customer. Robert Bernardi, the founder and former chief executive officer of GigaMedia, which also did business as GigaTrust, Nihat Cardak, the company's former chief financial officer, and Sunil Chandra, its former vice president for international business development, were arrested on fraud charges Wednesday morning and scheduled to appear in federal court in Virginia later in the day, prosecutors in New York said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#)

East Bay Times (Walnut Creek, CA): **Feds arrest man on wire, securities fraud charges**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 8:04 PM

A federal grand jury has indicted a 59-year-old Walnut Creek man on wire fraud and securities fraud charges in connection with a decade of alleged efforts to attract potential investors to support child-friendly online services, the U.S. Justice Department said Wednesday. According to an indictment filed October 13, Alan Anderson "used misrepresentations to solicit investments" for Imbee, a child-friendly social-media platform owned by Anderson under a Delaware corporation, as well as Fanlala and Fruit Punch, child-oriented music-streaming services owned by Anderson under California corporations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Valdosta Daily Times (Valdosta, GA): **Ex-Moody airman pleads guilty to impersonating lawman**, Terry Richards, October 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

A former Moody Air Force Base airman pleaded guilty in federal court earlier this week to two counts of impersonating an officer, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. Marlon De'Adrain Priest, 23, of Valdosta pleaded guilty to two counts of impersonating an officer and an employee of the United States, the statement said. He faces up to three years in prison, a year of supervised released and up to \$500,000 in fines. Sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 20. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WFXL-Fox \(Albany, GA\)](#), [WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#), [WTXL-ABC \(Tallahassee, FL\)](#)

The Journal Times (Racine, WI): **Federal charges for 12 Racine-area residents for roles in alleged large-scale, nationwide cocaine operation**, Joy Greenwald, October 20, 2021, 6:00 PM

Eleven Racine residents, plus three others from Kenosha, Milwaukee and the Franksville area of Caledonia have been charged with moving and selling cocaine and crack cocaine in high volume. According to police, no force was necessary in making the 14 arrests Wednesday.

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Arizona's Family: **Human smuggler pleads guilty to operating out of west Phoenix trailer park**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 6:00 PM

A human smuggler pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to operating a stash house at a trailer park in west Phoenix, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Federal officials say that Macario Ulises Barragan-Cisneros, 45, of Mexico, admitted to "transporting and harboring" migrants inside a trailer at a mobile home park in the area of 67th Avenue and Van Buren Street. In a news release, the U.S. Attorney's Office says the trailer was used to conceal operations where migrants were smuggled through the U.S.-Mexico border near Nogales and then taken to Phoenix. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTAR-ABC \(Glendale, AZ\)](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **Alabama man sentenced to 320 years in prison on child porn charges**, William Thornton, October 20, 2021, 5:13 PM

A federal judge today sentenced a Jackson County man to 320 years in prison on child pornography charges based on hundreds of images discovered by chance. Stephen Frederick Ott, 51, pleaded guilty in August to 10 counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY): **Dayton Jones plea deal may show he is cooperating with FBI investigation of Matt Bevin**, Andrew Wolfson, October 20, 2021, 4:34 PM

An unusual aspect of federal prosecutors' plea agreement with Dayton Jones suggests he may be cooperating in a federal investigation of former Gov. Matt Bevin's pardons and commutation. A federal prosecutor said in court Wednesday that the mandatory minimum sentence for production of child pornography, to which Jones pleaded guilty, is 15 years. But Jones will get only 10 years, if U.S. Senior Judge Thomas Russell approves the plea agreement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTVQ-ABC \(Lexington, KY\)](#)

The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): **CNY child porn convict caught with 3,500 new illegal videos, images on phone**, Douglass Dowty, October 20, 2021, 4:24 PM

A Chenango County man who spent three years in federal prison for child pornography is going back after a probation officer found 3,500 illegal videos and images on his phone, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Syracuse. Matthew Bormann, 35, of Sherburne, was caught with the new child porn in March 2021 during a visit to his home, prosecutors said. He was on lifetime supervision after his 2014 child porn conviction in South Carolina. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY): **Federal grand jury indicts Louisville man in carjacking that led to Butler student's death**, Billy Kobin, October 20, 2021, 4:10 PM

A federal grand jury indicted a Louisville man Wednesday with a carjacking earlier this year that led to the death of 17-year-old Butler High School student Madelynn Troutt. Michael J. Dewitt, 28, allegedly carjacked a pick-up truck in Simpsonville on March 1 and then crashed head-on

into Troutt's car around 6:45 p.m. that evening after crossing into the southbound lanes while heading north on Dixie Highway in Louisville. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WAVE-NBC \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): **Minneapolis man admits to impersonating FBI agent in phony terrorism probe**, Stephen Montemayor, October 20, 2021, 4:00 PM

A Minneapolis man pleaded guilty Wednesday to impersonating an FBI agent, including making up a phony name and badge number and falsely telling a victim that he was investigating the person for terrorism. Federal prosecutors indicted Bernard Holmes last year on charges of impersonating a federal officer. According to his plea agreement filed Wednesday, Holmes passed himself off as "FBI Special Agent John Tidwell" and spoofed his telephone number to make it appear he was calling from the FBI's Minneapolis Field Office when he contacted the victim in the case in July 2017. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tulsa World: **Tulsa man's guilty plea in multimillion-dollar bank fraud scheme nets 5 to 7 year prison term**, Curtis Killman, October 20, 2021, 3:00 PM

Tulsa man's guilty plea in multimillion-dollar bank fraud scheme nets 5 to 7 year prison term. A Tulsa businessman pleaded guilty Tuesday to two counts of a 75-count indictment that alleged he falsely inflated his financial worth to obtain millions of dollars in bank loans and investment funds from individuals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Free Press (Tampa, FL): **Pasco County Man Sentenced To 10 Years In Federal Prison, Attempting To Entice 11-Year-Old And 13-Year-Old Children To Engage In Sexual Activity**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 1:00 PM

U.S. District Judge Brian J. Davis has sentenced Lavern Lee Renninger, 62, Zephyrhills, to 10 years in federal prison for attempted online enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. Renninger was also ordered to serve a 20-year term of supervised release and to register as a sex offender. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Free Press (Tampa, FL): **"I Can't Wait To Murder You" Valrico Man Charged With Cyberstalking**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 1:00 PM

Acting United States Attorney Karin Hoppmann announced the unsealing of a criminal complaint charging Dominique Jade Dragan, 28, Valrico, with cyberstalking. If convicted, Dragan faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. He made his initial appearance in federal court on October 19, 2021, and was ordered detained pending trial. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): **Felon sentenced after officers find handgun, 50 round drum style magazine during traffic stop**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 8:00 PM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced that Franklin D. Wright, 30, of Fort Wayne was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Holly A. Brady after pleading guilty to possessing a firearm after having been convicted of a felony offense. Wright was sentenced to 62 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): **Man sentenced to prison for tricking underage girls into**

sending him explicit photos, videos, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 7:42 PM

An Imperial Beach man was sentenced Wednesday to 15 years in federal prison for duping underage girls into sending him sexually explicit pictures and videos of themselves. Kevin Brito, 22, represented himself on social media to be between the ages of 12 and 14 when messaging more than 200 girls, some as young as 10 years old, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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KBOI-CBS (Boise, ID): Authorities: Two plead guilty to fraud after cashing fake checks at Treasure Valley banks, Terry Richards, October 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

Two women have pleaded guilty to bank fraud. The U.S. Attorney's Office on Wednesday said Jakara B. Edwards, 23, and Tatyana A. Love, 21, both of Chicago, traveled to the Treasure Valley and cashed counterfeit checks at different First Interstate Bank branches.

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KGAB-AM (Orchard Valley, WY): Casper Man Pleads Not Guilty to Federal Child Porn Charge, Joy Greenwald, October 20, 2021, 6:00 PM

A Casper man charged with possession of child pornography has pleaded not guilty, Acting U.S. Attorney Bob Murray announced Wednesday. Jeremiah Lincoln Current, 39, entered his plea Friday, Oct. 15, in U.S. District Court in Casper. The indictment alleges Current possessed two 200GB hard drives containing digital images depicting prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

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WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): East Stroudsburg man sentenced to over three years in prison for drug trafficking, Nico Rossi, October 20, 2021, 5:37 PM

Acting U.S. Attorney Bruce D. Brandler announced Wednesday, Robert Temple, 52, of East Stroudsburg, was sentenced to just over three years imprisonment, followed by a four-year term of supervised release, for trafficking fentanyl and other illegal narcotics. According to a press release, from around October 2018 to October 2019, Temple and others planned to distribute fentanyl, primarily in Monroe County.

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WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): Ypsilanti man gets life in prison after selling fentanyl to victim who died from overdose, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 5:00 PM

An Ypsilanti man, convicted two years ago of selling a man a fatal amount of fentanyl, will spend the rest of his life in prison after being convicted on distribution, conspiracy to distribute, and possession with intent to distribute. Adam Dean Brown, 41, was convicted on all three counts in September 2019. The jury received the case after an 11-day trial and he was convicted roughly six hours later on all three counts.

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WCTI-ABC (New Bern, NC): Felon sentenced to prison on drug distribution, firearm charges, Jordan Honeycutt, October 20, 2021, 5:00 PM

A Jacksonville man was sentenced Wednesday to 144 months in prison for distributing crack cocaine, possessing with intent to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine, and possession of a firearm by a felon. Robert Lee Henderson, 45, was convicted on those charges on June 14. According to court records and evidence, Henderson would drive from Jacksonville to New Bern

in order to sell crack cocaine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBKO-ABC (Bowling Green, KY): Federal prosecution of La Placita robbery concludes with final sentencings, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 4:21 PM

Two men involved in a series of robberies including one at La Placita that resulted in a death were sentenced Monday. Jonny Alexander Reyes-Martinez was sentenced to 262 months in prison. Jorge Santos Caballero-Melgar was sentenced to 460 months in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WITN-NBC (Washington, NC): Ahoskie gang member convicted for robbery, getaway driving, Conrad Hoyt, October 20, 2021, 3:51 PM

An Ahoskie man was convicted Wednesday on charges of Hobbs Act robbery and aiding and abetting. The Hobbs Act is defined by the U.S. Department of Justice as extortion by the wrongful use of actual or threatened force, violence, or fear. The U.S. Attorney's Office says 27-year-old Dytwan Chamblee helped rob the Duck-Thru convenience store in Cofield, Hertford County on Feb. 5th of this year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WWNY-CBS (Carthage, NY): Hogansburg man sentenced to more than 7 years in prison, Douglass Dowty, October 20, 2021, 3:42 PM

A 33-year old Hogansburg man is going to federal prison for money laundering, conspiring to distribute marijuana, and violating his supervised release. Adam Jacobs was sentenced in federal court in Syracuse on Wednesday to 88 months behind bars - that's more than 7 years. Prosecutors say Jacobs helped move at least 400 pounds of marijuana by being the middleman between a supplier on the Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation and multiple distributors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): Jerome Horton, 25, Federally Charged With Buying Firearm Used In St. Paul Bar Shootings, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 3:29 PM

A 25-year-old man is now federally charged in connection with the St. Paul bar shootings that injured 15 and killed 27-year-old Marquisha Wiley earlier this month. The shootings happened early Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Seventh Street Truck Park bar in downtown St. Paul, near Xcel Energy Center. Local prosecutors have already charged 33-year-old Terry Brown with murder in Wiley's death. He's also charged with several counts of attempted murder. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)
See also: [KARE-NBC \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): Bloomsburg couple plead guilty to committing over \$430k money laundering scheme, Vivian Muniz, October 20, 2021, 3:00 PM

A Bloomsburg couple plead guilty to committing over a \$430k money laundering scheme, including \$300k in COVID-relief fraud according to The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. On October 18th, 63-year-old Darryl Corradini and 57-year-old Vicki Hackenberg both of Bloomsburg pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit money laundering. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

WFMZ (Allentown, PA): Berks man sentenced for 2019 bank robbery in West Earl,

Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 3:00 PM

Suspect stole \$117K at gunpoint, authorities say. A Berks County man will spend five years behind bars for his role in the armed robbery of a bank in Lancaster County. A federal judge in Philadelphia sentenced Richard Garland Jones to the prison time plus five years of supervised release, according to the U.S. attorney's office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Berwick man pleads guilty to \$400,000 COVID-relief fraud,

Vivian Muniz, October 20, 2021, 2:40 PM

A Berwick man has pleaded guilty to committing wire fraud in a scheme to obtain over \$400,000 in COVID-19 relief funds. According to the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Hayes D. Horner, Jr., age 67, of Berwick, plead guilty in a scheme to gain over \$400,000 in the COVID-19 relief funds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOLF-Fox \(Hazleton, PA\)](#)

WAND-NBC (Decatur, IL): Man involved in 1990's drug conspiracy sentenced to prison,

Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 2:00 PM

A Chicago man has been sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for his role in a 1997 drug conspiracy. Officials say Hector Castaneda, 59, of the 2400 block of South Springfield Avenue, Chicago, was one of 5 suspects involved in a drug conspiracy from 1996 to 1997 involving almost twenty kilograms of heroin. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCIA-CBS \(Champaign, IL\)](#)

WLS-ABC (Chicago, IL): Chicago money manager sentenced to 17 years in federal prison for \$10M fraud scheme, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 1:53 PM

