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August 8, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Director Wray:

According to recent news reports, Members of Congress have learned that as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation you ordered a raid on former President Donald J. Trump's personal residence.

In the history of our country, this action is unprecedented. As the Ranking Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I am unaware of any actual or alleged national security threat posed by any information, data, or documents in the possession of former President Trump.

Congress deserves immediate answers from you as to the actions you ordered. I hereby request an immediate briefing by you to Members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concerning any national security threats used to justify your decision

Sincerely,



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August 9, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

Yesterday, agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted a search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, purportedly based upon a referral from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to investigate former President Donald Trump's handling of classified White House records.¹ Former Archivist David Ferriero confirmed that NARA had been in communication with the Department of Justice over records that were previously transferred from President Trump because classified information was allegedly found within those boxes.² In addition, press reports indicate that Jay Bratt, the chief of the counterintelligence and export control section of the Department of Justice (DOJ) held a meeting in June with President Trump's attorneys about any additional materials being stored in Mar-a-Lago.³

I would assume that an escalation of this magnitude – for the Bureau to obtain a court ordered-search warrant and conduct an unannounced search, for the first time in our country's history, to seize documents stored at a former President's residence – would indicate that the Federal government perceived something in those documents posed a serious, ongoing threat to our national security. As such, the evidentiary basis presented to the court to justify the necessity of this warrant is of keen interest to the investigative and legislative activities of this Committee.⁴ Other matters of interest to this Committee include whether any formal criminal referral was made by NARA related to what was ultimately seized by the FBI yesterday. In addition, to understand the severity of the risk to our national security posed by the seized materials, this Committee is interested in a complete inventory of all documents seized by the FBI, including a statement for each confirming that the document is accurately categorized as a presidential record, and is not of a personal, business, or political nature, and the classification of the information contained in the document.

Please produce all documents and communications responsive to these matters to the Committee no later than August 24, 2022.

¹ Caroline Linton, *Trump says Mar-a-Lago was 'raided' by FBI*, CBS News (Aug. 9, 2022), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/donald-trump-mar-a-lago-fbi-search-warrant-raid/>.

² Letter from David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, to Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform (Feb. 18, 2022).

³ Kaitlan Collins et al., *FBI Executes Search Warrant at Trump's Mar-a-Lago in Document Investigation*, CNN (Aug. 9, 2022), <https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/08/politics/mar-a-lago-search-warrant-fbi-donald-trump/index.html>.

⁴ H. Rule X, clause 11(c)(2).

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In addition, it is therefore necessary that you preserve all relevant documents and communications that may refer or relate to this matter, including those on official governmental accounts and on personal, non-governmental accounts. Specifically, this preservation request should be construed as an instruction to preserve all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to a congressional inquiry, request, investigation, or subpoena that may be initiated or otherwise undertaken by a committee of Congress or any other investigative entity.

For purposes of this request, “preserve” means securing and maintaining the integrity of all relevant documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, by taking reasonable steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding, incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, mutation, or negligent or reckless handling that could render the information incomplete or inaccessible. This includes preserving all compilations of documents that have already been gathered in response to requests, even if copies of individual documents may still exist elsewhere in the agency. I further request that you or your designee:

1. Exercise reasonable efforts to identify and notify all relevant individuals, including current and former employees, officials, detailees, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants who may have had access to potentially relevant information that they should preserve and return such information to the FBI;
2. Exercise reasonable efforts to identify, recover, and preserve any potentially relevant electronic information that has been deleted or marked for deletion but is still recoverable;
3. Remind all relevant individuals, including current and former employees, officials, detailees, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants that any federal records sent or received using a nonofficial account must be forwarded to the agency for proper archiving, and forward all such material in your possession; and
4. If it is the routine practice of yours, or any relevant individuals, including current and former employees, officials, detailees, contractors, subcontractors, or consultants to destroy or otherwise alter potentially relevant information, either halt such practices as they relate to the potentially relevant information or arrange for the preservation of complete and accurate duplicates (including metadata) of such documents, communications, or other information.

Please advise in writing as to how you will ensure all records relevant to this matter will be preserved. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Turner
Ranking Member

From: White House Press Office
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August 10, 2022

**PRESS BRIEFING
BY PRESS SECRETARY KARINE JEAN-PIERRE**

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

(August 10, 2022)

3:05 P.M. EDT

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Good afternoon, everybody.

Q Hi, Karine.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Hi, Peter. (Laughter.) You're like that kid in the class.

Q What kid?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: You're like --

I'm expecting an apple -- like a nice, shiny red apple.

Q Next briefing.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Okay. All right.

Okay. So, moments ago, the President signed the Instruments of Ratification for the Accession Protocols to NATO for Finland and Sweden.

Before the signing, the President spoke with Swedish Prime Minister Andersson and Finnish President Niinistö -- Niinistö -- okay, Niinistö -- to emphasize the United States' strong support for their decisions to apply for NATO membership and reiterate that the United States will continue to work with our NATO Allies to quickly bring Sweden and Finland into the greatest defensive alliance in history.

Finland and Sweden will make NATO stronger and deepen the transatlantic partnership at a time when Putin's invasion of Ukraine has shattered peace and security in Europe, and fundamentally disrupted the rules-based international order.

As the President said, this is a watershed moment for our Alliance and for the greater security and stability of the world.

As you all saw this morning, today the President signed the CHIPS and Science Act, which will supercharge our efforts to make semiconductors here in America, which power everything from our smartphones, to dishwashers, to automobiles.

You have heard us talk about the economic and national security benefits of this bill for months now, but I wanted to lift up one new story that we heard from the President directly today and from Joshua Aviv directly today, the founder and CEO of SparkCharge.

We know this bill is going to help major companies, like Micron, Intel, General Motors, Ford, and so many more. But when Joshua introduced the President today, we also heard how the CHIPS and Science Act will help young, diverse, and self-starting entrepreneurs as well.

Joshua's company, SparkCharge, is the first mobile, ultra-fast charger for electric vehicles, and he also started "Currently," which delivers a charge directly to u- -- to EV owners on the road. He manufactures all the products his company needs at their fa- -- factory in Buffalo, New York. And the CHIPS and Science bill will help Joshua build and grow his business.

As the President said today, this is a once-in-a-generation law that invests in America itself, a law that the American people should be proud of.

Also, as you may have seen yesterday, the -- Secretary Blinken was in South Africa and he announced the new U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa.

This strategy articulates our new vision for a 21st century U.S.-African partnership. It recognizes the tremendous, positive opportunity that exist to advance shared interests along our African partners, and it reframes and recognize Africa's importance to U.S. national security interests.

This strategy also parallels many of the themes we look forward to addressing in December at the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit here -- right here in Washington, D.C.

We encourage you to review the full strategy and factsheet posted on the White House website.

And lastly, the average national gas price -- I know you guys love us talking about gas prices going down -- dropped below \$4 per gallon according to a leading market analyst. That's delivering over \$100 a month in vital relief to American families with two cars.

This is the fastest decline in gas prices in over a decade -- nearly a dollar drop in just 56 days -- with gas prices dropping every single day this summer.

The most common price at gas stations today is \$3.79. And drivers in five states can now find gas below 2 dollars and 99 dol- -- 99 cents per gallon from at least one gas station.

President Biden promised he would address Putin's price hike at the ba- -- at the pump, and he has. He is releasing 1 billion barrels of oil a day from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. He is rallying -- rallying international partners to release an unprecedented amount of oil. And under President Biden's leadership, U.S. oil production is up and on track to reach a record high.

More work remains, but prices are coming down, and the President will continue to call on domestic and international oil producers to increase output so that they can continue to come down.

With that, Zeke, you want to take us away?

Q All right. Thanks, Karine. Just briefly, at the earlier CHIPS signing, the President had several -- several coughing episodes. Is it possible to get an update from his physician about his -- his status after his recovery from COVID, please?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, as you know, we shared his -- his negative test today. He s -- he has tested negative Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, and now today.

We have also said many times, I think, during the briefing when we were talking about his COVID case, that he experiences coughs from time to time, independent of him getting COVID. And what he s experiencing right now is the lingering effects of COVID, which is something I m sure many of us who have had COVID have -- have been -- have endured or had to deal with. And so, that s what you re seeing at this time.

Q And so, no update from the physician --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No, there's no update needed. We had actually said that this was a possibility. We had been clear about that. We actually shared that he has an inhaler that he uses from time to time because he has -- he has experienced coughs, as you ve heard him from even before COVID that he has dealt with.

And -- and basically what you re seeing right now is lingering effects of that. And we have talked -- we spoke to the doctor about this, and that s what he relayed to us specifically.

Q On a different topic, the FBI has served a search warrant on the former President's residence in Florida. Was the President or anyone at the White House aware of that search warrant? Or had -- has anyone at the White House or the President been briefed in the aftermath of that search warrant being executed?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No. The President was not briefed, did not -- was not aware of it. No. No one at the White House was given a heads up. No, that did not happen.

Q Is the White House at all concerned, given the domestic political climate but also the signal that it sends to the rest of the world, that the Department of Justice carried out this sort of operation on a former President, that it could even be -- create the appearance of a politically motivated prosecutor?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, first off, and you ve heard us say this many times at this podium, you ve heard the President say this: The Justice Department conducts investigations independently, and we leave any law enforcement matters to them. It would not be appropriate for us to comment on any ongoing investigations.

I can say that President Biden has been unequivocal since the campaign: He believes in the rule of law, in the independence of Justice Depar- -- of the Justice Department investigations, that those investigations should be free from political influence. And he has held that commitment as President.

I want to also remind you all of what he said on January 7th of 2021 when he then nominated Merrick Garland to be the Attorney General, and I quote:

“We need to restore the honor, the integrity of the independence of the Department of Justice in this nation that has been so badly damaged. And so many former leaders of that department, in both parties, have so testified” and that -- “and stated that. I want to be clear to those who lead this department who you will serve. You won’t work for me. You are not the President or the Vice President’s lawyers. Your loyalty is not me. It’s to the law, the Constitution, the people of this nation to guarantee justice.” End quote.

So I would refer you to the Department of Justice.

Q And then, just lastly, does the White House or the President believe it would be helpful, both domestically and the signal that sends abroad, for the Department of Justice to be more open about the reasons for that search warrant -- the underlying evidence there?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Again, this is not something I m going to comment on today or from here at all. This goes to the Department of Justice, and that s where I refer you to.

Q Karine? Thank you. The President this morning stressed that the CHIPS Act will create jobs, will grow the economy. But when will Americans feel the impact of this legislation? When will this law impact supply chains? When might prices go down because of this?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So Secre- -- Secretary Raimondo actually spoke to this a little bit, and the department is already taking steps to set up the office that will implement the bill. And so we ll -- we ll have more details on that -- on that soon.

But we are working hand-in-hand with private companies who are already announcing new investments here at home because we passed this bill. We had said for many months that we needed to send that signal for companies who were making decisions by the end of the summer.

So, by passing this and now the President signing this, we have sent that signal. So, there, you see companies working on that -- private companies.

So, Intel is going to break ground on next-gen semiconductor factories in central Ohio in early fall. So that is certainly a step forward.

Micron is announcing a \$40 billion investment in memory chip manufacturing, which will create up to 40,000 new jobs.

And Qualcomm and GlobalFoundries are announcing a new partnership, including \$4.2 billion in chips manufacturing. Qualcomm will increase U.S. chip manufacturing by up to 50 percent.

Just giving you a little bit of already what s happening. And we ll have more specifics on when we ll see a direct effect.

Q And on this raid, I understand you re underscoring the independence of the Justice Department, but just politically and in terms of the optics of this, are you concerned at all about how it looks for the Justice Department to be investigating and raiding the home of the former President, who may very well be the current President s rival in 2024?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Again, we re just not going to comment on any ongoing investigations from here.

Q And to Republicans who say it reeks of politics?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Look, I ll say this: You know, the President and the White House learned about this FBI search from

public reports. We learned, just like the American public did yesterday, and we did not have advance notice of this activity.

President Biden has been very clear from before he was elected President and throughout his time in office that the Justice Department conducts its investigations independently. He believes in the rule of law and what -- we are nations of law -- are a nation of law.

And he -- again, we defer any incoming on this particular incident yesterday to the Department of Justice.

Q To follow up on that, Karine, Republicans have said that they will probe this raid if they take over the House or the Senate after the November elections. What's the White House's reaction to that?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Again, I'm just not going to comment on any reaction to what happened yesterday. We are going to refer any incoming to the Department of Justice.

Q Okay. But that's not really about DOJ. It's more about what might be coming your way if the election does not go your way in November.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: That's a hypothetical, and I'm just not going to entertain it at this time.

Q And another topic. The House is meeting on Friday to vote about the Inflation Reduction Act. Assuming that they go ahead and pass the bill, what are the President's plans for signing that?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Well, no plans at this moment to share with all of you. As you know, there's some -- there's an enrollment process; it takes some time before the bill can get signed. I have nothing to share at this time on what that looks like.

So we just are looking forward. We are grateful for what the Senate was able to do just a couple of days ago. And we are looking forward to the House passing it so that we can deliver for the American people.

Go ahead, and then I'll come back to you.

Q Just to follow up on the Republican criticism of this search warrant that was executed on Mar-a-Lago, does the President believe that the Justice Department acted accordingly here?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: That is not -- I'll say -- I'll say this again: That's up for the Department of Justice to decide. It is -- when it comes to the criminal investigation, it is independent. And they make that decision.

Q And has the White House been told whether or not Attorney General Garland signed off on the search warrant himself?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: We learned about this, the President learned about this just like you all did, through the public reports. And we learned about this just like the American people did.

Q So you don't know whether or not Garland signed off on it?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I don't have anything more to share.

So we -- like I said, we didn't learn -- we did not know about this, and we have not been briefed on this. We learned about this just like the public -- just as you all were reporting it, through the public reports.

Q And on the President's agenda, how does he plan to use the string of wins that he's had lately and that Democrats have had lately to turn it into a sense of momentum -- not just for his own low approval ratings, but also to help Democrats in the midterm elections?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, look, you know, what we have seen this past week and, I would argue, the past 18 months has been a president who has a legislative success -- more legislative success than any modern President.

If you think about the American Rescue Plan, if you think about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, if you think about what's going on with CHIPS, what's happening with the Inflation Reduction Act that's -- we are grateful for, and it looks like it's going to be passing out of the House in a couple of days, and so much more -- burn pits -- all of these successes certainly is something that the President has talked about for many years.

If you look specifically at the Inflation Reduction Act and those components that are incredibly popular, when you think about how the American people feel about these -- about lowering costs -- energy costs; lowering premiums -- healthcare premiums -- these are things -- and especially the Medicare to be able to negotiate -- these are things that Democrats have been fighting for for 34 years. And -- and special interest groups have said no and have not allowed -- you know, have [not] allowed congressional members to work really hard and pass bills to lower those costs for American people.

And finally, what we have seen this week is a win -- is a win for the American public. And so, the President, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, congressional members are certainly going to be out there talking to the American people, talking about -- about these wins for them that we -- that we were able to work together on.

And so, that's what you're going to see in the upcoming weeks. And you have congressional Democrats right now in their districts talking about this particular bill and others -- CHIPS as well -- in their district and talking about how they were able to deliver.

Q And does the President think he'll get a boost from this?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I mean, look, I think our focus is always on delivering for the American people. This is a President who has been in office for some time. A lot of the components that we have seen delivered are things that he has fought for since he was a senator. And when you think about lowering prescription drugs, that's something that's incredibly personal to him, and that's what matters. What matters right now is the work that we're doing, which are very popular -- the components, the legislation are very popular with the American public. And that's going to be our focus.

Q The Archivist said in a letter to the Justice Department in February that classified material apparently was taken from this building down to Mar-a-Lago in Florida. What's the President's reaction to that general notion?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm -- I'm not going to comment further from here from what I said. This is a -- this is a criminal investigation that the Department of Justice is running, and I leave it to them to speak to it.

Q The President is the original classification authority; all of it stems from him personally. He has no specific reaction to the way that classified material was apparently handled in this case?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Again, this is a criminal investigation that the Department of Justice is independently running. We will leave it to them to speak to this.

Q Once more on this question of the general reaction to what has happened since yesterday. Does the President feel that the FBI's legitimacy and its decision-making, the way that it handled this, is on the line now?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: The President has been very clear. I read his quote from when he -- on January 7th in 2021, when he nominated Merrick Garland, and how he felt the importance of not politicizing the Department of Justice, the importance of having that independence. And so I leave the -- I leave the quote that I read to -- to all of you just moments ago to you.

Q Separately, the President visited -- well, we know that the Speaker of the House was here visiting with the President today. Did they discuss the Speaker's visit to Taiwan?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I have not seen the President since the event, so I can't speak to that at this time.

Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. Do you consider Donald Trump to be a political rival of President Biden?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm not going to speak to that from here.

Q But you talk about Trump all the time. So do you consider him to be --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Mm, I don't talk about Trump all the time.

Q "Ultra MAGA." You guys were criticizing his handling of COVID last week. You've mentioned his January 6th response a couple days ago.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No --

Q So can you say, based on all that -- I didn't say anything about Mar-a-Lago. I'm just asking you if you consider the President to be --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm -- I'm saying, from here, I'm not going to comment on it.

Q Does the President still want to -- think that he would be very fortunate to run against Trump in 2024, like he has said before?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Again, I'm not going to comment on --

Q It's just -- it's just a --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: -- I'm not --

Q -- a quote from the President: In "the next election, I'd be very fortunate if I had that same man running against me." Does he still think that?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: All I can tell you, Peter, is that the President intends to run in 2024.

Q Is there a concern here that if you guys don't say more than these Republicans -- who are accusing this White House of weaponizing the Justice Department, weaponizing the FBI -- are, that that's going to become the public sentiment, if you guys don't say once and for all, "We are not doing that"?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: First -- first of all, we're just not going to comment on the Department of Justice investigation. We're just --

Q Okay, but I'll make it easier. Are --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: We're just not going to comment on that.

Q Is this White House weaponizing the Justice Department and the FBI against a political -- against political opponents?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: The President has been very clear from before he was elected, very clear on this. Hold on.

Q It's just --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Throughout his time in office --

Q He is President now. I heard the quote. We will be playing the quote tonight at 6 o'clock. Is this administration weaponizing the Justice Department and the FBI against political opponents?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Peter, the President believes in the rule of law. The President believes in the independence of the Department of Justice.

Q That's -- that's a yes or no.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No, that is --

Q Just, is the White House --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No, it's a yes-no for you. I'm answering the question. You may not like it, but I'm answering the question.

Q I'm just --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: And I'm s- -- no. No. I'm answering the question, and --

Q I'm just trying to figure out what's happening --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: -- I'm telling you that we are not going to comment on a criminal investigation. The President has been very clear. I laid out what his thoughts were back on January 7th in 20- -- in 2021, about how he saw the Department of Justice. And I'm just going to leave it there.

We're not going to comment from here, from this White House, on a criminal investigation that is currently happening.

Q And just one more about the Inflation Reduction Act. Who around here decided that Americans were crying out for more interaction with the IRS?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I -- I don't understand your question. You have to say more.

Q Do you think it's going to be popular when the 87,000 new employees hired by the IRS go around and start auditing people to pay for the Inflation Reduction Act?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So it's very clear. The IRS Commissioner was very clear on this. He said that -- on the record, that this only will -- it will only apply to those earning over \$400,000. The Commissioner said, and I quote, "These resources are absolutely not about increasing audit scrutiny on small businesses or middle-income Americans. As we have been planning, our investment of these enforcement resources is designed around... Treasury[s] directive that audit rates will not rise relative to recent years for households making under \$400,000." So this is --

Q So no audits?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: This is focused on those who are, you know, corporate, wealthy tax cheats that Republicans -- congressional Republicans wanted to defend. That's who they wanted to defend. They wanted to defend those corporate tax cheats. This is not about -- this is not about that. This is not about folks who make less than \$400,000.

Q So new audits on anybody making under \$400,000 a year?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No. Very clear, no.

Hey, Monica. Welcome to the briefing room.

Q Hi. Thank you very much. Former Vice President Pence called on the Attorney General to provide a full accounting of the FBI search at Mar-a-Lago. Is that something the White House would support?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm not going to comment on the depart- -- I'm not going to comment on this. It's going to -- I'd refer you to the Department of Justice.

Q And has the President spoken with the Attorney General today?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm -- I'm just not going to speak further on any -- any conversations. There's no calls for me to preview.

Again, I'm just not going to comment on any ongoing criminal investigations.

Q When it comes to student loans and the current pause on the payments -- they're set to expire at the end of the month -- a lot of borrowers told us that they feel they've been left in limbo, making it difficult to plan financially. Is there any update on that expected? When can they expect that? And would it possibly just be another extension, or what else is on the table for that?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So the President spoke to this when he was asked, I think about two weeks ago, about the student loan and his decision. He said by "the end of August." So we're still kind of at the beginning, getting into the middle of August. So when he's ready to make that decision, we will let you know.

Q And what would you say to the borrowers that these --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So --

Q -- three-month extensions are making it --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: -- I'll -- I'll say -- I'll say this --

Q -- very complicated --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: -- and we have been very clear on this: Like, the President understands how student loans could affect a family and -- and how the pressure of that can really be a lot and put a lot of weight on a family's purse or economic situation. So, we understand that. He is making -- he is going to make his decision on this, and when he has something to say, we will share that.

Q And just finally on Ukraine: What is the White House understanding of the situation at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: The -- which -- which power plant?

Q Zaporizhzhia.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Oh, I spoke to this yesterday during -- during the gaggle. Basically, what we said then is that -- what I said yesterday is that we continue to closely monitor the situation at the ZNPP. The Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration report that radiation sensors are continuing to provide data. And -- and

thankfully, we have seen no indications of increased or abnormal radiation levels.

We also are aware of reports of mistreatment of N- -- ZNPP staff and applaud the Ukrainian authorities and oper- -- operators for their commitment to nuclear safety and security under trying circumstances.

Fighting near a nuclear plant is dangerous, and we continue to call on Russia to cease all military operations at or near Ukrainian nuclear facilities and return full control to Ukraine.

For our part, we will continue to support the efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency to fulfill its techn- --its technical safeguards mandate to assist Ukraine with nuclear safety and security measures across its nuclear facilities.

Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. President Biden is scheduled to leave town for South Carolina tomorrow. Can we get any details on how long he'll be away on vacation, what he'll be doing?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I -- I don't have more to share on that. I'm sure as -- as the days go by, we'll share more about what -- what the timing will be. I just don't have anything for you to share at this time on his schedule.

Q And would he -- I know you spoke to this before, but would he come back from that to sign the reconciliation bill?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Well, you know, first, we -- we got to -- we're going to work closely with the House to get that passed in the next couple of days. And once we have more to share, we will share your -- his schedule, if that changes.

Q Can you talk a little about the CPI data tomorrow -- what your expectations are, what you guys are looking at?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Yep. So, as you know, the President has -- his -- the President's number one priority is to making sure that America -- that we lower costs for American families. That's what we have been saying the past couple of months, especially as it relates to inflation. We laid out our -- our plan on what that would look like.

So, we haven't seen the data yet for tomorrow. We know that gas prices have fallen -- I just listed that -- for 56 days straight to below \$4.00 nationwide. And we hope those gas price declines will factor in into the CPI inflation data. And because of that, because of the work that the President has done these past several months, as I just mentioned earlier, we have seen a decline -- a steep decline, a decline that we haven't seen in more than a decade, saving families about -- families about 100 bucks a month.

But again, we haven't -- not seen those numbers yet. And -- and so we'll see tomorrow what that holds.

Go ahead.

Q Hey, thanks, Karine. A question about the Affordable Care Act. Does the White House plan to respond in any way to the Kelley v. Becerra lawsuit in Texas, which threatens provisions around preventive care?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm not going to respond to any lawsuits from here.

Okay. Anything else?

All right. Go ahead.

Q To the back?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'll come to the back.

Q I know that you've spoken about conversations -- or not commented on any conversations today with the Department of Justice, but would the White House now rule out any briefings moving forward as this investigation continues, given the accusations around any sort of partisanship impacting the investigation? I guess, the question --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Can you say more?

Q Sure. The question being: Is it -- is the -- moving forward, will the President or anybody from the White House be engaged in any briefings with the Department of Justice over this search or the investigation?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: We are -- when it comes to a criminal investigation, that is the Department of Justice to -- to investigate and deal with. We give them their independence on that.

Q But not -- but not clarifying whether or not there would be any sort of briefings -- whether any briefings would be made between the Justice Department and the White House, and whether they will be made public if those briefings happen?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No. I mean, this is not something -- again, they re independent. We are not -- we re not involved in their criminal investigation. That is not something that we do here.

We give them their independence when it comes to that. And so we leave it -- we leave it to the Department of Justice.

So, any particulars, any specifics on what they re going to do next or -- or anything to that fashion, I would refer you to the Department of Justice.

Q I want to ask student loans just one more time. The way this was described previously in reporting and just in conversations about it, even in this room, is around cancellation and a possible extension when it comes to a decision being made before August. And the President has said that, that a decision would be made before August.

Is it possible that that decision is just limited to whether or not there is an extension or not, and cancellation or any sort of relief is left for another time?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So when it comes to the -- to the pause -- I know there s the pause and the cancellation -- we haven t made a decision yet, so I m just going to go to -- go to the pause first.

The Department of Education will communicate directly with borrowers about the end of the payment pause when a decision is made. So, again, no decisions have been made.

When it comes to the cancellation -- look, I just said the President understands firsthand the burden -- the burden that student loan has on families, it puts on families. And we re just going to continue to assess our options for cancellations. So, no decisions have been made on that yesterday [yet]. And the President has made clear it will -- he ll have something before August 31st.

Q And would any decision impact public and private -- students of both public and private?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm just not going to get into specifics. Once we have more, we'll share that with all of you. Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. Homeland Security announced yesterday that it is ending the Remain in Mexico policy, so I just wanted to see if the White House has any reaction to that.

Also, I m wondering, too, if you can talk a little bit about the timing of this decision. The Supreme Court ruled in June -- late June -- that the administration had the authority to eliminate the program. So I m just wondering: What took so long? Did the President want it to be done earlier?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, as we have said before, the Migrant Protection Protocol -- MPP policy -- under the prior administration was flawed, it was inhumane, and it was ineffective.

Now that the lower court's order requiring us to continue the policy has been lifted -- that happened just yesterday -- the Department of Homeland Security -- Security has restarted efforts to terminate it.

So, it was -- we were waiting for the lower court, and it made that decision yesterday.

So, any further detail, I would just refer you to them -- to the Department of Homeland Security.

Okay. Go ahead, in the back.

Q On -- so CPI inflation is coming out tomorrow, and I had a question on that. So, you've pointed out the gas prices are now falling. You said the government spending won't really affect inflation going forward. So, then, has the American people seen inflation peak? And is it now coming back down?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Look, what I can tell you is -- I explained CPI. We don't -- we haven't seen the number yet. We've seen the gas prices come down in the past 56 days, which is because of the work that this President has done. We hope to see that is reflected in CPI, so we will see what that looks like tomorrow.

As -- as it relates to inflation as a whole, what I can speak to is the work that we have been doing and what we have -- you know, what we -- the plan that we have put forth, including making sure the Federal Reserve has their -- has their independence to make sure that they can do the work that they're doing and have -- they have the strongest monetary policy to work on those things.

And, you know, it matters that the Inflation Reduction Act is going to -- is -- looks like it's going to pass. It matters because we have 126 economists, both on the right and both on -- on -- on the "D" side -- Republican and Democrats, who have said it is going to help fight inflation. That is important, including five Secretary -- Treasury Secretaries, also Democrats and Rep- -- under Democrats and Republican administration.

So that's going to be incredibly important. And we're just going to continue to doing the work.

Yes, gas prices came down by a dollar per -- per gallon, but we understand that there's more work to do, and we're going to continue to do that.

We leave -- any data, I'll leave that -- we'll see how -- what the data looks like.

Q On the CHIPS Act, the Intel CFO says that they don't expect to see the money until the end of 2023. You know, so then, the jobs the President is promising from this act, will they then have to wait until 2024 as the money cycles through?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Well, I mean, I was kind of clear on this, and we have been for the past several months, and I said this moments ago: One of the things about passing the CHIPS Act and now signing into law, as you saw the President do today, was sending that signal to private companies that we were -- we were going to -- we were going to take action to make sure that investments were happening here -- right? -- to make sure that manufacturers were staying in America and that we were being -- we were able to make sure that we were doing the work that our country needed to do to make sure that we're leading -- leading across the globe.

And so that sent a signal to private companies. And that's why I was able to lay out what Intel is going to do, what Micron is going to do, and Qualcomm and GlobalFoundries --

Q But when -- for those jobs? When will we see those jobs?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Well, I think we'll have more to share. This is the question that I've kind of gotten, like, "When are -- when are the American people going to feel the impact -- impact?" We'll have details on that very soon.

In the meantime, we're taking steps to set up the office to get this done as quickly as possible. But I think what's important here is that this commitment that we have made -- again, CHIPS -- bipartisan, very important; both Republicans and Democrats came together to get this done -- shows a very loud message to private companies that we want to make sure that we're investing in America and also can compete across -- across the globe.

Go ahead, Sebastian.

Q Thank you, Karine. So I'm not asking you to comment on the Justice Department side of this, obviously, because I know you can't. But, politically, is the President, who is the country's leader -- is he confident that he has a plan to address the way that a lot of Americans, maybe even a very large number of Americans, are being told and may now believe that Donald Trump is being persecuted and the deep state is coming after you, that the IRS and the FBI are corrupt? All this kind of stuff -- this is really believed, apparently, by, really, a lot of people.

He's the leader of the whole country, as he often says. Does he have a handle on this?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Your question is still asking me to comment on what's happening, right? By me answering, it is still asking me a question to comment on it.

Q Not really.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Oh, absolutely. So I'm going to stick to what I've been saying, is that this is a criminal investigation that's independent of -- to the DOJ, and we leave any inquiry, any questions about what is happening to the Department of Justice.

Go ahead.

Q Thank you, Karine. One on NATO, one on Ukraine. The President urged the remaining seven NATO members to complete ratification process for Finland and Sweden, as he said, "as quickly as possible." What is desired timeframe when he wants other leaders to complete the process? By the winter? By the end of the year?

And what's his message to those leaders -- leaders of those seven countries, including Turkey?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So we don't have a timeline to share. I think what you were hearing from the President is his strong support, clearly, from -- not just from him, but from -- from Congress, from Americans about how we support the -- this expansion, this ratification that we saw today with Sweden and Finland.

As I just laid out, he spoke to both of them. We, hopefully, have put out a readout by now, so you'll hear directly from us on how those conversations came -- have went.

And so, you know, we're going to continue to work with our Allies and partners to strengthen defense and deterrence and to avoid -- to strengthen -- to strengthen that defense alliance.

It's one of the strongest that we have seen in modern times, and that's -- a lot of that is because of this President's leadership. And so we're going to just continue to make sure that -- that we make our voice clear.

But I don't have a timeline to share. You know, the President speaks to his -- to the NATO members very regularly, as we read out to all of you. But this is an important day. We think this is a very important day for NATO as we continue.

Q On Ukraine, there has been a series of explosions at the Russian air force base in Crimea. It's not clear yet what happened. But I'm wondering if you consider Crimea a legitimate target for Ukraine when they use U.S.-provided weapons.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So we are supportive of Ukraine's efforts, as you know, to defend its sovereignty and territory and its territory integrity, as we have said many times from here.

The fight has been in the east and the southwest of the country, and it's far from over. We have warned this could be a long and protracted war.

We will continue to ensure that Ukraine can push back against Russia's unprovoked aggression, and that's going to be our focus.

Q So is a legitimate target or not?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Say that one more time?

Q So is the Crimea a legitimate target for Ukraine when they use U.S.-provided weapons? Because in the past, Pentagon seems to -- seem to try to convince Ukraine not to use U.S.-provided weapon to attack Russia, Russian territory.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So I don't have anything else for you on this. I'm saying to you that we are going to continue to support Ukraine as they're fighting for their freedom, as they're fighting for their sovereignty, you know, against a brutal -- a brutal attack from Russia.

Go ahead, Jenny.

Q Thank you.

Q Karine -- thanks, Karine.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'll come to you. Go ahead, Jenny.

Q I know you said that you haven't seen the President since the bill signing and his opportunities to speak with Speaker Pelosi about his -- her Taiwan trip. Presumably, tomorrow they have another chance at the PACT Act signing. But since you have talked with him about the trip since it happened, does he want to have a conversation with Speaker Pelosi about it to hear what she's heard on the ground, what the Taiwanese government would want to see from the U.S. government? Does -- is he seeking at all a conversation like that?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, one thing I will -- I mean, they talk pretty regularly, right? This is the Speaker of the House and the President. They have a friendship; they have a relationship. I don't have anything specific to read out about any recent conversation on her trip.

What I can say is -- reiterate a little bit of what the President said yesterday when he was asked about the Speaker going, and he said, you know, it was -- it was her right to go.

Again, we're going to reiterate this: It was her right to go. There was precedence for this. As we know, Newt Gingrich, when he was Speaker, went a generation ago. And -- and, again, it does not change our policy, our One China policy. It does not change any -- any of that.

And -- and so I will leave it to the Speaker. She spoke to this earlier today. She was on some -- one of your colleagues' networks, talking about her trip, so I'll let her speak to it directly.

Q Does the President agree, since you just mentioned her appearances this morning, that President Xi Jinping is a “scared bully” and “in a fragile place”?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I actually did not watch the interview. (Laughs.)

Q (Inaudible.)

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I know -- I know she was on -- I know she was on.

Look, she’s going to speak for herself. She is the Speaker. It is up to her to make decisions on where she will travel. It is up to members of Congress to make that decision on where they will travel.

What we provide -- we provide a briefing on what the geopolitics looks like in the region, in that country, the national security components of their particular specific trip. But we are not -- it’s -- and you’ve heard us say this this: It is a -- you know, it is a co-equal branch of government but also separation of powers. And she has her right to make that trip. I will let her speak to -- speak to it and how she feels about it. I cannot speak from -- on -- for her from here.

Q One more on Russia. My colleagues reported today that a merchant ship carrying military equipment passed Turkey’s Bosphorus Strait on the way from Syria to Russia. And I’m wondering if you can give us an update on, you know, how concerned the U.S. is about this, but also, was there any outreach to Turkish officials since it was a Turkish strait.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: We don’t -- I -- we don’t have anything to share on that from here at this time.

Okay, I’m going to try and go to the back. Go ahead.

Q Karine, thank you.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No, (inaudible) -- I’m going to go to Phil?

Q Yeah.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Okay, I’m sorry.

Q The President campaigned on binding up the wounds of the country and restoring norms. And I’m wondering, two years in, if the President believes that he has made progress in restoring the American public’s faith in federal institutions.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Well, one of the things that we understand and the President understands -- and I’ve been asked this question in different variations, and it’s pretty much the same. He -- you know, when he -- when he ran, he understood that we were in a politic- -- politically polarized environment. He understand that it was going to be a lot of work to bring people together. And I think the work continues, even in his first 18 months. There’s still a lot of work to be done.

And, you know -- but he has been able to do some things that people said he couldn’t be -- he couldn’t do. Right? The bipartisanship on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, it brought the Right and the -- you know, the “R’s” and the “D’s” -- Republicans and Democrats together. That was because of this President’s leadership that he was able to do that to deliver an infrastructure investment that was historical.

He was able to -- we were able to do that with the CHIPS -- CHIPS and Science Act -- bring the two sides together to get something done, to make sure that we’re leaders across the world when it comes to manufacturing.

And so there are things that this President has done because of his leadership -- somebody was asking me about NATO -- that is also important as well. NATO is the strongest that it’s been in modern times because of his leadership abroad.

So I think there's still more work to be done. It's not like turning the light switch on. And so we're going to continue to do the work.

So there's no -- there's no "yes" or "no" answer. There is: We're going to continue to work towards that.

Q Gotcha. And then, you've said repeatedly that the President learned of the news of the FBI visit to Mar-a-Lago the other day through news reports. Can you tell us anything more? Was he watching the news? Was he scrolling Twitter? Did someone in his staff flag it for him?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I can tell you this: He was not aware of -- of -- of the -- was it the Mar-a-Lago raid? I don't know what you guys are calling it -- before it happened.

So, I can tell you that he did not know.

Q But, so did someone flag it for him?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: He learned about it, really, like all of us did. I'm sure maybe someone on his team flagged it for him, but he was not aware.

What I can tell you definitively and for sure: He was not aware of this. He was -- we were -- nobody in the White House was. We were not given a heads up, and we did not know about -- about what happened yesterday.

Q Karine, can you speak to the West Wing communication afterwards between the Justice Department and President Biden?

Q One question for Africa, Karine?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm going to come back, guys.

Q Thank you. Why do we always have to beg for questions? Africans deserve questions as well, Karine.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Go ahead.

Q Come on.

Q What is the latest on communications with Beijing? And are there still efforts to find a meeting for a face-to-face with President Xi?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No -- no update on his schedule, on any meeting at this time. Look, we have said -- we have said this many times that we're keeping the line of communications open with Beijing. The President spoke with President Xi not too long ago. We read that out. It was more than a two-hour and 20-minute conversation.

He -- that was his fifth conversation with the President. And on staff levels, there's an open -- open dialogue that we're going to keep.

Q Karine?

Q Karine, we're getting -- we can tell that your staff is trying to give you the hook. I don't know if you (inaudible) --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Okay, I'll take -- I'll take a couple more questions. Okay, I'm going to take -- I'm going to take --

Q One for Africa. One question for Africa.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm going to take -- I'm going to --

(Cross-talk by reporters.)

Guys -- go ahead. Okay.

Q (Inaudible) question on the back.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Give me -- give me a second.

Q We have been asking for a question, Karine, every time. And even when you give questions to Simon, it's because he forced. We don't need to force for question. We also deserve to have a question. Why --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I will get -- I will get --

Q Do you have something against African reporters?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Go ahead. Go ahead.

Q On Afghanistan, Jake Sullivan --

Q We deserve questions too, Karine.

Q -- said last year that there was going to be --

Q You have to be fair.

Q -- an extensive top-to-bottom review of the withdrawal and how that went.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Can you start again?

Q Sure. Yeah.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Because someone was -- was yelling over you.

Q On Afghanistan, Jake Sullivan said last year that there was going to be a top-to-bottom extensive review on how that withdrawal went.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: The "hotwash."

Q There was some reporting today that that is not going to be ready for the one-year mark. I guess the question is: Why is that process taking so long? What's been the holdup there?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, I know you're talking about the -- the "hotwashing" specifica- --

Q The hotwash, yeah.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: -- specifically.

So, the update that I can give you from here is that departments and agencies have begun their independent after-action reviews of the operations at the end of the U.S. military mission in Afghanistan.

And again, once those internal reviews are done, we will have an opportunity to look at the full picture. Once they're done, we will give you the full -- have the full picture in a way that will help inform future operations. Department and agencies will share lessons learned consistent with operational and classification security. It's just still underway. Once we have that, we will -- we will share our lessons.

Q So that's the wait on, like, agency level and department level. You haven't -- the White House hasn't received anything --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: From what I understand, this is department and agency levels.

Q And there's no set timeline for when that's (inaudible)?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I don't have a timeline for you on this.

Q Can I get one question please?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Go ahead. Go ahead, Andrew.

Q Can I have a question, Karine?

Q Thank you. Adjacent to the news of the day from yesterday, since the news of the search of former President Trump's home in public, there's been a lot of reporting on chatter among extremists online about the possibility of violence, people talking about Civil War Two, et cetera, et cetera.

The President put out a domestic violent extremism strategy last year. Is the White House in contact with the Justice Department, DHS, or other departments about preparing for possible violence as a result of this?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, we've been very clear, and so our message is this: that the President and this White House -- there is no place for political violence in this country. People have the right to raise their voices peacefully. But we would strongly condemn -- as we have many times from here -- the President has condemned any efforts to plan violent behavior of any kind. And so we would -- we would ask Americans to remain peaceful in this time.

Again, this is something that we condemn. I don't have any -- anything more to share about the particular policy that you're asking me about.

Q May I have a question?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Go ahead -- right behind.

Q Thank you, Karine. Can you speak to the importance of the Inflation Reduction Act reaching Black and brown communities, which we know are -- they make up -- make up a disproportionate share of poverty rates and pay more in energy costs? And to what extent will the administration ensure that it's implemented equitably?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, clearly, we have to get this passed. We're going to work very closely, as we have been, with -- with Congress to get this done because this is incredibly important, and we want to make sure we deliver -- we deliver this for the American people.

I think if you look at how prescription drugs are going to go down, because Medicare will be able to negotiate with -- with companies, that is -- with pharmaceutical -- that is going to be incredibly important -- right? -- when you think about brown and Black communities are spending.

And not just them, but you think about Americans across the board that are spending so much money -- seniors -- our seniors -- just to get that vital -- vital drug that they need just to -- just to live their everyday lives. That's going to have an impact on brown and Black communities, I believe -- we believe.

And when you think about utility bills coming down because of this investment that it's going to make in -- in really -- in lowering energy costs. And so those things are going to make a difference.

We think about the ACA premiums -- that's going to -- that's going to keep our lower costs on healthcare. That's going to make a difference in communities as well.

And so, when -- and when you think about the President's economic plan more broadly, it's always been about making sure that it is -- it is economically fair, that we don't leave anybody behind. It -- we talk about building it from the bottom up and the middle out. We don't want -- we want to make sure that no communities feel like they're left -- being left behind.

And so that is always been part of the President's agenda, and you see that here with the Inflation Reduction Act as well.

Go ahead, Simon.

Q Okay, thank you, Karine. I know you said that you don't really want to comment on an ongoing investigation. But what time did the President learn about the raid on -- the raid yesterday?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I don't have anything to -- more to share, Simon. I've shared -- I've said all that I can about -- about the -- the topic.

Q Yeah, and then also you said that the President believes in the rule of law. Does he believe in the rule of law when it comes to the former President or even his son?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: I'm not going to -- I'm not going to comment any more on --

Q And -- and --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: -- on both of those topics that you just mentioned.

Q (Inaudible.)

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: The Department of Justice is independent with their criminal investigation. The President has been very clear on that. And we -- I would refer you to Department of Justice on those -- those two topics that you just brought up.

Q Yes. So, one final question from me.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Sure.

Q The Secretary is in Africa. Yesterday, he unveiled the U.S. -- the new U.S. strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa. But that strategy doesn't really -- doesn't have any step to show how the U.S. will counter China or Russia in Africa. And why is that?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, I could say -- say this: We want to make sure that -- one of the things that we made sure about this, our strategy, it had a different approach on -- on what we -- a unique approach on -- about how we are doing it. So we seek to engage not only government leaders, but a wide range of African and U.S. stakeholders, such as youth, business, civil -- civil society, and the diaspora.

As you know, there's going to be a summit here in December -- December 13th to the 15th. And so that's something that I want to make sure that is said as we're going to -- as we're headed to -- as we're headed to the summit in just a couple of -- a couple of months.

And our relationship, as it relates to Africa, we believe is incredibly important. I just laid out what the President -- what the Secretary talked about. So we want to make sure we're reinvigorating and modernizing U.S. partnerships across the continent; building substantive, reciprocal partnerships with African governments, institutions, and public, based on the principles of mutual respect, equality, and other shared values, and strengthened by our long-lasting historical and cultural connections.

So we want to make sure that our commitment is there. There is going to be many issues to talk about for the summit. And as we lay out our African strategy -- Africa -- our strategy for Africa, it's going to be about -- national security, we'll talk about. We'll talk about COVID. We'll talk about food security. And we'll talk about other items as well, that's going to be important to both global challenges, that's going to be important to African -- African nations and also the U.S.

Q And if I can ask you this last question --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No, I -- we got to move on. We got to move on.

Q No, one last --

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: No, no, no, no, we got to move on.

Way in the back, go ahead.

Q Thank you. On the CHIPS Act signing today. With semiconductors primarily being manufactured right now overseas in East Asia, what message does this send -- does the President want this to send to China, specifically, at a time when tensions are high?

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Look, the President talked about this in his speech as well. He mentioned the importance of being competitive, and that competition -- this is why this CHIPS and Science Act is so important -- so we show that we are committed in investing in us -- in "Made in America" -- and committed and making sure that we have manufacturing that's happening here.

As you mentioned, chips and semiconductors -- as you mentioned -- even our national security -- strengthening our national security is going to be important in chips. Strengthening our supply chain is going to be also important as a -- as we look at chips.

So, look, it doesn't stop us. Even the escalation that we're seeing and that we are being very clear about with our -- how we're communicating on that piece as well. But we also have to continue to do the work of the American people. We have to make sure that we are delivering for the American people. And that's what this shows.

It's going to create jobs. And it's going to create those important chips.

When you think about the automobiles, when you think about the smartphones -- all of these things -- it's going to be important in lowering costs for the American people.

And so that's our -- our message to the American people is that we're going to make sure that we deliver for them and lower costs and create jobs at the same time.

Q Thanks, Karine.

Q And one more on inflation with numbers coming out. Wanting to get more details about what the White House is prepared to do to help families on a fixed income who are still struggling.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Look, that's top of mind for this President. We've -- we talk about that, you know, pretty regularly -- how lowering costs for Americans is so important, how lowering costs for Americans is critical.

We understand what is happening. The President personally understands what's happening around the kitchen table and the conversations that people are having -- about how are they going to put food on their table, how are they going to put gas -- you know, gas in their car.

That's why one of the things that we have been talking about and working on with the gas prices coming down -- the last 56 days matters. It gives Americans a little bit more of breathing room.

So the President laid down what his inflation plan is -- is. He knows there's still more work to do. But again, the ifla- -- the Inflation Reduction Act, once that gets passed, that is going to make a difference in people's lives. Prescription drugs, utility bills -- that -- and we think about ACA bringing down the premiums for folks. That's going to make a difference in people's lives.

The CHIPS Act I just laid out -- that's going to make a difference in people's lives. And so that's the work that we're going to continue to focus on. And we're going to make sure that we deliver for the American people.

All right, thanks, everybody.

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Dear Attorney General Garland and Director Wray:

As you are both well aware, the American people are justifiably alarmed by the conduct of your agencies. This alarm has arisen not only because of the unprecedented nature of the raid conducted at the personal residence of a former president, and potential future political opponent of the sitting president, but increasingly because of the lack of transparency by you and the Biden administration in the face of repeated questions seeking the legal justification for such extreme action.

Let me be clear: no one is above the law and no government agency, especially the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is immune from accountability to the American people. Your refusal to fully and transparently answer legitimate questions about the motivations and justifications for such provocative conduct by your agencies serves only to further damage the integrity of the DOJ and FBI, is unacceptable, and will not be tolerated.

Please respond to the following queries *no later than Friday, August 19, 2022*:

1. Please provide an unredacted copy of—
 - a. The search warrant application and any additional materials or documents submitted to the federal magistrate judge in support of the search warrant application.
 - b. All internal memoranda, briefing documents, and supporting materials of the FBI and DOJ developed and used in the drafting and review of the search warrant application in question.

August 12, 2022

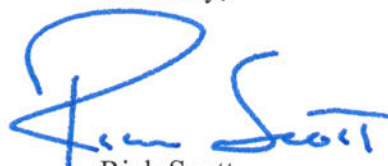
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2. Did you or any member of your respective agencies inform the president, or any personnel at the White House, of the search warrant application prior to its submission to the federal magistrate judge?
3. Did you or any member of your respective agencies inform the president, or any personnel at the White House, of the execution of the search warrant before the raid was made public by former President Donald J. Trump on August 8, 2022?
4. Did you personally review the contents of the search warrant application prior to its submission to the federal magistrate judge?
 - a. If so, when did you review the search warrant application in question?
 - b. If not, who within your agency was responsible for reviewing the search warrant application prior to its submission?
5. What “less-intrusive means” were considered and pursued by the FBI and DOJ as an alternative to conducting a forcible raid of the former president’s personal residence to obtain the documents or materials sought through this search warrant?
 - a. In reference to the subpoena reportedly issued to former President Trump for certain materials and records earlier this year, what steps did the DOJ take to enforce that subpoena before pursuing the search warrant in this case?

To the extent responses to these requests include confidential or sensitive information, I am willing to receive an in-person briefing and review such documents and materials in a classified setting.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your responsive reply no later than Friday, August 19, 2022.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senate

Michael R. Turner, Ohio
Ranking Member

Brad R. Wenstrup, Ohio
Chris Stewart, Utah
Rick Crawford, Arkansas
Elise M. Stefanik, New York
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Adam Howard
Minority Staff Director

August 12, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Wray:

A recent report indicates that the search conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence was based upon information provided by an informant.¹ This report raises a number of questions in furtherance of ongoing Committee oversight on this topic. Please provide written responses to the following:

1. Did any undercover FBI officer provide information used in the affidavit in support of the search warrant for the search of Mar-a-Lago conducted on August 8, 2022? If so:
 - a. Has this undercover FBI officer ever been paid, in full or in part, with National Intelligence Program funds?
 - b. Is this undercover FBI officer posing as a current employee of any other U.S. Government agency, such as the U.S. Secret Service?
 - c. Is this undercover FBI officer posing as staff at Mar-a-Lago?
 - d. When did the Bureau place this undercover FBI officer in a position to have intimate details about and/or access to Mar-a-Lago?
 - e. When did the Bureau meet with this undercover FBI officer to receive the information used in the affidavit in support of the search warrant?
 - f. What FBI division is directly responsible for employing this undercover FBI officer?
 - g. Does the undercover FBI officer have any direct or indirect involvement with the Counterintelligence Division? If so, please explain the nature of this relationship.

¹ William M. Arkin, *Exclusive: An Informer Told the FBI What Docs Trump Was Hiding, and Where*, Newsweek (Aug. 10, 2022), <https://www.newsweek.com/exclusive-informer-told-fbi-what-docs-trump-was-hiding-where-1732283>.

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2. Did any paid FBI confidential human source provide information used in the affidavit in support of the search warrant for the search of Mar-a-Lago conducted on August 8, 2022? If so:
 - a. Has this source ever been paid, in full or in part, with National Intelligence Program funds?
 - b. Is this source a current employee of any other U.S. Government agency, such as the U.S. Secret Service?
 - c. How long has this source been on the Bureau's payroll?
 - d. If the FBI recruited the source, when was this source recruited and for what purpose?
 - e. If the source approached the FBI without being recruited, when did the source contact the FBI and for what purpose?
 - f. When did the Bureau place this source in a position to have intimate details about and/or access to Mar-a-Lago?
 - g. When did the Bureau meet with this source to receive the information used in the affidavit in support of the search warrant?
 - h. What FBI division is directly responsible for managing this source?
 - i. Does the source have any direct or indirect involvement with the Counterintelligence Division? If so, please explain the nature of this relationship.
3. Does the Bureau have any internal policies or guidance regarding the use of current U.S. Government employees as a paid FBI confidential human source? If so, please provide all relevant documents.
4. Does the Bureau have any internal policies or guidance regarding the proper handling of any information provided by a paid confidential human source that pertains to a current or former U.S. Government official, if the source is tasked with providing security and protection for that official? If so, please provide all relevant documents.
5. Does the Bureau have any internal policies or guidance regarding undercover FBI officers posing as a member of a protective detail of the U.S. Secret Service? If so, please provide all relevant documents.

In addition, it is necessary that you preserve all relevant documents and communications that may refer or relate to this matter, including those on official governmental accounts and on personal, non-governmental accounts. Specifically, this preservation request should be construed as an instruction to preserve all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that is or may be potentially responsive to a congressional

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inquiry, request, investigation, or subpoena that may be initiated or otherwise undertaken by a committee of Congress or any other investigative entity.

For purposes of this request, “preserve” means securing and maintaining the integrity of all relevant documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, by taking reasonable steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding, incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, mutation, or negligent or reckless handling that could render the information incomplete or inaccessible. This includes preserving all compilations of documents that have already been gathered in response to requests, even if copies of individual documents may still exist elsewhere in the agency. I further request that you or your designee:


- A. Exercise reasonable efforts to identify and notify all relevant individuals, including current and former employees, officials, detailees, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants who may have had access to potentially relevant information that they should preserve and return such information to the FBI;
- B. Exercise reasonable efforts to identify, recover, and preserve any potentially relevant electronic information that has been deleted or marked for deletion but is still recoverable;
- C. Remind all relevant individuals, including current and former employees, officials, detailees, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants that any federal records sent or received using a nonofficial account must be forwarded to the agency for proper archiving, and forward all such material in your possession; and
- D. If it is the routine practice of yours, or any relevant individuals, including current and former employees, officials, detailees, contractors, subcontractors, or consultants to destroy or otherwise alter potentially relevant information, either halt such practices as they relate to the potentially relevant information or arrange for the preservation of complete and accurate duplicates (including metadata) of such documents, communications, or other information.

Please provide written responses to the above questions, and all documents and communications in the custody of the Bureau that refer or relate to the above questions, to the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2022. Additionally, please advise in writing as to how you will ensure all records relevant to this matter will be preserved. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Turner
Ranking Member



Brad R. Wenstrup, D.P.M.
Member of Congress

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Chris Stewart
Member of Congress



Eric A. "Rick" Crawford
Member of Congress



Elise Stefanik
Member of Congress



Markwayne Mullin
Member of Congress



Trent Kelly
Member of Congress



Darin LaHood
Member of Congress



Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress



Mike Gallagher
Member of Congress

From: White House: Office of the Vice President
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Press Gaggle by Vice President Harris Aboard Air Force Two Before Departure
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Sent: August 13, 2022 10:55 AM (UTC-04:00)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 13, 2022

Press Gaggle by Vice President Harris Aboard Air Force Two Before Departure

*Oakland International Airport
Oakland, California*

(August 12, 2022)

Q Madam Vice President, the bill looks like it just passed. What's your reaction?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: It's a historic day. When -- listen, the President's agenda has been, since the day we took office, we were going to bring down costs for the American people. And today, you're seeing that, for example, on the healthcare issue and the extreme expense that healthcare costs the American people -- in particular, our seniors. Insulin is going to be capped at \$35 a month.

The climate crisis. We're here in California. We're seeing it across the nation -- the extreme weather and what it is doing to displace and to cause death in many regions of the country. We have to get in front of this. America needs to be a leader on this. It's historic -- a \$370 billion investment in the climate crisis. It's going to put America back to where we should be as a leader globally.

But it's also going to be an investment in infrastructure. It's going to be an investment in jobs -- all of the work that needs to happen to allow us to be resilient and to put resources into what is a real threat for not only our nation but the world.

So, it's a good day.

Q I know that you've been very busy today, but as a former prosecutor, do you have any reaction to the unsealed search warrant that was served on President Donald Trump?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Well, as a former prosecutor, I will tell you, I don't speak about anybody else's case. But I have full confidence that the Department of Justice will do what the facts and the law requires.

Q How about some of the rhetoric that's coming out from Trump's allies? Do you have any reaction to the attempted attack on a FBI field office yesterday?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: I will say, as a former prosecutor, but as a citizen of our nation, any attacks on law enforcement are completely unacceptable. And any so-called leader who engages in rhetoric that in any way suggests that that law enforcement should be exposed to that kind of danger is irresponsible and can result in dangerous activities.

You know, our law enforcement professionals -- and, in this case, we're talking about our federal law enforcement agencies -- they do very important work. And from the moment they walk out the door of their home until they go back in, their families pray for their safety and well-being.

And I think it's just highly irresponsible of anyone who calls themselves a leader and certainly anyone who represents the United States of America to engage in rhetoric for the sake of some political objective that can result in harm to law enforcement officers and agents.

Q One last question on legislation. Do you think Democrats can get another major piece passed before the midterms?

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Let us celebrate one win at a time. (Laughs.) But thank you for the question.

Take care.

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From: Coey, Anthony D. (PAO)
Subject: RE: Proposed Final
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Cc: Rossetto, Luis (PAO)
Sent: August 15, 2022 8:14 PM (UTC-04:00)

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Give us 2 more minutes.

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Team, I just talked to the FBI Public Affairs, getting this over to them now given the hour....

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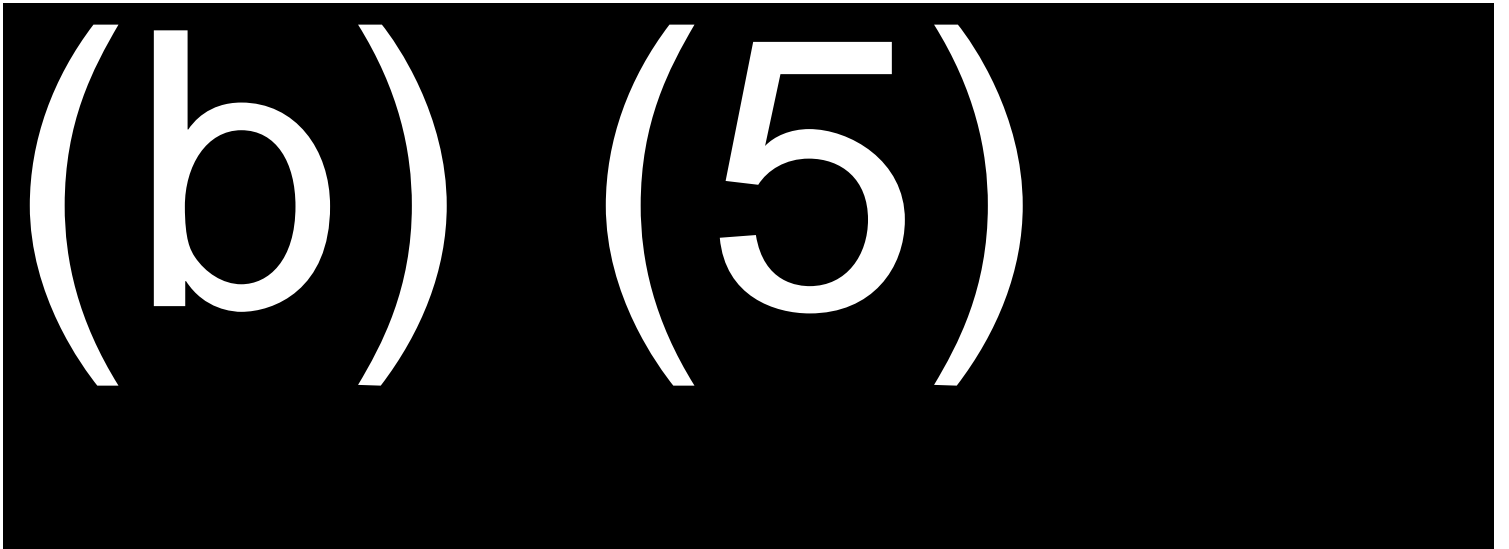
Flagging that Jay's email is public...

<https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1559324841681063936?s=20&t=bqD-pPHAK2P4SSyuVhRnaQ>

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Cc: Rossetto, Luis (PAO)
Sent: August 15, 2022 8:28 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks all

From: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
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Trying to put the two approaches together, how about:

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From: Coey, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:04 PM

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From: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
Subject: Re: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage
To: Rosse o, Luis (PAO)
Cc: Toscas, George (NSD); Pietranton, Ke sey (PAO); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD); Iverson, Dena (PAO); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD); Co ey, Anthony D. (PAO); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG); Osen, Matthew (NSD); (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD); Mi er, Marsha (ODAG)
Sent: August 17, 2022 7:28 PM (UTC-04:00)

We did. This was in the call (b)(6), (7)(C), 7(E) per FBI and I had with Evan Corcoran before the search. It is standard for (b)(6), (7)(C), 7(E) per FBI

On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:19 PM, Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Got a call from Evan. As Jay says, Trump team is still weighting the release. Per Evan, some say it will energize base, others say not a good look for FPOTUS to have it out there.

CNN is working on a story that Jay requested Trump team to turn off the cameras and they refused.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:04 PM, Bratt, Jay (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

CNN is saying FPOTUS is still weighing whether to release the footage.

On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:03 PM, Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

Marshall, Matt, and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD

On Aug 17, 2022, at 6:59 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Plus Anthony and Luis, and ODAG for awareness. Standby.

From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 6:57 PM
To: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <Dena.I.DeBonis@usdoj.gov>; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) <Kelsey.Pietranton@usdoj.gov>; Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> Bratt, Jay (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD

Subject: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage

Importance: High

Good evening all,

I just received a call from our case agents at FBI, and apparently the Bureau has been given a heads-up by CNN that CNN has CCTV footage from Mar-a-Lago (presumably of agents executing the search) that they may air as soon as tonight **(b)(5) per NSD**

I have no further info on what, specifically, CNN has. But **(b)(5) per NSD**

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD

Trial Attorney
Counterintelligence and Export Control Section
National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per NSD

From: Mi er, Marsha (ODAG)
Subject: FW: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage
To: (b)(6) Lisa Monaco email
Sent: August 17, 2022 7:35 PM (UTC-04:00)

From: Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
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Subject: Re: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage

We're waiting to hear back from FBIHQ on their recommended approach. (b) (5)

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Sent: August 17, 2022 8:00 PM (UTC-04:00)

Done.

On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:59 PM, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

Kelsey/Luis: Will we also plan to communicate to CNN the law enforcement safety need to blur agent faces if footage ends up being released?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:47 PM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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From: Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 7:22 PM

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From: Toscas, George (NSD)
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To: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 17, 2022 8:12 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.08.16.DRAFT Letter to FPOTUS Counse re CCTV.v3 (b) (5).docx

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I made Evan aware of the implications of release. He said CNN does not have the vid.

Still agree that's worth follow on reinforcement

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George and I agree. (b) (5)

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Just wondering if (b) (5)

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On Aug 17, 2022, at 8:06 PM, Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

(b)(5) per NSD

. Thanks.

On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:47 PM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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We're waiting to hear back from FBIHQ on their recommended approach. (b) (5)

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On Aug 17, 2022, at 7:19 PM, Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov> wrote:

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Sent: August 17, 2022 8:16 PM (UTC-04:00)

Yes. Handling that now.

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Subject: 08.17.22 Letter
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From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Subject: Letter
To: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
Cc: Toscas, George (NSD)
Sent: August 17, 2022 8:48 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Letter -- 08.17.22.pdf

See attached PDF. This letter reflects the concerns shared with us this evening from FBI about threats and safety to their personnel. FBI leadership is grateful for the willingness to send this letter. I know you've been in touch with George about this letter and appreciate your reviewing and sending.

--David

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Subject: 08.17.22 Letter
To: Toscas, George (NSD)
Sent: August 17, 2022 8:50 PM (UTC-04:00)
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Subject: Re: Letter
To: Miller, Marsha (ODAG)
Sent: August 17, 2022 9:02 PM (UTC-04:00)
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Jay just sent the final to full group including Coley. Wanted to be sure he was good with it before sending to Coley.

On Aug 17, 2022, at 9:01 PM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Did you send to Coley?

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On Aug 17, 2022, at 8:44 PM, Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

This is being sent shortly.

--David

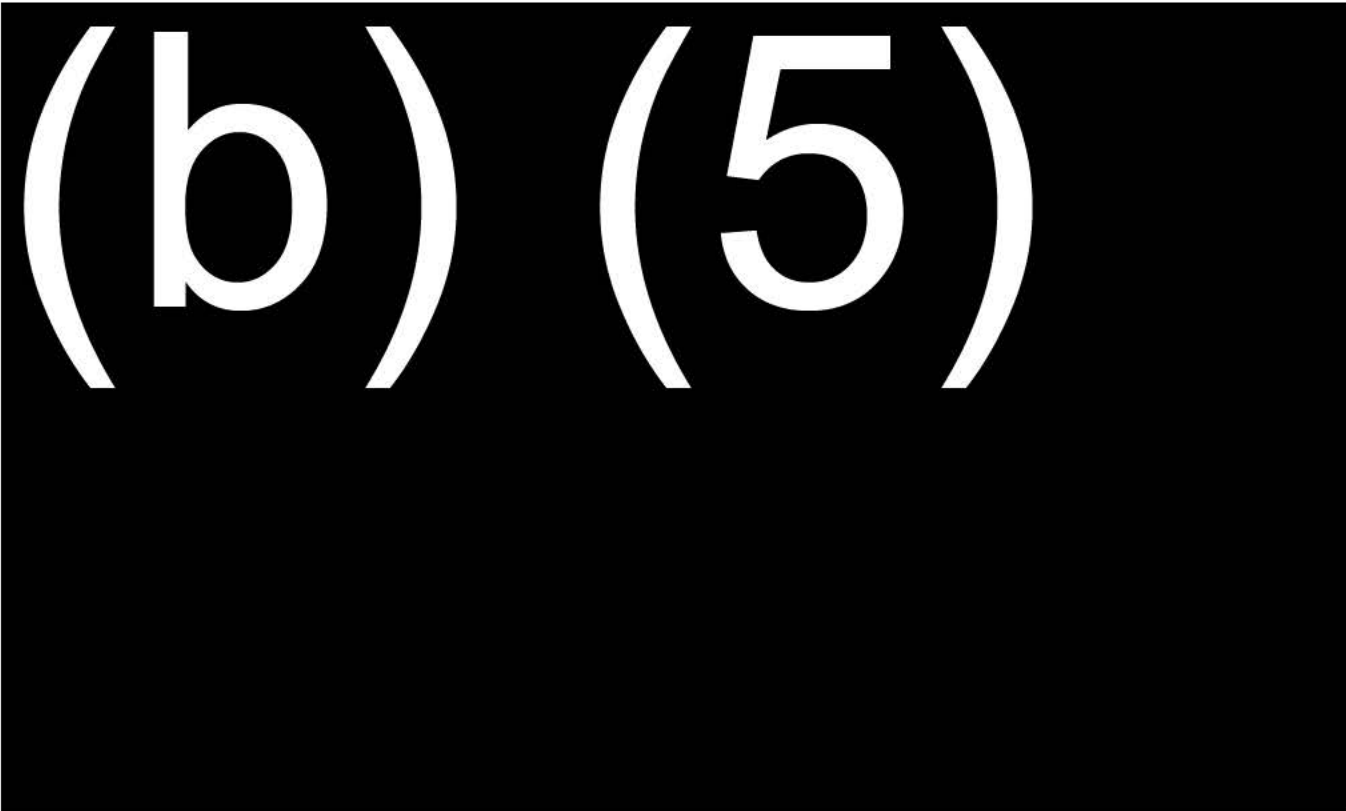
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Sent: August 17, 2022 10:13 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks, Jay. Sending now...

On Aug 17, 2022, at 9:59 PM, Bratt, Jay (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

I am good with this. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage

After consultations with George and David, I just sent the attached to Evan Corcoran and Alan Garten, general counsel for the Trump Organization.

On Aug 17, 2022, at 8:18 PM, Rossello, Luis (PAO) <Luis.Rossello@usdoj.gov> wrote:

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/17/politics/trump-release-surveillance-footage-fb-mar-a-lago/index.html>

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Subject: Fwd: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage
To: Berger, Christine (OAG)
Sent: August 18, 2022 9:30 AM (UTC-04:00)
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bratt, Jay (NSD)" <(b)(6).(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Date: August 17, 2022 at 8:58:37 PM EDT

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From: Miller, Marsha (ODAG)
Subject: RE: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 18, 2022 11:25 AM (UTC-04:00)

Let me know what you hear re Evan call

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 9:29 AM
To: Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: CNN - Mar-a-Lago CCTV Footage

After 9:45 mtg. He is talking to Evan shortly.

On Aug 18, 2022, at 9:04 AM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Are you prepping with Jay this am?

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On Aug 17, 2022, at 10:27 PM, Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Ok.

On Aug 17, 2022, at 10:16 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Works for me.

From: Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>

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From: White House Press Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Bharat Ramamurti, August 26, 2022
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Sent: August 26, 2022 8:27 PM (UTC-04:00)



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August 26, 2022

PRESS BRIEFING
BY PRESS SECRETARY KARINE JEAN-PIERRE
AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC
COUNCIL BHARAT RAMAMURTI

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

1:16 P.M. EDT

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Good afternoon.

Q Good afternoon.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Okay. Happy Friday. We're excited to have Deputy Director of the National Economic Policy [Council] Bharat Ramamurti here with us again today to discuss the student loan announcements this week and how they will benefit working middle-class families.

He'll have about 20, 25 minutes. I know the in-town pool is going to have to leave about 1:45-ish, so he's going to stay with us as long as possible to take as many questions as he can. And -- and then, after that, clearly, you guys have to leave, and we have to also continue our day.

And with that, Bharat. Okay, thank you again.

MR. RAMAMURT : Hey, good afternoon. Good to see you all. Before taking questions, I want to just talk a little bit more about the economic impact of the administration's student loan plan.

This plan will lift a large weight off of tens of millions of middle-class Americans, peoples who -- people who came, by and large, from working families and who are working class now: teachers, nurses, firefighters, police, members of the military, and more.

By lifting this weight, we are not only benefiting them and their families, we are benefiting the communities that they live in and the economy as a whole.

So, for example, there's good evidence that student loan debt makes it harder for people to start new small businesses. These relief actions mean that more middle-class Americans can open more businesses in their communities. That means more job opportunities in the years to come.

Student loan debt also makes it harder for people to buy a home. These actions will mean that more middle-class Americans may be able to finally afford a down payment, buy a home in the years to come, and start building wealth that they can pass along to their kids.

As the President has said, his core economic plan is to strengthen the middle class because that helps everyone. And these actions are targeted right at America's middle class.

Nearly 90 percent of people receiving the relief are making under \$75,000 a year. The extra money for Pell recipients helps provide additional relief to people who are more likely to have less family wealth to rely upon.

And when the President says that he's committed to growing the economy from the bottom up and the middle out, he's serious. That's why, over the course of the last year and a half, we've been able to provide support to small businesses, support to people facing the risk of eviction or foreclosure, to people at risk of going hungry, and more.

That's why the President's infrastructure bill is focused on creating hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs, nearly 90 percent of which won't require a college degree. And it's the reason why our economy has roared back and the unemployment rate now stands at a historic low, even as the economies of other leading countries are faltering.

So this plan is working. And the student loan relief is the next part in it.

With that, I also want to address an issue that I know has been coming up recently, which is the cost of this proposal.

Our estimate is that the debt relief proposal will reduce average annual receipts in the student loan program by about \$24 billion a year over the next 10 years.

So the way to think about this is that because we are providing debt relief -- reducing the outstanding balance for some people, eliminating it for other people -- that means we're not going to be collecting certain amount of payments that we otherwise would have been collecting. And that total is about \$24 billion a year on average over the next 10 years.

So let's put that \$24 billion in context. That represents 1.5 percent of the deficit reduction that we are projecting for this fiscal year before the announcement. And it is far less than the \$350 billion-plus that we've already done in PPP loan forgiveness since last July.

Now, consistent with longstanding budget practices and consistent with the comments that made on Wednesday here, the official budgetary score will be produced by the Education Department and the Office of Management and Budget in the coming weeks. And, actually, the Office of Management and Budget is going to be putting out more detail on this process and how it's slightly different than the preliminary estimate that provided later today.

So, with that, happy to take questions.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. All right, guys. We're going to take as many as possible. Go ahead.

Q Good morning. My first question is -- thanks for the number -- why was this a number that we didn't have the past couple of days?

And then, this is -- this modeling is based off of -- you said 75 percent of people taking advantage of the program. If 75 percent of people -- if 25 percent of people aren't taking advantage of the program, do you consider that a flaw in the program? Would you consider the program a success with that number? If you could talk us through those two.

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure. So, look, we -- we have to make an assumption about how many people take advantage of the program in order to provide this preliminary estimate. The reason that we chose 75 percent is that it's, broadly speaking, in line with the take-up rate of the most similar Education Department initiative that we could find.

In other words, there was another Education Department initiative in the past that was supposed to provide targeted debt relief to a set of borrowers who were eligible for it. And roughly 75 percent of the borrowers in that particular program took advantage of it.

Now, we are hoping to get as close to 100 percent as possible. But we -- you know, for the purposes of putting out a preliminary estimate on this, we had to choose a number. And we felt like 75 percent was the most defensible.

As for why you're getting it today, you guys asked us for it, so we're providing you with information.

Q And the other --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: GO -- on, go ahead.

Q So the way you're explaining where -- how this is being paid for, how -- you just went through this is \$24 billion per year. Are you considering that there was a bit of a -- like a -- we're trying to get -- are you still considering this self-paid for -- right? -- because mitigation and compensating it for other -- in other ways are not necessarily having internal paysfor for this bill. So are you still phrasing this as "it pays for itself," or are you phrasing it in a different way?

MR. RAMAMURT : What would say is that, yes, this is paid for; it is paid for and far more by the amount of deficit reduction that we're already on track for this year.

ike said, we're on track for \$1.7 trillion in deficit reduction this year. That means, practically speaking, compared to the previous year, 1.7 trillion more dollars are coming into the Treasury than are going out. And we're using a portion of that -- a very small portion of it -- to provide relief to middle-class families, consistent with the President's plan.

So, yes, we consider it fully paid for.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Peter.

Q Bharat, thanks for doing this.

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure.

Q The median household income in this country right now is roughly \$67,000, which means that -- this is going to go for those up to \$125,000. Those individuals are already making, individually, almost twice the median household income in this country.

What do you say to those critics who say you're not just helping the middle class -- though understand 90 percent will be making under \$75,000 -- you're still helping what is a smaller percentage, but a significant percentage, of individuals who most Americans would view as making a lot of money?

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure. So, look, -- you know, in our view, this, as you noted, nearly 90 percent of the benefits go to people making under \$75,000 a year. And our view is that the folks that you mentioned -- under \$125,000 -- they are middle-class families. And -- and think that they would widely be considered as such.

You know -- and, look, want to be totally clear about this -- about this point --

Q But, guess, \$125,000 or \$250,000 -- would you view that as a middle-class family --

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure.

Q -- a family that makes under \$250,000?

MR. RAMAMURT : Absolutely -- ask the how much -- how is that -- how is the --

MR. RAMAMURTHI : Absolutely. Look, the key cutoff here is that nobody in the top 5 percent, whether they're -- in individual income or household income -- is going to get a dollar.

And, look, it's extremely consistent with what the President has said on the tax side. Now, on tax side, he said that nobody making under \$400,000 a year should face a tax increase.

So the economic story of this country over the last couple of decades, if we're going to look at it, is that there has been a relatively small sliver of folks who have done extremely well -- the top 1 percent, top 5 percent or so. And our goal was to make sure that people below that -- the bottom 95 percent -- get a little bit more relief, get a little bit more breathing room. And that's exactly what this policy does. But, by the way, targeted even more narrowly than that -- primarily, overwhelmingly, to people making under \$75,000 a year.

Q And then to follow up, if I can quickly, the White House, yesterday, was pretty vocal on Twitter, which it isn't always, criticizing some of the critics of this program -- Marjorie Taylor Greene, Matt Gaetz among them -- saying how much money they received in PPP loans in the past.

I think you would agree that there is a difference between a loan program, as it existed, which was conceived to be -- the PPP program that was conceived to be forgivable, assuming you spent a majority, I think, 80 percent on the payroll, as opposed to these loans, which were for individuals with the expectation when they made money, they'd be paying it back.

So is that a fair comparison, and why?

MR. RAMAMURTHI : Yeah, we absolutely think it's a fair comparison, and here's why: So, you know, since last July, we have forgiven, under the statutory terms of the PPP program, more than \$350 billion worth of loans. Right? Those are loans that the government has forgiven, turned into turn into grants. And those are loans, by the way, of up to \$10 million per business owner.

Now, look, we believe that providing support to small businesses is the right thing to do. We didn't design PPP. Maybe we would have designed it a little bit differently if we were in charge. But, broadly speaking, providing support to small business is a priority of the President.

But, look, has any Republican in the last year stood up and said, "inflation is really high. You guys should stop providing this loan forgiveness to PPP recipients. You should slow it down because it --" or "You should change the rules, because it's unfair that these people should get up to \$10 million in grants"?

No, in fact, it's the opposite. The pressure that we've gotten from Republicans on the Hill has consistently been "Do this faster. Make it easier for people to get forgiveness."

So our view is: Why is there a double standard here? Why is it, from the perspective of Republicans, great to forgive a loan of up to \$10 million to a business owner, but if we want to provide \$10,000 or \$20,000 in loan relief to a teacher or a bus driver or a nurse, all of a sudden, it's socialism? That's -- that's what doesn't compute from our view. We don't -- we don't think that that's consistent

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MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Justin.

Q Thanks. I was wondering if you could talk about the \$24 billion number, because it's a little different when you guys canceled the TT or Corinthian, you know, we were given a lump sum of the total amount. So I'm wondering if it is fair to extrapolate this to say that you believe \$240 billion in loans will be canceled? Or, if not, what are the underlying assumptions that goes to the 24? Right?

Are you kind of cutting out -- are you assuming economic growth that will offset some of it? Are you cutting out folks who would have defaulted on their loans but wouldn't -- wouldn't repay? Does this -- think it doesn't include the other Education Department rules that would have been included, so can you just kind of get us to --

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure.

Q -- that number, and if there is a topline number?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, so, look, this is a cash flow estimate, which basically says, you know, there's a subsection of borrowers who are going to get relief under this proposal. We estimate that 75 percent of them are going to take advantage of the relief that they are offered. And if that debt is cancelled, that means that, you know, if they were scheduled to make \$400 worth of payments a year for the next 10 years, that cash flow is no longer going to come in to the -- to the government. You know, it's that -- it's that straightforward.

Now, as the OMB item that's going to come out later is going to describe, there's some really key differences between what we are doing, which is a preliminary estimate, and the more complicated and, frankly, more precise score that is required by federal law.

And to give you a few examples, number one, you know, under federal law, to do a budget estimate of this, you have to take the net present value of all of the payments that are -- that are forgone. That estimate is going to look at some really important technical implementation decisions that the Department of Education is going to have to make.

So, for example, if you're a borrower, you have multiple loans over \$10,000. Well, if you get \$10,000, in relief, which of these loans is going to get cancelled? It depends -- it matters for the -- for the cash flow.

That's the kind of more sophisticated, drilling-down type of analysis that's going to happen as part of that process, consistent with our -- with budget scoring. But in an effort to provide you all with more information and a ballpark, that's what we're doing here.

Q And just because I have you right now and Jay Powell spoke earlier today, he said that, you know, the Fed was likely going to continue to pursue interest rate hikes but that it could result in pain, both in a slower economy and job losses.

Obviously inflation is a major concern and that's what the Fed is looking at here

But the President has not only said that the Fed is independent but he has sort of endorsed their vision. And if their vision results in job losses and an economic slowdown, has the President's opinion of that changed in any way?

MR. RAMAMURT : Well, 'm not going to answer that hypothetical, but will say that we have great respect for the independence of the Federal Reserve. 'm not going to comment directly on Chair Powell's comments. But there's been a lot of good data released about the economy, including this morning, that, to us, gives us a lot of hope about the future trajectory of where things are going and how middle-class families are going to be doing.

So, for example, PCE, which is a measure of inflation, came out this morning. In fact, it's the one that the Federal Reserve prefers to the CP . And what PCE said is that prices fell last year 0.1 percent, and at the same time, incomes increased. So that tells a good story about the state of the economy.

The University of Michigan put out its consumer sentiment survey this morning.

Consumer sentiment is up quite a bit over the last month, and consumer inflation expectations are down. So again, all good signs there.

And, of course, if you look back to some of the data releases a little bit earlier, for July, we had 528,000 new jobs. CP , which came out in July, that was flat, so no price increases in July. And, of course, everyone -- everyone's favorite measure of the economy, gas prices, are down over \$1 since their peak.

So, a lot of good news in the economy. We're going to let the Fed do its work. And our focus here is to support households, keep our eye on the ball on inflation, and hopefully come out the other side with a -- with steady and stable growth, which is what the President has said is his goal.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Matt. And 'll come to the back, too.

Q had two sort of technical questions, but thankfully you're here to answer some technical questions. The first is: You guys have argued about the one point trillion dollars in deficit reduction. It sounds like it's hard to get to like a \$240 billion figure over 10 years with this new estimate. But is it fair to say that that \$1.7 trillion becomes 1.5, or it becomes a lower figure given that it's not paid for? Is that a fair way for us to sort of think about what you guys are doing?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah. That's a fair way of thinking about it. Another way of thinking about it is that we go from the single-largest deficit reduction in the history of this country to the single-largest deficit reduction in the history of this country. (laughter.)

Q So the second question is about whether you guys have estimates. You've argued that this is potentially a deflationary move. Do you have any estimates in terms of how much money will start to come in come January and how much money is going to be not coming in? And to articulate a little bit more of how you guys are arriving at that conclusion.

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, we -- we've looked at those numbers, and they informed our view that we put out on Wednesday -- that we view that the impact of restarting payments

and providing relief are largely going to offset each other. And there's different assumptions about, again, as we -- as we've covered, there are different assumptions that go into figuring out exactly how much is that going to mean. But in our -- in our mind, with a pretty broad range -- range of assumptions that are going to largely offset. And there have been a host of independent experts who have said the same thing.

In fact, Goldman Sachs put out an analysis of this proposal. And they said quite clearly that they felt that restarting payments and providing targeted relief would actually be disinflationary. In other words, more money would be coming into the government than going out in the short term, which would help further -- further our efforts to bring down inflation.

Q But, guess, if you guys are saying \$24 billion is the estimate for what won't come in per year, is there an estimate for next year once you kick on -- once people start paying?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah.

Q Is it \$30 billion is coming in --

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah.

Q -- and \$24 billion is not? Or --

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure. I mean, one way to think about it is this: So we've had a student loan pause in place now for over two years. No federal borrowers were being required to make any payments. People are voluntarily making payments. So we're actually collecting, roughly speaking, \$2 billion a month in payments voluntarily. Under normal time, so pre-pause, we were collecting about \$6 billion in payments a month from student loan borrowers. So the difference between those two is \$4 billion.

If we turn the loans back on without making any -- any other changes, roughly speaking -- because things have changed in the world in the last two years -- roughly speaking, we would expect to collect about \$4 billion a month in addition to what we're collecting right now. Right? So, roughly speaking, \$48 billion coming into the government that wouldn't have been coming in before.

As you can sort of piece together, if the average annual cost of this is \$24 billion, that means that on net, about \$20- to \$24 billion is coming into the government, even after we do the relief. Right? Now, again, that's not -- there's some play in those numbers, but I just want to give you a general sense of how we're doing the math there.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead.