A Chicago investment manager has been sentenced to 17 years in federal prison for bilking clients and lenders out of more than \$10 million over more than a decade. Shawn Baldwin, 55, of Olympia Fields, was convicted in 2019 on charges of swindling cash from 15 individual investors and corporate lenders when he owned and controlled various investment firms in the city. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

KTVT-CBS (Fort Worth, TX): Guatemalan Drug Lord Wilson Wilfredo Luargas-Garcia

Receives Life Sentence, Joy Greenwald, October 20, 2021, 1:28 PM

A Guatemalan national who operated an international drug trafficking ring received a life sentence, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei. Wilson Wilfredo Luargas-Garcia, a/k/a "Primazo," 44, was convicted on Sep. 18, 2019 to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine for distribution into the United States. On Oct. 18, 2021, after a full-day sentencing hearing that stretched into the late evening hours, U.S. District Judge Amos L. Mazzant sentenced Luargas-Garcia to a term of life imprisonment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WOLO-ABC (Columbia, SC): Wando man sentenced for 2018 bank robbery in Charleston,

Mike Olson, October 20, 2021, 1:04 PM

According to Acting United States Attorney M. Rhett DeHart, a Wando man was sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to robbing a bank in Charleston. Authorities say 26-year-old Quinton Allen Manigault plead guilty to the armed robbery of the Pinnacle Bank on Folly Road and Cross Creek Drive which took place March 27, 2018. Investigators with the FBI and the

Charleston Police Department say they used surveillance footage from other establishments to identify Manigault, and they also found a money band from the bank in his vehicle. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KATC-ABC (Lafayette, LA): Arnaudville cattle rancher pleads guilty to fraudulent COVID claims, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 12:24 PM

An Arnaudville cattle rancher has pleaded guilty to accepting more than \$70,000 in Coronavirus Food Assistance Program payments to which he was not entitled. Burnell Gabriel Zachary, 37, in connection with an investigation that started in October 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTLV-NBC (Jacksonville, FL): 2 local men convicted for conspiracy to commit health care fraud in scheme targeting military families, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 12:03 PM

Two local men have been convicted of fraud and money laundering charges after targeting an insurance company that benefits military families. A federal jury has found Scott Balotin, 51, of St. Johns County and Thomas Jones, 52, of Jacksonville guilty of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and money laundering. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTBS-ABC (Shreveport, LA): Natchitoches man sentenced to federal prison for drug sales, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 11:00 AM

A Natchitoches man's drug trafficking activities has landed him 10 years in federal prison. U.S. District Judge Dee D. Drell handed down the sentence for Quintarence D. Morris, 20, who also will spend three years on supervised release after he's freed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): Barbour County man indicted on federal methamphetamine charge, Joy Greenwald, October 20, 2021, 10:43 AM

A federal grand jury has indicted a Barbour County man on a drug charge, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. Joseph Dadisman, 49 of Philippi, was indicted Tuesday on one count of "Possession with intent to Distribute Methamphetamine." Dadisman is accused of having more than 50 grams of methamphetamine, also known as "crystal meth" and "ice," in June 2021 in Barbour County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Tennessee man pleads guilty in series of church fires, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 5:24 PM

A Tennessee man pleaded guilty Wednesday to civil rights violations for setting fires at four churches, prosecutors said. Alan Douglas Fox, 28, of Nashville, admitted during the plea hearing that he intentionally set the fires because of the churches' religious character, the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Tennessean \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

NYT: Detention of an Afghan at Guantánamo Bay Is Ruled Unlawful, Carol Rosenberg, October 20, 2021, 5:51 PM

A federal judge has ruled that the United States has no legal basis for holding an Afghan man at

Guantánamo Bay because although he fought on the side of a militia in Afghanistan, he was not part of Al Qaeda. U.S. District Court Judge Amit P. Mehta found that the detainee, Assadullah Haroon Gul, who was captured in Afghanistan in 2007 as a member of an Islamic militia, did not qualify as a member of Al Qaeda or an associated force, the legal basis for detention at Guantánamo Bay. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: L.A. County reports 76% increase in anti-Asian hate crimes, Jaclyn Cosgrove, October 20, 2021, 9:32 PM

Anti-Asian hate crimes increased by 76% in Los Angeles County last year, mirroring a disturbing trend in many other jurisdictions as physical and verbal attacks on Asian Americans rose during the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the 44 anti-Asian hate crimes reported in L.A. County in 2020, more than three-quarters involved physical violence — a marked increase from 58% in 2018, the L.A. County Commission on Human Relations said in a report released Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: 'Big, big shifts': How Biden's civil rights pros have reoriented the Justice Department, Tierney Sneed, October 20, 11:30 AM

The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has launched several major investigations under President Joe Biden, an aggressive start after years of neglect during the Trump-era. In the early months of the administration, the department announced investigations into three major police departments -- a 180-degree turn from the last administration, which was highly skeptical of such systemic reviews. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

NBC: Parents in Michigan, Virginia sue DOJ over response to school board threats, Erik Ortiz, October 20, 2021, 5:15 PM

Parents in Washtenaw County, Michigan, have accused a school district near Ann Arbor of trying to "indoctrinate" students when it comes to transgender policies, sex education curriculum and the teaching of critical race theory. In Loudoun County, Virginia, a suburb of Washington and a hot spot for the friction surrounding diversity and equity programs, several parents claim that a school district supports critical race theory and promotes transgender policies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Epoch Times](#), [NY Post](#)

Law360: Blackbaud Can't Shake Negligence Claims In Data Breach Row, Allison Grande, October 20, 2021, 9:57 PM

A South Carolina federal judge has preserved a pair of negligence claims while cutting two other allegations from a consolidated putative class action over a 2020 ransomware attack on Blackbaud, after rejecting the software company's argument that it didn't have a duty to protect plaintiffs from the hack. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courthouse News: Full Sixth Circuit takes up legality of bump stocks, Kevin Koeninger, October 20, 2021, 7:51 PM

Bump stocks used to increase the rate of fire on semiautomatic weapons can be banned as

machine guns under federal law because of ambiguous language in the relevant statute, the federal government argued Wednesday before the full Sixth Circuit. The federal government seeks to overturn a decision from March in which a divided Sixth Circuit panel determined several gun rights groups should have been granted an injunction to prevent criminalization of bump stocks. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: **Massage Envy's \$10 Million Class Action Deal Undone on Appeal**, Holly Barker, October 20, 2021, 5:03 PM

Massage Envy's \$10 million voucher settlement to resolve class claims over unilateral membership price increases fell apart Wednesday after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated approval of the deal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: **New Jersey Vehicle Parts Supplier Settles Buy American Claims**, Daniel Seiden, October 20, 2021, 5:03 PM

A New Jersey-based supplier of vehicle parts to the military will pay \$850,000 to resolve allegations it breached contracts with the federal government and violated the False Claims Act by selling items manufactured in prohibited countries, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCBD-NBC/CW (Charleston, SC): **\$1.25M settlement reached with SC family practice clinics for billing unnecessary services**, Tim Renaud, October 20, 2021, 1:02 PM

A \$1.25 million settlement has been reached with family practice clinics in South Carolina for billing unnecessary services to federal health programs. According to acting U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, M. Rhett DeHart, Colonial Family Practice, LLC, filed claims for medically unnecessary nuclear stress tests ordered by two doctors with the organization between February 22, 2012, and November 26, 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: **9th Circ. nixes order mandating more COVID protections for ICE detainees**, Daniel Wiessner, October 20, 2021, 7:16 PM

A divided U.S. appeals court on Wednesday threw out a judge's order requiring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take steps to stop the spread of COVID-19 at roughly 250 immigrant detention centers around the country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [Law360](#), [National Review](#), [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [Washington Times](#)

AP: **US bars disposable gloves from Malaysia over forced labor**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 4:19 PM

The U.S. government ordered a halt Wednesday to imports of disposable gloves from a Malaysian company and its subsidiaries after determining they rely on forced labor. Customs and Border Protection issued an order to stop any inbound shipments from Supermax Corporation Berhad and three subsidiaries. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: **Biden under pressure as U.S.-Mexico border arrests reach record highs**, Kristina

Cooke, October 20, 2021, 2:06 PM

U.S. authorities arrested 1.7 million migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border this fiscal year, the most ever recorded, according to a U.S. government source familiar with the numbers, underscoring the stark political and humanitarian challenges the Biden administration faces on immigration. The current numbers for the 2021 fiscal year, which began last October, topped a previous high in 2000. The numbers were first reported by the Washington Post. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Senate Republicans slam Biden for border crisis, allege Dems won't hold a hearing on migrant surge, Tyler Olson, October 20, 2021, 8:00 PM

Three Republicans on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) held a border security "round table" Wednesday at which they and several witnesses, including former Department of Homeland Security officials, blamed President Biden for the crisis at the southwestern border. "Why are we here?" Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., asked to begin the event. "Sen. Peters would not hold a hearing." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Border apprehensions hit new yearly high as another migrant caravan gathers in Mexico, Julia Ainsley, October 20, 2021, 5:15 PM

Apprehensions of undocumented migrants crossing the southern U.S. border passed 1.7 million in fiscal 2021 to hit an all-time high, according to Customs and Border Protection data obtained by NBC News, as U.S. officials turn their attention to a huge new caravan of migrants in southern Mexico that may head north as soon as this weekend. The caravan gathered in Tapachula near the Mexico-Guatemala border includes thousands of migrants fleeing Haiti, Venezuela, Cuba and other Latin American countries, say two Department of Homeland Security officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Justice Department eliminates Trump-era case quotas for immigration judges, Priscilla Alvarez, October 20, 2021, 2:57 PM

The Justice Department is ending the use of case quotas for immigration judges that became a point of contention during the Trump administration for undercutting judges' authority and discretion, according to an email obtained by CNN. Immigration judges -- employees of the Justice Department -- are charged with following the policies set by each administration. They ultimately decide cases on whether an immigrant can remain in the United States or will be removed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Biden Admin. Drives 'Remain In Mexico' Fight Amid Criticism, Jennifer Doherty, October 20, 2021, 7:47 PM

The Biden administration struck back at a Texas federal judge's order to restart the Remain in Mexico program in its appellate reply brief Tuesday, calling the court's read of the federal immigration statute "deeply intrusive," as groups on both sides criticized the government's handling of the program's end. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Walks Back Trump-Era Quotas For Immigration Judges, Grace Dixon, October 20, 2021, 6:55 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has walked back yearly quotas imposed on immigration judges,

the National Association of Immigration Judges confirmed on Wednesday, upending Trump-era benchmarks intended to expedite proceedings amid a nationwide backlog. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 5th Circ. Wants DOJ Input On Full Court Review Of ICE Policy, Katie Buehler, October 20, 2021, 4:17 PM

The Fifth Circuit on Wednesday asked the federal government to respond to Texas and Louisiana's petition for the full appellate court to review a panel's decision allowing the Biden administration's policy curbing immigration enforcement operations to remain in place. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Texas congresswoman wants asylum-seekers out of CBP custody and into new 'humanitarian centers', Julian Resendiz, October 20, 2021, 10:34 PM

A border lawmaker has introduced a bill to take asylum-seekers out of the custody of immigration enforcement agencies as soon as possible and place them in processing centers run by administrators and refugee specialists. The Reimagining Asylum Processing Act also would ban credible fear interviews – a critical first step for migrants to establish an asylum claim – from being conducted while in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Law360: DOL Says \$2.7B BCBS Deal Puts Employers Over ERISA Plans, Bryan Koenig, October 20, 2021, 6:25 PM

The U.S. Department of Labor urged an Alabama federal judge Tuesday to force a partial do-over of the \$2.67 billion deal resolving subscriber antitrust claims against the Blue Cross Blue Shield network, arguing the settlement improperly excludes health plans from receiving payouts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Claims Still Ripe In Maraschino Cherries Fight, Court Says, Matthew Santoni, October 20, 2021, 6:02 PM

A New Jersey federal judge said an importer and a distributor of maraschino cherries can continue with their unfair competition suit against a pair of rivals because they'd adequately spelled out how they were harmed by the alleged knockoffs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: UnitedHealth Enters Antitrust Fray Over Gilead's HIV Drugs, Mike Leonard, October 20, 2021, 1:41 PM

A UnitedHealth Group Inc. unit joined the legal dispute over Truvada and other blockbuster HIV drugs made by Gilead Sciences Inc., filing federal antitrust claims in Minneapolis over Gilead's alleged scheme to corner the market by delaying the rollout of generic versions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Audubon lawsuit over Quivira Wildlife Refuge water dismissed, Unattributed, October

20, 2021, 7:00 PM

A federal judge on Friday dismissed a lawsuit filed by Audubon of Kansas over water rights at the Quivira Wildlife Refuge in central Kansas. Audubon sued the U.S. Department of Interior and other federal and state agencies in January, alleging they had not protected senior water rights at the 22,135-acre refuge near the town of Stafford. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: **Judge tosses lawsuit saying U.S. botched marine wildlife records**, Sebastien Malo, October 20, 2021, 5:49 PM

A federal judge in San Francisco on Wednesday threw out a lawsuit claiming the Fish and Wildlife Service failed to update records used to gauge the health of Pacific walruses and other marine mammals, leaving the animals more vulnerable to commercial activities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courthouse News: **Threatened snake wins 447 miles of protected streams in Southwest**, Nicholas Iovino, October 20, 2021, 9:00 PM

The U.S. government on Wednesday set aside more than 400 miles of streams in Arizona and New Mexico as protected habitat for an endangered snake whose survival is threatened on multiple fronts. The designation is expected to help restore the population of narrow-headed garter snakes in the Southwest. [...] Federal agencies must now consult with Fish and Wildlife whenever certain actions, such as approvals for mining projects or cattle grazing, might damage or destroy the snake's habitat. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **Biden Administration Pauses Mineral Leasing In NE Minn.**, Joyce Hanson, October 20, 2021, 8:53 PM

The Biden administration said Wednesday it will hold off on any new mineral leasing in Northeast Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and surrounding watershed while the federal government studies potential mining impacts and gathers science and public input. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **Groups Tell 9th Circ. Feds Can Be Forced To Restore Nature**, Morgan Conley, October 20, 2021, 7:05 PM

A Native American environmental group and an animal rights organization doubled down on their efforts to get the Ninth Circuit to revive their suit claiming that federal policies on fossil fuels, agriculture and forestry violate their constitutional right to be left alone in the wilderness. In a brief Tuesday, Seeding Sovereignty and the Animal Legal Defense Fund fought the federal government's attempts to paint as "radical" their efforts to stop the degradation of public lands so that the environment can naturally restore itself. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **Wind Farm Can't Take \$71M Winter Storm Suit To State Court**, Clark Mindock, October 20, 2021, 4:42 PM

A Texas wind farm that was forced to stop production during the state's deadly winter storm in February can't litigate a \$71 million bill from JP Morgan Chase into state court, a federal judge said Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Law360: **ND's DAPL Protest Suit Survives Feds' Bid To Gut Claims***, Andrew Westney, October 20, 2021, 4:08 PM

A North Dakota federal judge has rejected a bid to slash the state's suit seeking \$38 million from the federal government for allegedly failing to control demonstrations against the Dakota Access Pipeline, saying the state clearly can try to recoup its costs to deal with the protests under the Federal Tort Claims Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Bloomberg Law: **Biden DOJ Won't Appeal Tossed ConocoPhillips Project Approval***, Maya Earls, October 20, 2021, 3:29 PM

A federal judge's decision to halt ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc.'s oil and gas development plan in the National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska will remain in place after the Biden administration declined to file an appeal. Conservation groups that challenged the federal government's approval of the company's Willow Master Development Plan celebrated the passing of the Tuesday deadline to appeal the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska's decision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360: **EPA Settles Bee Die-Off Pesticide Suit With NRDC***, Clark Mindock, October 20, 2021, 3:08 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday agreed to analyze within three years whether certain active ingredients used in pesticides might impact endangered species, after an environmental group challenged approvals for the chemicals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

*Law360: **Ex-IRS Taxpayer Advocate Worker Charged With Tax Fraud***, Theresa Schliep, October 20, 2021, 4:21 PM

A former employee with the Taxpayer Advocate Service at the Internal Revenue Service has been charged with filing false tax returns while on the job and trying to obstruct agency investigations.[...] [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WWL-CBS (New Orleans, LA): **Top private building inspector charged with tax fraud***, David Hammer, October 21, 2021, 12:06 AM

Federal prosecutors charged the leading private construction and building inspector in the New Orleans area with conspiracy to commit tax fraud. Randy Farrell has been in investigators' crosshairs as the owner of IECI & Associates, a company that handles most of the third-party building inspections on behalf of the city of New Orleans and other municipalities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WVUE-Fox (New Orleans, LA): **Federal prosecutors ask to show jury details of lavish spending at DA Jason Williams' tax fraud trial***, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 4:21 PM
Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason Williams' persistent defrauding of the federal government is apparent in annual spending records that do not jibe with the income he reported in several years of tax returns, federal prosecutors told a judge in a new court filing Tuesday (Oct. 20). [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: FBI: Items linked to Laundrie, potential human remains found, Curt Anderson, October 20, 2021, 5:00 PM

Potential human remains were found Wednesday in a Florida wilderness area along with items believed to belong to Brian Laundrie, whose girlfriend, Gabby Petito, was found slain after he returned home alone from their cross-country road trip, according to the FBI. Michael McPherson, chief of the Tampa FBI office, said at a news conference that it will take time to identify the remains, which forensic teams were examining. McPherson said they were found near a backpack and a notebook linked to Laundrie. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [KMGH-ABC \(Denver, CO\)](#), [NBC](#), [Newsday](#), [NYT](#), [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Times](#), [WaPo](#), [WFLA-NBC \(Tampa, FL\)](#), [WHP-CBS \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#), [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WV News \(West Virginia\)](#)

USA Today: 8 missing endangered children recovered, 18 sex offenders arrested in Louisiana, US Marshals say, Celina Tebor, October 21, 2021, 1:12 AM

Multiple task forces recovered eight missing and endangered children and arrested 18 sex offenders in Louisiana as part of a two-month investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service announced Tuesday. Operations "Return of the School Year" and "NO Saints and Sinners 2021" ran in the New Orleans area from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 as part of two U.S. Marshals task forces, according to a news release. They also uncovered multiple sex offenders with prior convictions involving children, the statement adds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WWLP-NBC/CW \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

Washington Times: Chris Van Hollen renews call to build FBI headquarters in Maryland, Emily Zantow, October 20, 2021, 4:00 PM

Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen wants to restart the yearslong effort to build a new FBI headquarters after he says former President Donald Trump scrapped those plans for his own personal gain. "For the last four years, President Trump did all he could to block our efforts to construct a new FBI consolidated headquarters that meets the security and capacity needs of the bureau solely because it stood to hurt his personal financial interests," said Mr. Van Hollen, a Democrat. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NY Daily News: FBI seeks additional victims after Brooklyn man charged with luring underage girls into filming sex vids, John Anesse, October 20, 2021, 8:35 PM

A Brooklyn man is accused of trying to lure underage girls into filming sexually explicit videos by promising them modeling gigs — and the feds are worried there may be dozens more victims. Rigorberto Garcia, 33, who's illegally in the U.S. from Mexico, is charged with several counts of coercion and enticement, and sexual exploitation of a minor, in a Brooklyn federal court indictment unsealed Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man arrested in connection with summer shooting: police, Becky Metrick, October 20, 2021, 4:02 PM

A Harrisburg man is in custody this week, accused of a shooting and separate burglary from the same day, police said Wednesday. According to police, 38-year-old Kuami Wright was involved in a shooting on July 11, in the first block of North 20th Street. He also is accused of committing a burglary that same day, in the Allison Hill neighborhood. [...] Wright was arrested by members of Harrisburg police and the U.S. Marshals Service on Tuesday and is being held at Dauphin County Prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFOR-NBC (Oklahoma City, OK): U.S. Marshals offering \$5,000 reward for information leading to a deadly Del City shooting suspect's arrest; he's been on the run for nearly two years, Katelyn Ogle, October 20, 2021, 11:27 PM

U.S. Marshals are searching for a deadly shooting suspect who has been on the run for nearly two years since allegedly killing a young man in Del City. Investigators are now offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to his arrest. "It just needs to be taken care of," said Callen Stephens, Supervisory Deputy with the U.S. Marshals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WGRZ-NBC (Buffalo, NY): Niagara Falls man arrested in connection to stabbing in Wheatfield, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 11:13 PM

A Niagara County man accused of what police are calling a brutal stabbing is now behind bars after being pursued by several law enforcement agencies on Wednesday. Marques Green, 28, of Niagara Falls is suspected of leading authorities on a high speed chase that ended in a crash, sending four people to the hospital. He faces charges of first-degree assault and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, both of which are felonies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): 'We've had multiple seizures': DEA Denver Division shares uptick, danger of counterfeit pills, CB Cotton, October 20, 2021, 9:50 PM

This month, the Drug Enforcement Administration launched its "One Pill Can Kill" campaign to raise awareness of counterfeit pill dangers. Colorado has a front row seat as the drugs are trafficked through the country. "These pills nowadays are manufactured in clandestine laboratories south of our border, and they arrive across the Southwest border. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPDE-ABC (Florence, SC): Law enforcement agencies prepare for prescription drug take-back event, Carlos Flores, October 20, 2021, 9:30 PM

In a 2019 national survey on drug use and health, nearly ten million people misused prescription pain relievers. On Oct. 23, the Florence and Myrtle Beach Police Departments are participating in the DEA-sponsored drug take-back day. The event allows community members to turn in prescription medications that they no longer need in hopes they don't fall into the wrong hands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#), [WSFA-NBC \(Montgomery, AL\)](#)

WTOL-CBS (Toledo, OH): Seneca County students learn about the chemistry of explosives, Jonathan Monk, October 20, 2021, 7:54 PM

The in-person demonstration was performed by acting ATF and FBI agents. You probably remember having a blast on school field trips, but what about seeing them? On Wednesday, forensics and chemistry students from Tiffin visited the Hanson Aggregate quarry for an

explosive demonstration. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTIC-Fox (Hartford, CT): **FBI brings federal sex charges against**, Matt Caron, October 20, 2021, 7:59 PM

New details are emerging in a disturbing sexual assault case involving a former local teen basketball coach. A 16-page federal affidavit details how 30-year-old Danny Lawhorn allegedly used his position of authority in an amateur basketball league to entice a 17-year-old female player into having sex. The affidavit alleges that she is not the only victim. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): **Fund established for ATF agent injured in shootout**, Alex Denis, October 20, 2021, 7:51 PM

A support fund has been established to support the family of ATF Special Agent Adam Daniels as authorities stayed by his bedside at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Daniels was wounded during a shoot-out with a federal drug suspect on October 5. The Executive Director of the National Police Defense Foundation Joseph Occhipinti is committed to stepping up when tragedy strikes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): **Bomb squad dismantles incendiary device in Silverdale**, Jonathan Monk, October 20, 2021, 7:28 PM

The Washington State Patrol bomb squad has dismantled an incendiary device found in a Silverdale parking lot. Kitsap County deputies and firefighters were called to a report of suspicious activity in the 2200 block of Bucklin Hill Road in Silverdale at 10 p.m. on Tuesday. The device was found in the parking lot behind Tractor Supply Company and Happy Nails and Spa. Authorities secured the area and called the bomb squad. [...] Kitsap County detectives, WSP bomb squad technicians, the Kitsap County Fire Marshal, members of Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, the FBI and ATF are investigating at the scene. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMBD-CBS (Peoria, IL): **Eureka chiropractor raided by FBI**, Carlos Flores, October 20, 2021, 7:18 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation on Tuesday raided a chiropractor office in Eureka. FBI Springfield spokesperson Rebecca Cramblit confirmed the FBI was in Eureka on "court-authorized law enforcement activity" at 1932 South Main Street in Eureka, but would not disclose additional details. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCBS-CBS (New York, NY): **FBI Doubles Reward For Information In Acid Attack On Hofstra Student Nafiah Ikram**, Jennifer McLogan, October 20, 2021, 6:55 PM

The FBI is now involved in the case of the Hofstra University student burned and blinded in a horrific acid attack, and the reward for information has grown to \$40,000. CBS2's Jennifer McLogan spoke with the family on Wednesday. When asked how she gets the courage and strength to fight, Nafiah Ikram said, "A lot of it has to do with prayers. I am very spiritual, especially since this happened to me." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WAFB-CBS (Baton Rouge, LA): **Arrest warrant issued for girlfriend of teen who escaped from juvenile detection center**, Unattributed, October 20, 2021, 6:45 PM

An arrest warrant has been issued for the girlfriend of the teen who escaped from the East Baton Rouge Juvenile Detention Center last week. U.S. Marshals say they tracked the cell phone of Malik Williams' girlfriend, Shameka Holloman, 20, which shows she went from Monroe to Baton Rouge the day after the escape. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH): How gun stores work with federal agencies to keep guns out of the wrong hands, Jamie Ostroff, October 20, 2021, 6:10 PM

NBC4 Investigates went behind the scenes at firearm stores to learn how the private sector works with law enforcement to keep guns out of dangerous hands. While a large portion of guns used in crimes are stolen, according to agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), some crime guns can be traced to straw purchases. A straw purchase is when a person who can legally buy a firearm makes the purchase for someone who is not legally permitted. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Alabama man faces 2nd execution date this year for killing, Unattributed, October 21, 2021, 1:00 AM

An Alabama man who avoided execution in February is scheduled to be put to death Thursday for the 1991 killing of a woman taken at gunpoint from an ATM location and shot in a cemetery. Willie B. Smith III, 52, is set to receive a lethal injection at 6 p.m. CDT at a southwest Alabama prison for his conviction in the kidnapping and murder of 22-year-old Sharma Ruth Johnson. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOKI-Fox (Tulsa, OK): Federal lawsuit could postpone upcoming executions in Oklahoma, Sara Whaley, October 20, 2021, 4:05 PM

Last month, the State of Oklahoma announced execution dates for six death row inmates, including Julius Jones. As supporters of Julius Jones continue to rally ahead of his Nov. 18 execution date, the state is preparing to execute John Grant. Clemency was denied earlier this month for Grant, who was convicted of killing a woman in Osage County in 1998. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Federal appeals court won't stop health worker COVID mandate, David Sharp, October 20, 2021, 7:00 PM