Q Two just, like, brass tack questions -- people are trying to navigate this still.

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure.

Q We got this new information today that the form is maybe available for folks who think they're eligible in mid- October. It's going to take about four to six weeks -

MR. RAMAMURT : Yep.

Q -- for that to be processed. So can you guys guarantee to folks that if they are on time and they put in their application in mid-October, they will definitely see their balance shrink the appropriate amount --

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah.

Q -- before repayments have to be due again?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah.

Q And then just another sort of question, too. So a lot of confusion. If you recently zeroed out your balance in the last few months, can you request a refund and then still apply to get some of this forgiveness?

MR. RAMAMURT : Right. All right, so let me -- on your first question, let me just provide a little bit of detail, because I want to make sure that people get the full story here.

So the application will be available by early October. In the meantime, borrowers can go to StudentAid.gov, which has been up now for the last 48 hours, and they can provide their email address so they can get notified when that application goes live.

Once the borrower completes the application, they can expect relief within four to six weeks. So borrowers are advised to apply by roughly November 15th in order to receive relief before the payment pause expires on December 31st.

And, of course, the Department of Education will continue to process applications as they're received, even if the pa- -- even after the pause expires on December 31st.

So one more point here, which is that we encourage everyone who thinks that they're eligible to go to the website and go to the application when it's available and fill it out. But as we noted during the announcement, there's actually 8 million people -- 8 million borrowers -- that's about 20 percent of the borrowers -- for whom the Education Department already has data about their income on file. And if those people qualify based on the income on file, they will actually get relief automatically.

So I would refer you to the Education Department for any other questions about that and your question about refunds. I would refer you to them.

Q So if they apply -- right? --

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah.

Q -- when the application is available --

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah.

Q -- they should be good to go --

MR. RAMAMURT : Yes.

Q -- before December 31st?

MR. RAMAMURT : Four to six weeks after they submit the application. So, yes, in our view, if you submit by early to mid-November, you should get your relief before the restart happens at the end of December.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead.

Q Thanks. wanted to ask for a second about the legal justification for this program. You're using a 2003 law to justify why COV D is a national emergency and why student relief -- or debt relief is needed. What's your response to critics that say that that's a stretch in the law? And do you plan or do different agencies that are involved here plan to put out more legal justification for why this is okay?

MR. RAMAMURT : Well, look, again, 'm not a lawyer, so don't want to get into too much of the legal nitty-gritty here. But what can tell you is that both the Department of Justice Office of legal Counsel and the General Counsel's Office of the Department of Education have looked at the text of the statute and believe that the action that the Secretary took and that the administration took here is legally justified.

There's more detail available in some of the memos that they've written. And you -- would recommend that you talk to them about it. But -- but the President was clear from the beginning that he did not want to move forward on this unless it was clear that it was legally available to him.

And, you know, one of the first things that he did when he came to office was asked for that legal opinion and got the answer that, yes, options were available to him that were legally permissible under that -- under that law. And it's worth noting, by the way, that law that you're talking about is the exact same legal authority that the Secretary of Education has been using since 2020 to impose a pause on student loan payments for 45 million borrowers. And that has not been challenged in court. t has not been found improper by a court. t's the same statute that the previous administration used and that we've used, that we are now using for this action.

Q also wanted to ask: You, as an administration, have taken existing statutes and -- don't know if "stretch" is the right word, but you did it with the eviction moratorium, you did it with vaccines, and we've seen courts push back. n this case, you have people who are really excited and really making plans with this money that they think they're going to save. What's your response to them? Are you preparing for a legal challenge? What's your response when people are reading that there could be legal uncertainty to your position?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah. Well, look, -- you know, what we can say is that we believe we're on strong legal ground in taking this action. Of course, people can challenge actions in court. t happens all the time. t happens to this administration. t's happened to every administration in history. t's going to be up to the courts to decide whether those are valid claims or not. But we believe that we're on very

strong legal ground.

Q Thank you.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Niels, and then we'll come back.

Q If you -- a follow-up to that: If a judge somewhere were to attempt to put a stay on the implementation of the student debt relief, would the payments still resume in January?

The other -- so the other side of the coin: So if the student debt relief were to be stopped by a court, would the -- would the other side of it -- payments -- still resume?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, -- 'm not in a position to answer that hypothetical right now, but it's a good question.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Jacqui.

Q Thank you. I want to just go back to your comparison between this and the PPP loans --

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure.

Q -- because what Republicans and critics are saying is that there's a difference between those decisions being voted on by Congress and, you know, those loans that turned into grants being, by and large, for -- you know, to cover businesses that were shut down by the government involuntarily because of a natural disaster versus students who willfully took out their loans and are now unable, for whatever reason, to repay them -- there is a difference there.

MR. RAMAMURT : Well, I would say they're -- both actions are based on laws that Congress passed. You know, we're -- we are implementing a law that Congress passed -- actually a Republican Congress and Republican President in 2003: the HEROES Act. And again, that's the exact same legal authority that the previous administration used to put a pause on student loan payments. That's the authority that we're using in this instance. So, you know, we are acting consistent with the law.

And, look, to go back to my earlier point, we're not against PPP. We're supportive of the idea that small businesses should get relief. The point is that over the past year, we have been forgiving hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of loans to business owners.

And remember, that program was stood up very quickly. Money went out the door quickly. And Congress could have come back at any time and said, you know, "We should look a

little bit more carefully at these loans, maybe we shouldn't be providing forgiveness to people if they clearly did extraordinarily well during the pandemic. Remember, these are really low-interest loans; maybe we should just make them pay back their loan at a low interest rate, rather than forgiving it."

None of that happened. We didn't hear from a single Republican pushing for any

of that. Everyone was on board with forgiving up to \$10 million in loans.

And so, all we're saying is that it's hard to credit those same people who are highly supportive of that program and that amount of debt forgiveness, turning around and saying that forgiving a fraction of that amount for working people -- not business owners, but working people -- somehow that crosses the line over into socialism. That's not how we view it.

Q Okay. What's the difference, though, between -- guess, how are you justifying using a 2003 law that was, you know, designed to help military families for this purpose, where you're now helping bail out people who took out loans and cannot pay them? Do you view people who can't pay their debt as heroes like those who are in our armed services and were fighting after 9/11?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, no, look, think, as the President has said, there is a real problem here with the burden that student loan debt places on people from low-income and middle-income families. You know, we used to have a system where a Pell Grant, which is federal support to low-income families, used to cover 80 percent of the cost of going to a four-year public college. And as of today, it covers 33 percent of the cost.

So what are people supposed to do? They want to get a degree. They're being told that's the right thing to do. They think it's going to help them --

Q Why go after the universities? Why not build in something to make sure that borrowing moving forward is limited or that universities don't just ratchet up the cost?

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure. Yeah, 'm glad that you brought that up, because want to address it. Remember, the President put out a three-part plan on this. And the third part of it was accountability for colleges. And it detailed a few things.

Number one, unlike the previous administration, which loosened the reins on colleges and universities, rolled back rules that were intended to hold them accountable for raising costs, this President and this administration reinstated an enforcement office at the Department of Education that goes after these types of colleges.

t kicked out in an accreditor, which is a private company that basically says that this institution, this college is -- is good enough so they should get federal loans. This accreditor allowed colleges like TT and Corinthian to get access to federal loans. And then that -- those colleges defrauded people, defrauded students.

So this administration responded by kicking that accreditor out of the program. They're not going to be able to accredit colleges anymore.

And would note that a central element of the President's community college plan was accountability so that neither colleges or states that took that money could raise prices on students unfairly.

So, all of that said, think that we believe that the department should have

even more authority to go after bad actors and to hold colleges accountable. And we're eager to work with Congress to advance any proposals along those lines.

Q I guess wanted to ask -- know the President last month, when he made remarks about the Inflation Reduction Act, really highlighted the fact that it would reduce the deficit. And if a larger percentage of those student borrowers end up availing themselves at this program, you know, it would cost \$320 billion -- right? -- if you had 100 percent uptake, essentially, over 10 years. And that's the goal.

So, you know, is there -- guess, can you acknowledge that some people would feel disappointed that this could basically wipe out the savings from that law?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, 'm glad you asked about that because I think that there's a nuance here that's important to understanding why that doesn't quite work.

So when -- when the budgetary score comes out for this proposal, like I talked about -- we're going to get a little wonky for a second here -- what it's going to do is say that all the loans that are being modified or eliminated here, we have to look over the lifetime of that loan and figure out how many dollars are we not collecting because of that modification.

And so, as you know, many, many loans -- the repayment lasts over 10 years. You know, people are repaying for 20, 25 years in instances. So, really, that score is going to reflect the cost over a much longer time horizon than your standard 10-year budget window.

As a result, in our view, the thing that we should compare that score to is not just the first 10 years of the Inflation Reduction Act, it's the -- at least the first two decades of it, and maybe the lifetime impact of that.

And if you look at outside analyses of the long-term impact of the Inflation Reduction Act, they find that it would reduce the deficit by a trillion dollars over the next two decades.

So, in our view, that is the relevant point of comparison on that.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: MJ.

Q Yeah, I wanted to ask you about the updated Penn-Wharton estimate, which says just the debt cancellation piece alone would cost up to \$519 billion over 10 years, and then the total plan would cost upwards of \$1 trillion.

Obviously, there is a significant gap between the \$24 billion per year that you're assigning, or \$240 billion over 10 years. I just wanted to give you the chance to walk us through why we might see that difference in the two models.

MR. RAMAMURT : Sure. I know it just came out today, and I didn't have too much time to look carefully into it, but I got a chance to skim it.

My view is that there's a couple of things. Right off the top, getting to that trillion dollars, they rel- -- they have a massive range on estimating the impact of our reforms to the income-based repayment plan.

They say that their baseline estimate is that it costs about \$70 billion, but then they say it could cost \$450 billion more than that if you make certain assumptions. So, you know, in our, in our view, you can lop off that \$450 billion right there because it seems to be somewhat speculative and clearly the top end of the range.

Beyond that, the debt relief analysis doesn't do a few things. Number one, it doesn't account for the fact that -- it assumes 100 percent of people will take it up. You know, in our mind, that's not necessarily a reasonable assumption.

And look, estimating the cost of forgiving certain debt is more complicated than just looking at the face value of the debt that's being canceled. So, gave the example when was here last time that -- let's say you canceled debt for somebody who has been in default for more than seven years. There's actually millions of borrowers in that position. If the face value of their debt is \$10,000 and you cancel it, it's not reasonable to say that the cost of that is \$10,000 because you were sitting here collecting zero dollars on that loan year after year after year. So some of those elements are also going to affect -- affect the score.

So, you know, the Education Department has the best data on it. It has all of the data about who repays, what to expect about repayment horizons and payment rates, how this interacts with the existing income-based repayment program, and all of that. So we feel confident in our numbers.

Q Just one follow-up. Given that the upwards of \$1 trillion that they are estimating, that obviously is a number that's a lot closer to the \$1.7 trillion in deficit reduction that you all have been citing. So, I'm just curious: Was the total cost that this plan would amount to -- was that a factor when the President and all of you were deciding what the total amount of forgiveness should be? Or was the forgiveness amount -- did you get there, sort of, regardless of the cost and then you sort of figured out what the general cost would be after?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, want to make totally clear that we don't think that a trillion dollars is anywhere in the ballpark of what this is going to cost.

Number two, you know, yes, the President was quite focused on what the -- at least a good estimate of what the cost of this proposal was going to be. It was a big factor in -- in his decision. He was looking into and thinking about how that would compare, versus the deficit reduction that he had been able to secure over the last year -- last two years, frankly -- of his presidency. Remember, in the first year of his presidency, he brought down the deficit by \$350 billion.

So it was a factor. We provided him with estimates along the lines of what we have provided -- provided you, and that did play a role in thinking through how to design the policy.

Q Was there a percentage that he was determined not to cross?

MR. RAMAMURT : Not that I recall.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. Just, like, two more.

Q For students who are about to take out new loans, what should the message to them be about whether their loans could be forgiven in the future? And does the White House have an obligation to emphasize that this could very well be a one-time thing so they're not taking out additional loans?

MR. RAMAMURT : would say two things. Number one, this is going to be a one-time thing, in terms of the blanket relief. You know, use this as an authority that is conditional on an emergency, as said, and the President believes that this relief is warranted in this instance, coming out of the pandemic and as we transition back into repayment. t's not the kind of authority that you can use over and over again.

But what would say to that student is that these income-based repayment reforms that are also part of this proposal are designed to help people who go to school and then end up having lower-income, middle-income jobs going forward.

Remember, we had some examples in the factsheet that we put out alongside the proposal showing that, for example, somebody making \$30- or \$40,000 a year, after they have some debt, the income-based repayment reforms represent a savings of \$1,000, \$1,500 a year or more, depending on their exact circumstances.

So it was really important to the President that this package of proposals not just be relief for current borrowers; it's a reform to the system so that future borrowers also get more manageable debt loads going forward.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. think the pool -- the in-town pool has to gather, so if folks need to go, feel free. 'll stay a little bit longer.

Go ahead. You're being very --

Q 'll just ask my question. Many comparisons have been made from the American system to foreign governments, where higher education is government-funded, taxpayer-funded at no cost to students. How did foreign systems inform the decision for loan forgiveness? And is there any economic data we can glean from those countries that we might -- might see as a result of the loan forgiveness decision?

MR. RAMAMURT : Yeah, as we've talked about, part of the reason that we're in this position, part of the reason why the cost of college -- even after accounting for inflation has tripled in the last 40 years, since 1980 -- part of it is that there has been a significant amount of disinvestment, especially at the state level.

So states used to put more money into funding public education, public higher education in their states. And that helped keep tuition down, especially for in-state students. What we've seen in recent decades is pulling back on that and basically shifting the burden onto students who come from lower-income and middle-income families.

And as noted, the federal government hasn't done enough to step in and fill that void and the value of the Pell Grant has deteriorated from 80 percent to 33 percent.

So, you know, what the President has called for, as you know, is a series of increased federal investment that would make it easier for folks from lower-income and middle-income families to go to college, right?

Doubling the Pell Grant. Right now, the Pell Grant is about \$6,500 a year. He wants to double it to \$13,000 a year. That represents a significant amount of relief for people from lower-income, middle-income families.

And as I talked about, he's also pushing to make community college free.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: All right. You got to wrap it up. I'll stay a little longer for folks to take some questions.

MR. RAMAMURT : Thanks, everyone.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Thank you so much, Bharat. That was very helpful. Thank you. Good to have you.

Okay. So I'll stay a little bit longer and take some questions for -- for folks who are still here. Okay, just a --just a topper for you.

And this is something that Bharat already alluded to, talked about, which is the PCE. While there is more work to do to bring prices down, we received several pieces of encouraging economic news today from PCE.

The new data on the personal consumption expenditures -- what economists call, again, PCE -- show that in July, incomes went up while prices went down. So, based on this measure, inflation went down in July.

This was largely driven by the fastest decline in gas prices in a decade. The national average is now down to \$3.87 per gallon. The American people are starting to get some relief from high prices. And that's underscored by new data that shows consumer sentiment is up 13 percent since July. And one-year expenditures of inflation dropped by nearly a half a percentage point. That's encouraging news as well.

The President's number-one economic priority is lowering cost while sustaining our historic economic recovery. The recently signed CHPS Act and Inflation Reduction Act will do just that.

Once again, we have more work to do, as we have said over and over again. We continue to face real global challenges. And we are always careful to not read too much into any one month's data.

But what we saw today is encouraging evidence that we are on the right course and we are making progress.

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Q Does the President believe that it was appropriate for the former President to have classified information and -- unsecured in his home?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So -- as it relates to -- and -- understood why folks have

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as it relates to -- and -- understand why folks have an interest in this. We totally get that. But as it relates to any -- any comments, on anything related to this independent investigation, even any underlying materials, we feel that it is not appropriate for us to comment on this.

This is an independent investigation that the Department of Justice is leading. That's something that the President finds is an important thing to do -- for the Department of Justice to have that independence. We're just not going to comment.

Q The President yesterday suggested that Republican ideology is veering towards "semi-fascism." Can you just clarify what exactly does the President mean by that?

And secondly, the President also said he respects conservative Republicans, but he does not respect MAGA Republicans. More than 70 million Americans voted for Trump in 2020. Does he not respect those voters?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No, mean, that's not what he said. I'm going to -- think he was pretty clear. And he was very powerful last night.

Look, what the President said last night was that when it comes to MAGA Republicans, when it comes to the extreme, ultra wing of Republicans, they are attacking democracy. Right? They are attacking -- taking away rights and freedoms. They are using threat of -- threats of violence. They are taking away voting rights. And he called it what it is. That's what he did. He called it what it is and what many, we would argue, you know, historians would agree with us on.

And so what Joe Biden believes is, as President, he should and Presidents should be the strongest voice for democracy. And so, he was making that very clear. He was making that contrast to what congressional Democrats have been doing, which is fighting for our rights, fighting for freedom, delivering on an economy that is historic, 10 million jobs that have been created, lowering healthcare, lowering prescription drugs, and making sure that we take on those special interest groups. And we saw, just a couple of weeks ago, that we won.

So, he's making that contrast, trying to make that very clear, of what we are seeing today. And so, he was passionate about this, he was eloquent about this. And he also, when it comes to what you're asking me about Republicans who are conservative, clearly, he said that he believed there are traditional conservative Republicans. He was very clear on that. He specifically called out and mentioned Maryland Governor Larry Hogan as one of them.

So -- but we have to really, you know, make sure that we -- we -- we make it clear that there's a choice in front of the American people -- right? -- and we have to make sure that we make it loud and clear that when it comes to MAGA Republicans, we call that out -- and that's what he did -- and what they're doing -- right? -- what they're doing in attacking our democracy.

And so, he wanted to be clear on that. And he made that contrast. And that's what you heard from the President.

Go ahead.

Q Has the White House made any changes, in light of the revelations of the former President's handling of classified material, to its own processes or training procedures for handling, sort of, protected and secret information?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I don't have anything to share with you. Again, we're just going to be really mindful. I know -- I get the question that you're asking. We're just not going to share any change of processes; we're not going to share any information, anything that's related to this -- any content, any underlying materials to the investigation that the Department of Justice is doing -- again, an independent investigation. We're just not going to comment at this time.

Q Just to hop back to loan forgiveness for a second. NPR has done a lot of reporting on sort of administrative processing failures at the Department of Education for these loan programs. These are kind of lapses in income-based repayment and sort of profession-based repayment that Secretary Cardona has acknowledged.

Is the administration concerned at all about similar issues for the, sort of, coming loan forgiveness program or ways that it might give up the -- leave borrowers in the lurch?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, you just mentioned Secretary Cardona has been really clear about the previous -- the previous loan forgiveness programs and other programs that have been before him and in his agency.

Look, we take this very seriously. We believe that this is an important plan that's going to give relief, again, to up to 43 million Americans. It's a very targeted plan that's going to give relief to 90 percent of Americans that are making less than \$75,000 a year. That is important.

This is a campaign promise that the President made and kept. And he went beyond -- not just to \$10,000, but up to \$20- -- \$20,000.

So, we're going to do everything that we can to make sure that that gets delivered. But, of course, we're going to hear from folks and see if they will take us up on it.

Again, this is an important piece of -- an important plan that is historic. We have not seen any President do this before. And we're going to do everything that we can. Of course, Secretary Cardona is going to do everything that they can with -- he can with his team to get this done.

Go ahead, April.

Q Karine, this Sunday will be the 59th anniversary of the March on Washington. And how is this White House, how is this President marking that moment, particularly as he decided to run for office because of the massacre in Charlottesville, as he walked in talking about equity and equality?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, let me first say a couple of things, because this is a -- it is an important day, and I want to give it the due, as you're asking me this question.

You're right. What -- when the President -- when the President and so many Americans saw what was happening not too long ago, back in 2017 -- just in August of 2017 -- and we saw what was happening in Charlottesville, that moved him. What we saw -- the hatred that we saw there -- that moved him and that moves so many of us. And he actually wrote an op-ed talking about what he thought that meant for this country and how sad and devastating it is -- it was to see that type of behavior, that type of hatred, and that type of sentiment that was very public and also someone lost their life. So, want to make sure that we don't forget that day as well, that weekend as well.

And when the President came into office, he took that, when -- talking about racial -- dealing with racial equity -- he took his -- he took that very seriously. And you see that across -- across the agency. He had signed an executive order talking about how we -- he wanted to make sure that there was racial equity within the -- within the agencies across the federal government. And you've seen him do that.

And Susan Rice, as you know -- you know, the ambassador is leading that effort with her -- with her department and dealing with the different agencies and making sure that we deal with -- we deal with racial inequities, even here in the agencies.

So as it relates to March on Washington and that anniversary -- the President has said this before and 'll reiterate: The March on Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's " Have a Dream" speech changed the course of history. We continue to reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling America's founding promise.

And the President has made advancing equality core to his administration, as just laid out. We can't rest until justice truly rings out for all of us.

don't have anything specific on what the President is going to be doing on this. But we will share if we have anything more.

Q And there was a missed opportunity, if you will. Civil rights leaders wanted to mark the anniversary Sunday by having a meeting with the President this week. Could you talk about that? Is there an effort to try to have this meeting happen soon? Was it a missed opportunity, et cetera?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, mean, 'll say this: don't have a meeting to read out or speak to at this time, but, you know, we have stayed in regular touch with civil rights leaders. You know this, April, you've talked -- think you've reported on the many meetings that this administration has had with civil rights leaders. We are in close touch with them. The President has very good relationships with many of those leaders. And so, we -- we find those relationships important that we will continue to grow.

Again, don't have a meeting or anything to lay out, but, again, we're in regular touch with members of that community.

Q And lastly, is equity still one of the major crux -- one of the major pillars of this administration? Is this still one of the fundamental pieces of this administration?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Oh, it is. It is. mean. 'll just remind you, when the President

walked into this administration -- and 've said this many times before at the podium -- he laid out the different crises that were before him when he came in. Racial equity was one of them, in saying that we needed to do everything that we can to deal with that crisis in a real way. And he has taken those actions, as you -- as the Grio has reported on, as many of you in this room have reported on what -- the steps that he has taken. But it doesn't start with the executive order. t -- it also has actions that we're going to continue to take within the White House as well.

Q Thank you.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay, 'm going to come back because didn't take your question.

Q n New York and D.C., mayors have said the federal government isn't doing enough to help with migrants who are being sent by bus to their cities. Does the administration have plans to do anything more on this?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, the administration has been in regular touch with Mayor Bowser -- clearly, the mayor of D.C. -- and Mayor Adams, mayor of New York City. And FEMA regional administrators have been meeting with both mayors on site to coordinate available federal support from FEMA and other federal agencies.

Funding is also available through FEMA's Emergency Food and Shelter Program to eligible local governments and not-for-profit organizations upon request to support humanitarian relief for migrants, as we have done many times in response to Governor Abbott's repeated attempts to create chaos -- and, really, to create chaos and confusion. That's what he's doing at the border, and costing his own constituents over -- well over a million dollars.

So we will work to manage the consequences of this latest political charade that we see from the governor. And we do take this very seriously and are continuing -- going to work with Mayor Bowser and Mayor Adams.

would point you to a statement that FEMA put out earlier this week laying out the steps that they have taken and what they're doing to provide assistance.

Go ahead. 'm just going to call on folks haven't called on.

Q Thanks, Karine. And just to get something on the record: Does the White House have any response to the release of the search warrant affidavit for Mar- -- Mar-a-ago?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm just going to say what just told this young man a few minutes ago: We understand -- again, we understand the interest in this. We are not going to comment on any underlying materials, any content that is related to an ongoing investigation. This is an independent investigation -- a legal investigation that the Department of Justice has the independence to conduct. And we do not feel it is appropriate for us to comment.

Q And then real briefly on student loans. Does the White House believe that federal student loans play any role in the increasing cost of college since students are able to, you know, take on more debt that they don't have to pay off right away? Does that allow colleges to increase their costs maybe more than they might?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: You know, 've gotten this question in the past -- well, not in the past, it's just been a couple of days of this week.

And so, one of the things -- and think Bharat talked about this a little bit, because there's been questions about, " s this going to raise the tuition -- by doing this -- from colleges?"

ook, this is something that the Secretary of Education, Secretary Cardona -- he has said this in interviews -- that he'll be monitoring, keeping a close eye on. He will continue to take the steps to hold colleges accountable for raising costs without delivering additional value. So that's a big piece of -- of what you -- what you were asking me.

But already the administration has taken actions to -- accountable measures. He -- we reinstated an enforcement office at the Department of Education. We terminated a college accreditor that had previously allowed colleges that defrauded borrowers to get access to federal student loans. That's something that Bharat just talked about specifically moments ago. And we're rolling out new resource to help students make more informed decisions on which school will better deliver value for the cost.

ook, you know, once again, just want to say this: You know, you have -- what -- one thing that people are told -- young people particularly are told -- is that in order to have a -- have a -- you know, a good job or have a career, you got to go to college and get that education or continue that education. And -- and there's some communities that need a little bit of help, and we should be providing that little bit of help.

That's why we did a targeted -- the President did a targeted, fiscally responsible approach in making sure that we give Americans a little bit more breathing room -- middle-class Americans a little bit more breathing room. And when you do that, you know, they are going to have extra money to buy that house. They're going to have a little extra money to start that family. And so that is important as well. And that is something that the President is certainly committed to.

Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No. Go ahead.

'll come around. Go ahead.

Q Me?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm sorry. Sebastian.

Q Yes? Okay.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: was pointing to Sebastian.

Q Okay, thanks.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: And then 'll -- 'll come around.

Q Thanks very much. knew there was people right behind me. (laughter.)

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: t's so funny. think --

Q didn't want to assume it was me.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: actually think when 'm pointing that 'm pointing to someone specific, but --

Q Right. Okay. Right.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- sort of from the other -- from the other side --

Q -- got it. (audible.) (laughter.) So two questions, if may.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sure.

Q On the "semi-fascism" comment.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah?

Q s this something we're going to hear more of -- that phrase? s it something the President's going to kind of embrace? Or is there any sense that it was, you know, a little impromptu and it's going to turn into a kind of "basket of deplorables" thing that he regrets and then tries to be quiet about?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: ook, was very clear when -- when laying out and defining what, you know, MAGA Republicans have done. And you look at the definition of "fascism," and you think about what they're doing in attacking our democracy, what they're doing in taking away our freedoms, taking away -- wanting to take away our rights, our voting rights. mean, that is what that is; it is very clear. And that's why he made that -- that -- that powerful speech that you heard from him last night.

And he has not shied away from saying that. You have heard him -- maybe not use that specific word, but you have heard him certainly use that definition.

And look, what we -- again, what we are putting before the American people is a choice. Right? And it is clear -- there's a clear contrast as what is happening on that side of the aisle and what's happening on our side with congressional Democrats and what we have been delivering for the American people. And we're going to continue to fight for freedom. We're going to continue to fight for people's rights. And that is not -- that is something that he takes very seriously. And that's what you heard from him last night.

Q Okay. And just quickly on the other side of the world, how confident is the administration that European allies are going to be able to weather the energy crisis that seems to be going into in winter. t's obviously going to get worse. Finnish people are apparently not taking saunas already, but it's getting worse. Not -- not to make light of it.

And politically, is there concern that this whole alliance over Ukraine is going to -- is going to really start cracking when that -- when that bites in the winter?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, you know, just a couple of things. And have a few things that want to say, because this is an important question.

So President Putin is weaponizing energy. Right? You've heard us say that before, and that is exactly what is happening. This is why President Biden set up a task force with the EU back in March to work on ways to increase alternative sources of natural gas to Europe, including from the United States.

We've made progress since March. Global NG exports to Europe has risen by 84 percent compared to 2021, while the U.S. share of those NG exports have been nearly tripled. And so that's important to note. In fact, global NG exports to Europe since March have increased by 20 billion cubic meters compared to last year, already exceeding the pledge President Biden made back in March to work with partners to ensure additional values -- volumes for the EU market of at least 15 billion cubic meters this year.

We know we have more work to do. And we'll keep looking for ways to increase gas stockpiles in Europe, coupled with efforts to reduce Europe's demand for natural gas through energy efficiency and clean energy deployment. The path to energy security requires a doubling down on our efforts to transition to a clean energy economy, and we continue to work with Europe on this shared goal.

ook, we -- what you have seen this past several months -- more than six months -- even before we saw the war in Ukraine, the unprovoked war by Russia, is a unified West. You see the NATO Alliance the strongest that it's ever been. t's -- it is going to -- look like it's going to extend by two, and that would not have happened if they weren't united, if we didn't see the leadership of this President.

And so we -- we believe that Alliance, that partnership is going to continue. We are going to make sure that our partners in Ukraine has what they need to to continue to fight for their freedom and fight for their sovereignty.

A DE: (naudible.)

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Oh, we have to go? Okay, 'll take -- Go ahead, Brett. was supposed to call on Brett. Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. know today marks the anniversary of the terrorist attack in Kabul, in Afghanistan. saw the President's statement this morning, but was curious: Has he reached out to any of the families of the victims of that attack? Or does he have any plans to address the anniversary of the withdrawal at length to the American people?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So the President put out a statement earlier -- earlier today. And so -- and as you all probably saw -- some of you probably saw the statement that was released, he named each of the 13 troops who were tragically, tragically killed on that day. The President feels deeply about the loss that was suffered one year ago.

And as he said in this -- in that statement, he feels strongly that we owe their

families support for the rest of their lives. That is something that he's committed to. We are never going to stop seeking justice for those who were involved in planning of that attack or for terrorists who threaten our homeland on any other day.

So, no President feels more strongly about our troops and their families than this President. And he and the First ady have taken action to support our service members and their families through Joining Forces and signing the historic burn pits legislation that -- that, as you all know, expands benefits for veterans, and it was incredibly historical.

So again, point you to the statement. don't have anything more to share.

will take one last question. Who -- somebody haven't called on. Rob, know haven't -- know you've been waiting. Rob, go ahead.

Q Okay. So, on Afghanistan, just to follow up, what would you say to the father of a U.S. Marine killed in the suicide attack last year? He thinks that taping a segment with Jay eno this afternoon is insensitive and tone deaf.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, this is something that's very personal to the President. He -- it was a tragic killing on that day. Thirteen members were lost, as well as 170 -- more than 170 lives of -- Afghan lives. So this is an incredibly important day that he wants to make sure that he acknowledged, which is why he put out the statement.

But he and the First ady have not lost focus on those families or any of the families that have lost loved ones in this 20-year war. Because that -- remember, we were there for two decades, and we lost a lot of lives.

Through Joining Forces, as just mentioned, and the burn pits legislation, the President -- that the President just signed, that is important as well. That is the work that this President is committed to doing. And that is a big deal, an important thing for service members and their families.

And again, no President feels more strongly about our troops and their families than this President, who himself the father of a service member who served in raq. So this is --

Q But is it a good day to film something with a comedian? mean, is that -- are you worried about the optics of that at all?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: What will tell you is that this is a day -- a tragic day that the Pres- -- the President takes very personal. Not just the President, also the First ady.

And will let his words -- the statement stand for -- for itself. He knows this, again, as a father himself of a service member that served in raq. So -- we do not take this lightly. We take this very seriously.

And, you know, our hearts are with the families today.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay, we're -- 'm going to go. 'm going to go.

Q Do you have any comment on the election in Angola and Kenya?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay, 'll take that one really quickly, and then we're going to go, because this is important.

The United States congratulates the people of Angola for making their voices heard in Wednesday's elections. We continue to observe the electoral process as votes are counted. We encourage peace and patience as the vote tally process continues.

The United States supports the democratic process through our ongoing democracy and governance programs, and by observing the election. Election observations promote participation and public confidence in the electoral process.

The United States and Angola share a strong partnership. We will continue to work together with the government chosen by the Angolan people to deepen cooperation around shared priorities, including democracy, economic growth, and investment, global health security and public health, and climate and energy goals to create a better future for all Angolans.

The United States commends the people of Angola for their participation in the democratic process and efforts to strengthen democratic institutions, which will provide a foundation for a safe, prosperous, healthy, and inclusive future for both of our countries.

Thank you, everybody. Have a great weekend. 'll see you on Monday.

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Thanks - I haven't done that and aren't aware of any others who have.

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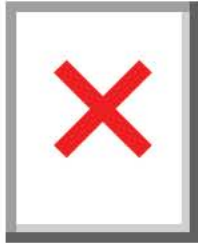
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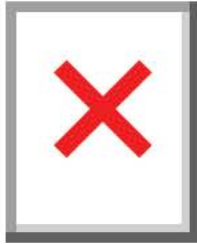
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Going after Republicans for wanting to "defund the FBI" is new for Joe Biden, and it represents the first time that he will be weighing in on the political fallout from the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago. Alex Wong/Getty Images



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■ D R I V I N G T H E D A Y

COUNTDOWN — 10 weeks until Election Day.

FIRE UP YOUR PACER ACCOUNT — A new filing from the Department of Justice of up to 40 pages responding to **DONALD TRUMP's** request seeking a special master to review documents seized in the search of Mar-a-Lago is expected today. ***See more below***

BIDEN FLIPS THE SCRIPT ON DEFUND THE POLICE — As a policy issue, crime, like inflation and immigration, has consistently been a political vulnerability for **JOE BIDEN** and Democrats. [A Fox News poll in June](#) showed Republicans with a net advantage of 13 points on the issue, the party's second best rating, behind inflation and border security. [An ABC News/Ipsos poll](#) this month found a similar 11-point

advantage for Republicans on the issue of crime, which was Democrats' worst issue tested in the poll.

Republicans have seized on the national spike in murders (almost 30% in 2020, when, um, Trump was president), the “defund the police” movement, and criminal justice reform policies pursued by unpopular progressive prosecutors who have faced a backlash even from liberals, such as San Francisco’s **CHESA BOUDIN**, who was recalled, and Los Angeles’ **GEORGE GASCÓN**, who [recently dodged a similar effort](#).

Biden has responded in three ways. (1) He has tried to talk more about “gun safety” or “gun violence.” When pollsters use those phrases to ask voters which party they trust more, Democrats suddenly have the upperhand. In the ABC poll this month, Democrats had a 5-point advantage over Republicans when asked about gun violence. **(2)** Biden has also sharply dismissed any notions that he supports defunding the police, the activist-driven slogan that gained sympathy among progressives two years ago but has been almost universally rejected by elected Democrats. **(3)** Finally, Biden has downplayed progressive criminal justice reform and tweaked the way he talks about it.

“Fund the police and promote effective prosecution of crimes affecting families today” is now the White House’s preferred framing about those two issues (in that order).

For more than a year, Biden has been on the defensive on these issues, tacking to the middle and adjusting his language. Now, suddenly, White House aides tell Playbook they believe Biden can play offense.

Today in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Biden will not just defend his record and spotlight the recent bipartisan gun safety package he signed into law, he’ll **attack the GOP as soft on crime** — for its record on guns, its defense of Jan. 6 criminals and, most interestingly, its recent response to the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago.

Here’s how a White House official previewed today’s 3:15 p.m. speech at Wilkes University for Playbook:

“President Biden will ... talk about his Safer America Plan and the simple, basic notion that when it comes to public safety in this nation, the answer isn’t to defund the police, it’s to fund the police.

“The president will talk about how he brought together Democrats and Republicans earlier this summer to pass the most significant gun safety law in 30

years. He'll say we must build on that momentum and **act to ban assault weapons**. A majority of Americans support it. The NRA opposes it. Do Republican Members of Congress side with the American people or the NRA? It's time to hold every elected official's feet to the fire.

“The president will make clear that Congressional Republicans’ **extreme MAGA agenda is a threat to the rule of law**. He will say that **you can’t propose defunding the FBI** or defend the mob that stormed the Capitol and attacked and assaulted police officers on January 6th and be pro-police.

“And he will highlight how [his plan](#) would invest in **100,000 more cops** who will be trained and supervised consistent with standards in the president’s Executive Order to advance effective, accountable community policing that builds public trust and strengthens public safety. As part of the American Rescue Plan that President Biden signed into law last year, we sent \$350 billion to local governments to keep cops on the beat. Every Republican in Congress voted against that funding for law enforcement. And, Trump cut \$400 billion from his budget for state and local law enforcement.”

This is a significant escalation for Biden in terms of how he will attack the GOP in the final 10 weeks of the campaign. Raising the GOP’s ties to the NRA and its response to Jan. 6 isn’t new. Going after Republicans for wanting to “defund the FBI” is, and it represents the first time that Biden will be weighing in on the political fallout from the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago. We’ll be eager to hear how he talks about it, considering the sensitivity around any hint that the White House is politicizing the document investigation.

A message from Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids:

FDA's delays mean nicotine-loaded flavored e-cigarettes are headed back to school.

Ignoring deadlines set by courts and Congress, the FDA has allowed highly addictive flavored e-cigarettes to remain on store shelves — leaving kids at risk.

[Learn what the FDA must do right now to stop Big Tobacco from luring kids into lifelong addiction.](#)

SPEAKING OF VIOLENT CRIME — America’s pandemic-era murder increase isn’t fading this year as experts had hoped, [NPR’s Martin Kaste reports](#) from Seattle in a look at what might be the “new normal.” Early data shows homicides dropping

slightly in some cities (but nowhere near pre-pandemic levels) and continuing to rise in others.

ELYNE VAUGHT, a prosecutor in King County, Washington: "This is definitely not the '90s, what we're seeing. The '90s was more gang-oriented, there was much more organized, sort of targeted shootings. Today, it's petty offenses, petty conflicts, reckless shootings."

THE NEXT BIDEN SPEECH — Biden will be back in Pennsylvania on Thursday to deliver a big primetime speech outside Philadelphia's Independence Hall echoing his 2020 campaign theme about "the battle for the soul of nation," [NBC's Mike Memoli scooped](#). The president will lay out the actions he's taken to protect democracy while in office — but also warn of the ongoing risks to fundamental "rights and freedoms."

Good Tuesday morning. Thanks for reading Playbook. Drop us a line: [Rachael Bade](#), [Eugene Daniels](#), [Ryan Lizza](#).

TRUMP FORCES GOP OFF-SCRIPT (AGAIN) — The fallout over the Mar-a-Lago search has once again forced Republicans to answer for Trump when they'd prefer to be talking about Biden and the economy, [Meridith McGraw, Andrew Desiderio, Nick Wu and Kyle Cheney report](#). "Some top Republicans acknowledge the growing angst and concern, as it's become clearer that Trump may have been warehousing some of America's most sensitive secrets in an unsecured basement."

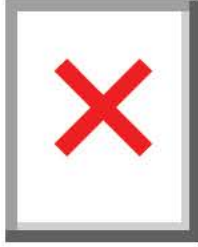
One GOP fundraiser says the donor mood is "enormous frustration." "The question is, is there willingness to express that frustration," the fundraiser added. "I don't know the answer to that. But there is real frustration, and with the exception of people who are too stupid to understand the need to be frustrated, it is nearly universal."

MEANWHILE — ["Republicans bob and weave on abortion — as Democrats hammer away,"](#) by Zach Montellaro and Ally Mutnick

CLIMATE SIREN — ["Zombie ice from Greenland will raise sea level 10 inches,"](#) AP's Seth Borenstein

MORE PER ASPERA THAN AD ASTRA — The much-anticipated Artemis I trip to the moon got delayed Monday when problems with engine cooling caused officials to call off the launch. NASA could give it another go as soon as Friday or Monday. [More from Space.com](#)

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BIDEN'S TUESDAY:

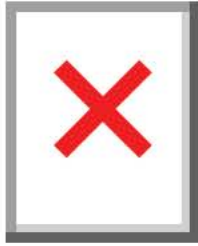
- **10:15 a.m.:** The president and VP **KAMALA HARRIS** will receive the President's Daily Brief.
- **12:35 p.m.:** Biden will leave the White House for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., arriving at 1:45 p.m.
- **3:15 p.m.:** Biden will deliver remarks on safety, guns and crime at the Marts Center at Wilkes University.
- **4:30 p.m.:** Biden will leave Wilkes-Barre, getting back to the White House at 5:40 p.m.

Press secretary KARINE JEAN-PIERRE will gaggle on Air Force One on the way to Pennsylvania. The White House monkeypox response team and public health officials will brief at 2 p.m.

THE SENATE and **THE HOUSE** are out.

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



New U.S. citizens wave American flags after being sworn in at a naturalization ceremony at Dodger Stadium on Monday, Aug. 29, in Los Angeles. Marco Tama/Getty Images

■ P L A Y B O O K R E A D S

MAR-A-LAGO FALLOUT

THE VIEW FROM DOJ — A Justice Department filing Monday said that its “filter team” has already finished reviewing the materials seized from Mar-a-Lago for info protected by attorney-client privilege — a timeline that “could undercut the former president’s efforts to have a special master appointed to review the files,” [reports WaPo’s Devlin Barrett](#). [The filing](#)

— **But if the special master is appointed**, Trump could successfully delay the DOJ investigation and force a legal battle to drag out, [NYT’s Charlie Savage, Glenn Thrush and Alan Feuer report](#). A potential DOJ appeal of an injunction “would play out not just on its legal merits, but also on how quickly judges moved before issuing a ruling that will itself be subject to further appeal. ... The appointment ... would also prompt other novel legal questions, raising the possibility of time-consuming litigation to resolve them.”

ON THE OTHER SIDE — Trump’s attorneys are advancing a line of legal argument that envisions expansive powers for the president, [AP’s Eric Tucker writes](#), citing a recently revealed May letter from his team. It “suggests that a defense strategy anchored around presidential powers, a strategy employed during special counsel **ROBERT MUELLER’s** Russia investigation when Trump actually was president, may again be in play.” Legal experts are skeptical.

WHAT’S IN THE DOCS — Trump has told people for years that he knew details about French President **EMMANUEL MACRON’s** love life, perhaps via “intelligence,” [Rolling Stone’s Adam Rawnsley and Asawin Suebsaeng report](#). That could perhaps shed light on why the FBI’s list of seized documents included “info re: President of France,” though there’s no indication yet of what that material pertains to.

ALL POLITICS

SAME STRATEGY, DIFFERENT STATE — [“Dems interfere in GOP primary in New Hampshire,”](#) by Ally Mutnick

TIGHT SQUEEZES IN THE GRAND CANYON STATE — New Arizona polls out Monday from the Trafalgar Group, a GOP polling firm, showed Democratic Sen. **MARK KELLY** leading Republican **BLAKE MASTERS** [by 3.3 points](#), but GOP gubernatorial nominee **KARI LAKE** ahead of Democrat **KATIE HOBBS** [by 0.7 points](#). Nobody topped 48%.

— **Masters pivots**: As the Republican’s campaign website keeps changing, [CNN’s Andrew Kaczynski and Em Steck have the latest](#) on what else Masters scrubbed recently: An inaccurate claim that the 2020 election was stolen, along with

statements that Democrats wanted to “import” new voters via immigration and that America would be better off with Trump in office.

— **Masters doesn’t pivot:** After liberals criticized a Masters tweet that blasted a focus on diversity among Fed leaders, [he put out a video](#) slamming “the Democrats’ diversity obsession”: “I don’t care if every single employee at the Fed is a Black lesbian, as long as they’re hired for their competence ... **We are done with this affirmative action regime.** You know, I can’t think of a single policy since the end of Jim Crow that’s been worse or more divisive for race relations.” Masters also said Harris is “so incompetent she can’t even get a sentence out.”

BATTLE FOR THE HOUSE — The House GOP-aligned super PAC Congressional Leadership Fund is reserving \$37 million in new ads around the country as Republicans play offense to flip the House, [Axios’ Hans Nichols and Sophia Cai report](#). Nine-tenths of the TV reservations are in Biden-won districts, though CLF is also shoring up a few GOP-held seats in California, Iowa and Nebraska.

BATTLE FOR THE SENATE — [“A Surprise Senate Race Rises Out West,”](#) by NYT’s Carl Hulse on the race between Democratic Sen. **MICHAEL BENNET** and Republican **JOE O’DEA**

PANDEMIC POLITICS — Pennsylvania AG **JOSH SHAPIRO** is moderating on pandemic policies as the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, opposing shutdowns, mask mandates and vaccine mandates to distance himself from Gov. **TOM WOLF’S** more stringent measures, [AP’s Marc Levy reports](#) from Harrisburg.

RICK ROLLED — Billionaire developer **RICK CARUSO** looked like a moderate insurgent poised to have a real shot at the Los Angeles mayoralty this spring. But now he’s running second to Rep. **KAREN BASS** as the national mood shifts, [Lara Korte and Alexander Nieves report](#). “Caruso’s predicament is a reminder of a bitter truth about politics: Money can get you only so far,” they write.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES — [“Who is going to debate in key midterm races in battleground states,”](#) ABC

2024 WATCH — Former Secretary of State **MIKE POMPEO** will be at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics for a “Politics & Eggs” event Sept. 20, [per Fox News’ Paul Steinhauser](#).

THE WHITE HOUSE

HIT THE ROAD, JOE — In addition to Pittsburgh, the White House said Biden will head to Milwaukee on Labor Day, [per the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#).

FIRST LADY HEALTH UPDATE — First lady **JILL BIDEN** has now tested negative for the coronavirus after having a rebound case last week, the White House said. She'll head back to the D.C. area today.

OTHER FBI NEWS — **TIMOTHY THIBAUT**, an FBI agent who came under fire from the right over allegations of bias in the **HUNTER BIDEN** laptop investigation, retired this weekend, [Fox News' Bradford Betz and David Spunt report](#). Senate Judiciary ranking member **CHUCK GRASSLEY** (R-Iowa) had raised concerns about Thibault this summer, citing whistleblowers.

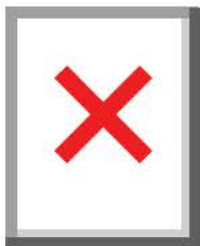
CONGRESS

FIRST PERSON — AP congressional reporter **ALAN FRAM** is retiring after almost 40 years covering the Hill, and [he writes in a farewell piece](#) of the changes, for better and for worse, that he's seen in Congress. Along with anecdotes about **BOB DOLE**, **GEORGE W. BUSH**, **JOHN BOEHNER** and more, Fram offers a warning: "I still overhear Democrats and Republicans making dinner plans. The sorrow over this month's traffic accident death of Rep. **JACKIE WALORSKI**, R-Ind., and two aides was bipartisan and heartfelt. Yet today's common ground seems narrower, the atmosphere darker, the stakes higher."

LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL — A judge ordered DOJ to make public by next week more information about the search warrant underpinning the 2020 seizure of Sen. **RICHARD BURR's** (R-N.C.) cellphone, [the L.A. Times' Sarah Wire reports](#).

2023 PREVIEW — ["Hunter Biden, Border Crossings and Covid Policies Face New Scrutiny if GOP Wins House,"](#) WSJ

A message from Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids:



JAN. 6 AND ITS AFTERMATH

SECRET SERVICE SECRETS — TONY ORNATO, the Secret Service leader and Trump White House alum who featured prominently in **CASSIDY HUTCHINSON's** Jan. 6 committee testimony, announced Monday that he's retiring, [Kyle Cheney scooped](#). "Although Ornato quickly signaled he was willing to testify in response to Hutchinson's account, he has yet to appear for a new interview with the select committee."

— [The Intercept’s Ken Klippenstein adds](#) this detail: “Ornato had finally agreed to an interview with Department of Homeland Security investigators on August 31 ... Ornato has indicated that he still intends to attend ... but since Ornato will be a private citizen, investigators won’t have testimonial subpoena authority to compel his cooperation.”

THE INVESTIGATIONS — A judge on Monday tossed out Georgia Gov. **BRIAN KEMP’s** attempt to evade a subpoena in the Fulton County investigation into efforts to overturn the 2020 election — but he allowed Kemp to delay it until after the midterms. The judge “largely sided with [DA **FANI**] **WILLIS’** office in Monday’s ruling,” [per The Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s Tyler Estep](#). He also turned down attorney **KENNETH CHESEBRO’s** attempt to quash a subpoena in the probe.

— **Willis said in a filing Monday** that Sen. **LINDSEY GRAHAM** (R-S.C.) should be made to testify because “his public entanglement with the political interests of the former president” undercuts his legal arguments against doing so, [per Bloomberg](#).

WAR IN UKRAINE

E-RING READING — [“Ukraine lures Russian missiles with decoys of U.S. rocket system,”](#) by WaPo’s John Hudson

— [“Ukraine has hobbled Russia’s Black Sea Fleet. Could it turn the tide of the war?”](#) by Christopher Miller and Paul McLeary

— [“Ukraine War Is Depleting U.S. Ammunition Stockpiles, Sparking Pentagon Concern,”](#) by WSJ’s Gordon Lubold, Nancy Youssef and Ben Kesling

AMERICA AND THE WORLD

DISHY READ — [“Inside Liz Truss’s not so special relationship with the U.S.,”](#) by FT’s Felicia Schwartz

DANCE OF THE SUPERPOWERS — The Biden administration intends to ask congressional committee leaders to sign off on a \$1.1 billion sale of missiles and other arms to Taiwan, [Lara Seligman and Andrew Desiderio scooped](#).

THE PANDEMIC

GETTING A BOOST — The FDA is likely to authorize the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna coronavirus vaccine booster shots as early as Wednesday, [Adam Cancryn](#)

[and Katherine Ellen Foley report](#). The Omicron-focused shots then could roll out soon after Labor Day, though exact timing may yet change.

BEYOND THE BELTWAY

DISASTER IN MISSISSIPPI — [“‘Do Not Drink The Water’: Jackson Water System Failing For 180,000 People,”](#) Mississippi Free Press

BORDER TALES — [“A ‘radical shift’ at the border is making things tougher for Biden,”](#) by CNN’s Catherine Shoichet and Christopher Hickey: “For decades, many border policies have been designed with Mexican migrants in mind ... but it’s much more difficult to deport people to other countries. There are limits to which nationalities can be turned back under Title 42, for example. And frosty diplomatic relations can affect deportations, too.”

— AP’s Gisela Salomon [explores the Cuban exodus](#), as much higher numbers of emigres “stake their lives and futures on a dangerous journey to the United States by air, land and sea to escape economic and political woes.”

MEDIAWATCH

BOOK REPORT — Early versions of **DINESH D’SOUZA’s** conspiratorial forthcoming book “2000 Mules” have been recalled by Regnery, which pushed back its publication date to Oct. 25. The publisher cited “a publishing error” for the change, though [it said the book will still come out](#).

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Bill Clinton sat [next to Dr. Ruth](#) at the U.S. Open.

IN MEMORIAM — [“Colleagues remember longtime CBS photojournalist George Christian,”](#) CBS: “Christian had a front-row seat to history. He was there when President Nixon resigned and with President George W. Bush on 9/11. Following his death over the weekend, his CBS colleagues are remembering him as a friend and a

mentor.”

OUT AND ABOUT — **Michael Wong** of Sen. Kyrsten Sinema’s (D-Ariz.) office was treated to a surprise serenade by **The Beach Boys** at San Lorenzo on Sunday night. The group (who had just finished playing Wolf Trap) performed “Kokomo” after discovering Wong was celebrating finishing his MBA from Wharton at the next table. [Pic ... SPOTTED: Barrett Lane, Kelley Williams, Ian Mariani, Baillee Brown, Macey Matthews, Phoebe Miner, Jack Welty, Alyssa Marois, Gregg Sheiowitz, Alex Sternhell and Langston Emerson.](#)

— Foreign Policy for America held its NextGen Initiative Leadership Retreat on Sunday, an event gathering the heads of the initiative to examine plans for the upcoming year and ways to center young foreign policy voices in congressional elections. **SPOTTED: Andrew Albertson, Michael Poznansky, Shannon Kellman, Simone Williams, Grant Haver, Leah Fiddler, Bo Machayo, Esther Im, Elizabeth Rosen, Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval, Scott Bade, Phoebe Benich, Mike Fox, Tashi Chogyal, Mari Faines, Sarah Gardiner, Tabatha Pilgrim Thompson, Sam Denney, Caroline Kaufman, Mai El-Sadany, Matt Keating, Stacey Pirtle, Bethan Saunders, John Lindsay, Kristina Biyad and Ben Weingrod.**

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK — **Sophie Shulman** will be deputy administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, two people familiar with the matter told Daniel Lippman. She currently is deputy chief of staff for policy at DOT and will start in her new job by the beginning of next year.

— **Carmen Iguina González** is joining Kaplan Hecker & Fink’s D.C. office as counsel. She previously was senior staff attorney with the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project and is a former Supreme Court clerk.

MEDIA MOVES — **David Plotz’s** City Cast is [launching the “City Cast DC” podcast](#) to dive into the city’s stories, hosted by **Bridget Todd** and POLITICO’s **Michael Schaffer**. ... The AP announced [its politics, democracy and elections team](#), comprising 14 journalists across the country.

STAFFING UP — **Jennifer Tyre** is now social media director at DHS. She previously was senior digital comms officer at the German Marshall Fund.

TRANSITION — **Lyndsey Fifield** is now digital marketing director for Nikki Haley’s Stand for America. She previously was social media manager at Heritage.

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A message from Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids:

FDA delays leave flavored e-cigarettes on the market — putting kids at risk.

Big Tobacco continues to lure kids with flavored e-cigarettes, hooking them with massive doses of nicotine. These addictive products can impact kids' brain development, learning, and ability to focus in school.

The courts and Congress have ordered the FDA to act, but repeated delays mean flavored e-cigarettes are still widely available. To protect kids, the FDA must eliminate all flavored e-cigarettes now.

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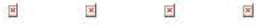
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3:18 P.M. EDT

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Hi. Good afternoon, everybody.

Q Good afternoon.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: Thank you. All right, today the Vice President and the Second Gentleman visited NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida to attend the launch of the Artemis mission. Despite the launch being pulled down, we look forward to it happening when NASA says all systems are ready.

While at the Kennedy Space Center, the Vice President and Second Gentleman met with STEM students, astronauts, and workers building the crew modules for Artemis III, which will be the first crewed Artemis mission, and Artemis II, which will return American astronauts to the Moon, including the first woman and person of color.

As you may have seen, today we announced that the Biden Harris administration will

host the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health on September 28th in Washington, D.C.

As the President said a few months ago, this will be the first conference of this kind in more than 50 years. The conference will bring together government leaders, academics, activists, and Americans from all walks of life to achieve the goal of ending hunger and reducing diet-related diseases in the U.S. by 2030. A key additional focus will be reducing disparities among the communities who are impacted the most by these issues.

At the conference, we will announce a national strategy that identifies actions the government will take to encourage the public and private sectors to drive transformative change and address the intersections between food, hunger, nutrition, and health.

With that, Zeke, you want to take it away?

Q Thanks, Karine. Over the weekend, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said they were conducting a risk assessment of the classified documents found at former President Trump's home in Florida. Does the President intend to get briefed on -- on that risk assessment once it's completed?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, we have seen the letter from ODN to Congress on this, but would refer you to either ODN or the Justice Department by any specific questions on this.

As we have said, this involves material that is part of an ongoing criminal investigation, and we just aren't going to comment on that at this time. hear your question; we just don't -- we're not going to say anything at this time while the investigation is going on.

Q This is about the President's actions, not what they're doing there. So does he -- you can't say whether or not he'll be briefed on --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, can say that he has not been briefed. know folks have asked, you know, if he has been briefed via the PDB or otherwise on any classified materials. That -- can say, as a general matter -- we just don't get into information included in the President's classified materials -- this is what this would be considered -- or daily briefings on sensitive national security or intelligence matters. This is ODN -- a decision that they've made. So talking about any PDB specifically would be inappropriate or any classified, again, material.

On this specific issue, we have been very clear the President was not briefed in advance of this Justice Department's recent actions. We have not been involved in this matter as part of the Justice Department's ongoing criminal investigation. We see this as part of the underlying material that is connected to this.

So, you know, we're -- as we've said, we are committed to the independence with -- as it relates to any legal matters that the Department of Justice has. And that is something that the President has been very clear about and is going to continue.

Q But just to, again, put a finer point on it: The President will get briefed or

will not get briefed when ODN finishes the risk assessment?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: just -- am just saying to you this is an underlying material -- underlying matter that is related to this. We're just not going to comment. And as it relates to any classified materials or anything that's related to PD- -- PDB, we don't comment on that at all.

But, you know, again, this is a part of an investigation. The President hasn't been briefed on any of this. He -- none of us have been briefed. The White House not has been briefed on any of this. And so, we are just going to leave it to the Department of Justice and to ODN on this.

Q And on a different topic, tomorrow marks the one-year anniversary of when the President marked the end of U.S. -- the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the end of the war there. How does the President plan to mark that occasion? Does he plan to speak to the American people? Does he plan to honor the lives of the 13 servicemembers who were lost at Abbey Gate?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as you know, last week, on Friday, we did put out -- the President put out a statement -- released a statement where he named each of the 13 troops who were tragically killed that day.

The President feels deeply about the loss that was suffered one year ago. And as he said in that statement just this past Friday, he feels strongly that we owe their families support for the rest of their lives. We are never going to stop seeking justice for those who were involved in planning of the attack or for terrorists who threaten our homeland in any way.

No President feels more strongly about this than this President -- about our troops than this President and their families. And this President -- and he and the First lady have taken action to support our servicemembers and their families through Joining Forces and signing the historic pits legislation.

don't have anything else to share with you on any future statements that he may make.

Q Nothing (inaudible)?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Nothing to share about any -- anything on his schedule. As you know, he's going to be traveling tomorrow.

Q One more question on the DN . They're assessing whether bringing those classified documents to Mar-a- ago damaged national security or jeopardized national intelligence operations. Does the President feel that the public has a right to know the conclusion of that assessment?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, 'm -- we're just not going to comment about conclusions. We're not going to comment on anything related to this at this time, any specifics to this. We are going to refer all these questions to ODN and also the Department of Justice. We're just not going to com- --

Q But it's a question about transparency not --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No, --

Q -- on the investigation.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: understand. understand the question. Any underlying materials, any underlying questions to this, we're just not going to comment. Of course, it's important to have transparency, but we're just not going to go any further than that.

Q And then, on another topic, the President has a lot of travel coming up. He's been getting out more in the country, mostly, you know, doing events sort of touting his agenda, things that -- his accomplishments and the like. Are we going to see him actually, as we approach the midterms, stumping for individual candidates? Are we going to see more big rallies, like -- like he did last week?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as you know, can only speak to official travel from here; can't speak to any of the campaign or political travel. The President, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, our Hill allies, governors, mayors, and allied groups will take the message directly to the American people.

As you know, we had a string of successful legisla- -- legislative pieces just a couple of weeks ago. And so, in the coming weeks, the President will host a Cabinet meeting here; host an Inflation Reduction Act celebration event at the White House, which is going to happen on September 13th, as you all know; and will travel across the country to highlight how the Inflation Reduction Act will save money on prescription drugs, cut healthcare premiums, and cut energy costs.

Other upcoming events will illustrate how President Biden worked to get things done, including passing a historic gun safety law and making smart investments to keep our competitive edge and rebuild American manufacturing through the CHIPS and Science Act and bipartisan law.

The President will attend a groundbreaking at Intel in Ohio, as you all know, to address his safe -- Safer America plan that helps fight crime and make communities safer while in Pennsylvania, which is happening tomorrow, and highlight the American Rescue Plan along the way.

And so, that's going to be our focus: to get our message out, to talk -- to speak directly to the American people on how congressional Democrats and this President delivered.

Again, can't get into specific -- specific or any campaign trail or what we're doing politically, but that's what we're doing on the official side.

Q The President has at least two trips scheduled to Pennsylvania in the next week. He's -- and he traveled there more than any other state last year. Obviously, he's from Pennsylvania, but is there any other significance to him visiting that state?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: All can say is Pennsylvania is close and dear to his heart and he is glad to be traveling there these next couple of trips, as you just mentioned.

Go ahead, Nancy.

Q Thank you so much. Going back to the topic that Zeke brought up, there's been a lot of confusion. 'm wondering if you can shed any light on this question of whether this White House or this President believes that a President has the ability to declassify classified documents simply by saying so.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: ook, we want to be very careful here, as you know. We're just not going to speak -- it is really -- the question that you're asking me is related to everything that is happening currently right now with the Department of Justice and even ODN as they -- as said, we're aware of the letter. We did not have any advanced knowledge of the -- of the letter.

Right now, we are -- at this time, we're just not going to make comments on any questions related to this, any underlying questions, any content that is related to what we're currently seeing, that -- the Department of Justice is independently working on an investigation that is independent, and we're just not going to comment at this time.

Q So, you can't say what this President believes the process is that he needs to go through when he wants to declassify that?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm just not going to -- because it's related to what we're all hearing and you all are reporting about, 'm just not going to comment on it at this time.

Q When the President speaks about guns tomorrow in Wilkes-Barre, is there a new policy he's going to be laying out? What can you tell us about what he's going to say on that issue tomorrow?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: have some -- some preview for you on this. So, tomorrow, President Biden will be traveling about -- about his Safer America Plan and the simple, basic notion that, when it comes to public safety in this nation, the answer isn't to defund the police, it's to fund the police.

He will highlight how his plan would invest 100 more cops for effective, accountable community policing that builds public trust and strengthens public safety.

And as part of the American Rescue Plan -- you've heard us say this -- that President Biden signed into law last year, we sent \$350 billion to local governments to keep cops on the beat. And in contrast, every Republican in Congress voted against the funding for law enforcement. And Trump -- also Donald Trump cut \$400 billion from his budget for state and local law enforcement.

So, the President is going to talk about how he brought the Democrats and Republicans together earlier this month to pass the most significant safety law in 30 years. He'll talk about how we have built on that momentum and how we must act on ban assault weapons. You'll hear that from him as well.

So, again, a majority of Americans support this when we talk about banning assault weapons; the NRA opposes it. And so we are going to hear from the President about -- about the importance of making sure that we protect our communities.

You know, the President has been really clear that congressional Republicans -- that extreme MAGA agenda that you heard him talk about last week is a threat to the rule of law.

We will say that -- he will say that you can't propose defunding the FBI or defund the mob that stormed the Capitol and attacked and assaulted police officers on January 6th and pre- -- and be pro-police. And that's what you're going to hear from the President tomorrow.

Q And then, finally, Senate candidate lieutenant Governor John Fetterman says he is going to be at the parade in Pittsburgh on Labor Day and, quote, he "looks forward to talking to the President there about the need to finally decriminalize marijuana."

The President has said in the past we need to rethink our approach. Has he decided how he wants to rethink the approach? Does he agree with John Fetterman?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So don't have anything right now to announce. But just want to talk a little bit and take a step back to talk about the drug -- our drug policy that we -- that we have been very clear about, but 'll leave some stuff here.

We're -- we're at an urgent moment when it comes to an overdose epidemic. You've heard the President talk about that. More than 100,000 lives lost in the -- in the most recent 12-month period.

The bulk of our early efforts have been focused on addressing the addiction and overdose epidemic. That's what we have talked about these past 19 months, which has worsened during the course of the pandemic, sadly.

Untreated addiction and overdose deaths require urgent attention and having evidence-based policies in place -- in place is critical. That is incredibly important to this President. But at the same time, President Biden believes that there are too many people serving unduly long sentences for nonviolent drug crimes -- a disproportionate number of whom are Black and brown. That's why, in April, during the Second Chance month, President Biden announced 17 sentences, commutations, and three pardons, which are more grants of clemency at this point in a presidency than any of his five recent predecessors.

As I've said before, the President supports leaving decisions regarding legalization for recreational use up to the states; rescheduling cannabis as a Schedule I drug so researchers can study its positive and negative impacts; and, at the federal level, he supports decriminalizing marijuana use and automatically expunging any prior criminal records.

So don't -- we don't have anything to announce today at this point, but just wanted to lay that for you.

Q On the Federal Reserve, Elizabeth Warren has said that she's concerned that if the Fed raises rates again that it could put people out of work or tip the economy into a recession. Does the President share any of those concerns about an overreach or a possible overreach?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as you know, we've been very clear when it comes to the

President's plan on attacking inflation. He has said many times that he gives the Federal Reserve their independence to -- to make the monetary decision on how to deal with inflation. That is something that, again, we give their independence. We believe they have the strongest tools to deal -- to deal with that.

But we know that Americans are feeling the pain of higher costs, higher prices. That's why we have worked so hard to bring down gas prices. We've seen, for 76 days, gas prices have gone down. It is the fastest decline, as you've heard us say, in over a decade. And so that is important. That's why the Inflation Reduction Act was so critical in dealing with -- that's going to deal with lowering costs, that's going to deal with that \$300 billion. It's going to deal with reducing the deficit, which is important, which is now -- that \$1.7 trillion deficit that we have seen under this President in the past 19 months; \$380 billion was done last year. And so, this is important as well.

It's important for the President, but he's going to continue to do the work. But we want to say -- a couple of things that we wanted to share is, like, you saw the new data on Friday that showed prices came down nationwide last month and personal income went up. So that is a sign of inflation that is easing. And latest CPI -- the latest headline, CPI inflation was flat. Prices in the aggregate had no increase versus the prior month.

And this morning, we learned -- and yesterday morning -- pardon me, sorry -- Friday morning, we learned that consumer sentiment is up 13 percent since July and one-year inflation expectation dropped nearly half a percent from -- from the month -- from the month before.

We have more work to do. We understand that. We know that there are families who are -- and Americans who are still feeling the pain. And we're going to continue to do the work to do --

Q So the White House doesn't disagree with Senator Warren?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, I'm just -- we're just saying that this is something that the Federal Reserve is going to -- we don't want to step on, you know, what the Federal Reserve is going to do.

Our goal is to -- to keep bringing down inflation without sacrificing the historic and lifechanging economic gains that we've seen this country has made over the last 18 months.

And, you know, as Powell said -- as Powell also said, the economy continues to show strong, underlying momentum. We have regained all of the jobs lost during the pandemic. And if you look at the labor market, it -- you know, consumers are spending; as said, what businesses are investing; and what American industry is producing, you continue to see the resiliency in our -- in our economy and that's what matters.

Q Thanks, Karine. Can you -- can you talk a little bit about the free COVID test program going away? What does that mean for the COVID testing industry? And does it mean that rapid tests will be harder to come by if there's a fall surge?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, on Friday, the administration announced that it will suspend taking orders for free tests through COV DTests.gov because Congress hasn't provided the COV D funding we need to replenish the nation's stockpiles of tests. As simple as that.

The last day to place new orders will be Friday, September -- this is September 2nd. And -- but just to give you a little bit of what we have done and what we've had to do, we've already distributed over 600 million tests through this program, and every household has had the opportunity to place three orders for a total of 16 tests.

Americans will continue to have other options for free testing, including free at-home tests through private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and 1,500 community-based free testing sites. So that is available to Americans.

So, look, the administration has been very clear about our urgent COV D-19 response funding needs for months. We've been talking about it for months. The COV D Response Team has been talking about it for months. We've warned that the congressional inaction would face unacceptable trade-offs and harm our preparedness and response, and that the consequences would likely worsen over time.

So this is an action we've been forced to take that will help preserve our limited remaining supply, ensuring we have a limited supply of tests available in the fall. So that's what we're trying to be forward thinking, forward leaning here when we might face a new rise in infections and more acute need.

Q Has the administration given up on getting COV D funds in the CR? And on that realm, mean, what does that mean for free COV D vaccines? mean, is it no longer -

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So are you talking about the booster that's -- that we're about to announce?

Q Well, just --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Or that is first --

Q -- providing for the costs.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. So -- so let me just be clear: These decisions about the vaccines, including when will be -- who and when will be eligible are made by FDA and CDC. So just want to make sure, based on their experts and their review, as we talk about vaccines.

So, you know, in the meantime, the administration has been working with state and local health departments and other partners to prepare operationally for all scenarios.

This includes working to ensure vaccines remain available in a range of trusted convenient locations, including local pharmacies and community health centers, and easy to access.

So, we're planning for this. We're planning for a robust plan and education program, and building on our lessons that we had for COV D 19

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And so, you know, while we're preparing, we are doing so with the limited funding we have left. So, we have some funding for this. We've had to take money away from things like testing, as just mentioned, to help fund the procurement of these vaccines. So, that's one way, as said, we had to be really mindful in why we're doing the testing -- made the testing announcement.

So, needs to help strengthen our vaccination program and reach more folks are limited. And so, the COV D team will share more on this in the following -- when the decisions are made on how -- from the CDC and FDA -- how we're going to move forward.

But yes, we had to make some tough decisions to make sure that we're able to do this fall campaign once the CDC and FDA makes that decision.

Go ahead. Go ahead.

Q Thanks. wanted to drill down on the degree to which there was White House involvement in the Trump documents story earlier this year.

ast week, we learned that the Archivist -- the Acting Archivist of the United States approached the White House Counsel and a determination was reached here to allow the Acting Archivist to make a determination with respect to executive privilege.

Can you -- what more can you tell us about that and why the determination was reached to defer that to the -- to the Archivist?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, the -- the letter from the National Archivist and the search are completely different. We've been very clear about that. They're not the same. And so just want to restate that.

The recently published letter from the Archives is not about the search and, in fact, underlines how closely the President has honored his pledge to restore the independence of the Department of Justice concerning investigations.

f you read the letter, you'll see that -- the way we were able to defer. t shows that DOJ made a request for access to an older set of documents independently and the White House affirmed it, which is standard. Nothing unusual there. And when former President Trump attempted to assert executive privilege to block the FB from assessing the document, President Biden deferred to the National Archives and the DOJ Office of egal Counsel on the issue.

So, again, we deferred that decision. So, this -- the decisions here have been made by the National Archives and the Department of -- Justice Department.

Q Just to clarify, you're saying that President Biden himself was personally approached and he made the decision himself?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: What 'm saying is the White House was -- they're -- we are the ones that were able to defer, which is we affirmed -- which is normal, nothing unusual -- we deferred to the -- to the National Archives and the Department of Justice legal office. And we let them make the decision.

t was not made here. We deferred it so that they can make the decision.

Q But just to pin it down: What -- are you saying that it was not the President himself who arrived at the decision or did the President himself make a decision?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, what can tell you is the White House affirmed it. can't -
- 've been asked this question: "Who, specifically?" can tell you the White House,
here on this campus -- the White House actually affirmed it and also deferred it.
Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. Continuing on this theme -- the President last week was asked
about former President Trump's claims that he declassified all these documents. And
President Biden said, quote, " 'm not going to comment. mean, because don't know
the detail. don't even want to know. 'll let the Justice Department take care of
that."

understand that he wasn't given advance notice about the search, the Justice
Department is independent. But when it comes to national security questions,
shouldn't the President want to know the details?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, when it comes to national security questions and even
classified materials, it is something that we just don't speak to. We don't get into
information included in the President's classified materials or daily briefings on
sesinive [sic] -- on sensitive national security or intelligence matter. Right? That
is something that wouldn't even be able to talk about because that is the protocol
that we have here.

ook, the President was asked a question. He answered it in -- in -- as -- as it
relates to -- right? -- this is also relating to -- we've said this -- any content,
anything that's related to underlying materials related to this. This is something
that we are just not informed on.

This is something that it is the independence of the Department of Justice as it
relates to ODN . That is something that -- that assessment that they are doing that
we are not involved, we are not briefed, we are not aware of. And 'll leave it at
that.

Q just want to be really clear: You can say that he was not briefed about the
warrant execution, but you can't say whether he's been briefed on any --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Oh, no --

Q -- national security issues?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Oh, -- can tell you right now, when it comes to the ODN , the
letter, can surely tell you that the President was not briefed on that, he was not
aware --

Q 'm not asking about just about the letter --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: know -- -- but this is all -- it's all connected, right?
Right? t's all connected So 'm trying to give you answers for what can give you

answers to, right?

So 'm sure -- we have not been asked about that. And 'm telling you, for that particular piece, we were not briefed, we were not made aware of. That is something that ODN -- that is their assessment. That is something that they're doing as it relates to the ongoing investigation that the Department of Justice is doing as it's connected to national security materials.

What can say, if asked -- if 'm asked if the President has been briefed on classified materials -- we have said this before at the podium -- it is -- it is something that can't even speak to, right? can't even speak to what classified materials he's been briefed or daily briefings when it even comes to his PDA [sic] -- PDB.

That is -- it is -- it is classified information. So it is not even something that we can speak to. That's what 'm -- 'm spea- -- 'm talking about.

Go ahead.

Q So, Karine, you're saying he hasn't been briefed so far, but are you implying that he won't be briefed as long as the DN assessment is taking place?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: All -- can't even get into hypotheticals right now. can speak to this moment. can speak to what is currently happening right now, which is -- which is we're just not going to comment on an ongoing investigation. Right? This is an ongoing investigation -- an independent investigation.

We're just not going to comment. And we have not been briefed on that. cannot get into hypotheticals. don't know -- we don't know what's going to happen next. So not going to go into a hypothetical question of what is going to happen --

Q Broadly --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- in the future.

Q Broadly, though, the White House supports this damage assessment?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, this is -- again, 'm just -- am just not going to comment on that.

Q Was there anybody in the White House who requested this assessment ahead of time before --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No.

Q Okay. And then Senator Lindsey Graham said, last night, "there would be riots in the streets" if former President Trump is prosecuted for taking classified government documents to Mar-a-ago. What is the White House response to that?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, we have -- you know, we have seen MAGA Republicans attack our democracy. We have seen MAGA Republicans take away our rights, make threats of violence, including this weekend, and that is what the President was referring to when

you all asked me last week about the semi-fascism comment.

And he was clear: not all Republicans -- there are some mainstream Republicans -- he mentioned the Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan and talked about -- about him and what he's been doing and how he said -- called them out of being that mainstream Republican.

But we have seen these MAGA, extreme Republicans making these kinds of comments, which is -- which is dangerous. And -- and this is what we are talking about when Joe Biden -- when Joe Biden was making his comments -- President Biden was making his comments last week.

Look, this is a President that believes when you are President of the United States, it is your duty, it is your responsibility to have the strongest voice of -- when it comes to democracy, when speaking about democracy. And that's what you're going to continue to hear from this President.

Q Thank you, Karine. Just to follow up on the Pennsylvania trip: You mentioned the assault weapons ban as being kind of a key priority for the administration. But are you kind of out of things that you can do from an executive standpoint? I know months ago you were reviewing what other additional executive actions you could take on gun violence. Are you -- are you out of options there?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, -- we don't have -- don't have anything else to share on what else we can do. But I can say this: This is a president who has taken the most action -- most executive action than any other President when it comes to curtailing and really dealing with gun violence. And that's how seriously he's taken this.

He just laid out what he did in the American Rescue Plan -- that \$350 billion that helped -- that went into communities to make sure that communities were safer. That's -- only Democrats in Congress voted for the American Rescue Plan. That matters.

He's going to go tomorrow and talk about what else we are doing as an administration to make sure that -- that we're -- that we're -- that communities feel safer.

And -- but as far as what we're doing from the -- as far as executive actions, certainly don't have anything to share to you -- for you at this time.

But he has called -- he's called on Congress to take actions on -- on assault weapons ban, something that we haven't seen in 30 years.

And you've heard him say this: When -- when assault weapons ban sunset 10 years after it was put into law -- 10 years after he worked very hard to make sure that we had that piece of legislation -- we did see crime go up with assault weapons ban -- assault weapons.

So that is something that the President has been fighting for throughout his Senate days, as Vice President. And he'll continue to fight for this as President.

Q And did you have any more color about why this part of Pennsylvania is the appropriate place for this message?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: You know, no -- no specific color on that. You know, we're going to his hometown, which is important to him, which is very close to him. But don't have any specifics. It's just -- you know, we go to -- we go to places where we can actually be able to deliver our message to the American people, especially all the work that we have -- we have done here in Washington with congressional Democrats.

Q One quick one on abortion. There's been kind of a number of incidents nationwide where medical providers have been unsure if they can provide certain procedures for women, even if they feel that it's medically necessary, if they're going to run afoul of state law. What is kind of the White House guidance to medical providers about whether they should consider running afoul of state laws in providing medically necessary abortions?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Look, this is something that we are acutely aware of, that certainly that we are monitoring. Look, a lot of this is -- you know, when we talk about that MAGA agenda, the MAGA extreme Republicans, this is it. This is congressional Republicans who are touting this MAGA agenda, including banning abortion in cases of rape, incest, and the health of the mother. And so this is something that the President certainly is going to call out.

We saw the Texas district court affirm that medical providers can deny lifesaving and health-preserving care for women, even if they are suffering from hemorrhaging or life-threatening hypertension. Thankfully, we saw in Idaho -- a federal Idaho district court determine that women there will continue to receive lifesaving and health-preserving emergency care, including abortion care.

But, you know, this is -- this is something that the President is going to continue to speak to: how extreme this agenda is. The Department of Justice is looking into it and answering your question. Again, this is -- you know, we refer folks to them. They're going to do what they can to protect -- to protect women as they're crossing over into states and -- and make sure that, you know, we can do everything that we can so that women can make their decision -- their own decisions -- on what they can do to protect their health and to protect their life.

Q I guess I'm asking: Should providers risk it? Like if it's a close call on whether it's legal or not in the state --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I mean, look, it's not -- it's not for me to decide. Right? We're going to do everything that we can to provide any assistance that we can so that women can get the care that they need. Clearly, that's a decision that they have to make. The Department of Justice is doing that every -- everything that they can as well in states, working with states. We have HHS working with states on how to provide care for -- to women. You've heard us talk about the waivers. You've heard us talk about the executive actions that the President has taken.

But again, that is -- that is not something that I'm going to speak directly to. That is something that they would have to make a decision on. And every state is different, right? Every -- every law is different.

Q Thanks, Karine. One thing that the White House has said about the ODN's review is that the White House sees this as appropriate action. I wonder whether you could help us understand why the White House sees this as appropriate -- appropriate action,

whether that's based on any specific concerns that have been discussed within the White House?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm -- 'm just not going to get into any anything further there. -- again, we have seen the letter from ODN to Congress on this. would refer you to either ODN or the Department of Justice for any specific questions, any underlying materials. We're just not going to speak to this. This is an assessment that ODN is doing. And we -- we did not know anything about this beforehand. And 'm just not going to go any further.

Q ast week, when we were having discussions about the student loan forgiveness program, the White House made clear that you all see this program as basically paid for because of the deficit reductions achieved during the President's term.

wonder if the President is open to pursuing any other programs, any other actions that could be offset by deficit reductions if it means that he can pursue his agenda further.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: don't have anything to announce on this. The President does believe -- and you heard him say this directly, not just here at the podium -- that the amount of deficit reduction we've seen is enough to pay for this program. This is what Bharat -- you -- think you were here when Bharat was our guest just on Friday. That's one of the many reasons this action was -- is well justified in our eyes.

And remember, you know, we're on track to cut, as you were alluding to, the deficit down by \$1.7 trillion by the end of this year, and -- and including the nflation Reduction Act will reduce the deficit by another trillion over the next decade.

So, the plan the President announced provides important breathing room -- a little bit of that breathing room that he talks about -- for middle-class Americans in particular. And it goes after -- it goes towards helping targeted Americans who are -- 90 percent who are making less than \$75,000 a year. t is incredibly important, we believe, the student lan [sic] -- the student loan plan is, the cancellation plan. And he -- something that we are very proud of. And that's also historic.

Q just had one last quick one. s there an official estimate of additional funding that the administration would want to deal with monkeypox? And will there be an official request made to Congress at some point?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So could say this -- just want to make sure, because we had some good updates on this on the monkeypox. know that folks were really curious about what we were doing or concerns, rightfully so.

As you know, we've been working day in and day out on -- across the government and with cities and states and healthcare providers, public health officials, and the impacted community to execute a strategy to accelerate the fight against the monkeypox outbreak. We're making a lot more doses available and working closely with jurisdictions to operationalize all of this.

ast week, HHS made 360,000 additional vials of vaccines for jurisdictions to order. That is on top of approximately 780,000 vials that we already delivered that we have talked about here. Seventy-five percent of jurisdictions have moved to this method, and another twenty percent working to do the same.

This is a significant progress in a short term of time and will mean more shots in arms. This is a cumulative of 1.1 million vials are delivered to jurisdictions. And as we get more supplies, we are approaching the point where we can offer two doses of vaccine to the entire high-risk population via intradermal administration.

So, again, this is something that -- wanted to just lay that out, because we have seen some movement, and we're trying to meet that moment, as we have talked about. And that funding that you're talking about that is connected to the COV D and the CR, that's something that we're going to continue to work with Congress on to make sure that we have the funding needed to do the work on monkeypox and also to -- the continued work with COV D.

Q Do you have an estimate on the funding amount?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: don't have -- don't have an estimate for you at this time, but just know that we're going to continue to work on -- with Congress.

Go ahead.

Q Yeah, thank you. Revisiting the marijuana question, specifically what John Fetterman is calling on President Biden to do is use executive authority to de-schedule marijuana as a Schedule drug. Several other Democratic senators have called on the same -- called for the same. s President Biden looking at that specific action? And why hasn't he taken that action so far if that's something he has considered?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, again, we don't have anything new to share on -- or any announcement to share. laid out the President -- our drug policy. Wanted to just give a little in-depth of what we have done in the last 19 months and what is important to the President. This is something that he has talked about -- right? -- during the campaign. And you've heard from him many other times talking about the -- our -- his drug policy -- drug policy focus and what's important to him. We just don't have anything to speak to.

As mentioned in April during the Second Chance Month, President Biden announced 75 sentence commutations and 3 pardons, which are more grants of clemency at this point than any other President, than any of his five recent predecessors. He's going to continue to evaluate further uses of his clemency powers.

And as it relates to marijuana decriminalization, just don't have anything at this time.

Q Does the White House believe he has the authority to do that executive action?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, again, 'm just not going to get into the specifics. ook, the administration has made progress on its promises regarding marijuana. An example is the DEA issued its first license -- licenses to companies to cultivate marijuana for research purposes after years of delay during the previous administration. This is a key step in promoting research because it broadens the amount and quality of cannabis available for research purposes. And we will continue to explore -- explore what else we can do.

As far as reforms, we just don't have anything to share for you today.

Q And one last question. John Fetterman, the Democratic nominee in Pennsylvania, will not be at the event tomorrow with the President. Has he -- has their campaign given you a reason? Is the President disappointed that he won't be there for that event?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So I can't speak to -- to the lieutenant governor. My understanding is he had an existing event. So I would refer you to his -- to his office or his campaign.