A federal appeals court dealt another blow to a lawsuit targeting Maine's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers, resulting in an 11th-hour appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday. A three-judge panel of the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declined to stop the vaccine requirement, saying a lawsuit brought by opponents of the mandate was unlikely to succeed. The state is due to begin enforcing the vaccine requirement on Oct. 29. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Reuters: 9th Circuit nominee Holly Thomas defends prior role as civil rights advocate, Mike Scarcella, October 20, 2021, 4:22 PM

Holly Thomas on Wednesday defended her prior civil rights advocacy amid questions from U.S. Senate judiciary committee members who are weighing her nomination to serve on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Law360](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

KJRH-NBC (Tulsa, OK): McGirt report shows impact of decision on federal, tribal agencies, Katie Keleher, October 20, 2021, 7:30 PM

A new report is showing the impact the McGirt decision is having on criminal cases in Oklahoma. The study was commissioned by the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office, paid for by the Department of Justice and done by two ORU professors. This report looks at how the U.S. Attorney's Office, Cherokee Nation and Muscogee Nation are handling cases referred by the Tulsa County DA's Office from July 2020 through May 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: 'Illinois High Court Consolidates Challenges To Pot Licensing, Sam Reisman, October 20, 2021, 7:15 PM

The Illinois Supreme Court has ordered the consolidation of six cases challenging the state's recent award of cannabis business licenses in Chicago state court after the Illinois Attorney General's Office warned that litigating them separately could result in incompatible rulings. In an order entered Monday, the high court agreed to join the matters, which variously allege a host of problems with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's system for doling out licenses for the state's new adult-use cannabis market. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: Purdue Asks To Pay Ch. 11 Costs Of Government Committees, Vince Sullivan, October 20, 2021, 6:03 PM

Bankrupt drugmaker Purdue Pharma LP asked for permission from a New York judge late Tuesday to pay \$12.4 million in fees and expenses incurred by committees of nonconsenting state and local governments during a Chapter 11 plan mediation process. In its motion, Purdue said the ad hoc group of nonconsenting states, the ad hoc committee of governmental entities and the multistate governmental entities group that participated in the mediation helped achieve agreements on the debtor's bankruptcy plan that was confirmed last month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

WSJ: Senate Republicans Block Democrats From Taking Up Revised Voting-Rights

Legislation, Siobhan Hughes, October 20, 2021, 4:25 PM

Senate Democrats' latest effort to overhaul election rules nationwide was blocked Wednesday by Republicans, leaving the effort at a standstill and progressive activists frustrated. All Democrats voted to cut off debate and advance the "Freedom to Vote Act," but Republicans were united in opposition, leaving it short of the 60 required votes. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D., N.Y.) then changed his vote to no, making the final tally 49 in favor and 51 opposed. Mr. Schumer's parliamentary maneuver would enable him to bring the bill up again at a later date. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: OCTOBER 20, 2021

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Potential human remains were found Wednesday in a Florida wilderness area along with items believed to belong to Brian Laundrie, whose girlfriend, Gabby Petito, was found slain after he returned home alone from their cross-country road trip, according to the FBI. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- More than three years after 17 students were killed in the Parkland school shooting, gunman Nikolas Cruz pleaded guilty to 17 counts of murder and 17 counts of attempted murder in a Florida courtroom. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Still struggling to unite a Democratic divide over his spending plan, President Biden took his pitch to his childhood hometown. This comes as Biden lowered the target to between \$1.7 trillion and \$1.9 trillion and scaled back on key programs. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- US regulators on Wednesday signed off on extending COVID-19 boosters to Americans who got the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine and said anyone eligible for an extra dose can get a brand different from the one they received initially. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- In an interview with Lester Holt, Dr. Anthony Fauci discusses plans for distributing Covid-19 vaccines for children, how he anticipates the public will respond, and more. [[NBC](#)]
- Haiti's Justice Minister tells NBC News that the gang demanded a ransom of \$1 million per person, and that it's not clear where the missionaries are being held. It's estimated that gangs control as much as half of Port-au-Prince. [[NBC](#)]
- The NFL agreed to end race-based adjustments in dementia testing that critics said made it difficult for Black retirees to qualify for awards in the \$1 billion settlement of concussion claims, according to a proposed deal filed Wednesday in federal court. [[ABC](#)]
- Amid a nationwide shortage of truck drivers and warehouse workers, one business owner in Colorado says he is facing a 40% decline in sales this year. [[CBS](#)]
- Hamtramck joined a growing number of Michigan cities with serious water quality issues. Now, more than 75% of kids in the state have detectable lead levels in their blood. [[CBS](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Biden abruptly accelerates his involvement in agenda talks" [[WaPo](#), [NYT](#)]
- "A 30-Year Campaign to Control Drug Prices Faces Yet Another Failure" [[NYT](#)]

- “WeWork Set to Begin Trading, Two Years After Failed IPO” [[WSJ](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Fox: **[OPINION] Biden's G-men go rogue**, Jason Chaffetz, June 6, 2022, 5:00 AM
Surprise! The Biden Justice Department, led by Attorney General Merrick Garland, will not be prosecuting lawbreakers within its ranks. The Inspector General (IG) for the Department of Justice (DOJ) released its semiannual report to Congress of cases for which the IG recommends prosecutions. But in case after case, the DOJ is declining to prosecute its own. The one notable exception is Bureau of Prisons (BOP) personnel, who still have reason to fear repercussions if they break the law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **DOJ declines to charge Meadows and Scavino with contempt of Congress**, Evan Perez, Ryan Nobles and Gloria Borger, June 5, 2022, 7:37 PM
The Department of Justice has informed the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, insurrection that it will not indict two former Trump White House officials found in contempt by the committee. According to a source familiar with the notification, US Attorney Matt Graves notified Doug Letter, the House general counsel, that the Justice Department had completed its review and had decided it "will not be initiating prosecutions for criminal contempt, as requested in the referral against Messrs Meadows and Scavino." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

USA Today: **After Jan. 6, lawmakers want to clarify that vice presidents have ceremonial role in counting votes**, Bart Jansen, June 6, 2022, 6:11 AM

An archaic law was at the heart of President Donald Trump's attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 election. Now attempts to update the confusing and contradictory statute have become the most likely legislative remedy to emerge from the investigation of the Capitol attack of Jan. 6, 2021. Expect the 1887 Electoral Count Act to be raised during this month's public hearings of the Jan. 6 committee, which will focus in part on how Trump and his allies leaned on ambiguities in the law to pressure then-Vice President Mike Pence to reject certain state electors and hand the election to Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: **How a New York County Used the State's 'Red Flag' Law to Seize 160 Guns**, Andy Newman, Benjamin Weiser and Ashley Southall, June 5, 2022, 7:16 PM

The boy made his threat aboard a school bus. In late March, a 16-year-old in Suffolk County, N.Y., 60 miles east of New York City, told fellow students that he wanted to shoot their heads off, according to court records. He told the police that he wanted to hurt himself with a shotgun at his house. [...] On Thursday, President Biden implored Congress to pass a federal red flag law, though such measures face stiff resistance from Republicans who contend the red flag process can be abused to take away an innocent person's fundamental right to own guns. There are also negotiations in Washington on offering incentives for more states to pass red flag laws — New York is one of 19 that has one, along with the District of Columbia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **[OPINION] GOP efforts to 'counterprogram' January 6 hearings will fail**, Dean Obeidallah, June 5, 2022, 8:12 PM

The long-awaited hearings by the House select committee investigating the January 6 insurrection of the US Capitol kick off Thursday in prime time. Per the committee's tweet last week, the proceedings aim to "provide the American people with a summary of our findings about the coordinated, multi-step effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Federal judge whose son was killed two years ago calls for greater judicial protections after former Wisconsin judge killed**, Eric Levenson and Boris Sanchez, June 5, 2022, 12:30 PM

Days after a former Wisconsin judge was killed in his home, a federal judge whose son was killed in a similar targeted attack nearly two years ago reiterated her push to better protect the judiciary. "My reaction is heartache. My heart is broken. Another family is going to have to endure what Mark and I have been living with for now 23 months," US District Court Judge Esther Salas told CNN Sunday. "It is senseless. It is dangerous. And we need to start protecting judges all over this country." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: **Trey Gowdy Says FBI Lost Sussmann Trial, Not John Durham**, Khaleda Rahman, June 6, 2022, 3:57 AM

Fox News host Trey Gowdy said it was the FBI that lost the trial against a lawyer whose firm represented Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. Gowdy made the remarks on his show, Sunday Night in America, after Michael Sussmann was acquitted of lying to the FBI last week in the first courtroom test of special counsel John Durham's investigation.

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NPR: **[AUDIO] Jan. 6 hearings hit primetime TV this week**, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 4:48 PM

NPR's Elissa Nadworny speaks with Harry Litman, a law professor and former DOJ official, about the upcoming hearings from the committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol. [\[Listen\]](#)

Detroit News: **Autopsy sheds light on Oakland man killed in FBI domestic terror probe**, Robert Snell, June 5, 2022, 11:15 PM

Eric Mark-Matthew Allport, the anti-government extremist killed by FBI agents in the parking lot of a Madison Heights steakhouse, was shot once in the back and three times in the head, according to an autopsy report obtained by The Detroit News. Circumstances surrounding the 43-year-old Madison Heights man's death have been shrouded in secrecy in the nearly two years since the shooting because FBI investigators have refused to discuss the incident in detail and delayed deciding whether to release an internal review amid a nationwide outcry over the use of lethal force by law enforcement officers.

Meanwhile, the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office repeatedly refused requests from The News for a copy of the man's autopsy report but released the document recently after the newspaper successfully appealed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NY Daily News: **Former Air Force sergeant tied to boogaloo movement sentenced for murder of federal officer**, Kate Feldman, June 5, 2022, 4:01 PM

A former Air Force sergeant who pleaded guilty to the first-degree murder of a government employee and attempted murder of another was sentenced Friday to 41 years in prison. Steven Carrillo, 34, pleaded guilty in February to the shooting death of Protective Services Officer Dave Patrick Underwood and the injury of a second security contractor outside the Oakland Federal Courthouse in May 2020 during the protests over the death of George Floyd. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): **As national cybersecurity threats grow, why Texas could be a target**, Kelsey Thompson, June 5, 2022, 11:53 PM

In the digital age, cybersecurity threats have become a common tool used among political adversaries, especially amid conflicts between Russia and the United States. But among the various forms of cybersecurity threats, there's been a rising focus on the energy sector — and Texas could be a key target for foreign interference, security experts say. "I think

Texas is absolutely a target,” said Morgan Wright, chief security advisor for SentinelOne. “Just recently in Germany....there was a type of malware called AcidRain which Sentinel Labs had found out it attacks specifically the routers and modems that supplied connectivity to 5,800 wind turbines. They attack the energy grid, they attack the power grid.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKBT-CBS (La Crosse, WI): DOJ- the man accused of killing a retired county Juneau County judge reportedly had other targets, Amy DuPont, June 5, 2022, 6:45 PM

The man accused of killing a retired county Juneau County judge reportedly had other targets including Governor Tony Evers and Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. According to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, 56-year-old Douglas K. Uhde shot and killed Judge John Roemer Friday inside Roemer’s New Lisbon home. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [NY Post](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: Factbox: Facts about the U.S. House probe of the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol, Patricia Zengerle, June 6, 2022, 6:04 AM

The Democratic-led U.S. House of Representative Select Committee probing the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol has been doing its work for almost a year, interviewing witnesses and amassing documents ahead of public hearings set to start on June 9. Here are some facts about the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: An infamous day. A search for answers. Will America tune in?, Calvin Woodward, June 6, 2022, 6:00 AM

Americans are processing the nightmare of the slaughter of children in Texas, the racist murders in Buffalo, New York, and the other numbingly repeated scenes of carnage in the United States. They’re contending with what feels like highway robbery at the gas pump, they’re nagged by a virus that the world can’t shake, and they’re split into two hostile camps over politics and culture — the twin pillars of the nation’s foundation. They’ve already been through two set-piece dramas of presidential impeachment — indeed, through the wringer on all things Donald Trump. Now, beginning in prime time on Thursday, the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol is setting out to establish the historical record of an event damaging not only to a community or individual families but to the collective idea of democracy itself. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: The Jan. 6 committee begins hearings with a big challenge: capture public attention, Peter Nicholas and Scott Wong, June 6, 2022, 4:32 AM

Seldom has a set of congressional hearings opened amid so much anticipation and, at the same time, so little guarantee of success. The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol will hold the first of at least a half-dozen public hearings this week,

having already promised stunning revelations that would lay bare just how dangerously close the U.S. came to losing its democracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Cheney says January 6 attack was part of a 'well-organized' conspiracy ahead of prime-time hearing, Paul LeBlanc and Sarah Fortinsky, June 5, 2022, 11:00 PM

Rep. Liz Cheney, one of just two Republicans on the House select committee investigating the January 6 insurrection, has asserted that the attack was part of an "extremely well-organized" conspiracy. The Wyoming lawmaker's comments to CBS "Sunday Morning" come before the panel is set to hold its first public hearing on June 9 at 8 p.m. ET. The prime-time presentation will be an overview of the committee's 10-month investigation and set the stage for subsequent hearings, which are expected to cover certain topics or themes, sources previously told CNN. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: [VIDEO] Ex-Trump White House adviser: Trump administration needs to be punished, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 10:00 PM