Okay. Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. Getting back to the FDA authorization of the new COVID booster vaccine, your answer to Franco. When you said that you're planning for a robust education program and plan, but you said you're doing it with "the limited funding we have left."

So, just to clarify, when you're trying to combat some of the hesitancy questions right now -- you know, right now only half of Americans eligible for a booster have gotten one. Is the White House -- as you prepare for public messaging ahead of this new shot, are you doing a more scaled-down version compared to previous rounds because you have limited funding to do that? Is this different than what we've seen in previous booster public messaging campaigns?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So it's going to be a robust education program that -- we're going to continue to do that. And we're going to build on the lessons we've learned and focusing on the most at-risk communities. This will include leveraging deep partnerships across sectors to meet people where they are with facts and answers to questions, and empowering trusted local messengers [sic] -- messengers with messaging they need to engage with their communities about the importance of vaccination.

So this is what we've learned -- because we have learned from some lessons from the COVID-19 outreach, our comprehensive program that we had from the beginning of this administration. So we're going to use those lessons and -- and do that and do the -- the things that we've learned that worked for the fall booster campaign.

And, again, we're going to be -- targeted at-risk -- at -- do a more at-risk campaign. It will be robust. We're going to make sure that we have those trusted local messengers, which, by the way -- think you remember; you covered this so closely last year -- it worked. It worked. When you have those trusted voices, that -- that does help make sure that people go get vaccinated and, in this case, get their booster.

Q And are there any concerns about supply with this new booster? And will everyone who wants to be able to get one be able to get one for free?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, we're -- I'm not going to get ahead of the FDA and CDC. They're going to lay out who is going to -- who is going to be able to receive -- or how the process is going to go. And they're going to lay that out, so I don't want to get ahead of them.

But look, mean, we've -- that's why we're -- we're kind of -- we made the announcement on testing, right? That's why we've had to, you know, actually end some things and -- and cut some -- cut away, take some money away from things like testing to help -- to help fund the procurement of these vaccines. And so this is a priority. We're going to do the best that we can to get vaccines to folks -- folks who are most at risk, as just mentioned.

But, you know, we're going to continue to do the work that's needed to make sure we protect the American public.

Q Thank you, Karine. This weekend, we saw U.S. warships going through the Taiwan Strait. Considering the buildup of tension since the Speaker's visit, what was the necessity of seeing U.S. warships during this time?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, NDOPACOM put out a statement, as you probably saw, on Sunday -- on Saturday, detailing the transit -- the warships that you're speaking of -- the Navy -- the U.S. Navy warships, to be more specific.

We conducted a routine Taiwan Strait transit on August 28th in accordance with international law and demonstrated our commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific, as you've heard us say many times before from this podium and from the President.

As we have said, you will see in the coming days and weeks and months that our presence, posture, and exercises account for China's provocative and destabilizing behavior with a view towards guiding the situation in Western Pacific towards greater stability.

This is not about U.S.-China. This is about what is in the interest -- the best interests of -- Taiwan's interests, specifically, and the region's interest as well.

So, our policy towards Taiwan has remained consistent for decades and across administrations. We remain committed to the -- our One China policy. And in accordance with that policy, we'll continue to fly and sail and operate where international law allows, consistent with our longstanding commitment to freedom of navigation, as you've heard us say. And that includes conducting standard air, maritime transit through the Taiwan Strait. So, we're committed to doing that and protecting the region.

Q Hey, Karine --

Q And another topic on --

Q Karine --

WH TE HOUSE A DE: Karine, we got to -- to go.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Oh, got to go?

Q Sorry, another topic on -- on the Iran -- potential new Iran deal. Iran is studying the U.S. response, but we are -- we're receiving information here and there about a potential release of prisoners and all this. I know you don't want to

negotiate in public --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah.

Q -- but does the administration feel that the discussions are going in the right direction?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So as far as the status of negotiations, as said -- as you have said, we're not going to negotiate in public.

ook, we have taken a deliberate and principled approach to these negotiations from the start. f ran is prepared to comply with its commitments under the 2015 deal, then we're prepared to do the same.

As it relates to last week and the EU, we conveyed our feedback about ran's comments on the EU's proposal directly to the EU. We will not negotiate, again, in public, and are going to -- not going to go into details of how the process is going.

'm going to -- go ahead -- do --

Q Karine, know Abdullah is trying to give you the hook.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah, know.

Q Can you get a few more questions here?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: know. 'm going to take them.

Q -- thank you.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: That's why -- could have walked away and not taken your question, Peter. But will take your question.

Q 'll make it worth it.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm sure. 'm sure you will.

Q Different topic.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay.

Q How come migrants are allowed to come into this country unvaccinated but world-class tennis players are not?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Are you -- you're talking about which world-class tennis player?

Q Novak Djokovic.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So as far -- you know, just to -- just since you asked about me -- about him -- you asked me about him. So, visa records are confidential under U.S. law. Therefore, the U.S. government cannot discuss the details of individual visa cases. Due to privacy reasons, the U.S. government also does not comment on medical

information of individual travelers.

As it relates to the tennis -- the tennis pla- -- player, look, those questions regarding vaccination requirements is -- is -- defer you to CDC. This is a CDC requirement for foreign nationals. This is something that they decide. This is -- so, this is something that is up to them -- the U.S. Open and their participant protocols. 'd refer you to them; they have their own specific protocols as well.

Q But just --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So they're two different things. They're two --

Q As -- but --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- different things.

Q But -- so, how is it two different things? Somebody unvaccinated comes over on a plane; you say that's not okay. Somebody walks into Texas or Arizona unvaccinated; they're allowed to stay. Why?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: That -- but that's not how it works.

Q That's --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: ike, we actually --

Q That's what's happening.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No.

Q know that that's not what you guys want to happen, but that is what happ--- what is happening.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: But that's not -- it's not like somebody walks over and -- (laughs) -- that's not -- that's not how --

Q That's exactly what's happening.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: We -- look --

Q Thousands of people are walking in a day. Some of them turn themselves over. Some of them are caught; tens of thousands a week are not. That is what is happening.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So let me just lay out what we have done under this administration:

We have installed new border technology and set up joint protocols with Mexico and Guatemala to catch more human traffickers.

We have already made over 3,000 arrests in the first three months of launching an unprecedented anti-smuggling campaign with regional partners.

We've secured record levels of funding for the Department of Homeland Security.

We've put in place dedicated immigration judges so asylum seekers can have their cases heard faster.

We've expanded la- -- labor pathways, including H-2B visas.

And through the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection, President Biden brought 20 leaders -- world leaders together to manage increased migration flows across the Western Hemisphere.

By contrast, core to the prior administration, immigration strategy was to build a wall and they couldn't even come accomplish that in the four years. And they also, by talking about building a wall -- which would have taken billions of dollars from veterans, billion dollars from schools -- which is also a policy that just does not work. It is not that simple. It's not just that people are walking across -- across the border.

We have a -- we have a plan in place. This is not like switching the lights on. Right? This is going to take a process. We are fixing a broken system that was actually left by the last administration.

And as it relates to the tennis star, that is totally different. That is a different process. That is the U.S. Open that he is part of, and there are a CDC -- federal guidance --

Q But --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- that he isn't -- he needs to follow.

Q But why is there a CDC requirement for people that fly here, as opposed to people that cross the southern border?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Look, we have talked about Title -- we have talked about Title 42. Right?

Q This is not -- this has nothing to do with Title 42.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: It is.

Q This is --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Title 42 is the CDC imperative that is --

Q And you guys got rid of it because you said the pandemic is not --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: That's not --

Q -- a big deal anymore.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: That is -- that is not how it works. It is not -- every -- Title 42 is very much in place, and that is the process. So there is a CDC -- there is a CDC provision for folks coming through -- coming through the southern border. It is not just -- it is not just for tennis players. Migrants have, also, a CDC guidance that -- have to follow -- which is Title 42. So that is not the case. That is actually --

we have to slow down, which is the case. So that's not the case. That's factually wrong.

Okay. Go to the back. Right here.

Q Yeah, thanks, Karine. So the jobs numbers are coming out on Friday. So should Americans be prepared for job losses to tame inflation?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So don't want to get ahead of what we're going to see in a couple of days. We have talked about how we're coming off a historic economic growth. And it's no surprise that the economy is slowing down.

You've heard me say this, you've heard Brian Deese say this, you've heard others from NEC slow down -- say this: slowing down as -- as we're going into a transition -- right? -- again, from a historic -- from a historic economy to now a more stable and steady growth. And that is important.

We see that as an important -- as an important next step. And so -- and we've talked about how we're -- as the -- as we see the job growth numbers, we're expecting that to cool off just -- just a bit as we're going into that transition, making sure we do not lose the gains that we have seen this past year.

And right now, we're still seeing a strong labor market, which matters. Consumer spending is strong, which matters. And -- and so, we're going to always look at every economic data. That's going to be very important as we move forward and continue to try and deliver lower costs in particular, which is so important at this time for the American people.

But I'm not going to get ahead of the numbers. But we have talked about how we're expecting to see a bit of a cooling as we go into a transition to more stable growth.

Q So, in that transition then, you're expecting job losses by the end of the year?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I'm just not going -- we've talked about how we anticipate a cooling -- right? -- for the job numbers to -- to not be at the -- at the high job growth that we have seen these past several months.

That is something that we have talked about many times. Any time you all ask me about what we expect for jobs numbers, we always talk about "we expect a cooling," especially as we're in a transition for a stable and steady growth. And that is something that is important as we're looking at the resiliency of our economy.

Okay. I'm trying to see -- go ahead.

Q Thanks. I wanted to go back to what you were saying about the COVID-19 rapid tests. Is it that you need more money to buy more tests or you're out of money to send the tests? What's the funding issue exactly that prompted you to shut this down for now?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So we've been very clear that the COVID-19 response funding needs -- needs for months, right? We've talked about it. You've heard us talk about it in here. You've heard the COVID Response Team talk about it. You've heard the President talk about it. We've warned that the congressional inaction would force unacceptable

ca a out t. we ve wanted that the congress and a fact on would be unacceptable trade-offs and harm our preparedness and response, and that consequences would be likely worsened over time. And that is what you're seeing here.

So this is an action we've been forced to take because of the lack of funding and not continuing getting that funding that we need from Congress that will help preserve our limited remaining supply. That's what we're seeing.

So, ensuring we have limited supply of tests available in the fall -- right? We are -- we are preparing -- that's what we're doing in this administration. We make sure that we prepare for what can come next. And so -- you know, what we might face: a new rise in infections and more acute need. So that's why we're taking this action so we have some limited supply for down the road.

But again, we're going to continue to call on Congress for the funding. We're going to continue to work with Congress to get that extra funding. But that's what you're hearing from this announcement. Yes, we had to make some tough decisions, and this is part of that.

Q The other question wanted to ask you is on Afghanistan, specifically the Afghans that have come into the country in the last year and don't have a path to permanent legal status, or at least not an easy one.

wanted to ask: The White House made a push to get Congress to create such a path earlier this year, and then it kind of cooled down. With Congress coming back next week and a lot of these Afghans heading toward a lot of uncertainty, will the White House make a fresh push on Congress to get this done?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as you know, this is an issue that's important to this President, important to the administration. I'm going to check in with our Office of Foreign Affairs and the team here to see what the plan is for the next steps. We don't have anything to share specifically on the legislative component to that.

Q Okay. Is there anything else that you can do from an administration perspective to help these people be able to apply for asylum more quickly or be able to have that certainty that they know they'll be able to stay here long term?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, we all know that legislation is always the best way to move forward with more certainty when it comes to, you know, asylum or coming here and getting the -- getting the security that they need.

But, look, one of the things that we do want to say is that, you know, this -- the Biden administration -- the Biden-Harris administration is going to continue to demonstrate its commitment to the brave Afghans who stood side by side with the United States over the past two decades. And so that is a commitment that we have made.

And just to give you a little bit of an update on the S V process, because we had made some changes to that since taking office: The President's -- at the President's direction, we have undertaken substantial efforts to improve the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa -- S V program -- make it more efficient and process S V applicants more expeditiously while continuing to safeguard our national security.

Quickly after taking office President Biden signed an executive order as you all

know, in February of 2021, requiring agencies to surge resources, streamline the process -- the application process.

We've restarted S V interviews -- which had been paused by the previous administration, allowing a massive backlog of applications to build -- and have surged resources to this vital program, increasing the number of staff processing S V applications more -- by more than fifteenfold.

So, this is something that wanted to just make sure that you had.

And another update is: As of August 9th, over 17,000 individuals have submitted all documents required to apply for Chief of Mission review, or have beyond the Chief of Mission stage. We're working to process those cases as quickly as possible. The Afghan S V program remains active and the Department of State continues to receive the process -- to process new S V applications as expeditiously as possible.

So anything specific or anything more about that, certainly would refer you to Department of State.

Q Thanks, Karine.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah. Okay. Thank you, guys.

Q Thanks, Karine.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: All right. All right. Thank you.

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Dear Dr. Baker:

On August 8, 2022, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) raided the home of former President Donald J. Trump.¹ This raid was unprecedented. Unfortunately, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has refused to be transparent with the American people about the details of this unprecedented action. The raid was apparently necessary to collect certain documents sought by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) allegedly in former President Trump's possession. According to the recently released affidavit predicated the issuance of a search warrant, NARA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) referred the matter to DOJ.² Republicans on the Committee on Oversight and Reform request information and documents regarding this referral, including the OIG's role in reviewing this matter.

On August 10, 2022, Committee Republicans requested documents and information from Acting Archivist Debra Steidel Wall about NARA's role in the Mar-a-Lago raid.³ However, in response to our request, NARA denied possessing any responsive documents despite publicly available information indicating otherwise.⁴ We requested NARA amend what appears to be an incomplete response to our first request for information.⁵

While Committee Republicans pursue answers from NARA, the affidavit filed by the FBI before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida described the need for a search

¹ Eric Beech, *Eric Trump: FBI raid conducted over documents sought by National Archives*, REUTERS (Aug. 8, 2022); see also Alex Leary, Sadie Gurman and Aruna Viswanatha, *FBI Searches Trump's Florida Home Mar-a-Lago in Document Investigation*, WALL ST. J. (Aug. 9, 2022).

² Affidavit in support of an application under Rule 41 for a warrant to search and seize, *In the Matter of the Search of: Locations Within the Premises to be Searched in Attachment A*, p. 7-8 (S.D. Fla.) (unsealed Aug. 26, 2022).

³ Letter from Hon. James Comer & nineteen other Republican Members of the H. Oversight & Reform Comm. to Ms. Debra Steidel Wall, Acting Archivist of the U.S., (Aug. 10, 2022) available at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-08-10-NARA-MAL567537660.pdf>.

⁴ Letter from Ms. Debra Steidel Wall, Acting Archivist of the U.S. to Hon. James Comer, Ranking Member, H. Comm. on Oversight & Reform (Aug. 16, 2022).

⁵ Letter from Hon. James Comer & nineteen other Republican Members of the H. Oversight & Reform Comm. to Ms. Debra Steidel Wall, Acting Archivist of the U.S., (Aug. 30, 2022) available at <https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-08-29-Follow-up-letter-to-NARA-re-FBI-search.pdf>.

warrant for the Mar-a-Lago raid when unsealed in a heavily redacted form and revealed the OIG's participation in referring this matter to DOJ. According to the affidavit, on February 9, 2022, "the Special Agent in Charge of NARA's Office of the Inspector General sent the NARA Referral via email to DOJ."⁶ Transparency is particularly important in the post-pandemic era when Americans are lacking trust in our nation's institutions. Congress, and particularly the Oversight Committee, has a duty to provide transparency and accountability for the American people.

Please provide the following documents, covering the time period from January 20, 2021, to present, no later than September 15, 2022:

1. All documents and communications between any employee or agent of the NARA OIG and NARA regarding documents in the possession of President Trump;
2. All documents and communications between any employee or agent of the NARA OIG and the FBI or Department of Justice, including the Offices of the United States Attorneys, regarding documents in the possession of President Trump; and
3. All documents and communications between or among employees or agents of the NARA OIG regarding any documents in the possession of former President Trump.

To ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican Staff at (202) 225-5074.

The Committee on Oversight and Reform has specific jurisdiction over NARA under House Rule X. Additionally, the Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James Comer
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Committee on Oversight & Reform

cc: The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman
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⁶ *Supra*, n. 2.



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Re: CCTV Footage at Mar-a-Lago

Dear Messrs. Corcoran and Garten:

As you are aware, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) executed a search and seizure warrant at your client's Mar-a-Lago property on August 8, 2022. We understand that your client, via the Trump Organization, maintains closed circuit television (CCTV) surveillance footage from cameras placed at various locations on the Mar-a-Lago property. It appears likely that at least some of those surveillance cameras would have captured footage of law enforcement personnel engaged in the judicially-authorized search.

The FBI is concerned about threats to law enforcement personnel that appear to be connected to the FBI's execution of the August 8, 2022 search. For your awareness, threats have been made against the two agents who were identified in copies of the search warrant released to the press without redactions (even as their names were redacted from the version unsealed by the court). While you are within your rights to make any lawful use of material in your possession, we trust that you appreciate that video footage of law enforcement personnel engaged in conducting this court-authorized search could, if released publicly, be used to identify those personnel and subject them to threats and harassment.

To protect the health and safety of law enforcement personnel, we ask that you be mindful of such risks should you or your client decide to make public any camera footage that depicts government personnel, including by taking appropriate steps to ensure that any footage released by you obscures the faces and identifying information of law enforcement personnel who may be depicted.

If you wish to discuss these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Bratt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WaPo: **[OPINION] Garland should think twice before stepping into Mueller's shoes**, Gary Abernathy, August 8, 2022, 7:00 AM

Does Merrick Garland want to wind up like Robert S. Mueller III? In 2019, when Mueller concluded that his special-counsel investigation into allegations of Trump-Russia “collusion” during the 2016 presidential campaign did not establish that “the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities,” Democrats and other opponents of then-President Donald Trump united in outrage. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: **DOJ pushes back against Eastman effort to reclaim his cellphone**, Kyle Cheney and Nicholas Wu, August 8, 2022, 5:39 PM

The Justice Department on Monday rejected an effort by attorney John Eastman — a key ally in Donald Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election — to reclaim his cellphone, which was seized by FBI agents in June. Eastman quickly sued to retrieve his phone from the Justice Department, lodging a litany of complaints that the department termed “professorial” but unmoored from legal precedents. Among them: Eastman claimed that the FBI agents didn't show him the search warrant until after it had taken his phone — a fact the Justice Department said had no legal merit, and was warranted given Eastman's possession of a concealed-carry permit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: **Bill Barr says 'evidence is building' as DOJ digs 'deeper and deeper' into Trump Jan. 6 case**, Jerry Dunleavy, August 8, 2022, 2:45 PM

Former Attorney General Bill Barr said “the evidence is building” as the Justice Department investigates former President Donald Trump related to the events of Jan. 6, but he stopped short of saying charges are merited. “I think definitely the evidence is building, but after the last set of hearings, I said, you know, personally, if this is what there is, as attorney general, I still don't see that as a sufficient basis to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a crime was committed by the president,” Barr said in a new interview with CBS News. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US ATTORNEYS

NYT: **U.S. Returns 30 Looted Antiquities to Cambodia**, Julia Jacobs and Tom Mashberg, August 8, 2022, 7:08 PM

American and Cambodian officials urged museums and private collectors on Monday to investigate the origins of their Khmer art to determine whether it had been looted, and the officials demonstrated the pervasiveness of such thefts at an event that celebrated the return of 30 antiquities to Cambodia. Lined up behind the officials were seven masterpieces of the country's ancient heritage, including a 10th-century sandstone statue, known as “Skanda on a Peacock,” that investigators say was stolen from a temple by a Khmer Rouge conscript and self-described looter in 1997. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Guardian](#), [New York Law Journal](#), [NY Daily News](#)

MAR-A-LAGO RAID

Reuters: **FBI searches Trump's Florida home as part of presidential records probe**, Brian Ellsworth and Sarah N. Lynch, August 8, 2022, 9:29 PM

Former President Donald Trump said FBI agents raided his Mar-a-Lago estate on Monday and broke into his safe in what his son acknowledged was part of an investigation into Trump's

removal of official presidential records from the White House to his Florida resort. The unprecedented search of a former president's home would mark a significant escalation into the records investigation, which is one of several probes Trump is facing from his time in office and in private business. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [Arizona Republic \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Boston Globe](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider](#), [LAT](#), [LAT-2](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NPR-2](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters-2](#), [Roll Call](#), [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [US News](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

Bloomberg: [ANALYSIS] Trump Raid Should Just Be Garland's Opening Act, Timothy L. O'Brien, August 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

We now know that the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have an active interest in Donald Trump because Trump told us so. "My beautiful home, Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents," Trump said in a rambling statement he released on Monday evening. "They even broke into my safe!" [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Republican officials reacted with fury to news of the search, Alan Feuer, August 8, 2022, 11:00 PM

Top Republicans and prominent conservatives reacted with outrage on Monday night to the news that the F.B.I. had searched the private residence of former President Donald J. Trump, with some suggesting that federal agents should be arrested and others hinting that the court-approved law-enforcement action against Mr. Trump was pushing the country toward political chaos. "I've seen enough," Representative Kevin McCarthy, the House minority leader, wrote in a statement that he posted online. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Fox](#), [Epoch Times](#), [The Hill](#), [The Hill-2](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NYT-2](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

NYT: If Trump broke a law on the removal of official records, would he be barred from future office?, Charlie Savage, August 8, 2022, 10:30 PM

Early reports that the F.B.I. search of former President Donald J. Trump's residence in Florida related to an investigation into whether he had unlawfully taken government files when he left the White House focused attention on an obscure criminal law barring removal of official records. The penalties for breaking that law include disqualification from holding any federal office. Because Mr. Trump is widely believed to be preparing to run for president again in 2024, that unusual penalty raised the prospect that he might be legally barred from returning to the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] The FBI search of Mar-a-Lago instantly became entangled with politics, Philip Bump, August 8, 2022, 8:49 PM

It wasn't until the fourth sentence of Donald Trump's lengthy statement revealing an FBI search of his Florida estate Mar-a-Lago that the former president suggested that politics were at play. From that sentence on, however, politics was inextricably entwined with the law enforcement action precisely as Trump would probably have hoped. Trump's effort to paint the search as political covered multiple dimensions at once. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Sean Hannity: The DOJ is now being used as a weapon against Biden's

top political rival, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 11:26 PM

Sean Hannity discussed the FBI raid on former President Trump's home in Florida and how this could be a serious overreach by the DOJ on "Hannity." SEAN HANNITY: First, a dark day for our republic, the Department of Justice, the rule of law. What looks to be potentially a shocking overreach. We'll find out in due time. That will have serious ramifications potentially for many, many years to come. Now, Biden's politically charged we've already chronicled all this DOJ is now being used as a weapon against Biden's top political rival. That's the former President of the United States of America, Donald Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [VIDEO] Gregg Jarrett on raid of Mar-a-Lago: This is an 'abuse of power by FBI' and Merrick Garland, Gregg Jarrett, August 8, 2022, 10:16 PM

The legal analyst says both Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray had to sign off on the raid [[Watch](#)]

CNN: [ANALYSIS] The extraordinary political storm unleashed by the FBI search of Trump's Florida resort, Stephen Collinson, August 8, 2022, 12:24 PM

The FBI search of Donald Trump's Florida resort is an extraordinary, historic development given that it targeted a former President of the United States and set off a political uproar he could use to stoke his likely 2024 White House bid. In the past, political investigations that have threatened Trump have only increased his superpower appeal to supporters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Former FBI official shares what struck him about FBI search, Anderson Cooper, August 8, 2022, 10:00 PM

Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe reacts to the FBI executing a search warrant at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, as part of an investigation into the handling of presidential documents, including classified documents, that may have been brought to Florida, three people familiar with the situation say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: [OPINION] FBI had better have a really good reason for this raid on Trump, David Freddoso, August 8, 2022, 10:15 PM

Whatever it is, the FBI had better have a really good reason for its raid today on Mar-a-Lago. And I mean a much better reason than anything related to the Jan. 6 committee because nothing that's happened in those hearings would justify this. I can certainly imagine that Trump has done something that would justify this action, but it had better be something that goes way beyond some trivial charges that he overdid the nasty political rhetoric. You know, theft of taxpayer funds, espionage, murder that kind of thing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Lawyer: Giuliani won't testify Tuesday in Ga. election probe, Eric Tucker and Kate Brumback, August 8, 2022, 3:30 PM

Rudy Giuliani will not appear as scheduled Tuesday before a special grand jury in Atlanta that's investigating whether former President Donald Trump and others illegally tried to interfere in the 2020 general election in Georgia, his lawyer said. A judge last month had ordered Giuliani, a Trump lawyer and former New York City mayor, to appear before the special grand jury Tuesday. But Giuliani's attorney, Robert Costello, told The Associated Press on Monday that Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, who's overseeing the special grand jury, had excused Giuliani for the day. McBurney has scheduled a hearing for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday to hear

arguments on a court filing by Giuliani seeking to delay his appearance. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: US obtains warrant to seize \$90M jet of Russian oligarch, Larry Neumeister, August 8, 2022, 1:00 PM

A judge authorized the United States on Monday to seize a \$90 million jet belonging to a Russian oligarch in a continuing effort to diminish the financial pillars of the Russian government after its invasion of Ukraine. The effort to seize Andrei Skoch's private plane, an Airbus A319-100, was part of a monthslong pursuit of sanctioned Russian oligarchs and their blocked property, U.S. Attorney Damian Williams announced. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NY Post](#), [WSJ](#)

CNN: US sanctions cryptocurrency service allegedly used by North Korea for money laundering, Jennifer Hansler and Brian Fung, August 9, 2022, 1:00 AM

The US Treasury on Monday sanctioned Tornado Cash, a virtual currency mixer, for its use by cybercriminals, including those under US sanctions. According to a senior Treasury official, Tornado Cash has reportedly laundered more than \$7 billion in virtual currency since its launch in 2019, including \$455 million from the Lazarus Group, a North Korean state-sponsored hacking group. It was also used as recently as last week to launder money from a "heist" of Nomad, a US cryptocurrency firm, the official said.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Former federal prosecutor representing Trump in talks with DOJ, Betsy Woodruff Swan, August 8, 2022, 4:35 PM

A former federal prosecutor with multiple Trump world clients is now representing the former president in talks with the Justice Department, according to three people with knowledge of the situation. John Rowley, of the eponymous law firm JPRowley Law PLLC, has been involved in communications with DOJ on Trump's behalf about executive privilege issues related to the department's ongoing probe of the Jan. 6 attack. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: Alex Jones's Text Messages Turned Over to House Jan. 6 Committee, Luke Broadwater and Elizabeth Williamson, August 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

A lawyer for plaintiffs who are suing the conspiracy theorist Alex Jones on Monday turned over more than two years' worth of text messages from Mr. Jones's phone to the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, including messages that show Mr. Jones was in touch with allies of former President Donald J. Trump. But the files do not appear to include text messages from the time most of interest to the committee: the day of Jan. 6, 2021, and the weeks building up to the attack, according to people familiar with the document production. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: First on CNN: Alex Jones' texts have been turned over to the January 6 committee, source says, Oliver Darcy, August 8, 2022, 10:00 PM

Approximately two years' worth of text messages sent and received by right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones have been turned over to the House select committee investigating the January 6 insurrection, a person familiar with the matter told CNN on Monday. The messages were handed over to the committee by Mark Bankston, the attorney who represented two Sandy Hook parents who successfully sued Jones in Texas and won nearly \$50 million in a civil trial that

concluded last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

WSJ: Top BitMEX Employee Pleads Guilty to U.S. Charge, Richard Vanderford, August 8, 2022, 7:46 PM

A top employee at BitMEX has pleaded guilty in New York to failing to put in place an anti-money-laundering program at the cryptocurrency derivatives exchange, joining three co-founders who previously admitted to violations of U.S. law. Gregory Dwyer entered a guilty plea Monday in New York federal court, admitting to one count of violating the Bank Secrecy Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)
See also: [Bloomberg Law](#)

Law360: Pump-And-Dump Charge Added To Mass. Man's Fraud Case, DC Apartment, Elliot Weld, August 8, 2022, 7:27 PM

Prosecutors have added securities fraud charges to the list of accusations a Massachusetts man is facing after he allegedly wielded control of a purported medical marijuana company in secret to inflate its stock price for profit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CT Insider: CT man who led romance, lottery scamming ring sentenced to 14 years in prison, Liz Hardaway, August 8, 2022, 10:00 PM

After promising love and wealth, the leader of a lottery and romance scheme ring was sentenced on Monday, according to federal prosecutors. U.S. District Judge Stefan R. Underhill in Bridgeport ordered Farouq Fasasi, 28, of Manchester, to serve 14 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for his role in scams that primarily targeted seniors, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Bakersfield Californian: Bakersfield gang member get 7 years, 7 months for drug possession, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 5:40 PM

A Bakersfield man was sentenced to seven years and seven months in prison for methamphetamine possession with intent to distribute, according to a Department of Justice news release. Louis Torres, aka "Youngster," is a 37-year-old member of a criminal street gang who fled from officers during a July 23, 2021, traffic stop, according to court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KBAK-CBS \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#), [KERO-ABC \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#), [KGET-NBC/CW \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#)

The Daily American (Somerset, PA): Friedens man sentenced to federal prison in drug delivery case, Judy D.J. Elich, August 8, 2022, 5:10 PM

A Somerset County man was sentenced Monday in federal court in Johnstown to 70 months in prison followed by four years of supervised release on his conviction of possession with the intent to distribute illegal drugs. According to court documents, on June 23, 2020, and July 3, 2020, Terrell Robison Ickes, 32, of Friedens, did possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, said Assistant United States Attorney Arnold P. Bernard, Jr. in a media release. Bernard prosecuted the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice (Baltimore, MD): Fourth Man Sentenced For Movie-Like Kidnapping, Robbery Scheme At Maryland Casino, DC Apartment, Zak Failla, August 8, 2022, 5:06 PM

The fourth of five suspects implicated in an elaborate kidnapping and robbery scheme that started at a Maryland hotel has been sentenced to federal prison time, authorities announced.

Washington, DC resident Anthony Erik Hebron - also known as "Pain," 29, has been sentenced to 14 years behind bars, followed by five years of supervised release for conspiracy to commit kidnapping. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

WV News (Clarksburg, WV): Ex-preacher who shot up another motorist's tire at Clarksburg, West Virginia, GoMart gets home incarceration, Matt Harvey, August 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

[...] Klee has sentenced Shawn L. Price, 42, a former inmate at Federal Correctional Institution Gilmer, to 5 years in prison for making a threat. Price threatened someone by phone last November, according to Ihlenfeld's office. According to the indictment, the threat included breaking the subject's neck and torturing the subject. Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Bauer prosecuted. The Bureau of Prisons investigated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Lehigh, PA): Jury Finds Lehigh Valley Man Guilty Of Cyberstalking Government Worker, Ex-GF, Ex-Wife, Valerie Musson, August 8, 2022, 4:30 PM

A jury found a Lehigh Valley man guilty of cyberstalking three different victims, including a government worker, his ex-girlfriend, and his ex-wife, authorities announced. A five-day trial in Easton led to a jury finding Anthony Elonis, 39, of Bethlehem, guilty of three separate counts of cyberstalking on Friday, August 5, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFMZ \(Allentown, PA\)](#)

Sioux City Journal: Sioux City man sentenced to federal prison for selling meth, Nick Hytrek, August 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Sioux City man was sentenced Friday to 10 years in federal prison for selling methamphetamine. Carmelo Valdez Romero, 35, was convicted by a jury in U.S. District Court in Sioux City in February of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Erie News Now (Erie, PA): Sheffield Man Convicted of Taking Sexually Explicit Photos of Minors after Supplying Marijuana, Alcohol, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 1:47 PM

A federal jury convicted a Sheffield man who was indicted for taking sexually explicit photos of two minors after supplying them with marijuana and alcohol, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Monday. Jeffrey Rogers, 59, was found guilty of six counts for the sexual exploitation of children after five hours of deliberations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMUR-ABC (Manchester, NH): Former New Hampshire bus driver from Maine faces stalking charges, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 10:43 PM

A Maine man who used to work as a school bus driver in New Hampshire is facing inter-state [sic] stalking charges. According to court documents, Michael Chick, 36, of Elliot, Maine, was assigned routes servicing Greenland Central School. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFYR-NBC/Fox (Bismarck, ND): Tokio woman sentenced to life in prison in foster child's death, Joe Skurzewski, August 8, 2022, 9:14 PM

The courts have handed down a second life sentence in the death of a foster child on the Spirit Lake Reservation in May 2020. Federal prosecutors said Tammy Longie, of Tokio, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder within Indian country, as well as three counts of child abuse in Indian country, and child neglect in Indian country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBIR-NBC (Knoxville, TN): Longtime TN inmate and prison gang leader sentenced to life in jail for drug charges and money laundering, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 9:05 PM

A man who has been in prison since 1996 for a first-degree murder charge in Hamilton County was sentenced to life in prison on Monday, according to a release from the Department of Justice. They said Charles Elsea Jr., 44, is a longtime inmate of the Tennessee Department of Corrections. After a 6-day trial in March 2022, he was convicted of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, conspiracy to distribute marijuana and conspiracy to commit money laundering. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): San Benito man pleads guilty to illegally having firearms,

David Gonzalez, August 8, 2022, 8:11 PM

A San Benito man pleaded guilty to illegally possessing multiple firearms, according to U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery. Marco Antonio Moreno, 27, pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing four semiautomatic rifles and five pistols while under felony indictment. On May 8, law enforcement responded to reports of shots fired at a residence located in San Benito where they found Moreno. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDEF-CBS (Chattanooga, TN): Sentencing for man behind Mexico to Georgia Meth ring,

Collins Parker, August 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

The man convicted of setting up a Mexico to Northwest Georgia meth pipeline has been sentenced in Federal Court in Rome. Prosecutors say Juan Cain Valencia-Ramirez has been in the drug business for a long time. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [News-Tribune \(Rome, GA\)](#)

WVLT-CBS (Knoxville, TN): Child pornography suspects sentenced to 15 years in prison, Carissa Simpson, August 8, 2022, 7:46 PM

Two Jefferson County men were sentenced to at least 15 years each in federal prison following charges of production of child pornography, according to a media release from the United States Attorney's Office. Alan Malott, 27 of Dandridge, was sentenced to 195 months, or around 16 years. Christopher Thurman, 25 of Dandridge, was sentenced to serve 180 months, or 15 years. Both Thurman and Malott will be serving their sentences in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [WBIR-NBC \(Knoxville, TN\)](#)

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Jury convicts Wagoner man of first-degree murder, Savannah

Sinclair, August 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced that 22-year-old George McEntire Smith of Wagoner was found guilty on one count of first-degree murder and one count of causing the death of a person by use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. The trial began on August 1 and ended on August 5. Based on the verdicts, the defendant is facing a mandatory minimum sentence of life imprisonment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Ft. Bragg soldier, 'wife' convicted of sham wedding for \$10K, Judith Retana, August 8, 2022, 6:53 PM

A Fort Bragg soldier and his wife are accused of being involved in a sham wedding in exchange for \$10,000. United States Attorney Michael Easley of the Eastern District of North Carolina says the Fort Bragg Criminal Investigation Division received a tip in February 2019 that Samuel Agyapong, a Fort Bragg soldier, agreed to marry Barbara Oppong, a 43-year-old Ghana citizen living in New York, in exchange for the money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KATU-ABC (Portland, OR): Federal jury convicts Oklahoma man of multiple sexual abuse counts, Savannah Sinclair, August 8, 2022, 6:30 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced that 32-year-old Aaron Richard Eubanks of Tahlequah was found guilty on five counts of aggravated sexual abuse in Indian Country. The trial began on August 2 and ended on August 5. Evidence was presented between January 2020 and February 2021 that Eubanks engaged in sexual acts with a minor victim under the age of 10 on at least five occasions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVIA-ABC/CW (El Paso, TX): Former Fort Bliss soldier pleads guilty to sexually abusing six-year-old child, David Gonzalez, August 8, 2022, 5:42 PM

A former Fort Bliss soldier pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a six-year-old child at a home on Fort Bliss. According to court documents, Trevor Dylan Lehew, 28, sexually abused the child between November 2014 and December 2015. Officials say Lehew was an active duty soldier at the time. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFOX-Fox \(El Paso, TX\)](#)

WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): 22 Georgia individuals face charges, federal indictment alleges drug trafficking ring, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 5:10 PM

22 Georgia individuals, including four Columbus residents, are facing drug-related charges stemming from a large-scale investigation into an alleged armed drug trafficking organization, according to the United States Attorney's Office for Middle District Georgia. This indictment specifically alleges the distribution of methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl and other controlled substances. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCHL-AM (Chapel Hill, NC): Chapel Hill Resident Convicted in Physical Therapy Fraud, Kickback Scheme, Brighton McConnell, August 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Chapel Hill resident faces convictions on charges to defraud private health insurers with the help of Florida businesses, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Monday. A release from the department said a federal jury formally convicted Jaroslava Ruiz last Thursday for submitting more than \$34.6 million in false claims for physical therapy services. Evidence presented during trial indicated the 50-year-old paid kickbacks and bribes to patients and patient recruiters for submitting claims with four Miami, FL. businesses despite physical therapy never being provided. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Missouri man admits threatening to blow up a synagogue, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

A man from Missouri admitted threatening to blow up a St. Louis synagogue in 2021. Cody Steven Rush of St. Louis admitted calling the St. Louis office of the FBI on Nov. 5, 2021, and saying, "I'm going to blow up a church." Rush gave his name and identified his target as the Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis. Rush said he would take action the next morning when people were inside. Rush said he hated Jewish people. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVI-Fox \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

WGEM-NBC (Quincy, IL): Hannibal man sentenced to more than 5 years in prison on gun charge, Jayla Louis, August 8, 2022, 4:59 PM

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Stephen R. Clark sentenced Ronald Allen, 46, of Hannibal, to five years and three months in prison after he was caught with stolen firearms in 2020. According to the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, on Dec. 24, 2020, the Hannibal Police Department and Ralls County Sheriff's Office were investigating the theft of firearms when they

found Allen in a Hannibal home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXMI-Fox (Grand Rapids, MI): Three men sentenced for bank fraud and identity theft,

Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 4:54 PM

Three men from Miami, Florida have been sentenced for bank fraud and aggravated identity theft. They are Cedric Smith, Daja Smith, and Devonte Hoskins. According to the Department of Justice, the three targeted a customer's online account using compromised personal information they purchased from computer hackers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Guilty plea in St. Louis murder-for-hire plot, Liz Dowell, August 8, 2022, 4:39 PM

A St. Louis man appeared in federal court Monday and admitted trying to have a man who owed him more than \$100,000 killed. Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri said Kevin Cunningham, 36, pleaded guilty to a murder-for-hire charge in front of U.S. District Judge Audrey G. Fleissig. He appeared before U.S. District Judge Henry E. Autrey later that day to plead guilty to conspiring to distribute fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): Man sentenced for attempting to smuggle ammunition into Mexico, Phil Villarreal, August 8, 2022, 4:34 PM

A convicted felon was sentenced to prison on ammunition charges. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, 45-year-old Nogales, Ariz. resident Luis Carlos Eriksen was sentenced to 66 months in prison for smuggling ammunition from the U.S. into Mexico, as well as possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KERO-ABC (Bakersfield, CA): Fresno man pleads guilty to conspiring to distribute fentanyl, Pete Menting, August 8, 2022, 4:26 PM

A Fresno man pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to possess and distribute fentanyl, said the U.S. Attorney's Office. According to court documents, Isaiah Garcia, 20, and his brother, Mario Garcia, 28, who was an inmate in the Fresno County Jail, agreed that Isaiah Garcia would traffic fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Father, son get life for hate crime in Ahmaud Arbery's death, Russ Bynum, August 8, 2022, 11:00 PM

The white father and son who chased and killed Ahmaud Arbery in a Georgia neighborhood each received a second life prison sentence Monday for committing federal hate crimes, months after getting their first for murder at a hearing that brought a close to more than two years of criminal proceedings. U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood handed down the sentences against Travis McMichael, 36, and his father, Greg McMichael, 66, reiterating the gravity of the February 2020 killing that shattered their Brunswick community. William "Roddie" Bryan, 52, who recorded cellphone video of the slaying, was sentenced to 35 years in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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WaPo: [EDITORIAL] Federal charges in Breonna Taylor's killing are a step toward justice, Editorial Board, August 8, 2022, 3:51 PM

"Today's overdue, but it still hurts," Breonna Taylor's mother, Tamika Palmer, said at a news

conference last Thursday. Earlier that day, Attorney General Merrick Garland announced federal charges against four current and former Louisville officers involved in the botched police raid that killed Taylor. It had been 874 days, Ms. Palmer noted, since plainclothes police officers burst into Taylor's apartment in the middle of the night on March 13, 2020, to carry out a search warrant; 874 days since Taylor's then-boyfriend, fearing intruders, fired one shot and officers fired 22 back, fatally striking Taylor in the chest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Family of Anton Black settles wrongful-death suit with Md. police, Ovetta Wiggins, August 8, 2022, 3:07 PM

Three small towns on Maryland's Eastern Shore will pay \$5 million to the family of Anton Black, a Black teenager who died in 2018 during an encounter with a White police officer, and will institute changes in policing to prevent more deaths involving police. The settlement ends a nearly two-year legal battle by Black's family and the Coalition for Justice for Anton Black, a grass-roots group that has fought for transparency and accountability in Black's death, against the towns of Greensboro, Ridgely and Centreville, and two officers and two police chiefs from those towns. The litigation against the state medical examiner's office, also a defendant in the lawsuit, continues. [...] The lawsuit, which was filed in federal district court in Baltimore, claimed that officers used excessive force and accused police of violating Black's constitutional rights with the force used. No one was charged in Black's death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KUSA-NBC (Denver, CO): Red Rocks overcharged for wheelchair-accessible seats, Justice Department says, Troy Pope, August 8, 2022, 4:41 PM

The U.S. Justice Department said Monday that it settled a lawsuit against the City and County of Denver, Red Rocks and concert promoters after the agency said they overcharged for wheelchair-accessible seats at the venue. The U.S. Attorney's Office said it settled the discrimination claim under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) against the City and County of Denver and concert promoters Live Nation, AEG, and PBS12. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Group of 23 states tells U.S. court CDC lacks authority to set transit mask rules, David Shepardson, August 8, 2022, 10:38 PM

A group of 23 state attorneys general led by Florida told a federal court on Monday that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lacks the legal authority to impose a nationwide transportation mask mandate to address COVID-19. The CDC sought "an unprecedented masking mandate regulating every breath of millions of Americans," said the brief in support of the group that sued to overturn the mask mandate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Iowa metal manufacturer settles US government complaint, David Pitt, August 8, 2022, 4:13 PM

A southwest Iowa company that makes metal castings used by military contractors in helicopters and other equipment has reached a settlement in a lawsuit alleging the company failed to test the castings and falsely certified test results over seven years. Wellman Dynamics, a Creston company that manufactures large metal castings used by military contractors including Bell Helicopter, Sikorsky Aircraft and Boeing Co. will pay \$500,000 in restitution to the U.S. government to settle the allegations, court documents indicate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Federal law doesn't bar Connecticut lawsuit over Bausch lens implant -appeals

court, Brendan Pierson, August 8, 2022, 1:50 PM

A federal appeals court on Monday revived a lawsuit by a Connecticut woman who said she suffered permanent vision damage from a defective Bausch & Lomb Inc lens implant, finding that federal law does not prevent her from suing under Connecticut's product liability law. The decision from the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came after a ruling by Connecticut's Supreme Court that state law claims like those brought by Marjorie Glover and her husband Charles Glover are not necessarily preempted by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA). [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: In Lawsuits, Ex-Employees Offer Harsh Portrait of Project Veritas, Colin Moynihan and Jonah E. Bromwich, August 8, 2022, 9:00 PM

The conservative group Project Veritas has for years sought to embarrass political opponents and members of media organizations by surreptitiously recording them and publicizing their private communications. But two lawsuits filed in federal court late Sunday by the organization's former employees purported to expose its own inner workings, portraying a "highly sexualized" work culture where daytime drinking and drug use were common and the group benefited from employees who worked additional hours without pay. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Sentencing for man behind Mexico to Georgia Meth ring, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 8:00 AM

Iowa-based WDC Acquisitions LLC, doing business as Wellman Dynamics, has agreed to pay \$500,000 to resolve allegations that the company didn't conduct contractually required testing and falsified test results for parts used in military aircraft, the Department of Justice announced Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFOR-CBS (Miami, FL): Federal judge weighs businesses' challenge to DeSantis priority, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 3:55 PM

A federal judge on Monday questioned part of a new Florida law that restricts the way businesses can address race-related concepts in employee training, as he weighed a request to block the measure. The law (HB 7), passed during this year's legislative session, was a top priority of Gov. Ron DeSantis, who dubbed it the "Stop Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees Act," or Stop WOKE Act. A group of businesses and a consultant filed a lawsuit in June challenging the measure's constitutionality. The plaintiffs are an online honeymoon-registry company, a Ben & Jerry's franchisee and a workplace diversity consulting company and its founder. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Biden administration says 'Remain in Mexico' policy is over, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 11:00 PM

The Department of Homeland Security said Monday that it ended a Trump-era policy requiring asylum-seekers to wait in Mexico for hearings in U.S. immigration court, hours after a judge lifted an order in effect since December that it be reinstated. The timing had been in doubt since the Supreme Court ruled on June 30 that the Biden administration could end the "Remain in Mexico" policy. Homeland Security officials had been largely silent, saying they had to wait for the court to certify the ruling and for a Trump-appointed judge, Matthew Kacsmaryk in Amarillo, Texas, to then lift his injunction. The Supreme Court certified its ruling last week. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

CNN: Customs and Border Protection seizes shipment of fentanyl hidden in pill bottles, Eric Levenson, August 8, 2022, 10:13 AM

US Customs and Border Protection has seized a shipment of the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl hidden in pill bottles that was strong enough to potentially provide lethal doses to tens of thousands of people, the agency said. CBP officers in Louisville, Kentucky, detained a shipment Thursday that arrived from India and was manifested as medicine, the agency said. Inspecting officers found five pill bottles, and the pills tested positive for fentanyl properties, CBP said.

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Law360: Judge Blasts High Court For Feds' Immigration 'Carte Blanche', Alyssa Aquino, August 8, 2022, 11:23 PM

A California federal judge rebuked a high court decision barring lower courts from controlling immigration policy, saying the justices gave the U.S. Department of Homeland Security "carte blanche" to enact potentially illegal policies, including an unwritten "turnback" policy of turning away asylum-seekers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 3rd Circ. Orders BIA To Rethink Salvadoran's Gang Fears, Rae Varona, August 8, 2022, 9:43 PM

The Third Circuit told the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals on Friday to reconsider the plea of a man from El Salvador for deportation relief, saying the agency failed to consider affidavits and evidence concerning death threats aimed at him from gang members. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Wanted Chinese Businessman Convicted Of Visa Fraud, Carolina Bolado, August 8, 2022, 8:03 PM

A federal jury in Miami has convicted a fugitive Chinese businessman-turned Hollywood movie investor on two counts of visa fraud for hiding a Marshall Islands passport under another name.

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Law360: Bipartisan Bill Offers US' Afghan Allies A Path To Residency, Hailey Fowler, August 8, 2022, 4:40 PM

A bipartisan bill that would carve out a path to permanent residency for Afghan allies of the U.S. who fled Taliban control was introduced in the U.S. Senate over the weekend following a failed attempt to pass similar legislation in May. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice (Hackensack, NJ): ICE Puts Hold On Jail Inmate Charged With Assaulting Woman In Hackensack, Jerry DeMarco, August 8, 2022, 12:03 PM

An Ecuadorian national living in Hackensack had been jailed for assaulting a woman when ICE placed a detainer on him less than 24 hours later, records show. Juan Chuqui Navas, 26, was arrested around 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, for assaulting a 23-year-old acquaintance, Hackensack Police Detective Capt. Michael Antista said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Texas Tribune: ACLU calls on feds to investigate Abbott's policy transporting migrants back to border, James Barragán, August 8, 2022, 10:00 AM

The American Civil Liberties Union is calling on the federal government to stop cooperating with Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order authorizing state troopers to transport migrants back to the border ports of entry escalating a debate over the state's authority to enforce immigration laws.

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KVIA-ABC (El Paso, TX): CBP says 16-year-old U.S. citizen tried smuggling 16 pounds of fentanyl across Ysleta Port of Entry, Kerry Mannix, August 8, 2022, 1:09 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents seized about 16 pounds of fentanyl from a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old attempting to enter the U.S. through the Ysleta Port of Entry Saturday. The vehicle carrying two individuals was referred to secondary inspection in which a canine and X-ray inspection was conducted. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFOX-Fox \(El Paso, TX\)](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: U.S. FTC commissioner Phillips to resign in autumn, David Shepardson, August 8, 2022, 3:20 PM

One of the two Republicans on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) who has dissented in several antitrust actions filed against social media companies said on Monday that he will resign later this year. FTC Commissioner Noah Phillips said in a statement he had written to President Joe Biden announcing his intent to resign this fall. Phillips, a former chief counsel for Republican Senator John Cornyn, dissented in December 2020 in an FTC antitrust case filed against Facebook, which is now known as Meta Platforms (META.O). [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] The FTC Heads for Legal Trouble, Svetlana Gans and Eugene Scalia, August 8, 2022, 6:02 PM

For students of federal regulatory power, the most interesting agency in Washington these days is the Federal Trade Commission. But not for the reasons FTC leadership may think. FTC Chairman Lina Khan has Rooseveltian ambitions for the agency. Two weeks ago she reportedly overruled its staff in suing to block Meta's acquisition of Within Unlimited, a virtual-reality company. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Google Offers Concessions to Fend Off U.S. Antitrust Lawsuit, Miles Kruppa, Sam Schechner and Brent Kendall, August 8, 2022, 12:09 PM

Alphabet Inc.'s Google has offered concessions in an attempt to head off a possible U.S. antitrust lawsuit aimed at its massive ad-tech business, according to people familiar with the matter, a sign that legal and regulatory pressures on the tech giant are coming to a head. As part of one offer, Google has proposed splitting parts of its business that auctions and places ads on websites and apps into a separate company under the Alphabet umbrella, some of the people said. That entity could potentially be valued at tens of billions of dollars, depending on what assets it contained. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Owner of conservative apparel brand fined \$200,000 for falsely claiming products are made in the USA, Mirna Alsharif, August 8, 2022, 11:20 AM

The owner of a conservative apparel company was fined more than \$200,000 by the Federal Trade Commission for replacing "made in China" tags with "made in the USA" tags on clothing. The FTC acted against Lions Not Sheep Products LLC owner Sean Whalen after he posted a video on social media titled "MADE IN AMERICA!" in which he said "he could conceal the fact that his shirts are made in China by ripping out the original tags and replacing them with tags stating that the merchandise was made in the United States," the FTC said in a statement.

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Law360: Judge Trims Pfizer, Mylan EpiPen Antitrust Suit, Kelly Lienhard, August 8, 2022, 10:45 PM

A federal judge rejected most of the fourth set of antitrust claims alleging that Mylan Pharmaceuticals and Pfizer Inc. conspired to inflate the price of emergency allergy medication, saying that indirect purchasers are barred from filing suit based on the theory that their actions delayed the introduction of a generic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Data Fears Based On 'Limited Understanding,' Judge Told, Bryan Koenig, August 8, 2022, 10:38 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice is wrong to allege that UnitedHealth Group's proposed \$13.8 billion purchase of Change Healthcare would give the company access to data that it could use to gain a competitive advantage against its rivals, a UHG executive testified Monday in D.C. federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Drops 2 Ex-Pilgrim's Pride Execs From Price-Fixing Case, Ivan Moreno, August 8, 2022, 9:04 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has dropped criminal charges against two of four former Pilgrim's Pride executives, making it the latest setback for prosecutors in a broader investigation into alleged price-fixing in the broiler chicken industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Macmillan CEO says Penguin Random House-S&S merger may change dynamic of US publishing, Emily Zantow, August 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

The CEO of Macmillan Publishers said Monday that he believes the dynamic of U.S. publishing will change if the country's top publisher, Penguin Random House, is allowed to acquire the fourth largest U.S. publisher, Simon & Schuster. Testifying in the government's attempt to block the \$2.175 billion dollar proposed merger, Don Weisberg said if two of the major players in the U.S. publishing market become one book prices, author advances and types of competition at auctions will be impacted "across the board." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Law360: PGA Tour To Suing LIV Golfers: You Can't Have It Both Ways, David Steele, August 8, 2022, 4:59 PM

The PGA Tour argued in California federal court Monday that a group of professional golfers who participated in the Saudi-financed LIV Golf series already knew they'd be suspended for leaving to compete on another tour, dismissing claims that it's a monopoly flouting antitrust laws and saying the players can't "have their cake and eat it too." [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Calif. Judge Urged To Keep Nix Of Species Rules In Place, Morgan Conley, August 8, 2022, 4:22 PM

The federal government, multiple states and a slew of conservation groups are urging a California federal judge not to pause his order vacating Trump-era Endangered Species Act regulations, arguing an appeal of the decision is not likely to succeed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): EPA settlement has Indianapolis company paying \$310,000 penalty, Kelly Lienhard, August 8, 2022, 4:48 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Indiana Department of Environmental Management announced a settlement with a local company for alleged violations of the Clean Air

Act. Metalworking Lubricants Co. will pay a penalty of \$155,000 to the United States and \$155,000 to the state of Indiana, under the settlement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

Washington Examiner: Hunter Biden investigator needs special counsel protections: Barr, Jerry Dunleavy, August 8, 2022, 4:25 PM

The prosecutor investigating Hunter Biden needs special counsel protections in the wake of damning whistleblower allegations, former Attorney General Bill Barr says. Barr made the explosive remarks in the wake of allegations that FBI agents wrongly labeled accurate information about President Joe Biden's son as false. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsmax](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Co-Owner of Multiple Companies Pleads Guilty to Failure to Pay 1 Million in Payroll Taxes, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 7:20 PM

A co-owner of multiple businesses today admitted to his role failing to pay over \$1 million in payroll taxes for his companies, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Federal officials said Omar Mostafa, 57, of New Jersey, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Georgette Castner to an information [sic] charging him with willful failure to collect or pay taxes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Two women sentenced in \$1.8M tobacco tax evasion, Vivian Muniz, August 8, 2022, 2:49 PM

Officials announced two women were sentenced after they say they failed to provide taxes for a business that gained them \$1.8 million in imported cigars. According to US Attorney Gerard M. Karam, Hope Carbone, 72, and Donna Venturini, 70, both of East Stroudsburg previously admitted to conspiring with Jose Dominguez, the owner of the cigar manufacturer Victor Sinclair Cigars, to evade the excise taxes on the importation of Victor Sinclair manufactured cigars from 2009 to 2011. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOLF-Fox \(Hazleton, PA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Albuquerque killings send fear through Islamic communities, Stefanie Dazio and Mariam Fam, August 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

Authorities on Monday identified the fourth victim in a series of killings of Muslim men in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the deaths sent ripples of fear through Islamic communities nationwide. Three of the slayings happened in the last two weeks. Now law enforcement officials are seeking help finding a vehicle believed to be connected to the killings in New Mexico's largest city. The common elements were the victims' race and religion, officials said. [...] Few anti-Muslim hate crimes have been recorded in Albuquerque over the last five years, according to FBI data cited by Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism and a professor of criminal justice at California State University at San Bernardino. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: 6th suspect arrested in New Kensington homicide; 1 remains at large, Brian C. Rittmeyer, August 8, 2022, 11:12 PM

One of two teens still at large and charged in the shooting death of a man last month in New Kensington was arrested Monday. U.S. marshals apprehended Elijah Rashad Gary, 18, on Ella

Street in Wilkinsburg without incident, Westmoreland County District Attorney Nicole Zicarelli said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WOAI-NBC (San Antonio, TX): U.S. Marshals need your help finding wanted man from South Side, Yami Virgin, August 8, 2022, 11:00 PM

The U.S. Marshals need your help to find Marco Cruz-Garza who has an active arrest warrant for allegedly violating the conditions of his supervised release. In October of last year, Cruz-Garza was sentenced to three months in prison on charges involving illegal re-entry into the U.S. He was also ordered to serve one year of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WHIO-AM (Dayton, OH): Cincinnati Police Department, ATF offering \$5,000 for information on mass shooting, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 9:52 PM

Cincinnati Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that could lead to the arrest of people they believe are responsible for a shooting that injured nine. CPD asked on social media that anyone with information about the shooting to contact ATF at 1-88-283-8477 or CrimeStoppers at 352-3040. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRCG-CBS (Jefferson City, MO): Sheriffs, Attorney General, Sen. Hawley push back against FBI firearms audit, Michael Adkison, August 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

After an email alleged a firearms background check audit, including a review of concealed carry permits, was given to the Platte County Sheriff's Office, several other departments have preemptively stated they would not turn over any such information, to the support of Republican Attorney General Eric Schmitt. In July, an email from one Roger Shaw, purportedly an auditor for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) was delivered to officials at the Platte County Sheriff's Department, informing them of an audit to take place on August 10. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKRC-CBS (Cincinnati, OH): Community continues search for suspects, solutions following OTR mass shooting, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 3:00 PM

A \$5,000 reward is now being offered for information leading to the arrests and convictions of those responsible for the mass shooting Sunday morning in Over-The-Rhine. Nine people were shot as bullets began flying at about 1:30 a.m., but fortunately, no one died. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives -- the ATF -- is offering the reward, but some people in the community are focused on healing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): 55,000 fentanyl pills, meth seized in two Yavapai County traffic stops less than an hour apart, Unattributed, August 8, 2022, 2:36 PM

Thousands of fentanyl pills and meth were seized in two Yavapai County traffic stops over the weekend in a short period of time, the sheriff's office says on Aug. 8. A K-9 unit, with the help of a narcotics task force, conducted two traffic stops within an hour of each other in Camp Verde. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTAE-ABC (Pittsburgh, PA): Sixth suspect arrested in New Kensington shooting investigation; search for seventh continues, Brian C. Rittmeyer, August 8, 2022, 12:24 PM

More than one month after a deadly shooting in New Kensington, police have arrested yet another suspect. U.S. marshals picked up Elijah Gary on Monday in Wilkinsburg. He's facing charges in connection with the shooting death of Jason Raiford on July 3. At least five other people have

been arrested in the case. [[Continue Reading](#)].

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR: **[AUDIO] Inmates give Washington, D.C., ideas for curbing gun violence**, Carrie Johnson, August 8, 2022, 4:27 PM

An innovative educational program in the Washington, D.C., jail asks incarcerated people how to stop gun violence. [[Listen](#)]

Washington Times: **Steve Bannon requests retrial in criminal contempt of Congress case, source says**, Joseph Clark, August 8, 2022, 6:19 PM

Steve Bannon has filed a motion for a new trial after being found guilty of contempt of Congress last month for failing to comply with a subpoena from the House Jan. 6 committee. The former Trump adviser's legal team says the court violated their client's constitutional rights by granting a motion by the prosecution that they say precluded Mr. Bannon from defending himself.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WaPo: **[PERSPECTIVE] Justice Alito is living up to promises to supporters of his nomination**, Duncan Hosie, August 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

In his first public speech since writing the opinion that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and eliminated the constitutional right to an abortion, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. was angry. Speaking recently at a gilded hall in Rome, Alito ridiculed world leaders who criticized his decision. His sardonic broadsides went viral, with legal observers agape at the spectacle of a sitting Supreme Court justice swiping at Justin Trudeau, Boris Johnson and Emmanuel Macron. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: **DOJ Says Medical Pot Patients Have No Right To Bear Arms**, Sam Reisman, August 8, 2022, 8:57 PM

The U. S. Department of Justice told a Florida federal judge on Monday that the Sunshine State's medical marijuana patients had no Second Amendment right to possess firearms since they were breaking a federal law. The DOJ's brief was filed in response to a lawsuit brought by the commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and three Florida residents, who allege a federal rule barring medical marijuana patients from having guns is unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Colo. Hemp Farm Can't Secure Early Win In Investment Row**, Daniel Ducassi, August 8, 2022, 6:53 PM

A Colorado federal judge has denied a hemp farm and a processors' bid to escape some counterclaims in their suit against former business partners over contested investments, ruling a jury must resolve the dispute over the existence of a contract between them. U. S. District Judge Regina M. Rodriguez on Thursday denied hemp processing facility owner Athena Botanicals LLC and hemp farm operator San Juan Hemp Co. LLC's motion for partial summary judgment against counterclaims from a pair of Arizona companies and their owner, David Vindici, who claimed the

hemp firms defrauded them and made decisions that resulted in a bad harvest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Detroit Metro Times: Opponents of Detroit's new recreational marijuana ordinance aim for ballot initiative in November, Steve Neavling, August 8, 2022, 3:09 PM

A ballot initiative that would replace the city of Detroit's much-maligned recreational marijuana ordinance is headed to the Detroit Election Commission. A group called Citizens for Better Social Equity collected 4,844 signatures to get the initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: New Florida Marijuana Legalization Initiative Filed For 2024 Ballot, With Backing Of State's Largest Medical Cannabis Company, Kyle Jaeger, August 8, 2022, 12:00 PM

A new industry-led campaign in Florida filed a marijuana legalization initiative aimed at the 2024 ballot on Monday. Past attempts to place adult-use legalization on the Florida ballot have been challenged and rejected by the state Supreme Court. But the Smart & Safe Florida political committee says the language of their proposed amendment to the state's marijuana law will avoid such a contest and prevail. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

WKBT-CBS (La Crosse, WI): Wisconsin DHS, DOJ announce opioid settlement plan, Ken Kosirowski, August 8, 2022, 9:12 PM

Following Wisconsin's first opioid settlement payment, the state's Department of Health Services and Department of Justice are partnering on a proposal to use those funds strategically. The plans include harm reduction, capital projects, funding for tribal nations, and treatment and recovery. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMTV-NBC \(Madison, WI\)](#), [WITI-Fox \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Marijuana Moment: Biden DOJ Says Medical Marijuana Patients Are Too 'Dangerous To Trust' In Motion To Dismiss Lawsuit On Gun Rights, Kyle Jaeger, August 8, 2022, 5:39 PM

The Department of Justice asked a federal court on Monday to dismiss a lawsuit that seeks to overturn a policy blocking medical marijuana patients from buying or owning guns. The filing is partly premised on the government's position that it would be too "dangerous to trust regular marijuana users to exercise sound judgment" with firearms. In making its case for dismissal, DOJ also drew eyebrow-raising historical parallels to past gun bans for groups like Native Americans, Catholics, panhandlers, those who refuse to take an oath of allegiance to the government and people who shoot firearms while drunk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 8, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Jericka Duncan

NBC: Nightly News with Tom Llamas

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Former President Donald Trump said Monday that Mar-a-Lago, the Florida club that is his primary residence, is "currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden on Monday witnessed the damage from deadly and devastating storms that have resulted in the worst flooding in Kentucky's history, as they visited the state to meet with families and first responders. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Authorities believe the killings of four Muslim men in Albuquerque, New Mexico, may be linked and are asking for the public's help locating a vehicle suspected of being connected to the incidents. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Senate Democrats are celebrating the passage of a multi-billion dollar spending bill that's focused on health care, climate change and taxes. CBS Reporter takes a closer look at how the American people will see the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act. [[CBS](#)]
- Travis and Gregory McMichaels were sentenced to life in prison on federal hate crimes in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. For the first time, Greg McMichael apologized to the Arbery family in court, saying he never had malice in his heart. [[NBC](#)]
- The Biden administration announced its largest single military package yet for Ukraine, pledging another \$1 billion in rockets, ammunition and other equipment. Meanwhile, there's growing concern about Europe's largest nuclear power plant as Ukraine and Russia accuse each other of shelling the Zaporizhzhia plant. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Democrats pushed their election-year economic package to Senate passage Sunday, a hard-fought compromise less ambitious than President Joe Biden's original domestic vision but one that still meets deep-rooted party goals of slowing global warming, moderating pharmaceutical costs and taxing immense corporations. [[NBC](#)]
- [[NBC](#)]
- Three small towns on Maryland's Eastern Shore will pay \$5 million to the family of Anton Black, a Black teenager who died in 2018 during an encounter with a White police officer, and will institute changes in policing to prevent more deaths involving police. [[NBC](#)]
- China has said military exercises around the contested island would continue. Several days of activity have disrupted shipping and air travel, with Taiwan saying the move amounts to a blockade. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “FBI Searches Trump Home in Florida” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- “How Russia Took Over Ukraine’s Internet in Occupied Territories” [[NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Inside Biden’s hot streak, from the poolside to the Capitol” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Russia Says it Won’t Allow U.S. Inspection for Now of Its Nuclear Weapons” [[WSJ](#)]

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TOP NEWS

[Trump Says FBI 'Raided' His Mar-A-Lago Resort](#)

The FBI on Monday executed a search warrant at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, according to the former president, who said his home was "under siege, raided and occupied" by federal agents.

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[Twitter Spy Case Jury Deliberates Amid COVID-19 'Time Bomb'](#)

A California federal judge overseeing the trial of an ex-Twitter employee accused of spying for Saudi Arabia persuaded the parties on Monday to proceed with a trimmed jury panel after one juror dropped out with COVID-19, saying the risk of others catching the disease meant the trial faced "a ticking time bomb."

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[DOJ Drops 2 Ex-Pilgrim's Pride Execs From Price-Fixing Case](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice has dropped criminal charges against two of four former Pilgrim's Pride executives, making it the latest setback for prosecutors in a broader investigation into alleged price-fixing in the broiler chicken industry.

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[Pennsylvania Defense Atty Traded Services For Sex, AG Says](#)

A former county prosecutor and criminal defense attorney in Pennsylvania has been accused of trading legal services for sex, nude photos and worn underwear, according to the state attorney general's office, which announced charges Monday.

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[Bannon Wants New Contempt Trial, Says Gov't Hurt Defense](#)

Ex-Trump White House aide Steve Bannon has asked a D.C. federal court for a new trial following his convictions on two counts of contempt of Congress last month, arguing that the government wrongfully prevented him "from telling the jury the story" of why he did not comply with a subpoena from the Jan. 6 House select committee.



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[Platinum Bond Fraud Trial Nears End As Both Sides Rest](#)

The trial of former Platinum Partners managing director and portfolio manager Daniel Small is headed to closing arguments after both prosecutors and the defense on Monday rested in the case accusing the former hedge fund executive of defrauding bondholders in a Platinum-controlled oil and gas company.

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['Varsity Blues' Boss Wants Sentence Delayed After Atty Dies](#)

The admitted ringleader of the "Varsity Blues" college admissions scheme asked that his sentencing hearing be pushed back two months until mid-November following the death of his attorney.

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[Last BitMEX Defendant Takes Plea Deal In AML Case](#)

The final holdout in the Manhattan U.S. attorney's crackdown against offshore cryptocurrency derivatives exchange BitMEX pled guilty Monday to flouting U.S. anti-money laundering requirements, forgoing a scheduled October trial.

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[Fraud Retrial Denied Despite Erroneous Theranos Reference](#)

A Manhattan judge has declined to grant a new trial for a former nanotech company CEO convicted of lying to investors, rejecting his claim that a witness' erroneous reference to the infamous Theranos fraud case had prejudiced the jury.

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[Televisa Says Investors 'Made Up' FIFA Bribery Claims](#)

Mexican media giant Grupo Televisa is asking a New York federal judge to throw out a lawsuit accusing the company of bribing a FIFA official for the right to broadcast World Cup games, saying that the suing investors "made up" the allegations "whole cloth."

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[Pump-And-Dump Charge Added To Mass. Man's Fraud Case](#)

Prosecutors have added securities fraud charges to the list of accusations a Massachusetts man is facing after he allegedly wielded control of a purported medical marijuana company in secret to inflate its stock price for profit.

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[Legal Services Co. Moves To Toss Securities Fraud Suit](#)

A Florida legal services company moved to toss a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit filed against it over trusts mostly for disabled Social Security or Medicaid recipients the agency says were managed by a shell company disguised as a nonprofit.

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[Treasury Bans Crypto Tool Allegedly Used By North Korea](#)

The U.S. Department of the Treasury on Monday sanctioned digital currency "mixer" Tornado Cash, a service that U.S. officials say has been used by a North Korean hacking group to launder more than \$455 million of stolen funds.

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[Consultant Seeks Exit From \\$19M Captive Insurance Suit](#)

A federal court should dismiss insurance fraud claims against a consulting firm in a case where a furniture company seeks \$19 million from the firm's former employee, the firm argued, because he joined the consultancy after committing the alleged fraud.

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HEALTH

[Ex-NBA Player 'Wrong' On Health Fraud Defense, Feds Say](#)

Manhattan federal prosecutors said a former NBA player is "wrong" in his claim that money he and others obtained through an alleged \$4 million health care fraud scheme already belonged to them.

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[Faulty Centene ACA Plan Cost Patients Billions, Suit Says](#)

Centene Corporation, which runs the Affordable Care Act's largest online exchange health insurance plan, was slapped with a proposed class action in Illinois federal court by patients who say the company violated racketeering laws and cheated them out of billions of dollars by selling bogus policies.

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[Exec Defrauded Medicare With COVID Test Lies, Jury Told](#)

Prosecutors told a California federal jury during trial openings Monday that Arrayit Corp.'s president defrauded the Medicare program, patients and investors out of millions with lies about its COVID-19 tests, while defense counsel argued that the defendant dedicated his life to science and never thought he was defrauding anybody.

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IMMIGRATION

[Wanted Chinese Businessman Convicted Of Visa Fraud](#)

A federal jury in Miami has convicted a fugitive Chinese businessman-turned Hollywood movie investor on two counts of visa fraud for hiding a Marshall Islands passport under another name.

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[DOJ Says Medical Pot Patients Have No Right To Bear Arms](#)

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Sunshine State's medical marijuana patients had no Second Amendment right to possess firearms since they were breaking a federal law.

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PEOPLE

[Kasowitz Continues International Litigation Growth In NYC](#)

Litigation firm Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP has hired a Kobre & Kim LLP international litigator for its New York office as a partner a month after a colleague joined the firm's Washington, D.C., office in a similar role, the firm announced Monday.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

[Implications Of SEC Coinbase Case For Token Offerings](#)

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's recent insider trading charges against a former Coinbase manager stand to be the best indication yet of the SEC's application of securities laws to tokens, and prudent gatekeepers should be aware of the factors the SEC relies on to prove its case, say Emily Garnett and Katelynn Bradley at Brownstein Hyatt.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

[ABA Clarifies Remote Learning Guidance For Law Schools](#)

The American Bar Association's policymaking body at its annual meeting Monday in Chicago adopted a resolution to clarify its accreditation guidelines on remote learning for law schools, as well as a variety of other proposals.

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[Tesla Hires New Deputy GC For Corporate And Securities](#)

Tesla Inc. has brought in Derek Windham as deputy general counsel for corporate and securities, the latest hire in the electric vehicle maker's legal department, which has undergone many personnel changes over the last three years.

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[Lawyer Bert Fields, Hollywood 'Tour De Force,' Dies At 93](#)

Bert Fields, a legendary entertainment attorney who represented the likes of Tom Cruise, Mel Brooks, Dustin Hoffman, George Lucas and Warren Beatty, has died at the age of 93, according to his law firm Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP.

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[Class Attys Get Reduced Fees In \\$60M Morgan Stanley Deal](#)

A New York federal judge granted final approval to a \$60 million data breach settlement between Morgan Stanley and a class of former and current customers, but significantly reduced the award to class counsel, granting \$13.6 million of the requested \$20 million.

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[Judge Orders Sale Funds To Cover Collapsed Condo's Taxes](#)

Former unit owners of the Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside, Florida, will not have to pay 2022 taxes on the property following a ruling Monday from the judge overseeing consolidated litigation over the building's collapse last summer.

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[Catching Up With Delaware's Chancery Court](#)

An increasingly busy Delaware Chancery Court raced to docket new suits last week involving PayPal, Snapchat and the Carlyle Group in between a flurry of Twitter-related filings.

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- "Trump Won't Oppose Release of Search Warrant" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
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- "CDC loosens coronavirus guidance, signaling strategic shift" [[WaPo](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Garland asks court to unseal warrant for Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker And Michael Balsamo, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Justice Department is asking a federal court to unseal the warrant the FBI used to search the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald Trump, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, acknowledging extraordinary public interest in the case about classified records. The request is striking because such documents traditionally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the Justice Department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what prompted Monday's action at the former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Garland Calls Trump's Bluff as Justice Department Moves to Unseal Warrant, Charlie Savage, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Thursday called former President Donald J. Trump's bluff. Ever since the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at Mr. Trump's Florida residence on Monday, Mr. Trump and his supporters have been portraying the search as baseless and politically motivated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Here are the main takeaways from Garland's statement on the Mar-a-Lago search, Glenn Thrush , August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

All week, former President Donald J. Trump's allies pressed Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to explain the basis for the search warrant federal agents had executed at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence — and he refused to break the silence he wears like his unwrinkled, federal blue suit. On Thursday, Mr. Garland finally responded, summoning the news media to a seventh-floor briefing room at the headquarters of the Justice Department to offer a public rationale. The new information he provided was extremely limited, and largely dependent on whether Mr. Trump's lawyers choose to block the release of the warrant and other documents sealed by a federal judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago, George F. Will, August 11, 2022, 6:39 PM

After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he did not have “a political bone” in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately. His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland's surprise announcement calls the Trump-GOP bluff, Paul Waldman and Greg Sargent, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

Since Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort was searched by FBI agents, Republicans have relentlessly attacked the bureau, the Justice Department and Attorney General Merrick Garland for conducting a supposed political vendetta. Unfortunately, too often the press has allowed their baseless accusations to pollute this story, so a bizarre inversion of reality has been given nearly equal weight with known facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland is no gambler. My bet is he's acting on more than a hunch, Michael Gerson, August 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago has created a logical tension at the center of American political life. An attorney general known for prudence and the restoration of norms has acted in bold and unprecedented fashion. If the FBI has been used as an instrument of political harassment — as some Republican leaders allege, without evidence — then former judge Merrick Garland has become Mr. Hyde. Or, in the typically restrained Republican translation, a Nazi. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Esquire](#), [HuffPo](#), [New Republic](#)

ABC: Garland puts pressure back on Trump as GOP targets Justice: The Note, Rick Klein, Averi Harper, and Alisa Wiersema, August 12, 2022, 6:06 AM

For those inclined to think Attorney General Merrick Garland is playing chess to counter former President Donald Trump's checkers, consider how much easier it is to win at checkers. Consider as well the extraordinary challenge Garland threw back to Trump — and not just with the decision his legal team now faces Friday about whether to stand in the way of public release of the search warrant and list of items seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] FBI weaponized by Biden Justice Department in campaign against Trump, Michael R. Pompeo, August 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

On Monday night, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials raided former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago after following through on a search warrant. In so doing, a federal government agency undertook the most severe and egregious action against a former president in the history of our country. This raid goes far beyond an alleged need to recover documents and return them to the National Archives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Trump lawyer slams Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: 'Pathetic presser', Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Attorney for former President Donald Trump Christina Bobb reacted to Attorney General Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI's raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on "The Ingraham Angle." CHRISTINA BOBB: This is what the Democrats do. They don't have any good reason for doing what they did. The pathetic presser that Merrick Garland held for three minutes was insufficient, so they had to create fear. Normally, they should come out with exactly what happened, and why, and explain themselves and if it was a good reason, they would have solid ground. They are not on solid ground.

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Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for AG search warrant for Unabomber's cabin: Former FBI official, Joshua Comins, August 11, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former FBI deputy assistant director of counterterrorism Terry Turchie said Attorney General Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for a search warrant for the Unabomber's cabin on Thursday's "Jesse Watters Primetime." "I've never said this publicly, but I'll just tell you right now because it just sickens me to watch and listen to Merrick Garland, because Merrick Garland was in charge of the prosecution at DOJ of the Unabomber," Turchie said. "And I have to tell you something: He would not recommend to the AG that our search warrant to get into Theodore Kaczynski's cabin be approved."