Former Trump White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham reacts to news that the Department of Justice will not indict two former Trump White House officials found in contempt by the Jan. 6 committee. [\[Watch\]](#)

CNN: House Democrat expects 'disturbing' new evidence at January 6 hearings, Sarah Fortinsky, June 5, 2022, 8:00 PM

Democratic Rep. David Cicilline said Saturday "disturbing" new evidence would be presented at the upcoming January 6 committee hearings, stressing the significance of this process. "This is our democracy. This was the greatest assault on American democracy in my lifetime. The world is watching to see how we respond to this," the Rhode Island Democrat told CNN. Cicilline, a former Trump impeachment manager, said the House select committee investigating the January 6 insurrection of the US Capitol has significantly more evidence than it did in 2021 during the second impeachment of former President Donald Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Jan. 6 panel seeks to break through with primetime programming, Rebecca Beitsch, June 6, 2022, 5:25 AM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol is preparing for a crucial week as it prepares to finally share with the public the fruits of its monthslong investigation into the riot in primetime on Thursday. The 8 p.m. hearing kicking off a series of meetings shows the committee is eager to reach a broad segment of Americans and relay the extent to which democracy itself was at stake that day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Axios: Scoop: Jan. 6 committee's private divide, Jonathan Swan and Hans Nichols, June 5, 2022, 7:16 PM

The House's Jan. 6 committee has split behind the scenes over what actions to take after the public hearings: Some members want big changes on voting rights — and even to

abolish the Electoral College — while others are resisting proposals to overhaul the U.S. election system, Axios has learned. Why it matters: Televised hearings begin Thursday night. Committee members are in lockstep about capturing Americans' attention by unfurling a mountain of evidence connecting former President Trump and those close to him with the attack on the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Axios: **Former GOP congressman: Jan. 6 was an "attempted coup" by Trump**, Ivana Saric, June 5, 2022, 4:01 PM

Former Republican Virginia Rep. Denver Riggleman told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday that he views the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as an attempted coup by former President Trump. The big picture: Riggleman said people around Trump had an "awareness" of what they were doing when they repeated "propaganda" and "conspiracy theories" that preceded the riot and mainlined "insanity into people's heads." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

LAT: **Orange County man to plead guilty to \$5-million COVID-19 relief loan scam**, Christian Martinez, June 5, 2022, 7:57 PM

An Orange County man has agreed to plead guilty to a \$5-million COVID-19 relief loan scam, the U.S. attorney's office said in a release. Raghavender Reddy Budamala, 35, of Irvine allegedly used relief loans to purchase a \$1.2-million "investment property" in Eagle Rock, a nearly \$600,000 property in Malibu and a "personal residence" in Irvine. Budamala deposited nearly \$3 million into a personal account, the U.S. attorney said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Corsicana Daily Sun (Corsicana, TX): **Area men on Southern Baptist list of accused sexual abusers**, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

In response to an explosive investigation, top Southern Baptists have released a previously secret list of hundreds of pastors and other church-affiliated personnel accused of sexual abuse, including several from the East Texas area. The 205-page database was recently made public and includes more than 700 entries from cases that largely span from 2000 to 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

North Denver News: **Felon convicted by Denver jury for illegal possession of ammunition**, James Python, June 5, 2022, 2:00 PM

Jurors convicted a 21-year-old man for illegally possessing ammunition following a deadly shootout in Denver in July 2020. Zyaire Williams was convicted Thursday in a federal courtroom of possession of ammunition by a prohibited person following a two-day trial, according to the US Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WAVY-NBC (Portsmouth, VA): **Tampa veteran sentenced to prison for defrauding VA**,

Dylan Abad, June 5, 2022, 7:47 PM

A Tampa veteran was ordered to pay thousands of dollars and serve time in federal prison after he attempted to steal government funds, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Barry Wayne Hoover, 51 of Tampa, was ordered to serve 27 months in federal prison and pay \$429,568.09 in restitution for making false statements and stealing government funds from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). [[Continue Reading](#)]

KBAK-CBS (Bakersfield, CA): Delano Resident Pleads Guilty to Unlawfully Possessing Firearm, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 7:30 PM

Francisco Javier Melgoza, 41, a Delano resident, pleaded guilty Friday to being a felon in possession of ammunition, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced. According to court documents, on June 25, 2021, a police officer encountered Melgoza driving a motorcycle in Shafter and discovered that Melgoza possessed a Polymer P80 9 mm handgun loaded with five rounds of ammunition, a 31-round high-capacity 9 mm magazine, and 16 grams of methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WATE-ABC (Knoxville, TN): Feds: Tennessee woman spent PPP loans on sports car, gambling, David Royer, Mike Suriani, June 5, 2022, 12:21 PM

A Memphis woman is accused of illegally obtaining thousands of dollars in federal PPP loans, and spending the money on personal travel, concerts, gambling and a new Maserati. Kenyatta Danielle Hooper, 34, was charged by a federal grand jury in May with six counts of wire fraud. She was arrested last week, according to U.S. Attorney Joseph C. Murphy of the Western District of Tennessee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Politico: Free-speech group will spend millions to promote First Amendment cases, Josh Gerstein, June 6, 2022, 5:01 AM

An advocacy group that has spent more than two decades fighting for free expression on college campuses is broadening its efforts to fight so-called cancel culture and other perceived threats to free speech across American society. The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education is renaming itself the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression and keeping the "FIRE" acronym as it launches a drive to promote greater acceptance of a diversity of views in the workplace, pop culture and elsewhere. Part of the push may challenge the American Civil Liberties Union's primacy as a defender of free speech. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Bloomberg: US, Latin America Are Developing Migration Pact to Address Surge, Eric Martin, June 5, 2022, 10:45 PM

The US, Latin America and Caribbean nations are working on a pact to reduce and manage undocumented migration that they will announce at a summit this week as the Biden administration faces a surge in arrivals. The group is discussing commitments to provide financial support for nations dealing with an influx of migrants, improving cooperation on controlling flows and providing legal jobs, according to a draft of a joint declaration being reviewed by participants and seen by Bloomberg News. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Bloomberg Law: Tyson, Pilgrim Execs Face DOJ's Third Trial Over Chicken Prices, Dan Papsun, June 5, 2022, 5:00 AM

The Department of Justice is launching its third attempt at convincing a jury that some chicken manufacturing executives violated federal antitrust law by colluding to fix prices. The trial against current and former executives of Tyson Foods Inc., Pilgrim's Pride Corp., and other companies, which starts Monday in the US District Court for the District of Colorado, underscores the DOJ antitrust regulators' insistence on seeing their claims through to the end— despite skepticism from industry proponents and even the court's judge. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Chicago police officer shot, taken to hospital, Joe Napsha, June 5, 2022, 5:26 PM
A Chicago police officer was shot Sunday on Chicago's South Side, according to fire and police officials. Chicago Police Department spokesman Tom Ahern tweeted Sunday afternoon that an officer from the department's 7th District had been shot was was being transported to the University of Chicago Hospital. [...] An officer with the U.S. Marshals Service's fugitive apprehension team and his police dog were shot Thursday on the city's Northwest Side while serving a warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): [VIDEO] Retired FBI agent '98% sure' two teachers stole \$160M painting in 1985. Now, it's finally on display, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 11:37 PM

Conservators discovered something the thieves did to the painting, featured in a WFAA documentary, after they violently snatched it from an Arizona gallery. [\[Watch\]](#)

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): Scene cleared after bomb squad called to FBI headquarters, Peggy Gallek, Ed Gallek, Laura Morrison, June 5, 2022, 11:36 PM
Sources tell the FOX 8 I-Team the bomb squad was called to the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters on Lakeside Avenue Sunday night. Cleveland police told the I-Team an unknown item was found outside. The scene is now reportedly clear after the item was found to be safe, police said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert joining FBI after retirement, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 11:16 PM

Retiring Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert is joining the FBI. According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Schubert told his staff he'd be taking a position at the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services headquarters in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Schubert announced his retirement at the end of May, with his last day scheduled for July 1. In his 29 years with the bureau, he served as a patrolman, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, commander, assistant chief and acting chief before being named chief in 2017. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WPXI-NBC \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

WLS-ABC (Chicago, IL): Chicago shooting: K-9 out of hospital after teen's shootout with US marshal, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 10:57 PM

A man accused of shooting a U.S. marshal and his K-9 dog while serving an arrest warrant on Chicago's Northwest Side was denied bail on Saturday. The K-9 is no longer in the hospital, officials said. Tarrion Johnson, 19, was arrested shortly after the shooting, Chicago police said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: A federal judge has denied an Arizona prisoner's bid to delay his execution in the 1984 killing of an 8-year-old girl, according to the ruling posted Sunday, Jacques Billeaud, June 5, 2022, 4:00 PM

A federal judge has denied an Arizona prisoner's bid to delay his execution in the 1984 killing of an 8-year-old girl, according to the ruling posted Sunday. U.S. District Judge Michael Liburdi's decision keeps on track Wednesday's scheduled execution of Frank Atwood, who argued the state's death penalty procedures would violate his constitutional right against cruel and unusual punishment by subjecting him to unimaginable pain. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Bipartisan drug sentencing reform isn't a pipe dream, Mark Levin, June 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

What if the same speeding ticket carried a different fine depending on the part of town you were in? This would strike most people as unfair, but such a disparity is not that far removed from current federal drug law, which applies dramatically different penalties to crimes involving two different forms of cocaine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

NYT: Supreme Court May Hear '800-Pound Gorilla' of Election Law Cases, Adam Liptak, June 6, 2022, 5:00 AM

In October 2020, with the presidential election looming, four conservative justices issued

opinions that seemed prepared to endorse a legal theory that would radically reshape how federal elections are conducted. The theory would give state legislatures independent power, not subject to review by state courts, to set election rules at odds with state constitutions, and to draw congressional maps warped by partisan gerrymandering. But the Supreme Court did not resolve the existence or scope of the theory, often called the independent state legislature doctrine, in cases concerning the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Guns, Religion, Immigration and Abortion: What's Ahead as Supreme Court Nears Session's End, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 10:27 AM

The Supreme Court is expected to issue at least one opinion on Monday as it closes out one of its most contentious sessions in recent years, including the unprecedented leak of a draft opinion that, if the majority holds, would overrule *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision recognizing abortion rights. The court has 33 cases from this term on which it still has to issue opinions, a process it normally concludes by early July. Here are 10 of the most important. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Five biggest issues to watch at Supreme Court as high-profile term ends, John Kruzel, June 5, 2022, 7:26 PM

As the most controversial Supreme Court term in recent memory winds down, the justices have yet to decide a whopping 33 cases, including blockbuster disputes over abortion, religion and guns. The justices are expected to wrap up their work by late June or early July, which means the coming weeks will see the Supreme Court make headlines with a slate of opinions that have the potential to dramatically reshape American life. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Exclusive: Biden to waive tariffs for 24 months on solar panels hit by probe, Jeff Mason, June 5, 2022, 11:55 PM

President Joe Biden will declare a 24-month tariff exemption on Monday for solar panels from four Southeast Asian nations after an investigation froze imports and stalled projects in the United States, sources familiar with the matter told Reuters. The move comes amid concern about the impact of the Commerce Department's months-long investigation into whether imports of solar panels from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam are circumventing tariffs on goods made in China. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

WaPo: Cheney says Jan. 6 attack was part of an 'extremely broad' conspiracy, John Kruzel, June 5, 2022, 7:46 PM

Liz Cheney says Jan. 6 was part of conspiracy. Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) said there was an “extremely broad” and “extremely well-organized” conspiracy by President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election — and that the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol was just one instance in “an ongoing threat” to democracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Senators say gun deal is within reach, but without Biden’s wish list, Mike DeBonis, June 5, 2022, 6:09 PM

Key senators said Sunday there is growing momentum to forge a bipartisan congressional response to recent mass shootings that could toughen federal gun laws for the first time in a generation. But a deal is not yet in hand, they warned, and the delicate talks are expected to continue for several more days as negotiators seek to garner enough Republican support to get a compromise bill through the Senate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

CBS: Schiff calls DOJ decision not to charge 2 Trump aides “deeply troubling”, Melissa Quinn, June 5, 2022, 12:39 PM

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California, a member of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol, harshly criticized a decision by the Justice Department not to prosecute two top aides to former President Donald Trump for defying congressional subpoenas, calling the move “deeply troubling.” In an interview with “Face the Nation” on Sunday, Schiff said it was “puzzling” that the Justice Department declined to charge former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and former deputy chief of staff Dan Scavino for refusing to cooperate with House investigators, but did indict former White House adviser Peter Navarro and Trump ally Steve Bannon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Bipartisan drug sentencing reform isn’t a pipe dream, Marc Levin, June 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

What if the same speeding ticket carried a different fine depending on the part of town you were in? This would strike most people as unfair, but such a disparity is not that far removed from current federal drug law, which applies dramatically different penalties to crimes involving two different forms of cocaine. Bipartisan legislation known as the “EQUAL Act” that would correct this disparity is now approaching the finish line — after originating in 1986. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): [VIDEO] Texas congressman says FBI should be lead agency investigating Uvalde school shooting, Unattributed, June 5, 2022, 3:21 PM