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NBC: DOJ bets its future on how it handles the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Ryan J. Reilly, August 11, 2022, 10:11 PM

In approving the unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Justice Department leaders have bet the house on their handling of an investigation that will have sweeping implications for the future of both federal law enforcement and American democracy. Monday's hourslong search of Trump's Florida resort in connection with an investigation into classified documents that Trump is alleged to have kept on the property will reverberate in American politics for the foreseeable future. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC, The Last Word: [VIDEO] 'Merrick Garland Has Outsmarted Donald Trump At Every Turn', Lawrence O'Donnell, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell explains how Attorney General Garland "has handled the most important week of his life flawlessly" and says "Donald Trump has no idea what to say now with Merrick Garland closing in on him." [\[Watch\]](#)

ABC: Congressional Republicans call Garland's remarks on Mar-a-Lago search insufficient, Tal Axelrod, August 11, 2022, 6:10 PM

Congressional Republicans were quick to pan Merrick Garland's Thursday remarks on the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago -- calling the attorney general's comments insufficient and insisting the Justice Department release more information behind the unprecedented raid even as Garland said he wants the search warrant unsealed. But GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department's motion to unseal parts of the warrant would not cut it, demanding that more information behind the search's genesis was needed given the gravity of the operation at a former president's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:**

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MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland praised for 'speaking up' as DOJ moves to make FBI Mar-a-Lago search details public, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

Donald Trump could reveal the details of the FBI Mar-a-Lago search right now, but he has not, leaving the dangling question of, "why?" Now, the Department of Justice is moving to make that information public. We also bring you fresh reporting on a subpoena from this past spring concerning sensitive documents the FBI believed Trump was still improperly holding. Dr. Jason Johnson in for Joy Reid and

our panel of experts analyze this developing story on The ReidOut on MSNBC. [[Watch](#)]

NPR, Up First: **[AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Warrant, FBI Office Attacked, New CDC COVID Guidance**, August 12, 2022, 5:52 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has requested that the Mar-a-Lago search warrant be made public (1:16). Violent rhetoric from the GOP fueled an attack on the Cincinnati FBI office (5:47). The CDC relaxes COVID-19 guidance signaling a new phase of the pandemic (9:38). [[Listen](#)]

Politico: **[OPINION] Why it took so long for Merrick Garland to go public**, Myah Ward, August 11, 2022, 7:59 PM

Merrick Garland has broken his silence. In a five-minute afternoon presser, the attorney general revealed that he personally approved of the decision to execute the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on Monday, and announced the Department of Justice's decision to unseal portions of the warrant. The move comes after three days of wall-to-wall media coverage and a massive outcry from Republicans who have demanded more information about the search and why it was necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsday: **[EDITORIAL] Garland's position makes plain sense**, Editorial Board, August 11, 2022, 7:42 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's terse but strong statement on Thursday regarding the search of former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida brought a brief and timely glimpse of light to a muddled situation created by the former commander-in-chief himself. Yes, Garland approved the warrant for federal agents to search Mar-a-Lago. No, the former federal appeals court judge did not take this measure involving a former president lightly. And he made it clear that he won't abide by "unfounded attacks" on the FBI and Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: **Merrick Garland calls Trump's bluff**, Kyle Cheney and Meridith McGraw, August 11, 2022, 7:11 PM

Donald Trump and his allies spent days pounding the Justice Department for executing a search warrant at the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, whipping supporters into a frenzy and exploiting DOJ's characteristic secrecy by telling their own versions of events. Some even developed a rallying cry as they attacked the department: Release the warrant! [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Judicial group launches ads claiming Democrats endanger Supreme Court justices**, Alex Swoyer, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

A conservative judicial group launched a \$10 million ad campaign this week claiming that Democrats are endangering Supreme Court justices, and is targeting Attorney General Merrick Garland in its first ad. Judicial Crisis Network's first cable and digital ad will launch Thursday in the Washington, D.C., market. It claims that Mr. Garland cowered to a "woke mob" by refusing to enforce federal laws against protesting in front of a justice's home as an attempt to obstruct justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: **Ex-cop sentenced to more than 7 years in prison for role in storming U.S. Capitol**, Sarah N. Lynch, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A former Virginia police sergeant who joined Donald Trump's supporters in storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison on Thursday, a Justice Department spokesperson said. A jury in April convicted Thomas Robertson, a former police sergeant for the town of Rocky Mount, Virginia, of six criminal charges, including obstructing an official proceeding and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

Bloomberg: **[OPINION] Bolton Plot Should Be a Warning on Iran Nuclear Talks**, Bobby Ghosh, August 11, 2022, 8:27 PM

The Iranian regime has a long, dishonorable history of assassination plots against dissidents and detractors abroad, but commissioning a hit against a former US national security adviser represents a raising of the bar in brazenness. The revelation that a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps attempted to have John Bolton murdered — on American soil, at that — should serve as a sobering reminder for President Joe Biden of Tehran's depravity as he contemplates making a deal that will both enrich and embolden those behind the plot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#)

WSJ: **Man Who Brandished Rifle at Cincinnati FBI Office Killed in Standoff**, Ben Kesling and Sadie Gurman, August 11, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man armed with a rifle tried to break into the security screening area of the FBI's Cincinnati field office before fleeing the scene and being killed in a gunbattle with police, officials said. The man attempted to breach the screening area at the office Thursday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. His entry set off an alarm, and armed agents responded. He first fired a nail gun at law enforcement, then brandished an AR-15-style rifle before fleeing in a Ford Crown Victoria, according to law enforcement officials. He was reportedly wearing body armor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WTGS (Hardeeville, SC): **Iraqi man sentenced to federal prison for attempting to smuggle guns through Savannah: DOJ**, Parker Fluke, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Iraqi national has been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of attempting to smuggle guns through the Port of Savannah, according to a release from the US Dept. of Justice. U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia David Estes said Nihad Al Jaber, 43, of Clarkston, received a sentence of 94 months in prison. His charges included smuggling, failure to notify a common carrier and submitting false or misleading export information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Detailed accusations of Secret Service impeding Jan 6 investigation were scrapped from report to Congress**, Whitney Wild and Zachary Cohen, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A memo detailing how federal investigators believed the Secret Service was impeding them from obtaining key information about the agency's response to January 6, 2021, was significantly altered to remove reference to nearly all those efforts before a final report was presented to lawmakers in June. The memo's original language contained detailed descriptions from the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office of the multiple ways the Secret Service stalled the watchdog's investigation into the agency's actions before and during the Capitol riot, including erasing text messages from that day. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Politico](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: **Trump calls for 'immediate' release of Mar-a-Lago warrant**, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 12, 2022, 12:20 AM

Former President Donald Trump called late Thursday for the "immediate" release of the federal warrant the FBI used to search his Florida estate, hours after the Justice Department had asked a court to unseal the warrant, with Attorney General Merrick Garland citing the "substantial public interest in this matter." In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents." He continued to assail the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago as "unAmerican, unwarranted and unnecessary." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapposky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys, a state attorney general and the Justice Department. Authorities are looking into Trump and his family business for a medley of possible wrongdoing, including his actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol and how he valued his various assets for loan and tax purposes. The probes threaten Trump with criminal or financial penalties, or plain old public embarrassment, as he remains a dominant presence in his party and weighs a 2024 bid to return to the White House. Here's a list of the key investigations and where they stand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: FBI searched Trump's home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump's Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Forbes](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WaPo: How agents get warrants like the one used at Mar-a-Lago, and what they mean, Perry Stein, August 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

FBI agents executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump's Florida home on Monday, taking about a dozen boxes of material after opening a safe and entering a padlocked storage area. Trump and his allies have denounced the search as unlawful and politically motivated but provided no evidence to back that up and have refused to share a copy of the warrant with the public. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Media outlets file motion to unseal entirety of DOJ's records to search Mar-a-Lago, Jared Gans, August 11, 2022, 8:41 PM

A group of four major media companies filed a motion on Thursday to unseal all court documents related to the search warrant that the FBI executed at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property on Monday. The Washington Post, CNN, NBC News and E.W. Scripps Company filed the motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to ask for documents pertaining to the search warrant, including the search warrants themselves, the warrant application, "all probable cause affidavits filed in support of the search warrant" and any motion to seal the "warrant-related records", among other things. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Trump talked his way into DOJ requesting release of records from Mar-a-Lago search, Sonam Sheth, C. Ryan Barber, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday asked a federal judge to unseal the search warrant and other records related to the raid of Mar-a-Lago, the South Florida home and members-only club of former President Donald Trump. At a press conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department had taken the unusual step "in light of the former president's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter." The attorney general also confirmed that he personally signed off on the pursuit of a warrant to search Trump's home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Dad gets home detention for bribing Georgetown coach, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:17

PM

A Pennsylvania man who pleaded guilty to bribing a Georgetown University tennis coach to get his daughter into the school was sentenced Thursday to about a month in home detention. Robert Repella, a former pharmaceutical executive, agreed to pay then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst at least \$120,000 to have his daughter designated as a tennis recruit for the Washington D.C. university, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [Law360](#),

Bloomberg: US Capitol's '600 Rooms' Spurred Subpoena Confusion, Ex-Trump Aide Says in Jan. 6 Case, Sabrina Willmer, August 11, 2022, 11:14 AM

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is arguing in his criminal contempt case that a subpoena left out the room in which he was to testify before the US House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The Capitol building has 600 rooms and the subpoena didn't specify which one, Navarro's lawyer John Rowley said at a hearing Thursday in federal court in Washington. He added that the panel later changed the site of the deposition to a different building altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courier (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA): Man injured in 2020 gunfight sentenced on gun charges, Jeff Reinitz, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man who was shot in the chest during a 2020 gunfight in Waterloo has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Judge C.J. Williams sentenced Chad Edward Lee, 20, to up to eight years and four months in federal prison during a Thursday hearing in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Orlando Sentinel: Clermont cheerleading coach indicted for sexually assaulting minors he trained, DOJ says, Amanda Rabines, August 11, 2022, 8:50 PM

The Clermont cheerleading coach who was arrested at his Winter Garden home for allegedly sexually assaulting minors he trained is facing a possible life sentence after being indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida. Vigiland D'Haiti, 40, has been charged with one count of possessing images and videos of children being sexually exploited, one count of production of child sexual abuse images and videos, and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: After receiving time served in city, Baltimore arsonist sentenced in federal court to 12 years for setting fire to ex-girlfriend's home, Jessica Anderson, August 11, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Baltimore man who received a controversial sentence last year in the city for setting his ex-girlfriend's home on fire was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison. Luther Moody Trent, 22, pleaded guilty in June to one count of malicious destruction in connection to a blaze at his ex-girlfriend's house where she and two others were inside. Trent admitted to pouring gasoline on her rowhouse at 1900 Linden Ave. on May 21, 2021, and lighting it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez sentenced to 19.5 years in prison for killing crew mate with knife and hammer off coast of Massachusetts, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

A scalloping ship crewmember who attacked three co-workers, killing one, was sentenced in Boston federal court Thursday to 19 and a half years in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2018 incident off the coast of Massachusetts, officials said. Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to 235 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, the United States Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Tennessean (Nashville, TN): Former T.J. Martel Foundation VP Melissa Goodwin faces prison time in embezzlement scheme, Molly Davis, August 11, 2022, 5:51 PM

Melissa Goodwin was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling more than \$3.7 million from the T.J. Martel Foundation for Cancer Research, U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced Thursday. Goodwin worked as the executive vice president and general manager of the foundation. She was charged with wire fraud earlier this year and pleaded guilty to devising and operating a scheme to defraud the foundation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): **Vancouver man pleads guilty to federal charge of mail fraud**, Becca Robbins, August 11, 2022, 5:15 PM

A Vancouver man pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with a Ponzi scheme that defrauded 32 investors of \$4.3 million. Charles Richard Burgess, 66, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 4 in U.S. District Court in Tacoma. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charging information, filed Aug. 4, states that between 1995 and April 2021, Burgess sold investments in an unregistered investment vehicle that he called “the pool.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

Providence Journal: **U.S. Attorney: Pawtucket man videotaped kidnapping of man believed to be police informant**, Jack Perry, August 11, 2022, 4:45 PM

On Wednesday, a Pawtucket man pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges and admitted his role in the violent kidnapping of a man he and others mistakenly believed had been cooperating with police, law-enforcement officials in Massachusetts announced. Anthony Basilici, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, victim or informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: **Pasadena man, 21, pleads guilty to federal child pornography charge**, Dan Belson, August 11, 2022, 4:37 PM

A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to a child pornography possession charge, admitting that he used file sharing services to collect and distribute images of sexual abuse. The charges against Raymond Martin Shamer III, of Pasadena, stem from a Department of Homeland Security investigation into the former Massachusetts Maritime Academy student's social media accounts, which authorities said he used to upload and share child pornography files. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **Bessemer kingpin sentenced to life in federal prison for leading multi-million-dollar drug enterprise**, Carol Robinson, August 11, 2022, 11:05 AM

A Bessemer man convicted under the federal drug “Kingpin” statute has been sentenced to life in prison. Rolando Antuain Williamson, aka “Baldhead” and “Ball Head,” was found guilty in April.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KEPR-CBS (Pasco, WA): **Kennewick drug trafficker sentenced to ten years in federal prison**, Sasha Terry, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

On August 11th, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, Vanessa R. Waldref announced that 30-year-old Aurelio James Gonzalez of Kennewick has been sentenced in federal court in Spokane for two counts of Distribution of Methamphetamine. Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced Gonzales to a total of 120 months in federal prison and ordered Gonzales to serve a five-year term of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): **‘Horrendous’: Former Fort Campbell soldier, wife sentenced for child pornography crimes**, Stephanie Langston, August 11, 2022, 9:39 PM

Disturbing, unthinkable images shared between a former Fort Campbell soldier and his wife landed the couple in federal prison. On Wednesday, Kara Adkins was sentenced to more than 20 years and Robert

Adkins was sentenced to 10 years for child pornography crimes. Robert Adkins was an automated logistical specialist. He was a staff sergeant and served approximately 16 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [WTVG-ABC \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): Penitas Mayor pleaded guilty to fraud, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 8:31 PM

The mayor of Penitas pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with the La Joya Independent School District, a release states. Rodrigo Lopez, 38 of Penitas, admitted that in 2018 he aided and abetted the La Joya ISD athletic director in committing fraud against the district. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KRGV-ABC \(Weslaco, TX\)](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Des Moines identity thief indicted for bank fraud on the run; stole more than \$100K over 3 years, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:12 PM

A 48-year-old Des Moines woman is being sought by law enforcement after escaping from federal agents when they tried to arrest her Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Nick Brown's office announced. Jennifer Suazo, also known as Jennifer Esperanza, was indicted by a grand jury for five counts of bank fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Man sentenced for threatening public officials in Norfolk, Dina Weinstein, August 11, 2022, 8:09 PM

A New York man was sentenced today to more than nine years in federal prison for mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and to a federal prosecutor, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, 29-year-old Brock Beeman sent multiple threatening letters from prison to government employees associated with a separate criminal prosecution of Beeman in Norfolk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Las Vegas man charged for running Ponzi scheme that bilked Northern Ohioans, others out of a combined \$8.5 million, Justin McMullen, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Las Vegas sports bettor was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud for running what the U.S. Department of Justice called a Ponzi scheme that defrauded approximately 72 victims, including many in Northern Ohio, out of more than \$8.5 million. Matthew J. Turnipseede, 49, allegedly promised investors in four of his companies double-digit returns, telling them that their money would generate profits through "sophisticated sports wagers" made with the help of an algorithm, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio's office said in a release announcing the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Parma man charged with helping set fire to parking booth during 2020 riots in Downtown Cleveland, Tyler Carey, August 11, 2022, 5:27 PM

A Parma man is facing federal charges for his alleged role in the infamous Downtown Cleveland riots from more than two years ago. Seth Calig, 49, is accused of helping a group set fire to a parking booth back on May 30, 2020. Specifically, the Department of Justice alleges Calig used a lighter to ignite a roll of paper towels before placing the flaming object inside the structure on West 3rd Street, while others looked on. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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;/!;WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Georgia man sentenced after threatening to blow up New York IRS office, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced in federal court after admitting to his threats to blow up an IRS office in New York. According to the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office, Benjamin Stasko, 34, of St. Simons Island, posted a comment on a federal agency's website on July 6th, 2020, alleging that a pipe bomb had been planted as a threat towards the IRS in the Ted Weiss Federal

Building in New York, New York. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man charged with unlicensed dealing in firearms: attorney, Avery Van Etten, August 11, 2022, 3:54 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted Wednesday on allegations that he purchased guns for other people and engaged in unlicensed dealing in firearms. Johvaughan Young, 23, allegedly purchased 13 handguns between June 30, 2020, and Sept. 14, 2021, that he said for were himself when they actually were not, according to a release from United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Monday hearing set for 2 ex-cops in George Floyd's killing, STEVE KARNOWSKI, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

A judge scheduled a hearing for Monday on the "status of plea negotiations" for the two remaining officers awaiting trial on state charges in the killing of George Floyd, with the hearing coming after the judge's window for accepting any deal appears to have closed. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill said in previous orders that he would not accept plea agreements unless they came within a 15-day window after former Officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were sentenced in federal court on separate civil rights charges. Those sentences came down July 27. His orders did not specify business days or calendar days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Dallas salon shooting suspect indicted on hate crime charge for allegedly shooting 3 Korean women, Amanda Su, August 11, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon in May was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced. Jeremy Smith, 37, is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault, each with a hate-crime enhancement and punishable by five years to life in prison. He was arrested by Dallas police on May 16 and remains in the county jail with bail set at \$700,000. [...] Texas federal prosecutors, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division partnered for a federal hate crime investigation into Smith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Texas governor must turn over Dropbox files in redistricting case, Stephen Paulsen, August 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has ordered Texas Governor Greg Abbott to turn over documents in an ongoing dispute over proposed election maps in Texas — including documents stored online through a Dropbox link. In a lawsuit that started last year, the League of United Latin American Citizens and other civil rights groups allege that new Texas congressional maps "unlawfully dilute the voting strength of Latinos." With around 4 million new residents in the 2020 census, Texas is the only state set to gain two new congressional seats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

WSJ: Judge Declares Mistrial in Flint Water Crisis Civil Case, Tatal Ansari, August 11, 2022, 8:53 PM

A judge declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors were unable to reach a verdict in a case involving companies that had been hired to help Flint, Mich., fix its water system—but were alleged to have instead contributed to the city's lead-tainted water crisis. Multiple Flint residents had sued Veolia North America and Texas-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc., an engineering consulting firm also known as LAN, accusing them of being partially responsible for the water crisis that began in 2014. The

civil case, which involved just a few plaintiffs, was seen as a bellwether for possible further litigation, according to legal experts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI, Law360](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Sex Assault Suit Against Former General, Daniel Wilson, August 11, 2022, 7:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed that a former Army colonel could pursue sexual assault allegations against the Pentagon's recently retired second-highest-ranking officer, Gen. John Hyten, saying the colonel's claims could not be considered incident to military service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Pharmacy, Owner Agree to Pay \$4.1 Million to Resolve Liability, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:35 PM

Philadelphia-based Spivack Inc.—previously operating under the name Verree Pharmacy—and owner-pharmacist Mitchell Spivack have agreed to pay more than \$4.1 million to resolve forfeiture claims as well as their civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act and False Claims Act, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Federal Medical Injury Lawsuit Jeopardized by Washington Law, Mary Anne Pazanowski, August 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

Washington's drop-dead date for filing medical malpractice lawsuits likely bars a Navy spouse's suit against the federal government because it's substantive and doesn't conflict with federal law, the Ninth Circuit said Thursday. The Federal Tort Claims Act doesn't supplant Washington's statute of repose, which puts an outside limit of eight years, running from the date of the occurrence, on filing medical malpractice claims, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said. The limit applies even if a patient hasn't discovered an injury and its cause, the court said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Springfield News-Leader: Indoor thermostat company connected to Preferred Family Healthcare to pay \$1M, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

After Preferred Family Healthcare paid more than \$8 million in April, a Springfield company affiliated with the nonprofit is paying \$1 million as part of a non-prosecution agreement, according to a Department of Justice press release. Pro 1 IAQ, Inc., is a Missouri corporation with operations in Springfield and Boulder, Colorado, that designs and sells indoor thermostats nationwide. The corporation signed an agreement that admitted former executive officers engaged in a conspiracy to embezzle funds from Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. from 2008 to November 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KY3 \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Middlesex County Company Admits Undervaluing Merchandise to Avoid Paying U.S. Customs Duties, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 12:58 PM

A Middlesex County company has entered into a settlement agreement with the United States to resolve allegations that it made false statements to avoid paying customs duties, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to the admissions and contentions of the United States in the settlement agreement: Eos Energy Storage LLC (Eos) is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Edison that designs and sells industrial batteries to power companies and other commercial enterprises. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Edison-Metuchen, NJ\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Immigration judge could be replaced over 'stupid' comment, court says, Daniel Wiessner, August 11, 2022, 1:19 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday said a federal immigration board must reconsider disqualifying a judge from a deportation case after she called a Nicaraguan man's claim that he is not fluent in Spanish

"stupid" and "laughable." A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applied too high of a bar in finding that the judge's comment did not violate the due process rights of Rodolfo Tinoco Acevedo, a legal permanent resident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

USA Today: **'Make my day': Texas Gov. Abbott challenges NYC Mayor Adams over migrant busing dispute**, Natalie Neysa Alund, August 11, 2022, 7:03 PM

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firing back at New York City Mayor Eric Adams after he threatened to send bus loads of New Yorkers to Texas to campaign against Abbott's re-election bid. "I kind of feel like Clint Eastwood. Go ahead, Mayor. Make my day," Abbott publicly declared Wednesday. The dueling politicians have gone back and forth since the Lone Star State began busing migrants from the Texas-Mexico border to the Big Apple on Aug. 5. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Trump-Era DHS Chief's Immigration Bond Rule Fails In Court**, Rae Varona, August 11, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another Trump-era immigration policy promulgated by former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf fell by the wayside, after a California federal judge vacated administrative hurdles imposed on surety companies that wish to challenge the government's determinations that noncitizens have breached their bond conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Biden administration abolishes ICE labor union**, Stephen Dinan, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration delivered a death sentence Thursday to the labor organization that represents thousands of employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Federal Labor Relations Authority's decision erases the National ICE Council and leaves its 7,600 members, mostly deportation officers, without a collective bargaining agreement or union representation, members said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **U.S. consumer watchdog considers crackdown on collection of consumer information**, David Shepardson, August 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. consumer watchdog agency said on Thursday that it will consider rules to better protect Americans' privacy and crack down on businesses that collect far-reaching personal information without consumers' full understanding. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a notice that it is considering writing rules to address lax data security and commercial surveillance, which is the "business of collecting, analyzing, and profiting from information about people." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#)

Law360: **UnitedHealth, Change Turn Trial Gaze To Horizontal Overlap**, Bryan Koenig, August 12, 2022, 12:03 AM

UnitedHealth Group and Change Healthcare countered Justice Department allegations that their proposed merger threatens direct competition in the claims processing sector by arguing at the D.C. federal court that their plan to divest an insurance claims technology business addresses the DOJ's concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Author, Agents Say Advances Only Part Of Puzzle**, Matthew Perlman, August 11, 2022, 10:27 PM

A nonfiction author and several agents told a D.C. federal judge on Thursday that there's more to negotiating a book deal than landing the largest possible advance, while throwing cold water on the

government's fears over the merger of Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: **A looming test for tech antitrust battles**, Richard Waters, August 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The idea that your robot vacuum cleaner could suck up data about your home and send it back to Amazon might strike some people as creepy. If that happened, would Alexa start suggesting you buy a new rug when the old one wears out, or recommend a better way to arrange your furniture? Whether this would also be a threat to competition in the nascent home automation market, however, is an altogether different question. Separating those two issues has become of critical importance as regulators in the US break new ground in antitrust enforcement, with data very much at the center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: **FBI Director: Attacks on FBI integrity erode respect for rule of law**, Costas Pitas, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

Attacks on the FBI's integrity erode respect for the rule of law, its director said on Thursday after an armed man tried to breach its building in Ohio and following criticism from some Republicans over a raid on Donald Trump's Florida home. "Unfounded attacks on the integrity of the FBI erode respect for the rule of law and are a grave disservice to the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect others," Christopher Wray said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: **OnlyFans model charged for fatally stabbing her boyfriend 'without justification' in April**, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An OnlyFans and social media model was arrested in Hawaii on Wednesday and is being charged in the April death of her boyfriend, whom she admitted to police she stabbed. [...] The Hawaii County Police Department said she was arrested on the big island of Hawaii on Wednesday, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Authorities used an [sic] warrant issued by Miami-Dade County, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: **Car crash in Wyoming leads to huge meth bust at Santa Clara warehouse**, Summer Lin, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

A car crash in Wyoming last month led federal agents across state lines to a Santa Clara warehouse believed to be used as a methamphetamine cooking and conversion site. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration raided a Santa Clara warehouse on Aug. 3, in the 600 block of Martin Avenue, where they found a laboratory believed to be an "active methamphetamine conversion site," according to court filings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Cause of Indiana house explosion that killed 3 and damaged 39 homes still undetermined, authorities say**, Claudia Dominguez and Michelle Watson, August 11, 2022, 9:19 PM

The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [...] Search and rescue teams will be allowed back into the area once utilities are secured and the ATF determines its part of the investigation is over, Connelly said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **'We have a problem': New ATF director takes agency's reins as country confronts a rise in violent crime**, Devan Cole, Josh Campbell and Anna-Maja Rappard, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

The new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took the agency's helm last month at a time when gun violence and extremism are on the rise, putting him among a handful of

top federal officials tasked with preventing and responding to high-profile incidents of violent crime rocking the nation. "I think the first thing we need to do is to be honest about the fact that we have a problem," Steve Dettelbach, the ATF's first Senate-approved leader in seven years, told CNN in an interview this week. "I will tell you, it's gotten more bold, more brazen and more violent." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

East Bay Times: **U.S. Department of Justice reverses course, won't seek execution of alleged Sureño accused of three murders**, Nate Gartrell, August 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

More than two years after indicating they would seek death against an alleged Bay Area gang member charged with murdering three people, federal prosecutors have reversed course, filing court papers that say execution is no longer on the table. In December 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice indicated that Michael "Gallo" Rebolledo, 33, would be the lone defendant to face a potential death sentence out of 10 alleged Sureño gang members charged with a total of seven murder counts and several other shootings. In a court document reversing the decision, filed July 12, prosecutors didn't state the reason death is no longer being sought. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: **Supreme Court Denies Coinbase's Request to Block Customer Lawsuits**, Vicky Ge Huang, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase Global's request for emergency intervention in two lawsuits filed by angry customers. Earlier this month, Coinbase asked the court to block a pair of lawsuits and send the cases to arbitration. Federal judges in California had refused the company's demand for the disputes to be heard in arbitration. Coinbase wrote in the filings that the company would suffer "irreparable harm" if the Supreme Court allowed the lawsuits to proceed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **Supreme Court to hear case that could end 40 years of race-based affirmative action in university admissions**, Haley Chi-Sing, August 11, 2022, 11:30 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear one of two cases on Oct. 31 that could dismantle the 40-year precedent of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, with universities now urging the court to preserve the decision despite some expert opinion to the contrary. Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President & Fellows of Harvard College is one of two cases to come before the Supreme Court urging it to eliminate race as an admissions factor and, as a result, overturn the precedent case, Grutter v. Bollinger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: **Cherry-picked history: Reva Siegel on "living originalism" in Dobbs**, Angie Gou, August 11, 2022, 4:57 PM

"Dobbs is the product of originalism," Reva Siegel, professor of law at Yale University, said last month. Few legal scholars would disagree. But for Siegel, the more interesting question is what originalism means in practice — and how it led to the elimination of the constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Siegel explored those issues during the 18th Robert H. Jackson Lecture, an annual event featuring Supreme Court experts hosted by the Chautauqua Institution. This year's lecture occurred on July 11 and was recently posted online. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

The Hill: **Biden's new challenge is FBI's Trump search**, Morgan Chalfant and Amie Parnes, August 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The White House has a new messaging challenge on its hands: Donald Trump. President Biden, wary of appearing to influence the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the former president, doesn't want to talk about the FBI search earlier this week at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Morning Joe: **[VIDEO] White House Not Directing DOJ Investigation In 'Any way,' Says Adviser**, Joe Scarborough, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

White House Senior Adviser Anita Dunn discusses the July inflation numbers, the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago and why she says the White House is not directing the DOJ's investigation into Trump in any way. Dunn also discusses President Biden's signing of the PACT Act for veterans. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Biden tries to tread carefully after FBI searches Trump's home**, Naomi Lim, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

President Joe Biden's relationship with the Justice Department has become more complicated after the FBI enforced a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and office in Florida. With presidential son Hunter Biden under scrutiny by federal law enforcement officials, the White House has from the start aimed to keep a healthy distance from the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. The situation grew thornier after the FBI's Aug. 9 search of Trump's Palm Beach estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Insider: **Republicans may have shot themselves in the foot by hammering the DOJ to release the Mar-a-Lago search warrant**, Camila DeChalus, Sonam Sheth, August 11, 2022, 8:37 PM

Former President Donald Trump's allies have spent this week clamoring for the Justice Department to release details from its search warrant for Mar-a-Lago and other supporting documentation. Now, it looks like they might get what they asked for. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday at a news conference that the Justice Department has filed a motion to unseal portions of the warrant following Trump's "public confirmation of the search." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

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- The Department of Justice has asked a federal court to unseal the search warrant the FBI used to search the Florida home of former President Donald Trump. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say a heavily armed man in Ohio attempted to breach an FBI field office this morning, leading to a shootout. The attack comes after the FBI's search at Mar-a-Lago prompted anti-law enforcement rhetoric and calls for violence. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The average price for a gallon of regular gas has dipped below \$4 for the first time in five months. The relief stems from an increase in global oil supply and a decrease in fuel demand. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The CDC has updated its COVID guidance to loosen a number of its health recommendations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Firefighters in France are battling raging wildfires near Bordeaux, fueled by one of Europe's worst droughts in centuries during a historic heatwave that has killed thousands. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Heavy fighting is again raging around Europe's largest nuclear plant, with Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of shelling the facility. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly one year after the US withdrawal from Kabul, Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan with more on what's changed in the country now that the Taliban is firmly in control. [[ABC](#)]
- A non-profit farm outside Kansas City is growing more than just crops in its field, it's also showing how boys can grow into responsible men by teaching them the importance of teamwork and the great outdoors. [[CBS](#)]
- When someone comes into a hospital and alleges abuse, forensic nurses traditionally look for signs of bruising with the naked eye. However, because pigment in darker skin is closer to the skin's surface than the bruise, they may see nothing. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Garland asks court to unseal warrant for Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker And Michael Balsamo, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Justice Department is asking a federal court to unseal the warrant the FBI used to search the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald Trump, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, acknowledging extraordinary public interest in the case about classified records. The request is striking because such documents traditionally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the Justice Department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what prompted Monday's action at the former president's home.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Garland Calls Trump's Bluff as Justice Department Moves to Unseal Warrant, Charlie Savage, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Thursday called former President Donald J. Trump's bluff. Ever since the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at Mr. Trump's Florida residence on Monday, Mr. Trump and his supporters have been portraying the search as baseless and politically motivated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Here are the main takeaways from Garland's statement on the Mar-a-Lago search, Glenn Thrush, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

All week, former President Donald J. Trump's allies pressed Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to explain the basis for the search warrant federal agents had executed at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and he refused to break the silence he wears like his unwrinkled, federal blue suit. On Thursday, Mr. Garland finally responded, summoning the news media to a seventh-floor briefing room at the headquarters of the Justice Department to offer a public rationale. The new information he provided was extremely limited, and largely dependent on whether Mr. Trump's lawyers choose to block the release of the warrant and other documents sealed by a federal judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago, George F. Will, August 11, 2022, 6:39 PM

After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he did not have "a political bone" in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately. His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland's surprise announcement calls the Trump-GOP bluff, Paul Waldman and Greg Sargent, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

Since Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort was searched by FBI agents, Republicans have relentlessly attacked the bureau, the Justice Department and Attorney General Merrick Garland for conducting a supposed political vendetta. Unfortunately, too often the press has allowed their baseless accusations to pollute this story, so a bizarre inversion of reality has been given nearly equal weight with known facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: **[OPINION] Garland is no gambler. My bet is he's acting on more than a hunch,** Michael Gerson, August 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago has created a logical tension at the center of American political life. An attorney general known for prudence and the restoration of norms has acted in bold and unprecedented fashion. If the FBI has been used as an instrument of political harassment as some Republican leaders allege, without evidence then former judge Merrick Garland has become Mr. Hyde. Or, in the typically restrained Republican translation, a Nazi. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Esquire](#), [HuffPo](#), [New Republic](#)

ABC: **Garland puts pressure back on Trump as GOP targets Justice: The Note,** Rick Klein, Averil Harper, and Alisa Wiersema, August 12, 2022, 6:06 AM

For those inclined to think Attorney General Merrick Garland is playing chess to counter former President Donald Trump's checkers, consider how much easier it is to win at checkers. Consider as well the extraordinary challenge Garland threw back to Trump and not just with the decision his legal team now faces Friday about whether to stand in the way of public release of the search warrant and list of items seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: **[OPINION] FBI weaponized by Biden Justice Department in campaign against Trump,** Michael R. Pompeo, August 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

On Monday night, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials raided former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago after following through on a search warrant. In so doing, a federal government agency undertook the most severe and egregious action against a former president in the history of our country. This raid goes far beyond an alleged need to recover documents and return them to the National Archives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: **Trump lawyer slams Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: 'Pathetic presser',** Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Attorney for former President Donald Trump Christina Bobb reacted to Attorney General Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI's raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on "The Ingraham Angle." CHRISTINA BOBB: This is what the Democrats do. They don't have any good reason for doing what they did. The pathetic presser that Merrick Garland held for three minutes was insufficient, so they had to create fear. Normally, they should come out with exactly what happened, and why, and explain themselves and if it was a good reason, they would have solid ground. They are not on solid ground. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: **[OPINION] Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for AG search warrant for Unabomber's cabin: Former FBI official,** Joshua Comins, August 11, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former FBI deputy assistant director of counterterrorism Terry Turchie said Attorney General Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for a search warrant for the Unabomber's cabin on Thursday's "Jesse Watters Primetime." "I've never said this publicly, but I'll just tell you right now because it just sickens me to watch and listen to Merrick Garland, because Merrick Garland was in charge of the prosecution at DOJ of the Unabomber," Turchie said. "And I have to tell you something: He would not recommend to the AG that our search warrant to get into Theodore Kaczynski's cabin be approved." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: **DOJ bets its future on how it handles the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort,** Ryan J. Reilly, August 11, 2022, 10:11 PM

In approving the unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Justice Department leaders have bet the house on their handling of an investigation that will have sweeping implications for the future of both federal law enforcement and American democracy. Monday's hourslong search of Trump's Florida resort in connection with an investigation into classified documents that Trump is alleged to have kept on the property will reverberate in American politics for the foreseeable future. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, *The Last Word*: [VIDEO] 'Merrick Garland Has Outsmarted Donald Trump At Every Turn', Lawrence O'Donnell, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell explains how Attorney General Garland "has handled the most important week of his life flawlessly" and says "Donald Trump has no idea what to say now with Merrick Garland closing in on him." [[Watch](#)]

ABC: Congressional Republicans call Garland's remarks on Mar-a-Lago search insufficient, Tal Axelrod, August 11, 2022, 6:10 PM

Congressional Republicans were quick to pan Merrick Garland's Thursday remarks on the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago – calling the attorney general's comments insufficient and insisting the Justice Department release more information behind the unprecedented raid even as Garland said he wants the search warrant unsealed. But GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department's motion to unseal parts of the warrant would not cut it, demanding that more information behind the search's genesis was needed given the gravity of the operation at a former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland praised for 'speaking up' as DOJ moves to make FBI Mar-a-Lago search details public, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

Donald Trump could reveal the details of the FBI Mar-a-Lago search right now, but he has not, leaving the dangling question of, "why?" Now, the Department of Justice is moving to make that information public. We also bring you fresh reporting on a subpoena from this past spring concerning sensitive documents the FBI believed Trump was still improperly holding. Dr. Jason Johnson in for Joy Reid and our panel of experts analyze this developing story on The ReidOut on MSNBC. [[Watch](#)]

NPR, *Up First*: [AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Warrant, FBI Office Attacked, New CDC COVID Guidance, August 12, 2022, 5:52 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has requested that the Mar-a-Lago search warrant be made public (1:16). Violent rhetoric from the GOP fueled an attack on the Cincinnati FBI office (5:47). The CDC relaxes COVID-19 guidance signaling a new phase of the pandemic (9:38). [[Listen](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] Why it took so long for Merrick Garland to go public, Myah Ward, August 11, 2022, 7:59 PM

Merrick Garland has broken his silence. In a five-minute afternoon presser, the attorney general revealed that he personally approved of the decision to execute the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on Monday, and announced the Department of Justice's decision to unseal portions of the warrant. The move comes after three days of wall-to-wall media coverage and a massive outcry from Republicans who have demanded more information about the search and why it was necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsday: [EDITORIAL] Garland's position makes plain sense, Editorial Board, August 11,

2022, 7:42 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's terse but strong statement on Thursday regarding the search of former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida brought a brief and timely glimpse of light to a muddled situation created by the former commander-in-chief himself. Yes, Garland approved the warrant for federal agents to search Mar-a-Lago. No, the former federal appeals court judge did not take this measure involving a former president lightly. And he made it clear that he won't abide by "unfounded attacks" on the FBI and Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Merrick Garland calls Trump's bluff, Kyle Cheney and Meridith McGraw, August 11, 2022, 7:11 PM

Donald Trump and his allies spent days pounding the Justice Department for executing a search warrant at the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, whipping supporters into a frenzy and exploiting DOJ's characteristic secrecy by telling their own versions of events. Some even developed a rallying cry as they attacked the department: Release the warrant! [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Judicial group launches ads claiming Democrats endanger Supreme Court justices, Alex Swoyer, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

A conservative judicial group launched a \$10 million ad campaign this week claiming that Democrats are endangering Supreme Court justices, and is targeting Attorney General Merrick Garland in its first ad. Judicial Crisis Network's first cable and digital ad will launch Thursday in the Washington, D.C., market. It claims that Mr. Garland cowered to a "woke mob" by refusing to enforce federal laws against protesting in front of a justice's home as an attempt to obstruct justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Ex-cop sentenced to more than 7 years in prison for role in storming U.S. Capitol, Sarah N. Lynch, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A former Virginia police sergeant who joined Donald Trump's supporters in storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison on Thursday, a Justice Department spokesperson said. A jury in April convicted Thomas Robertson, a former police sergeant for the town of Rocky Mount, Virginia, of six criminal charges, including obstructing an official proceeding and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

Bloomberg: [OPINION] Bolton Plot Should Be a Warning on Iran Nuclear Talks, Bobby Ghosh, August 11, 2022, 8:27 PM

The Iranian regime has a long, dishonorable history of assassination plots against dissidents and detractors abroad, but commissioning a hit against a former US national security adviser represents a raising of the bar in brazenness. The revelation that a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps attempted to have John Bolton murdered on American soil, at that should serve as a sobering reminder for President Joe Biden of Tehran's depravity as he contemplates making a deal that will both enrich and embolden those behind the plot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#)

WSJ: Man Who Brandished Rifle at Cincinnati FBI Office Killed in Standoff, Ben Kesling and Sadie Gurman, August 11, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man armed with a rifle tried to break into the security screening area of the FBI's Cincinnati field office before fleeing the scene and being killed in a gunbattle with police, officials said. The man attempted to breach the screening area at the office Thursday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. His entry set off an alarm, and armed agents responded. He first fired a nail gun at law enforcement, then brandished an AR-15-style rifle before fleeing in a Ford Crown Victoria, according to law enforcement officials. He was reportedly wearing body armor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WTGS (Hardeeville, SC): Iraqi man sentenced to federal prison for attempting to smuggle guns through Savannah: DOJ, Parker Fluke, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Iraqi national has been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of attempting to smuggle guns through the Port of Savannah, according to a release from the US Dept. of Justice. U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia David Estes said Nihad Al Jaber, 43, of Clarkston, received a sentence of 94 months in prison. His charges included smuggling, failure to notify a common carrier and submitting false or misleading export information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Detailed accusations of Secret Service impeding Jan 6 investigation were scrapped from report to Congress, Whitney Wild and Zachary Cohen, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A memo detailing how federal investigators believed the Secret Service was impeding them from obtaining key information about the agency's response to January 6, 2021, was significantly altered to remove reference to nearly all those efforts before a final report was presented to lawmakers in June. The memo's original language contained detailed descriptions from the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office of the multiple ways the Secret Service stalled the watchdog's investigation into the agency's actions before and during the Capitol riot, including erasing text messages from that day. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Politico](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump calls for 'immediate' release of Mar-a-Lago warrant, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 12, 2022, 12:20 AM

Former President Donald Trump called late Thursday for the "immediate" release of the federal warrant the FBI used to search his Florida estate, hours after the Justice Department had asked a court to unseal the warrant, with Attorney General Merrick Garland citing the "substantial public interest in this matter." In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents." He continued to assail the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago as "unAmerican, unwarranted and unnecessary." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapposky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys, a state attorney general and the Justice Department. Authorities are looking into Trump and his family business for a medley of possible wrongdoing, including his actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol and how he valued his various assets for loan and tax purposes. The probes threaten Trump with criminal or financial penalties, or plain old public embarrassment, as he remains a dominant presence in his party and weighs a 2024 bid to return to the White House. Here's a list of the key investigations and where they stand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: FBI searched Trump's home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris , August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump's Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Forbes](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WaPo: How agents get warrants like the one used at Mar-a-Lago, and what they mean, Perry Stein, August 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

FBI agents executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump's Florida home on Monday, taking about a dozen boxes of material after opening a safe and entering a padlocked storage area. Trump and his allies have denounced the search as unlawful and politically motivated but provided no evidence to back that up and have refused to share a copy of the warrant with the public. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Media outlets file motion to unseal entirety of DOJ's records to search Mar-a-Lago, Jared Gans, August 11, 2022, 8:41 PM

A group of four major media companies filed a motion on Thursday to unseal all court documents related to the search warrant that the FBI executed at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property on Monday. The Washington Post, CNN, NBC News and E.W. Scripps Company filed the motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to ask for documents pertaining to the search warrant, including the search warrants themselves, the warrant application, "all probable cause affidavits filed in support of the search warrant" and any motion to seal the "warrant-related records", among other things. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Trump talked his way into DOJ requesting release of records from Mar-a-Lago search, Sonam Sheth, C. Ryan Barber, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday asked a federal judge to unseal the search warrant and other records related to the raid of Mar-a-Lago, the South Florida home and members-only club of former President Donald Trump. At a press conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department had taken the unusual step "in light of the former president's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter." The attorney general also confirmed that he personally signed off on the pursuit of a warrant to search Trump's home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Dad gets home detention for bribing Georgetown coach, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Pennsylvania man who pleaded guilty to bribing a Georgetown University tennis coach to get his daughter into the school was sentenced Thursday to about a month in home detention. Robert Repella, a former pharmaceutical executive, agreed to pay then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst at least \$120,000 to have his daughter designated as a tennis recruit for the Washington D.C. university, prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [Law360](#),

Bloomberg: US Capitol's '600 Rooms' Spurred Subpoena Confusion, Ex-Trump Aide Says in Jan. 6 Case, Sabrina Willmer, August 11, 2022, 11:14 AM

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is arguing in his criminal contempt case that a subpoena left out the room in which he was to testify before the US House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The Capitol building has 600 rooms and the subpoena didn't specify which one, Navarro's lawyer John Rowley said at a hearing Thursday in federal court in Washington. He added that the panel later changed the site of the deposition to a different building altogether. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tulsa World: Grove man pleads guilty to a 2019 Delaware County homicide, Ashley Jones, August 11, 2022, 10:30 PM

One out of three family members charged with murdering a man and shooting a woman in Delaware County has pleaded guilty to lesser charges. Cody Dwayne Buzzard, 28, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in Indian Country and to brandishing and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courier (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA): Man injured in 2020 gunfight sentenced on gun charges, Jeff Reinitz, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man who was shot in the chest during a 2020 gunfight in Waterloo has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Judge C.J. Williams sentenced Chad Edward Lee, 20, to up to eight years and four months in federal prison during a Thursday hearing in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Orlando Sentinel: Clermont cheerleading coach indicted for sexually assaulting minors he trained, DOJ says, Amanda Rabines, August 11, 2022, 8:50 PM

The Clermont cheerleading coach who was arrested at his Winter Garden home for allegedly sexually assaulting minors he trained is facing a possible life sentence after being indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida. Vigilant D'Haiti, 40, has been charged with one count of possessing images and videos of children being sexually exploited, one count of production of child sexual abuse images and videos, and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Baltimore Sun: After receiving time served in city, Baltimore arsonist sentenced in federal court to 12 years for setting fire to ex-girlfriend's home, Jessica Anderson, August 11, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Baltimore man who received a controversial sentence last year in the city for setting his ex-

girlfriend's home on fire was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison. Luther Moody Trent, 22, pleaded guilty in June to one count of malicious destruction in connection to a blaze at his ex-girlfriend's house where she and two others were inside. Trent admitted to pouring gasoline on her rowhouse at 1900 Linden Ave. on May 21, 2021, and lighting it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez sentenced to 19.5 years in prison for killing crew mate with knife and hammer off coast of Massachusetts,

Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

A scalloping ship crewmember who attacked three co-workers, killing one, was sentenced in Boston federal court Thursday to 19 and a half years in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2018 incident off the coast of Massachusetts, officials said. Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to 235 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, the United States Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Tennessean (Nashville, TN): Former T.J. Martel Foundation VP Melissa Goodwin faces prison time in embezzlement scheme, Molly Davis, August 11, 2022, 5:51 PM

Melissa Goodwin was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling more than \$3.7 million from the T.J. Martel Foundation for Cancer Research, U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced Thursday. Goodwin worked as the executive vice president and general manager of the foundation. She was charged with wire fraud earlier this year and pleaded guilty to devising and operating a scheme to defraud the foundation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): Vancouver man pleads guilty to federal charge of mail fraud, Becca Robbins, August 11, 2022, 5:15 PM

A Vancouver man pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with a Ponzi scheme that defrauded 32 investors of \$4.3 million. Charles Richard Burgess, 66, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 4 in U.S. District Court in Tacoma. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charging information, filed Aug. 4, states that between 1995 and April 2021, Burgess sold investments in an unregistered investment vehicle that he called "the pool." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Connecticut man Syed I. Bokhari ordered to forfeit \$2.1M, sentenced to one year of probation for selling wholesale tobacco to Mass.

residents, Tom Matthews, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Connecticut man who sold wholesale tobacco over the internet to Massachusetts residents was recently ordered to forfeit \$2.1M for his role in tobacco trafficking, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Syed I. Bokhari, 57, was sentenced to one year of probation Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge Mark G. Mastroianni in federal court in Springfield for violating the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act. Prosecutors recommended a sentence of 18 months in prison, officials said. He pleaded guilty on April 19. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWLP-NBC/CW \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

Providence Journal: U.S. Attorney: Pawtucket man videotaped kidnapping of man believed to be police informant, Jack Perry, August 11, 2022, 4:45 PM

On Wednesday, a Pawtucket man pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges and admitted his role in the violent kidnapping of a man he and others mistakenly believed had been cooperating with

police, law-enforcement officials in Massachusetts announced. Anthony Basilici, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, victim or informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Baltimore Sun: Pasadena man, 21, pleads guilty to federal child pornography charge, Dan Belson, August 11, 2022, 4:37 PM

A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to a child pornography possession charge, admitting that he used file sharing services to collect and distribute images of sexual abuse. The charges against Raymond Martin Shamer III, of Pasadena, stem from a Department of Homeland Security investigation into the former Massachusetts Maritime Academy student's social media accounts, which authorities said he used to upload and share child pornography files. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Brooklyn Man Charged for Fraudulently Entering New Jersey Laboratory, Destroying, Stealing Equipment, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:44 PM

A Brooklyn, New York man was arrested today for allegedly entering a laboratory business on false pretenses and destroying and stealing that business' equipment, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Eric Leykin, 31, of Brooklyn, New York, is charged by complaint with wire fraud and accessing a protected computer without authorization and recklessly causing damage [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Bergen County Man Charged with Distributing Heroin, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:33 PM

A Bergen County man was charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute heroin, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Esmelby Estevez-Castillo, 35, of Ridgefield Park, was arraigned on August 10, 2022, and pleaded not guilty. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Mahwah, NJ\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Camden County Man Sentenced to Five Years for Deploying Homemade Explosive at Local Fitness Center, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 2:10 PM

A Camden County man was sentenced to five years in prison for setting off a homemade bomb at a fitness center, U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Dwayne Vandergrift, 40, of Gloucester City, previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with malicious use of explosive materials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [New Jersey Advance Media](#), [Patch \(Gloucester Township, NJ\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Newark Men Among Four Charged with Distributing Fentanyl, Money Laundering in the Ironbound Section, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:48 PM

Four New Jersey men were charged for their alleged roles in drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracies, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. Federal officials said Mr. William Panzera, 49, of North Haledon, Mr. Thomas Padovano, 48, and Mr. Bartholomew Padovano, 71, both of Newark; and Sean Tighe, 46, of Kearny, New Jersey, are each charged in a second superseding indictment with one count of drug trafficking conspiracy and one count of international promotional money laundering conspiracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Newark, NJ\)](#), [WRIC-ABC \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Bessemer kingpin sentenced to life in federal prison for leading multi-million-dollar drug enterprise, Carol Robinson, August 11, 2022, 11:05 AM
A Bessemer man convicted under the federal drug “Kingpin” statute has been sentenced to life in prison. Rolando Antuain Williamson, aka “Baldhead” and “Ball Head,” was found guilty in April.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KEPR-CBS (Pasco, WA): Kennewick drug trafficker sentenced to ten years in federal prison, Sasha Terry, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM
On August 11th, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, Vanessa R. Waldref announced that 30-year-old Aurelio James Gonzalez of Kennewick has been sentenced in federal court in Spokane for two counts of Distribution of Methamphetamine. Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced Gonzales to a total of 120 months in federal prison and ordered Gonzales to serve a five-year term of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): ‘Horrendous’: Former Fort Campbell soldier, wife sentenced for child pornography crimes, Stephanie Langston, August 11, 2022, 9:39 PM
Disturbing, unthinkable images shared between a former Fort Campbell soldier and his wife landed the couple in federal prison. On Wednesday, Kara Adkins was sentenced to more than 20 years and Robert Adkins was sentenced to 10 years for child pornography crimes. Robert Adkins was an automated logistical specialist. He was a staff sergeant and served approximately 16 years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTVG-ABC \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): Penitas Mayor pleaded guilty to fraud, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 8:31 PM
The mayor of Penitas pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with the La Joya Independent School District, a release states. Rodrigo Lopez, 38 of Penitas, admitted that in 2018 he aided and abetted the La Joya ISD athletic director in committing fraud against the district. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KRGV-ABC \(Weslaco, TX\)](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Des Moines identity thief indicted for bank fraud on the run; stole more than \$100K over 3 years, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:12 PM
A 48-year-old Des Moines woman is being sought by law enforcement after escaping from federal agents when they tried to arrest her Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Nick Brown’s office announced. Jennifer Suazo, also known as Jennifer Esperanza, was indicted by a grand jury for five counts of bank fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Man sentenced for threatening public officials in Norfolk, Dina Weinstein, August 11, 2022, 8:09 PM
A New York man was sentenced today to more than nine years in federal prison for mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and to a federal prosecutor, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, 29-year-old Brock Beeman sent multiple threatening letters from prison to government employees associated with a separate criminal prosecution of Beeman in Norfolk. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KNDU-NBC (Richland, WA): Federal jury indicts Toppenish woman on drug trafficking charges, Karlee Van de Venter, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal grand jury has charged Susen Ann Gorst, 34-year-old woman from Toppenish, with possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. Gorst was being investigated for fentanyl dealing by the Yakama Nation Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The agencies started surveilling the El Corral Motel after allegations were made that Gorst sold fentanyl there, according to a criminal complaint from August 2021.