Congressman Joaquin Castro says a Department of Justice review into the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde is an important first step. [\[Watch\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 5, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Lindsay Davis

CBS: Evening News with Jericka Duncan

NBC: Nightly News with Did not air

- Gunfire in downtown Philadelphia killed three people and injured 11 more. In Tennessee, investigators believe a mass shooting involving multiple gunmen left three dead and 14 injured. People across the country are wondering if they will be next. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Democrat and Republican negotiators working on new gun legislation are hopeful they can reach a compromise despite their clear differences. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Almost a year after the formation of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, lawmakers are set to take their case public. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Millions are on the move for summer vacation despite crowded airports, crowded cruises and pricey hotel stays. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Russia took aim Sunday at Western military supplies for Ukraine, launching airstrikes on Kyiv that it claimed destroyed tanks donated from abroad, as Vladimir Putin warned that any Western deliveries of longer-range rocket systems would prompt Moscow to hit "objects that we haven't yet struck." [[ABC](#)]
- The suspect in the fatal shooting of a retired Wisconsin judge and the alleged creator of an apparent hit list targeting prominent politicians had been sentenced to six years in prison by the slain judge in 2005, according to court records. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

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- "Russia Seeks Buyers for Stolen Ukraine Grain, U.S. Warns" [[NYT](#)]
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US ATTORNEYS & DOJ GRANTS

Concord Monitor (Concord, NH): **New Hampshire's first safe house for human trafficking victims will open next year**, Cassidy Jensen, December 12, 2021, 9:00 AM

A half million dollars in federal grant money will finally allow a safe house for victims of human trafficking to open, the first transitional housing of its kind in New Hampshire. Executive Director Bethany Cottrell said the three-year grant of \$583,586 from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs will allow Brigid's House of Hope to sign a lease on a building and hire staff to support women escaping sex trafficking at a restorative safe house. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Ohio County Monitor (Beaver Dam, KY): **AG's Office awarded \$600,000 to provide transitional housing for human trafficking survivors**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 1:20 PM (EST)

Attorney General Daniel Cameron today announced that his office was awarded a \$600,000 federal grant from the Department of Justice to develop a transitional and short-term housing-assistance program for survivors of human trafficking. The Attorney General's Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution will develop the program in partnership with Refuge for Women, a nonprofit recovery program for survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: **Capitol rioters' social media posts influencing sentencings**, Michael Kunzelman, December 11, 2021, 10:28 PM (EST)

For many rioters who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, self-incriminating messages, photos and videos that they broadcast on social media before, during and after the insurrection are influencing even their criminal sentences. Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Amy Jackson read aloud some of Russell Peterson's posts about the riot before she sentenced the Pennsylvania man to 30 days imprisonment. "Overall I had fun lol," Peterson posted on

Facebook. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: ISIS propaganda figure pleads guilty in US court to aiding terrorist group, Caitlin McFall, December 11, 2021, 3:00 PM

A Saudi-born Canadian citizen who joined the Islamic State nearly a decade ago pleaded guilty Friday after serving as one of the terrorist group's leading propagandists. Mohammed Khalifa, 38, pleaded guilty to "conspiring to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization, resulting in death" at a hearing at the U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#), [UPI](#)

Daily Beast: Flynn's Fave Paramilitary Rebrands as Private Security Firm, William Bredderman, December 12, 2021, 2:31 AM (EST)

A far-right group that purports to recruit military and law enforcement veterans to provide personal bodyguards to Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn and other top conspiracy theorists revamped itself last month as an "intelligence, investigations, security and support" firm—shortly before the House Jan. 6 committee subpoenaed its leader. [...] After all, the shift came just weeks ahead of the order for its founder to appear before Congress, though it is unclear whether this timing was deliberate or fortuitous. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pittsburgh, PA): Rising cyber ransom attacks costing Pennsylvania victims millions, Jonathan D. Silver and Joel Jacobs, December 12, 2021, 6:00 AM

For Tops Staffing, a suburban Pittsburgh company with workers across the nation, the cyber attack shook the business like few other events. [...] The company contacted the FBI and scrambled to get back online. Susan C. Dietrich, the principal owner and president, called the situation "one hell of a problem." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVU-Fox (Oakland, CA): Mill Valley man charged with assaulting officers during U.S. Capitol riot, December 11, 2021, 5:21 PM (EST)

A Bay Area man has been charged with assaulting U.S. Capitol police during the Jan. 6 riot. Evan Neumann was indicted Friday on 14 counts, including civil disorder and assault on officers, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

MSNBC: [OPINION] Sidney Powell's election lie cash grab must be treated as fraud, Richard W. Painter, December 12, 2021, 5:30 AM (EST)

Despite his claims to the contrary, then-President Donald Trump lost the 2020 election — but his campaign lawyer Sidney Powell apparently did very well for herself. We recently learned Powell raised over \$14 million for her Defending the Republic nonprofit group using baseless claims about "fraud" in that election. It's unclear where all that money went. Federal prosecutors have subpoenaed the financial records of Defending the Republic and a related political action committee, also organized by Powell. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: CNN Producer John Griffin arrested for attempting to persuade minors to engage in

unlawful sexual activity, Christina Maxouris, December 11, 2021, 6:57 PM (EST)

Connecticut man John Griffin was arrested Friday and charged with three counts of using a facility of interstate commerce to attempt to entice minors to engage in unlawful sexual activity, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont said in a news release. Griffin, 44, has been a producer with CNN for about eight years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#), [NY Daily News](#), [WVIT-NBC \(New Britain, CT\)](#)

Politico: **Fortenberry indictment raises questions about the FBI's tactics**, Josh Gerstein, December 12, 2021, 7:00 AM

The Justice Department's prosecution of a Republican lawmaker for allegedly lying to the FBI is raising thorny issues about the use of surreptitious tactics during investigations into members of Congress. The false-statement indictment brought against Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska two months ago is also resurfacing many of the same questions that triggered a firestorm of controversy around the prosecution of former national Security Adviser Michael Flynn. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Republican (Springfield, MA): **Former Massachusetts youth football coach serving 45-year federal sentence for sexually abusing children is now facing similar state charges**, Scott J. Croteau, December 12, 2021, 9:06 AM

A former youth football coach in Massachusetts, who was already sentenced to serve 45 years in federal prison for sexually abusing children, is now facing new charges in state court. Derek Sheehan, 51, of Norwell, was arraigned Friday in Brockton Superior Court on five counts of aggravated rape of a child, 10 counts of incident assault and battery on a child under 14 and two counts each of intimidation of a witness and impersonating a police officer, according to the Plymouth District Attorney's office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Augusta Chronicle (Augusta, GA): **Augusta men indicted, sentenced on federal gun or drug charges**, Unattributed, December 12, 2021, 7:00 AM

Augusta-area residents are among a number of people arrested, found guilty or sentenced on federal guns or drugs charges lately. The arrests and prosecutions are a result of joint investigations under the Project Safe Neighborhoods nationwide initiative, which "brings together federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community leaders, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them," according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Milwaukee, WI): **A Wauwatosa pain clinic owner is sentenced to 20 years in prison for operating a pill mill operation that led to an overdose death**, Bruce Vielmetti, December 12, 2021, 7:00 AM (EST)

A medical professional and owner of a Wauwatosa pain clinic whose free-wheeling, high-volume prescriptions put more than 2 million pills into the community during the height of the opioid epidemic has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Lisa Hofschulz, 61, was convicted by a federal court jury in August of conspiracy to deliver drugs without legitimate medical purpose, and of doing so to 14 patients, one of whom died of an overdose. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CT Insider (Bridgeport, CT): **It's the crime CT lawyers say 'fits almost all transactions': wire fraud**, Mark Zaretsky, December 12, 2021, 6:45 AM

When the CEO of a Connecticut biomedical company and a former university professor was arrested Nov. 30 for allegedly scamming an investor into giving him more than \$1 million for fictitious investment opportunities, the charge wasn't larceny. It was wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fayetteville Observer (Fayetteville, NC): **Ex-Fort Bragg soldier sent to prison for child pornography after first being investigated in 2018**, Jack Boden, December 12, 2021, 6:00 AM

A former Fort Bragg soldier was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison Thursday for possession of child pornography, a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina said. Nicolas Antonio McElrath, 24, pleaded guilty in September, the release said. According to the release, McElrath was first investigated in Jun 2018, after Child Protective Services notified the Fort Bragg Criminal Investigation Division that McElrath's wife had found "lewd communication with an unknown 15-year-old female and an unknown 11-year-old female" on McElrath's Instagram account, the criminal complaint against McElrath states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Stockton Record (Stockton, CA): **Man sentenced to years in prison after trafficking teen in and around Stockton**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 4:34 PM (EST)

A Stockton man has been sentenced to more than 11 years in prison for the sex trafficking of a child, federal authorities announced. Angel Jesus Sanchez-Manriquez, 22, of Stockton, was sentenced earlier this month to 11 years and three months after pleading guilty in August week to trafficking a 16-year-old victim through dozens of online prostitution ads, then recording videos of the teen in motel rooms in and around the Stockton area, federal authorities said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): **Minneapolis man pleads guilty to federal charges in deadly April robbery**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 2:28 PM (EST)

A Minneapolis man pleaded guilty Friday in federal court to a violent robbery last spring that ended with the shooting death of a man in the store, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Marlow Ramsey Carson, 30, pleaded guilty to a count each of robbery and possession of ammunition by a felon. Carson, who had prior felony convictions, is barred from possessing firearms or ammunition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGCL-CBS (Atlanta, GA): **Tampa Man Guilty Of Money Laundering**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 9:32 PM

Sebastian Visicaro (62, Trinity) today pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering. He faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. A sentencing date has not yet been set. According to the plea agreement, Visicaro used his real estate company, two shell companies, and bank accounts in the companies' names to launder the proceeds of an international boiler room fraud scheme, which defrauded foreign victims via the sale of worthless

investments. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice: **Feds: Price-Gouging Mahwah Company Admits Giving 'Mask Up' New Meaning**, Jerry DeMarco, December 11, 2021, 6:37 PM

Representatives of a Mahwah-based company admitted selling N95 protective masks at a 400% markup to a grocery store chain at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, federal authorities said. TSC Agency and two partners bought 250,000 of the filtering facepiece respirators at \$1.09 apiece mask from a foreign manufacturer in mid-March 2020, Acting U.S. Attorney Rachael Honig said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTSP-CBS (St. Petersburg, FL): **Florida man guilty of kidnapping, torturing plastic surgeon**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 5:26 PM

A federal jury in Miami has convicted a man of kidnapping the plastic surgeon who had treated his wife and torturing him inside a storage container with a blow torch to get money from him. Federal prosecutors say 56-year-old Serge Nkorina and another man, Justin Boccio, plotted to kidnap the plastic surgeon by stalking him, buying devices from hardware and medical supply stores and renting a storage container in an attempt to obtain tens and thousands of dollars from him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVT-CBS (Fort Worth, TX): **Mexican Cartel Associate Convicted Of Massive Meth Trafficking Operation**, Unattributed, December 11, 4:44 PM

A major Dallas drug trafficker was convicted of dealing methamphetamine out of his car dealership, US Attorney Chad Meacham announced on Friday. After a four day trial, a federal jury convicted Marco Antonio Gonzalez, 42, of one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, two counts of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): **Alexia Cutbank, Mia Sumner Charged In Connection To 2019 Murder**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 2:42 PM (EST)

Two women have been arrested and charged in connection to a 2019 murder and assault on the Red Lake Indian Reservation, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Friday. According to the justice department, 20-year-old Alexia Cutbank and 20-year-old Mia Sumner were charged with one count of second-degree murder, one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, and one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Atlanta Black Star: **Justice Department Continues to Look at 20 Cold Cases from the Civil Rights Era; 13 of Which Are Police-Involved Killings In Southern States**, Nicole Duncan-Smith, December 11, 2021, 6:51 PM

This week the United States Justice Department closed its investigation into the death of Emmett Till. Despite finding no new evidence to bring new charges in the 14-year-old's 1955 lynching, the FBI's Cold Case Initiative continues to investigate other cold-case crimes with racial bias implications from the civil rights movement era. The Justice Department Cold Case

Initiative was founded by the FBI in 2006. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Oregon Public Broadcasting- NPR (Portland, OR): **ACLU Oregon files lawsuit alleging wrongful detainment of US citizen, violation of state sanctuary laws**, April Ehrlich, December 11, 2021, 8:16 PM (EST)

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon announced Friday that it has filed a lawsuit against Washington County, the United States government and the state prison in The Dalles for allegedly wrongfully arresting and detaining a man, then turning him over to immigration officials. [...] The lawsuit alleges Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment violations, false arrest, and false imprisonment, among other claims. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): **State of Texas: Federal lawsuit over redistricting might delay Texas primary election**, Tahera Rahman, Monica Madden, Will DuPree, and Sandra Sanchez, December 12, 2021, 7:00 AM (EST)

The U.S. Department of Justice is suing the state of Texas, saying the state's new redistricting maps deny and dilute votes from people of color. The DOJ says Texas' new maps purposely violate Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act based on certain voters' race and/or minority group — also known as "vote dilution." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): **Broader jury pool sought for Arbery death hate crimes trial**, Ross Bynum, December 11, 2021, 8:19 PM

Attorneys in the upcoming federal hate crimes trial of the three white men who chased and killed Ahmaud Arbery want the jury pool to come from an expansive area of Georgia that covers 43 counties, including some that are a four-hour drive from the courthouse where the trial will be held. Prosecutors and defense attorneys filed a joint motion Thursday in U.S. District Court, with both sides in agreement that casting a wider net for potential jurors will improve the odds of seating an impartial jury. The first trial in Arbery's slaying, seen by many as a reckoning on racial injustice in the legal system, resulted in murder convictions in a state court the day before Thanksgiving. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

WaPo: **[OPINION] Distinguished persons of the week: The D.C. Circuit shuts down Trump**, Jennifer Rubin, December 12, 2021, 7:45 AM

The Supreme Court may have lost its luster due to its blatant partisanship, but lower federal court judges are consistently upholding the Constitution and not allowing Jan. 6 to go down the memory hole. The three-judge U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on Thursday issued a unanimous opinion shutting down former president Donald Trump's ludicrous claim that he can assert executive privilege over White House documents in contravention of the current president's waiver of privilege claims. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

New York Post: **[OPINION] SEC case against Ripple Labs for XRP crypto sale a 'Bit' of a double standard**, Charles Gasparino, December 11, 2021, 9:11 PM

During last week's snoozer of a congressional hearing on the \$2.5 trillion crypto-blockchain

business, we got just a small glimpse into just how little the government knows about a technology that could transform the way we do business. A more complete picture of this utter fecklessness is playing out in federal court in lower Manhattan in a case titled Securities and Exchange Commission v. Ripple Labs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Natural Products Insider: **Jury convicts Blackstone Labs' former employee of conspiracy,** Josh Long, December 11, 2021, 5:00 PM

A former employee of sports supplement brand Blackstone Labs LLC was found guilty this week of committing conspiracy and faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, federal prosecutors announced. Blackstone Labs' former director of sales, James Boccuzzi, was convicted Dec. 9 of one count of conspiracy to defraud FDA and one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, according to a U.S. Department of Justice news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: **U.S. to coordinate with Mexico, regional countries for crackdown on people smuggling,** Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 9:39 PM (EST)

The United States, Mexico and several regional countries will coordinate to apprehend the network of human smugglers responsible for a deadly accident that killed dozens of migrants, the U.S. embassy in Mexico said on Saturday. The embassy announced the creation of an action group tasked with investigating, identifying and apprehending the smugglers involved in organizing a trailer, crammed with more than 160 people, which overturned on Thursday in the Mexican state of Chiapas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: **Watchdog: Federal anti-terror unit investigated journalists,** Mark Sherman, December 11, 2021, 9:25 PM (EST)

A special Customs and Border Protection unit used sensitive government databases intended to track terrorists to investigate as many as 20 U.S.-based journalists, including a Pulitzer Prize-winning Associated Press reporter, according to a federal watchdog. Yahoo News, which published an extensive report on the investigation, also found that the unit, the Counter Network Division, queried records of congressional staffers and perhaps members of Congress. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [KTBS-ABC \(Shreveport, LA\)](#), [LAT](#), [The Hill](#)

AP: **Yuma mayor: US responding to border, emergency easing,** Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 5:27 PM (EST)

Yuma Mayor Doug Nicholls says an emergency situation in the southwestern Arizona border city has eased with federal officials moving in additional personnel in response to thousands of migrants. [...] Nicholls on Thursday declared a state of emergency and he said Friday he had spoken with federal officials and with the aides to Gov. Doug Ducey and to both of Arizona's U.S. senators. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: **Dangerous wait for freedom: Hurdles abound for transgender migrants seeking asylum in US,** Rebecca Morin, December 12, 2021, 6:00 AM (EST)

Regina King just wanted to be herself. But in her home country of Guyana, it was difficult. [...] On the U.S. side, some advocates also warn that transgender individuals are often misgendered when taken into Customs and Border Protection custody or Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody, which could lead to attacks from other inmates while in custody due to their gender identity or neglect from DHS officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Helicopters and High-Speed Chases: Inside Texas' Push to Arrest Migrants, J.

David Goodman, December 11, 2021, 9:23 PM (EST)

Magdaleno Ruiz Jimenez huddled under a waxing moon in the rough brush of a Texas ranch. His journey to the small border community of Brackettville had been long, about 1,300 miles from his home in Mexico. [...] Representative Joaquin Castro, a San Antonio Democrat, has asked for a federal investigation of the Operation Lone Star, saying in a letter this fall to the Justice Department that the program was “wreaking havoc on Texas’ judicial system” and has “directly led to a violation of state laws and constitutional due process rights.”[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: **Biden’s dangerous deportation drop**, Unattributed, December 12, 2021, 12:00 AM

Unless something drastically changes over the next two months, more than 2 million migrants will have been arrested while illegally attempting to cross the southern border during President Joe Biden’s first year in office. Under Biden’s open-borders policies, hundreds of thousands of these migrants were then released into the United States, often flown at taxpayer expense, to their final destination. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Caller: **EXCLUSIVE: ‘Take Migrants At Their Word’: Republicans Criticize Process Allowing Illegal Immigrants To Get Through Airport Security Without ID**, Jennie Taer, December 11, 2021, 6:28 PM (EST)

Republican lawmakers are raising concerns over illegal migrants without identification traveling on commercial flights throughout the country, according to an email exclusively obtained by the Daily Caller News Foundation. [...] TSA said it accepts alternate forms of identification including a Notice to Appear (NTA) in court, according to the email. Before obtaining an NTA, or another Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE)/U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) document, border agents would have processed a migrant’s biometrics, taken photos of them, and run their fingerprints through immigration and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) databases, according to CBP. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Shepherd of the Hills Gazette (Branson, MO): **USA Prepares To Build Part Of The Texas Border Wall**, Sammy Edwards, December 12, 2021, 6:40 AM (EST)

The U.S. government is preparing to build additional boundary walls and fences in the Rio Grande Valley of southern Texas, likely on federal land designated as a wildlife sanctuary. The US Customs and Border Protection announced that heavy construction equipment should arrive from Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Washington Examiner: **Liberals press federal government to pursue criminal prosecutions for Big Tech executives**, Nihal Krishan, December 12, 2021, 7:00 AM

Liberal anti-monopoly activists and Democrats are pressing for the government to prosecute Big Tech CEOs and top executives for monopolistic behavior and illegal activity that they say has gone egregiously unchecked. The liberal antitrust activists are calling on the Justice Department, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission to criminally investigate and prosecute prominent tech leaders for hurting advertisers, investors, and some users by flouting the law while enriching themselves. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Austin American-Statesman (Austin, TX): **[OPINION] We need antitrust laws to limit America's food monopolies**, Annika Olson, December 12, 2021, 9:05 AM (EST)

[...] Well, with the ability of giant corporations to own so much of the American food system, farmers, workers, and consumers are suffering. This week, a joint investigation by the Guardian and Food and Water Watch found that a small number of corporations control virtually every part of the food supply chain—from seeds and fertilizers to slaughterhouses and supermarkets. This leads to limited power for farmers, dangerous working conditions for workers, and higher prices for consumers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Roanoke Times (Roanoke, VA): **A pipeline runs through it: Stream crossings by the Mountain Valley Pipeline**, Laurence Hammack, December 11, 2021, 10:00 PM

On an overcast October afternoon, clouds cloaked the top of Poor Mountain as a construction crew worked to string a natural gas pipeline across the highest point in the Roanoke Valley. At 3,720 feet above sea level, this is one of the places where concerns about the Mountain Valley Pipeline begin. [...] Mountain Valley completed more than half of nearly 1,000 water body crossings in Virginia and West Virginia before a federal court threw out the federal approval. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Everett Herald (Everett, WA): **Whidbey anti-noise group gets wins in Navy Growler lawsuit**, Jessie Stensland, December 11, 2021 1:45 PM (EST)

A federal magistrate judge ruled in favor of the state Attorney General's Office and a Whidbey anti-noise group in several critical issues in a lawsuit over EA-18G Growler aircraft stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. Chief United States Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura filed the report and recommendation in the case Friday. The parties have 14 days to file written objections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Great Falls Tribune (Helena, MT): **U.S. Minerals sentenced for Clean Air Act violation that exposed employees to arsenic**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 1:08 PM

U.S. Minerals, Inc., a corporation that admitted to exposing employees at its former Anaconda plant to elevated levels of arsenic, was sentenced Friday, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. U.S. Minerals received a maximum probationary term, was fined and ordered to enact a medical monitoring plan for workers at the Montana plant and a nationwide environmental health and safety plan at its five other plants. The company pleaded guilty in

August to one count of negligent endangerment, a misdemeanor, under the Clean Air Act as charged in a criminal information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CNN: Fueled by gun violence, cities across the US are breaking all-time homicide records this year, Priya Krishnakumar, December 12, 2021, 8:33 AM

One of the fastest-growing cities in the country, the capital of Texas is nearing the end of its deadliest year on record in 2021 as cities nationwide are experiencing a rise in homicides and gun violence incidents that began last year when the pandemic tightened its grip on the US. Fueled by what both authorities and community leaders say is the easy access to guns, Austin has recorded 88 homicides so far this year, shattering the previous high of 59 in 1984. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: New Orleans homicide rate reaches 14-year high following fatal shooting near hotel, Kyle Morris, December 11, 2021, 6:52 PM (EST)

A man was fatally shot on Friday in New Orleans, marking the city's 201st homicide of the year, a 14-year high in the total number of homicides in Louisiana's most populous city. [...] The 201st homicide matched the city's 2020 homicide record. Prior to 2020, that number had not been reached since 2007, according to FBI records. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Fortenberry indictment raises questions about the FBI's tactics, Josh Gerstein, December 12, 2021, 7:00 AM (EST)

The Justice Department's prosecution of a Republican lawmaker for allegedly lying to the FBI is raising thorny issues about the use of surreptitious tactics during investigations into members of Congress. The false-statement indictment brought against Rep. Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska two months ago is also resurfacing many of the same questions that triggered a firestorm of controversy around the prosecution of former national Security Adviser Michael Flynn. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Denver Gazette (Denver, CO): FBI program to track police shootings could get shut down, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 10:34 PM (EST)

A national effort to gather information about police shootings and other violent confrontations with law enforcement in America is at risk of shutting down because of poor participation, including a lack of involvement from police in Pennsylvania. The program, led by the FBI, started to collect data on use-of-force encounters in 2019 — including cases that led to high-profile shooting deaths — but a report from the Government Accountability Office this week warned the voluntary effort could be shuttered if more departments do not take part. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Boston Herald (Boston, MA): Federal authorities investigating N.H. plane crash that killed pilot, Marie Szaniszlo, December 11, 2021, 5:56 PM

Federal authorities are investigating a plane crash that killed a 23-year-old pilot man in Bedford, N.H., police said. The victim, tentatively identified as Emanuel Vomvolakis of Linden, Mich., died

just after 11:30 p.m. Friday when the plane crashed on the shore of the Merrimack River in the vicinity of 14 Technology Drive near Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, said Bedford Police Chief John Bryfonski. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Middletown Press (Middletown, CT): **Police: Over 20 weapons stolen from Virginia gun store**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 1:28 PM (EST)

Federal agents have gotten involved in seeking the culprits who police say stole more than 20 firearms from a Tidewater Virginia gun shop this week. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is working with Virginia Beach police to locate the weapons, which included handguns and rifles. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Wichita Eagle (Wichita, KS): **Data on contacts between police and the public, from the Bureau of Justice Statistics**, Unattributed, December 12, 2021, 5:00 AM (EST)

The portion of U.S. residents age 16 or older who had experienced contact with the police in the preceding 12 months declined from 26 percent in 2011 to 21 percent in 2015, according to data collected by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. [...] The Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U.S. Department of Justice is the principal federal agency responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating reliable statistics on crime and criminal justice in the United States. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBRZ-ABC (Baton Rouge, LA): **More than 300 arrested by US Marshals in Gulf Coast crime sweep**, Paula Jones, December 11, 2021, 4:07 PM (EST)

Documented gang members and violent offenders were among the 350 people arrested by members of the U.S. Marshals Service during "Operation Triple Beam-Third Coast," according to CNN. The news outlet says the arrests were made following a 26-long-week, multiagency crime sweep targeting offenders in the Gulf Coast region. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR: **Activists wanted Biden to revamp the justice system. Many say they're still waiting**, Carrie Johnson, December 12, 2021, 5:00 AM

[...] The advocates say they're happy to give credit where it's due. They praised the Justice Department for rescinding a Trump-era memo that directed prosecutors to pursue the most serious charges they could for any crime. [...] But they've also taken note of this fact: the federal prison population has increased by some 5,000 people during Biden's tenure, according to Nazgol Ghandnoosh, a researcher at the Sentencing Project. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Star-Ledger (Newark, NJ): **Who is Jane Parnell? The powerful new monitor for N.J.'s troubled women's prison.**, Blake Nelson, December 12, 2021, 9:00 AM

[...] Jane Parnell officially became the federal monitor for the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility on Aug. 24, when a federal judge signed off on a consent decree between New Jersey and the U.S. Department of Justice. For at least the next three years, Parnell will oversee reforms to reverse years of well-documented violence and sexual abuse at the Hunterdon County prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Casper Star-Tribune (Casper, WY): **[OPINION] The moral and financial costs of the death penalty**, Brooks Browning, December 12, 2021, 4:30 AM (EST)

The death penalty is currently legal in 27 out of the 50 states in the United States. Multiple methods, that vary state to state, are available and used including lethal injection, firing squad, and electrocution. While many see the current death penalty system effective, as I once did, there are many problems that arise after doing research. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Guardian: **Covid lockdown: for incarcerated Americans, pandemic hardships are unrelenting**, Victoria Law, December 12, 2021, 3:00 AM

Shakur is at California's Corcoran state prison, where there have been 1,290 Covid cases and seven deaths since the pandemic hit. During our phone call just before Thanksgiving, the prison was on the verge of graduating from the tight phase one reopening protocols that typically follow an outbreak – just as millions of Americans on the outside prepared to mark the milestone of an in-person holiday season. This meant that Shakur and the other 3,604 men at Corcoran were allotted just one hour each day to shower and stand in line for the handful of phones. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Bloomberg: **[OPINION] What the Supreme Court Would Gain If It Reverses Roe v. Wade**, Ramesh Ponnuru, December 12, 2021, 8:00 AM (EST)

President Joe Biden's commission on reforming the Supreme Court did not make any recommendations in its final report. Biden did not ask it to. It did, however, show what is on the minds of legal experts of varying political stripes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: **[OPINION] The Supreme Court Likes Precedent — When It Backs Conservatives**, Aziz Huq, December 12, 2021, 8:22 AM

The most consequential question in American constitutional law today is whether the Supreme Court will abide by its 50-year-old abortion precedents in Roe and Casey. So it's striking to come to an abortion-related decision in which Justice Neil Gorsuch takes aim at his liberal colleagues for their "novel plan to overthrow this Court's precedent." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Milwaukee Independent (Milwaukee, WI): **How the U.S. Supreme Court has undermined the federal protection of civil rights enshrined since 1954**, Heather Cox Richardson, December 12, 2021, 5:30 AM (EST)

By a vote of 5 to 4, the court said they could sue, but it limited that ability so severely that the law itself will remain largely intact. The state law, which went into effect on September 1, prohibits abortion after six weeks of a pregnancy, before most women know they are pregnant. And yet, the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme Court affirmed that women have the constitutional right to abortion without undue restrictions, primarily in the first trimester of a pregnancy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): **Supreme Court sets date with Oklahoma to respond to 40-plus McGirt appeals**, Curtis Killman, December 12, 2021, 1:35 AM (EST)

The state of Oklahoma, with more than 40 petitions filed seeking to overturn or limit the McGirt ruling, is getting its shot next month after the U.S. Supreme Court last week picked a date to consider appeals related to its landmark decision. When the nine justices gather Jan. 7, a Tulsa man's case will be in the spotlight: The state appealed after the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals vacated a 2017 conviction and 35-year prison sentence for Victor Manuel Castro-Huerta, 36, based on the McGirt ruling. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

OPIOID CRISIS

WaPo: **In Congress, David Trone keeps it personal: Combating the opioid epidemic that killed his nephew**, Meagan Flynn, December 11, 2021, 6:53 PM

Five years after the death of his nephew, David Trone went to Mexico looking for the source of what killed him: the opioid epidemic. It was official business — a trip last month in his capacity as co-chair of the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking — but now it was hard to separate the personal from the official, as almost everything the Maryland Democrat was doing in Congress found its way back to Ian. Halfway through his second term, combating the crisis that killed his nephew has become his biggest mission in Congress. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Thomasville Times-Enterprise (Thomasville, GA): **Bill would help rural areas battle opioid addiction**, Asia Ashley, December 12, 2021, 6:30 AM

A federal bill to help prevent opioid addiction, overdoses and deaths in rural communities is nearing approval. Sponsored by Georgia Sen. Jon Ossoff and Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, the Rural Opioid Abuse Prevention Act would help ensure that rural communities with a high level of opioid overdoses have the resources needed to respond to the crisis. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Citizen (Dalton, GA): **Whitfield County commissioners expected to vote on opioid lawsuit settlement Tuesday**, Charles Oliver, December 11, 2021, 2:37 PM (EST)

The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners meets Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Stage 123, 123 W. Gordon St. in Dalton. Commissioners are slated to vote on approving the settlement of a class action lawsuit against Johnson & Johnson, a leading manufacturer of opioid painkillers, which is accused of ignoring signs that such drugs were being improperly used. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTAP-NBC (Parkersburg, WV): **Supervised drug injection sites: Would they work in the MOV?**, Kurtis Bradley Brown, December 11, 2021, 9:03 PM (EST)

This past week, the nation's first supervised drug injection sites opened in New York City. According to the city, these centers are "safe places where people who use drugs can receive clean needles, medical care and be connected to social services as well as treatment for addiction." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJBC-CBS (Bloomington, IL): **City of Bloomington deliberating for share of massive opioid settlement**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 6:33 PM (EST)

Bloomington aldermen are expected to decide Monday night whether to become part of the nationwide settlement compensating taxpayers for costs related to the opioid epidemic. Local governments have until January 2 to decide if they are “opting-in” on a nationwide settlement of a lawsuit with opioid distributors and manufacturers in which Illinois is likely to receive about \$760 million. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: **Biden approves Kentucky emergency declaration for tornado disaster**, Andrea Shalal, December 11, 2021, 5:02 PM (EST)

U.S. President Joe Biden on Saturday approved an emergency declaration for Kentucky after the state was battered by a swarm of tornadoes that killed at least 70 people. The storms, which weather forecasters said are unusual in cooler months, demolished a candle factory and a fire station in one Kentucky town, devastated a Missouri nursing home and killed at least two workers in an Amazon.com (AMZN.O) warehouse in Illinois. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [NYT](#)

WaPo: **Biden rallies the world to strengthen democracy as big challenges loom at home**, Dan Balz, December 11, 2021, 1:21 PM (EST)

President Biden gathered, virtually, representatives of more than 100 countries for what was billed as a “Summit for Democracy” on Thursday and Friday. The goal was to rally nations in the face of rising authoritarianism around the world. “Democracy needs champions,” the president said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: **[OPINION] Biden used the Supreme Court commission to give the appearance of caring about reform**, Jessica Levinson, December 12, 2021, 5:30 AM (EST)

We are all adults here, so let’s be honest with one another. President Joe Biden is not in favor of real Supreme Court reform, and he formed a commission to all but ensure that none is forthcoming. [...] Biden’s decision to create the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States, and essentially outsource examination of these topics to an outside group, gave him cover for failing to directly answer questions about the court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Reuters: **Former Trump adviser Navarro refuses subpoena in U.S. House coronavirus probe**, Unattributed, December 11, 2021, 6:24 PM (EST)

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro has refused to comply with a subpoena for documents related to the Trump administration’s response to the coronavirus, saying the former president ordered him not to, according to his response to a congressional request released on Saturday. [...] Navarro, a Republican, also served as one of former President Donald Trump’s pandemic response advisers and was responsible for procurement in the coronavirus response,

among other things. Navarro said in a letter to the subcommittee he would not cooperate because Trump told him to "protect executive privilege." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [CNN](#)

NYT: Some Voters Are at Odds With Their Party on Abortion, Nate Cohn, December 11, 2021, 2:05 PM (EST)

Abortion is one of the most polarizing issues in Washington. Congressional Democrats and Republicans all but unanimously back their party's view on abortion, and many highly engaged activists feel the same way. [...] The bitterly partisan fight unfolding in statehouses and courthouses, even in the Supreme Court's split decision on Friday over the Texas abortion law, can obscure how many Americans of all parties struggle with the weighty moral and ethical questions raised by abortion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: DECEMBER 11, 2021

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir did not air due to soccer

CBS: Weekend News with Ed O'Keefe

NBC: Nightly News with Kate Snow

- What is likely the deadliest weather disaster in over 4 years has swept across the Nation. Storms passed through at least 6 states with at least 70 people dead and many unaccounted for. Tornadoes hit Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Illinois destroying everything in its path. [\[CBS\]](#), [NBC-1](#), [NBC-2](#)
- Extreme contrasts of cold and warm temperatures have created volatile weather patterns with historic snowstorms, tornado outbreaks, and record breaking warm weather occurring across the country. The severe weather has passed and colder weather is expected on the way. [\[CBS\]](#), [NBC](#)
- It is one year to the date that the FDA authorized Pfizer's COVID vaccine. Since then 500 million shots have been administered with 60 million eligible Americans fully vaccinated. The US is bracing for another COVID surge, with mask mandates being implemented and hospitalizations increasing across the country. Officials continue to encourage Americans to get vaccinated. [\[CBS\]](#), [NBC](#)
- In response to requests for help from the Governors and lawmakers of the States hit by tornadoes and storms, President Joe Biden said the States and communities will have whatever they need from the federal government. [\[CBS\]](#)
- President Joe Biden stated there would be severe economic consequences in response to a possible invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Biden also spoke of the placement of US and NATO troops into the eastern flank to defend all the NATO Countries there against an attack from Russia and bolster American allies in Europe. [\[CBS\]](#)
- The City of Light, Paris is glowing again with Christmas decorations. People are shopping and taking in the holiday Christmas displays. [\[CBC\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- *This Week* began with coverage of the ongoing recovery efforts across the Midwest and Southeast as first responders search for survivors following several tornadoes across the region. [\[Watch\]](#)
- FEMA administrator Deanne Criswell joined the program to discuss the federal response to the recent disaster in the central United States. Powerful storms like those that tore through the central US this weekend are the "new normal" in an era of climate change, the top federal emergency management official said Sunday. Criswell said her agency was prepared to bolster resilience in the face of more severe weather, but that "This is going to be our new normal." [\[Watch\]](#)
- White House chief medical adviser Dr. Anthony Fauci joined Stephanopoulos to discuss "sobering news" that the Omicron COVID-19 variant can evade the initial protection vaccines give. However, boosters increase efficacy and better protect against the newest variant of concern, Dr. Fauci said Sunday. The variant can also evade protections provided by monoclonal antibodies and convalescent plasma. The White House chief medical adviser told ABC's "This Week" anchor George Stephanopoulos, so, "If you want to be optimally protected, absolutely get a booster," he said. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- *Face the Nation* began with coverage of the tornadoes that hit six states, especially the tornado, which ran 227 miles from Arkansas into Kentucky. Pictures of the destruction in Kentucky, Arkansas, and Illinois were aired. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Meteorologist and Climate specialist Jeff Berardelli discussed the cold and warm weather patterns, La Nina, Climate change making more favorable environments for tornado formation. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Kentucky Governor Andrew Beshear and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, respectively, joined the show to discuss the devastation, search and rescue plans, resources available, plans for rebuilding, and upcoming weather challenges for their states. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Despite the surging COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, large numbers of Americans will move forward with their holiday plans. The military, booster shots, and mask mandates are stepping up to help deal with the COVID surge. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Former FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb came on the show to discuss the Delta surge, mask mandates, unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals contributing to the spread of COVID, vaccines reducing the number of hospitalizations, and steps to control the spread of COVID, including a fourth dose of a vaccine. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- *Meet the Press* began with coverage of the tornadoes that touched down in six states. Hundreds of people are feared dead in Kentucky and Illinois, where most of the damage occurred. Kentucky Governor Andrew Beshear joined the show to discuss the tornadoes' aftermath. Beshear also discussed recovery efforts and resources available for those in need. [\[Watch-1\]](#), [\[Watch-2\]](#)
- Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) came on the show to discuss the COVID surge and the need for Americans to get vaccinated; mandates causing the shutdown, increasing inflation, and worsening the supply chain crisis; recommendations for Americans who are not vaccinated; and election integrity. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Secretary of State Antony Blinken joined Todd to discuss the leverage the US has if Russia decides to invade Ukraine, President Biden's reference to economic

consequences against Russia, consequences the US, NATO, and G7 Countries are prepared to act on if Russia takes aggressive actions against Ukraine, and the possibility of an in-person meeting between Biden and Putin. [\[Watch\]](#)

- The panel discussed the Summit for Democracy, the state of Democracy, the role of former President Trump in upcoming elections, political violence in America, and Bob Dole. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The panel returned to discuss President Biden's poll numbers, Biden's promises and agenda, the Build Back Better Plan, Inflation, COVID, and the supply chain crisis hurting Biden's popularity. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Chris Wallace

- *Fox News Sunday* began with coverage of the tornadoes that touched down in the central US. Seventy people are confirmed dead in Kentucky and Illinois. [\[Watch\]](#)
- South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham joined Fox News Sunday to discuss how much the Build Back Better bill will cost if it becomes law. The CBO released its estimates for the bill's cost, indicating the legislation would cost nearly \$5 trillion and add \$3 trillion to the nation's debt if it remains in effect through 2031. [\[Watch\]](#)

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Buybacks Hit Record After Pulling Back in 2020" [\[WSJ\]](#)
- "Civilian Deaths Mounted as Secret Unit Pounded ISIS" [\[NYT\]](#)
- "Death toll expected to rise as recovery effort continues" [\[WaPo\]](#), [\[WSJ\]](#), [\[NYT\]](#)
- "In response to Texas abortion ban, Newsom calls for similar restrictions on assault weapons" [\[LAT\]](#)

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