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KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Felon convicted of selling fentanyl in downtown Seattle,

Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 6:59 PM

A 31-year-old man was convicted Thursday for selling fentanyl pills in downtown Seattle. The Seattle U.S. District Court convicted Kendall Alston of possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm, and Alston also plead guilty to two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, one of them in connection to a Jan. 2022 shoplifting arrest in Bellevue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPTV-Fox (Portland, OR): Florida man convicted of sexually abusing an Oregon child,

Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 6:43 PM

A Federal jury in Portland found a Florida man guilty of sexually abusing an Oregon child and sharing a video of the abuse online, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon on Thursday. "In trials involving the sexual abuse of children, jurors are tasked with taking in and reviewing a horrendous set of facts," said Natalie Wight, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. "In this case, the young witness took the stand to tell the jury the details of what happened in her own words. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Las Vegas man charged for running Ponzi scheme that bilked Northern Ohioans, others out of a combined \$8.5 million, Justin McMullen, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Las Vegas sports bettor was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud for running what the U.S. Department of Justice called a Ponzi scheme that defrauded approximately 72 victims, including many in Northern Ohio, out of more than \$8.5 million. Matthew J. Turnipseede, 49, allegedly promised investors in four of his companies double-digit returns, telling them that their money would generate profits through "sophisticated sports wagers" made with the help of an algorithm, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio's office said in a release announcing the charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Parma man charged with helping set fire to parking booth during 2020 riots in Downtown Cleveland, Tyler Carey, August 11, 2022, 5:27 PM

A Parma man is facing federal charges for his alleged role in the infamous Downtown Cleveland riots from more than two years ago. Seth Calig, 49, is accused of helping a group set fire to a parking booth back on May 30, 2020. Specifically, the Department of Justice alleges Calig used a lighter to ignite a roll of paper towels before placing the flaming object inside the structure on West 3rd Street, while others looked on. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KWCH-CBS (Wichita, KS): Greeley man convicted of defrauding VA for disability benefits, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:26 PM

A federal jury on Thursday, Aug. 11, convicted a Kansas veteran for defrauding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) out of disability benefits. A news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office said the jury convicted 53-year-old Bruce Hay, of Greeley, of wire fraud and theft of government funds in charges related to the scheme. Court documents and evidence presented at trial showed Hay "fraudulently misrepresented and exaggerated the extent of symptoms related to a purported conversion disorder diagnosis to receive VA disability benefits to which he was not entitled." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): Apopka man sentenced for 7-Eleven robbery, identity theft, Anthony Talcott, August 11, 2022, 5:18 PM

A 31-year-old Apopka man was sentenced Thursday to seven years and six months in federal prison in connection with a 7-Eleven robbery and identity theft, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Officials said Jarvis Jackson, 31, robbed a 7-Eleven store in Apopka in February 2021, wearing a black ski mask and handing a clerk a note that read, "Give All Money Out Register and \$30 Scratch Offs enter roll. I Have a Gun." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Georgia man sentenced after threatening to blow up New York IRS office, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced in federal court after admitting to his threats to blow up an IRS office in New York. According to the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office, Benjamin Stasko, 34, of St. Simons Island, posted a comment on a federal agency's website on July 6th, 2020, alleging that a pipe bomb had been planted as a threat towards the IRS in the Ted Weiss Federal Building in New York, New York. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

WVT-ABC (Binghamton, NY): Man sentenced in scheme to sell info stolen from NYSDOL, Sara Rizzo, August 11, 2022, 4:49 PM

A man has been sentenced for his role in a scheme to sell information illegally taken from the New York State Department of Labor. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) said Guy Cuomo, also known as "John Monaco," 54, of Fredrick, Maryland, was sentenced to 3 years and 9 months in prison. In November 2021, Cuomo was found guilty of computer fraud, misuse of a social security number, aggravated identity theft, and related conspiracy charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Lee's Summit man sentenced for 4 bank robberies in 2 weeks, Heidi Schmidt, August 11, 2022, 4:34 PM

A Lee's Summit man will spend 15-years in prison for robbing four banks. Joseph, P. Hall, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of bank robbery in January. He admitted stealing \$7,025 from a Raytown Bank of America branch on June 2, 2021. He also admitted he robbed Great Southern Bank in Lee's Summit the next day. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KSHB-NBC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

KOLO-ABC (Reno, NV): Nevada woman charged with falsifying records appears in court Thursday, Kevin Sheridan, August 11, 2022, 4:22 PM

A Nevada woman charged with obstruction of justice by falsifying records will make her initial court appearance in New Jersey on Thursday. Anna Kline is charged with one count of falsifying records in a federal investigation. She was arrested on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): Documents: Felon gets 18 months for escape from federal custody, Jana Garrett, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

Glynn Petticord, 51, of Evansville, was sentenced to eighteen months in federal prison after pleading guilty to escaping from federal custody. According to court documents, Petticord was sentenced to 156 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Documents say towards the end of his sentence, Petticord was transferred to a residential reentry center in Evansville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man charged with unlicensed dealing in firearms: attorney, Avery Van Etten, August 11, 2022, 3:54 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted Wednesday on allegations that he purchased guns for other people and engaged in unlicensed dealing in firearms. Johvaughan Young, 23, allegedly purchased 13 handguns between June 30, 2020, and Sept. 14, 2021, that he said for were himself when they actually were not, according to a release from United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): York man indicted for assaulting post office coworkers, James Wesser, August 11, 2022, 3:39 PM

The US Attorney's office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a York man has been indicted on assault charges. According to a release, 34-year-old Christopher Moody was indicted on assault charges from an incident that occurred on Dec. 10, 2020, where Moody assaulted two of his fellow postal employees causing bodily injury. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Woman sentenced for passing bad checks at West Virginia car dealerships, Bailey Brautigan, August 11, 2022, 2:02 PM

A woman was sentenced to one year in prison for a scheme to obtain vehicles from car dealerships in Kentucky and West Virginia. In April, 51-year-old Mindy Turner admitted that she passed a bad check at a car dealership in Louisville, Kentucky in June of 2021 so they could obtain a 2020 Ford Explorer valued at around \$53,000. Court documents say that the two then transported the vehicle to West Virginia and tried to trade it in at a Charleston dealership for a more expensive Ford F-150. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): Alex Friedmann pleads guilty to federal firearms charge, Ethan Illers, August 11, 2022, 12:42 PM

A Nashville man has pleaded guilty to federal charges after he hid weapons in the Davidson County Detention Center, vandalizing the jail in the process. The Department of Justice says 52-year-old Alexander Friedmann pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Man, 53, who terrorized local women on dating apps indicted for cyberstalking, Nicole Sanders, August 11, 2022, 11:09 AM

A 53-year-old man accused of threatening and cyberstalking five people since 2021 has been indicted by a grand jury Wednesday. According to the indictment, Robert Merkle allegedly harassed four people in January and one person in October online. In 2017, he messaged two women expressing desires for violent sexual fantasies. One of the victims met him at a Meet Up group in the Central West End. Angela, who asked to remain anonymous, met him in August at

Dressel's. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Monday hearing set for 2 ex-cops in George Floyd's killing, STEVE KARNOWSKI, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

A judge scheduled a hearing for Monday on the "status of plea negotiations" for the two remaining officers awaiting trial on state charges in the killing of George Floyd, with the hearing coming after the judge's window for accepting any deal appears to have closed. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill said in previous orders that he would not accept plea agreements unless they came within a 15-day window after former Officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were sentenced in federal court on separate civil rights charges. Those sentences came down July 27. His orders did not specify business days or calendar days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Dallas salon shooting suspect indicted on hate crime charge for allegedly shooting 3 Korean women, Amanda Su, August 11, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon in May was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced. Jeremy Smith, 37, is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault, each with a hate-crime enhancement and punishable by five years to life in prison. He was arrested by Dallas police on May 16 and remains in the county jail with bail set at \$700,000. [...] Texas federal prosecutors, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division partnered for a federal hate crime investigation into Smith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Texas governor must turn over Dropbox files in redistricting case, Stephen Paulsen, August 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has ordered Texas Governor Greg Abbott to turn over documents in an ongoing dispute over proposed election maps in Texas including documents stored online through a Dropbox link. In a lawsuit that started last year, the League of United Latin American Citizens and other civil rights groups allege that new Texas congressional maps "unlawfully dilute the voting strength of Latinos." With around 4 million new residents in the 2020 census, Texas is the only state set to gain two new congressional seats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

WSJ: Judge Declares Mistrial in Flint Water Crisis Civil Case, Tatal Ansari, August 11, 2022, 8:53 PM

A judge declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors were unable to reach a verdict in a case involving companies that had been hired to help Flint, Mich., fix its water system but were alleged to have instead contributed to the city's lead-tainted water crisis. Multiple Flint residents had sued Veolia North America and Texas-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc., an engineering consulting firm also known as LAN, accusing them of being partially responsible for the water crisis that began in 2014. The civil case, which involved just a few plaintiffs, was seen as a bellwether for possible further litigation, according to legal experts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [Law360](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Sex Assault Suit Against Former General, Daniel Wilson, August

11, 2022, 7:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed that a former Army colonel could pursue sexual assault allegations against the Pentagon's recently retired second-highest-ranking officer, Gen. John Hyten, saying the colonel's claims could not be considered incident to military service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Pharmacy, Owner Agree to Pay \$4.1 Million to Resolve Liability,

Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:35 PM

Philadelphia-based Spivack Inc. previously operating under the name Verree Pharmacy and owner-pharmacist Mitchell Spivack have agreed to pay more than \$4.1 million to resolve forfeiture claims as well as their civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act and False Claims Act, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Federal Medical Injury Lawsuit Jeopardized by Washington Law, Mary Anne Pazanowski, August 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

Washington's drop-dead date for filing medical malpractice lawsuits likely bars a Navy spouse's suit against the federal government because it's substantive and doesn't conflict with federal law, the Ninth Circuit said Thursday. The Federal Tort Claims Act doesn't supplant Washington's statute of repose, which puts an outside limit of eight years, running from the date of the occurrence, on filing medical malpractice claims, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said. The limit applies even if a patient hasn't discovered an injury and its cause, the court said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Springfield News-Leader: Indoor thermostat company connected to Preferred Family Healthcare to pay \$1M, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

After Preferred Family Healthcare paid more than \$8 million in April, a Springfield company affiliated with the nonprofit is paying \$1 million as part of a non-prosecution agreement, according to a Department of Justice press release. Pro 1 IAQ, Inc., is a Missouri corporation with operations in Springfield and Boulder, Colorado, that designs and sells indoor thermostats nationwide. The corporation signed an agreement that admitted former executive officers engaged in a conspiracy to embezzle funds from Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. from 2008 to November 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KY3 \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Middlesex County Company Admits Undervaluing Merchandise to Avoid Paying U.S. Customs Duties, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 12:58 PM

A Middlesex County company has entered into a settlement agreement with the United States to resolve allegations that it made false statements to avoid paying customs duties, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to the admissions and contentions of the United States in the settlement agreement: Eos Energy Storage LLC (Eos) is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Edison that designs and sells industrial batteries to power companies and other commercial enterprises. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Edison-Metuchen, NJ\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Immigration judge could be replaced over 'stupid' comment, court says, Daniel Wiessner, August 11, 2022, 1:19 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday said a federal immigration board must reconsider disqualifying a judge from a deportation case after she called a Nicaraguan man's claim that he is not fluent in

Spanish "stupid" and "laughable." A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applied too high of a bar in finding that the judge's comment did not violate the due process rights of Rodolfo Tinoco Acevedo, a legal permanent resident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

USA Today: 'Make my day': Texas Gov. Abbott challenges NYC Mayor Adams over migrant busing dispute, Natalie Neysa Alund, August 11, 2022, 7:03 PM

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firing back at New York City Mayor Eric Adams after he threatened to send bus loads of New Yorkers to Texas to campaign against Abbott's re-election bid. "I kind of feel like Clint Eastwood. Go ahead, Mayor. Make my day," Abbott publicly declared Wednesday. The dueling politicians have gone back and forth since the Lone Star State began busing migrants from the Texas-Mexico border to the Big Apple on Aug. 5. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Trump-Era DHS Chief's Immigration Bond Rule Fails In Court, Rae Varona, August 11, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another Trump-era immigration policy promulgated by former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf fell by the wayside, after a California federal judge vacated administrative hurdles imposed on surety companies that wish to challenge the government's determinations that noncitizens have breached their bond conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Biden administration abolishes ICE labor union, Stephen Dinan, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration delivered a death sentence Thursday to the labor organization that represents thousands of employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Federal Labor Relations Authority's decision erases the National ICE Council and leaves its 7,600 members, mostly deportation officers, without a collective bargaining agreement or union representation, members said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

City News Service: Fentanyl Trafficking on the Rise in San Diego County: Customs and Border Protection, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

Federal authorities said Thursday that fentanyl trafficking and drug seizures are on the rise in the San Diego region, which they described as "an epicenter" of fentanyl trafficking into the United States. Law enforcement in San Diego and Imperial counties seized 5,091 pounds of fentanyl from October of 2021 to this June, which is around 60% of all fentanyl that has been seized at ports of entry across the nation during that same time span, according to statistics released by Border Patrol officials and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYMA-NBC \(Yuma, AZ\)](#), [Times of San Diego](#)

Spectrum News: How New York state could help asylum seekers from the southern border in NYC, Susan Arbetter, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

For the past two months, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered asylum seekers and other immigrants who have crossed the border into the U.S. to be bussed to more liberal states like New York, which are struggling to find the capacity to house them. According to Murad Awawdeh, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), the asylum seekers arriving in New York City have sometimes walked thousands of miles to the southern border to find safety and economic opportunity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Alexandria, VA): Dulles Airport Officers Seize Over \$95K In Unreported

Currency From Travelers, AJ Goldbloom, August 11, 2022, 5:06 PM

Custom and Border Protection officers at Washington Dulles International Airport seized over \$95,000 from recent travelers, officials said. Airport officials stopped a couple headed to Lebanon who surrendered over \$29,000 in unauthorized currency on July 21, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Nonpareil (Council Bluffs, IA): **ACLU sues for records in immigration raid in Nebraska**, Martha Stoddard, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska has gone to federal court seeking the release of information on the alleged mistreatment of workers rounded up during a 2018 immigration raid in Nebraska. The group filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court Monday after getting no response to a Freedom of Information Act request for more than two years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mitchell Daily Republic (Mitchell, SD): **Border Patrol: Canadian man at center of South Dakota Amber Alert entered U.S. illegally, drove through fence**, Hunter Dunteman, August 11, 2022, 12:31 PM

A Canadian man who was at the center of an Amber Alert in South Dakota entered the United States illegally by driving through a fence on the border, federal agents said. Benjamin Moore, 50, of Alberta, Canada, was arrested for possible illegal entry and kidnapping, according to a statement shared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Nashua, NH): **Nashua Murder Suspect Reportedly Being Held On Immigration Detainer**, Dan Shalin, August 11, 2022, 10:01 AM

The Nashua man charged with killing 34-year-old Julie Graichen last week is being held on an immigration detainer by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), WMUR reported. Miguel Ramirez, 25, was charged with one count of second-degree murder in the death of Graichen, who was found stabbed to death in a Kinsley Street apartment on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): **Border Patrol held migrants longer than it should in El Paso, OIG says**, Julian Resendiz, August 11, 2022, 9:06 PM

A federal agency says it has complied with the first of four recommendations in an Office of the Inspector General report stating it held hundreds of migrants in El Paso and New Mexico longer than 72 hours. The OIG report released this week is based on surprise visits to seven El Paso Sector facilities last October. The inspections revealed that the Border Patrol held 493 migrants in custody "longer than specified in the applicable standards," which generally limit detention to 72 hours.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMUR-ABC (Manchester, NH): **Man found not guilty in New Hampshire motorcycle crash trial now in ICE custody in Pennsylvania**, KC Downey, August 11, 2022, 6:19 PM

News 9 Investigates has learned that a man found not guilty of causing a crash that killed seven motorcyclists in New Hampshire in 2019 is in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in Pennsylvania. Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 26, a citizen of Ukraine, is being held at the Moshannon Valley ICE Processing Center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, according to the government agency's detainee locator search tool. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **U.S. consumer watchdog considers crackdown on collection of consumer**

information, David Shepardson, August 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. consumer watchdog agency said on Thursday that it will consider rules to better protect Americans' privacy and crack down on businesses that collect far-reaching personal information without consumers' full understanding. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a notice that it is considering writing rules to address lax data security and commercial surveillance, which is the "business of collecting, analyzing, and profiting from information about people."

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#)

Law360: **UnitedHealth, Change Turn Trial Gaze To Horizontal Overlap**, Bryan Koenig, August 12, 2022, 12:03 AM

UnitedHealth Group and Change Healthcare countered Justice Department allegations that their proposed merger threatens direct competition in the claims processing sector by arguing at the D.C. federal court that their plan to divest an insurance claims technology business addresses the DOJ's concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

PYMNTS: **FTC Sends \$9.7M in Fee Refunds to LendingClub Customers**, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:30 PM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is sending over \$9.7 million in payments to 61,990 customers who the FTC said were charged hidden fees from LendingClub, an FTC press release said. The FTC sued LendingClub in 2018 over the allegations that the company falsely promised loan applicants that they'd get a specific amount without hidden fees. The company, the FTC charged, had deducted hundreds or even thousands of dollars in hidden up-front fees from the loans. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Author, Agents Say Advances Only Part Of Puzzle**, Matthew Perlman, August 11, 2022, 10:27 PM

A nonfiction author and several agents told a D.C. federal judge on Thursday that there's more to negotiating a book deal than landing the largest possible advance, while throwing cold water on the government's fears over the merger of Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: **A looming test for tech antitrust battles**, Richard Waters, August 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The idea that your robot vacuum cleaner could suck up data about your home and send it back to Amazon might strike some people as creepy. If that happened, would Alexa start suggesting you buy a new rug when the old one wears out, or recommend a better way to arrange your furniture? Whether this would also be a threat to competition in the nascent home automation market, however, is an altogether different question. Separating those two issues has become of critical importance as regulators in the US break new ground in antitrust enforcement, with data very much at the center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: **US launches process to set Idaho mercury pollution standards**, Keith Ridler, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is developing proposed aquatic life water quality standards for mercury pollution in Idaho that could have statewide ramifications. The agency on Wednesday made public a proposed remedy resulting from a federal court's 2021 ruling in a

lawsuit by the Portland, Oregon-based Northwest Environmental Advocates and the Boise, Idaho-based Idaho Conservation League. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Ruling clouds future of southeast Alaska king salmon fishery, Gene Johnson, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal court ruling this week has thrown into doubt the future of a valuable commercial king salmon fishery in Southeast Alaska, after a conservation group challenged the government's approval of the harvest as a threat to protected fish and the endangered killer whales that eat them. The ruling, issued Monday by U.S. District Judge Richard Jones in Seattle, said NOAA Fisheries violated the Endangered Species Act and other environmental law when it approved the troll fishery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Investors Get Second Chance At Cabot Pollution Suit, Jessica Corso, August 11, 2022, 10:18 PM

A Texas federal judge on Wednesday trimmed securities fraud allegations against Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., saying that investors could bring claims the company hid problems with its Pennsylvania fracking operations, leading to criminal charges and allegedly to a stock price drop. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: NM Judge Trims Navajo Farmers' Claims In Gold King MDL, Andrew Westney, August 11, 2022, 8:36 PM

A New Mexico federal judge on Thursday cut some claims and preserved others brought by Navajo farmers and ranchers against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an EPA contractor for noneconomic damages from the 2015 Gold King Mine spill. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Enviro Groups Say Feds Delaying Protecting Prairie Chicken, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has failed to meet a deadline to protect populations of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act, and now faces a lawsuit from green groups over the delay. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: EPA Contemplates Cumulative Impact Guidance for Civil Rights, Stephen Lee, August 11, 2022, 3:26 PM

The EPA is developing a framework to guide how it will consider cumulative impacts as a possible civil rights violation, an agency official said Thursday. Low-income people of color have voiced concerns about cumulative effects of agency decisions because many of their communities have been home to multiple, overlapping pollution sources for decades. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: FBI Director: Attacks on FBI integrity erode respect for rule of law, Costas Pitas, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

Attacks on the FBI's integrity erode respect for the rule of law, its director said on Thursday after an armed man tried to breach its building in Ohio and following criticism from some Republicans over a raid on Donald Trump's Florida home. "Unfounded attacks on the integrity of the FBI erode respect for the rule of law and are a grave disservice to the men and women who sacrifice so

much to protect others," Christopher Wray said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: OnlyFans model charged for fatally stabbing her boyfriend 'without justification' in April, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An OnlyFans and social media model was arrested in Hawaii on Wednesday and is being charged in the April death of her boyfriend, whom she admitted to police she stabbed. [...] The Hawaii County Police Department said she was arrested on the big island of Hawaii on Wednesday, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Authorities used an [sic] warrant issued by Miami-Dade County, Florida. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: Car crash in Wyoming leads to huge meth bust at Santa Clara warehouse, Summer Lin, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

A car crash in Wyoming last month led federal agents across state lines to a Santa Clara warehouse believed to be used as a methamphetamine cooking and conversion site. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration raided a Santa Clara warehouse on Aug. 3, in the 600 block of Martin Avenue, where they found a laboratory believed to be an "active methamphetamine conversion site," according to court filings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Cause of Indiana house explosion that killed 3 and damaged 39 homes still undetermined, authorities say, Claudia Dominguez and Michelle Watson, August 11, 2022, 9:19 PM

The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [...] Search and rescue teams will be allowed back into the area once utilities are secured and the ATF determines its part of the investigation is over, Connelly said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: 'We have a problem': New ATF director takes agency's reins as country confronts a rise in violent crime, Devan Cole, Josh Campbell and Anna-Maja Rappard, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

The new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took the agency's helm last month at a time when gun violence and extremism are on the rise, putting him among a handful of top federal officials tasked with preventing and responding to high-profile incidents of violent crime rocking the nation. "I think the first thing we need to do is to be honest about the fact that we have a problem," Steve Dettelbach, the ATF's first Senate-approved leader in seven years, told CNN in an interview this week. "I will tell you, it's gotten more bold, more brazen and more violent." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Feds, police lacked probable cause to break in, search Pa. home: lawsuit, John Beauge, August 11, 2022, 7:21 PM

A search of a Williamsport home that did not result in any charges has led to a federal lawsuit against the FBI, U.S. Marshals, up to five unnamed city police officers and Agent Tyson Havens of the Lycoming County Narcotics Enforcement Unit. The complaint filed Tuesday in U.S. Middle District Court says officers broke into the home in the 900 block of Memorial Avenue on Aug. 19, 2020, without knocking or announcing their intention while the occupants were sleeping. Officers stormed inside, made threats and pointed guns at people inside the home, including children, according to the lawsuit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Fugitive arrested in Harrisburg after three-hour standoff,

Becky Metrick, August 11, 2022, 4:54 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, Harrisburg police and other law enforcement officials apprehended a man wanted on multiple felony warrants near 2nd and Forster streets, city spokesman Matt Maisel said. Police closed 2nd Street at Forster on Thursday afternoon around 1:30, and Rahfeek Scott was detained around 4 p.m. in the 800 block of Green Street. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): 5 people arrested after drug bust in Okeechobee,

Monica Magalhaes, August 11, 2022, 11:18 PM

Five people were arrested Thursday after drugs were found inside a home in Okeechobee. Officials said the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, the Special Response Team, and field agents from the DEA executed a search warrant in a home located at 2942 NW 35th Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPEC-CBS \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): U.S. Marshals join search for suspect in Lincoln County shooting that injured 2 children, 1 adult,

Jessica Barnett, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The search for a suspect who shot at a vehicle filled with people in Tennessee before possibly fleeing to Alabama has now gotten the attention of the U.S. Marshals Service. Chief Deputy Joyce McConnell of the Lincoln County (Tenn.) Sheriff's Office said U.S. Marshals were called to help find 42-year-old Brodrick DeWayne Fearn. McConnell said Fearn has also been entered into the National Crime Information Center database, allowing law enforcement agencies across the country to help as well. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids, MI): DEA brings Operation Engage to West Michigan,

Kyle Kuhns, August 11, 2022, 5:49 PM

On Thursday, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration were in Grand Rapids to discuss multiple efforts going on in West Michigan to regulate controlled substances in communities. One of those efforts is through a program called Operation Engage. The initiative is meant to help raise awareness on local drug threats to reduce substance misuse. It's also meant to help connect the DEA with the communities they serve. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): One of six suspects in aggravated kidnapping arrested,

Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

One of three suspects wanted for an aggravated kidnapping case was arrested. As previously reported by ValleyCentral, on Sunday, July 3, 2022, deputies responded to an aggravated kidnapping at Avenida Katarina in Cameron Park, a release by the Cameron County Sheriff's Office stated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVII-ABC (Amarillo, TX): 2 arrested after 14 pounds of cocaine found in spare tire during traffic stop,

Jamie Burch, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Two people were arrested after a state trooper found 14 pounds of cocaine in the spare tire of a car, according to authorities in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety said a state trooper stopped a Hyundai Elantra around 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday on Interstate 40 in Conway for a traffic violation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): FBI officials warn of cyber threats, sextortion of

Tennessee children, Conley Grayson Norris, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

Cyber threats and sextortion are global crimes emerging here in Tennessee. Officials with the

FBI's Memphis Field Office say children are spending a lot more time on the internet, which makes them more susceptible to sextortion. They say they are being bombarded with complaints. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMSN-Fox (Madison, WI): US Marshals Service: Man who escaped custody at Milwaukee airport in 2021 arrested in Ohio, Logan Reigstad, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 40-year-old man who escaped custody at Mitchell International Airport in late 2021 was arrested in northern Ohio on Wednesday, the U.S. Marshals Service said Thursday. In a news release, the agency said Robert Johnson, Jr., was arrested after leading law enforcement in Toledo, Ohio, on a chase on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Police: Man found with blasting caps in carry-on at Pittsburgh International Airport, Madeline Bartos, August 11, 2022, 2:47 PM

A man was arrested after police said TSA officers at the Pittsburgh International Airport found two blasting caps in his carry-on bag. [...] Investigators said he was stopped just before 9 a.m. Thursday at the main security checkpoint. County police were called, and both the FBI and ATF were notified. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

East Bay Times: U.S. Department of Justice reverses course, won't seek execution of alleged Sureño accused of three murders, Nate Gartrell, August 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

More than two years after indicating they would seek death against an alleged Bay Area gang member charged with murdering three people, federal prosecutors have reversed course, filing court papers that say execution is no longer on the table. In December 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice indicated that Michael "Gallo" Rebolledo, 33, would be the lone defendant to face a potential death sentence out of 10 alleged Sureño gang members charged with a total of seven murder counts and several other shootings. In a court document reversing the decision, filed July 12, prosecutors didn't state the reason death is no longer being sought. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: Supreme Court Denies Coinbase's Request to Block Customer Lawsuits, Vicky Ge Huang, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase Global's request for emergency intervention in two lawsuits filed by angry customers. Earlier this month, Coinbase asked the court to block a pair of lawsuits and send the cases to arbitration. Federal judges in California had refused the company's demand for the disputes to be heard in arbitration. Coinbase wrote in the filings that the company would suffer "irreparable harm" if the Supreme Court allowed the lawsuits to proceed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Supreme Court to hear case that could end 40 years of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, Haley Chi-Sing, August 11, 2022, 11:30 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear one of two cases on Oct. 31 that could dismantle the 40-year precedent of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, with universities now urging the court to preserve the decision despite some expert opinion to the

contrary. *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President & Fellows of Harvard College* is one of two cases to come before the Supreme Court urging it to eliminate race as an admissions factor and, as a result, overturn the precedent case, *Grutter v. Bollinger*. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Cherry-picked history: Reva Siegel on “living originalism” in *Dobbs*, Angie Gou, August 11, 2022, 4:57 PM

“*Dobbs* is the product of originalism,” Reva Siegel, professor of law at Yale University, said last month. Few legal scholars would disagree. But for Siegel, the more interesting question is what originalism means in practice and how it led to the elimination of the constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Siegel explored those issues during the 18th Robert H. Jackson Lecture, an annual event featuring Supreme Court experts hosted by the Chautauqua Institution. This year’s lecture occurred on July 11 and was recently posted online. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Law360: Biden's 10th Circ. Pick Seen As Humble Yet Savvy Prosecutor, Hannah Albariza, August 11, 2022, 9:41 PM

President Joe Biden has tapped for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals a longtime federal prosecutor who's respected across party lines for his humility and compassion and, if confirmed, would be the first person of color from Kansas to serve as a judge in that court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Archives to return Native American remains, burial objects, Kim Chandler, August 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

The remains of Native American people who once lived in Alabama were dug up a century ago often by amateur archaeologists and given to the state along with the jewelry, urns and other objects buried with them. The Alabama Department of Archives and History announced this week that it is beginning the process of returning the remains and funerary objects held in its collections to tribes as required by federal law. The department also announced it had removed the funerary objects from displays where the artifacts had sat for years, viewed by school groups and other visitors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Mich. Wins Chance To Tax Tribe's Members Off-Reservation, Sanjay Talwani, August 11, 2022, 6:32 PM

A federal judge on Thursday amended an injunction that prevented Michigan from collecting use tax from members of an American Indian tribe both inside and outside its tribal boundaries, saying state law could allow apportionment for off-reservation taxation of tribal members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Gov't Agencies Team Up For Tribal Broadband Program, Isaac Monterose, August 11, 2022, 5:21 PM

Two federal agencies have agreed to comply with a tribal broadband internet program's requirements for cultural resources, historic preservation and environmental protection, which will allow "high-speed internet service to be deployed quickly while also ensuring safeguards to protect Native lands and interests." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): **5 people plead not guilty to murder of Pine Ridge teenager,** Jack Siebold, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

Five people pleaded not guilty to federal charges related to the murder of a juvenile female near Rockyford on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Tyson White Plume, age 27, pleaded not guilty to second degree murder and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: **New York Will Start Accepting Marijuana Dispensary Applications In Two Weeks—Exclusively From People Harmed By Drug War,** Kyle Jaeger, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

New York marijuana regulators on Thursday announced that they will be officially begin accepting applications for the state's first adult-use retailer licenses, reserved for people impacted by the drug war, starting on August 25. This comes about a month after the Cannabis Control Board (CCB) approved the initial conditional adult-use licensing rules and accepted a mockup of the application form. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): **Marijuana legalization in Missouri raises questions about cannabis banking,** Kevin Barry, August 11, 2022, 11:06 PM

Missouri's recreational adult marijuana use ballot measure could expand the demand for marijuana products by a lot if the pool of potential customers vastly expands. Estimates say more than \$60 billion are spend [sic] on legal marijuana products every year with future estimates continuing to climb. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Patch (San Francisco, CA): **Judge Finds Walgreens Liable For Opioid Epidemic In San Francisco,** Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 11:39 PM

A federal court judge found Walgreens liable for contributing to the opioid epidemic in San Francisco in a trial that concluded on Wednesday. The court ruled that Walgreens overdispensed opioids without proper due diligence and failed to identify, report, and halt suspicious orders as required by law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

The Hill: **Biden's new challenge is FBI's Trump search,** Morgan Chalfant and Amie Parnes, August 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The White House has a new messaging challenge on its hands: Donald Trump. President Biden, wary of appearing to influence the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the former president, doesn't want to talk about the FBI search earlier this week at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Morning Joe: **[VIDEO] White House Not Directing DOJ Investigation In 'Any way,' Says Adviser,** Joe Scarborough, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

White House Senior Adviser Anita Dunn discusses the July inflation numbers, the FBI's search of

Mar-a-Lago and why she says the White House is not directing the DOJ's investigation into Trump in any way. Dunn also discusses President Biden's signing of the PACT Act for veterans. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Biden tries to tread carefully after FBI searches Trump's home**, Naomi Lim, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

President Joe Biden's relationship with the Justice Department has become more complicated after the FBI enforced a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and office in Florida. With presidential son Hunter Biden under scrutiny by federal law enforcement officials, the White House has from the start aimed to keep a healthy distance from the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. The situation grew thornier after the FBI's Aug. 9 search of Trump's Palm Beach estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Insider: **Republicans may have shot themselves in the foot by hammering the DOJ to release the Mar-a-Lago search warrant**, Camila DeChalus, Sonam Sheth, August 11, 2022, 8:37 PM

Former President Donald Trump's allies have spent this week clamoring for the Justice Department to release details from its search warrant for Mar-a-Lago and other supporting documentation. Now, it looks like they might get what they asked for. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday at a news conference that the Justice Department has filed a motion to unseal portions of the warrant following Trump's "public confirmation of the search." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The Department of Justice has asked a federal court to unseal the search warrant the FBI used to search the Florida home of former President Donald Trump. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say a heavily armed man in Ohio attempted to breach an FBI field office this morning, leading to a shootout. The attack comes after the FBI's search at Mar-a-Lago prompted anti-law enforcement rhetoric and calls for violence. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The average price for a gallon of regular gas has dipped below \$4 for the first time in five months. The relief stems from an increase in global oil supply and a decrease in fuel demand. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The CDC has updated its COVID guidance to loosen a number of its health recommendations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Firefighters in France are battling raging wildfires near Bordeaux, fueled by one of Europe's worst droughts in centuries during a historic heatwave that has killed thousands. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Heavy fighting is again raging around Europe's largest nuclear plant, with Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of shelling the facility. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly one year after the US withdrawal from Kabul, Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan with more on what's changed in the country now that the Taliban is firmly in control. [[ABC](#)]
- A non-profit farm outside Kansas City is growing more than just crops in its field, it's also showing how boys can grow into responsible men by teaching them the importance of teamwork and the great outdoors. [[CBS](#)]
- When someone comes into a hospital and alleges abuse, forensic nurses traditionally look for signs of bruising with the naked eye. However, because pigment in darker skin is closer to the skin's surface than the bruise, they may see nothing. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Garland asks court to unseal warrant for Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker And Michael Balsamo, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Justice Department is asking a federal court to unseal the warrant the FBI used to search the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald Trump, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, acknowledging extraordinary public interest in the case about classified records. The request is striking because such documents traditionally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the Justice Department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what

prompted Monday's action at the former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Garland Calls Trump's Bluff as Justice Department Moves to Unseal Warrant, Charlie Savage, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Thursday called former President Donald J. Trump's bluff. Ever since the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at Mr. Trump's Florida residence on Monday, Mr. Trump and his supporters have been portraying the search as baseless and politically motivated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Here are the main takeaways from Garland's statement on the Mar-a-Lago search, Glenn Thrush, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

All week, former President Donald J. Trump's allies pressed Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to explain the basis for the search warrant federal agents had executed at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence — and he refused to break the silence he wears like his unwrinkled, federal blue suit. On Thursday, Mr. Garland finally responded, summoning the news media to a seventh-floor briefing room at the headquarters of the Justice Department to offer a public rationale. The new information he provided was extremely limited, and largely dependent on whether Mr. Trump's lawyers choose to block the release of the warrant and other documents sealed by a federal judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago, George F. Will, August 11, 2022, 6:39 PM

After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he did not have "a political bone" in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately. His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland's surprise announcement calls the Trump-GOP bluff, Paul Waldman and Greg Sargent, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

Since Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort was searched by FBI agents, Republicans have relentlessly attacked the bureau, the Justice Department and Attorney General Merrick Garland for conducting a supposed political vendetta. Unfortunately, too often the press has allowed their baseless accusations to pollute this story, so a bizarre inversion of reality has been given nearly equal weight with known facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland is no gambler. My bet is he's acting on more than a hunch, Michael Gerson, August 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago has created a logical tension at the center of American political life. An attorney general known for prudence and the restoration of norms has acted in bold and unprecedented fashion. If the FBI has been used as an instrument of political harassment — as some Republican leaders allege, without evidence — then former judge Merrick Garland has become Mr. Hyde. Or, in the typically restrained Republican translation, a Nazi. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Esquire](#), [HuffPo](#), [New Republic](#)

ABC: Garland puts pressure back on Trump as GOP targets Justice: The Note, Rick Klein, Averi Harper, and Alisa Wiersema, August 12, 2022, 6:06 AM

For those inclined to think Attorney General Merrick Garland is playing chess to counter former President Donald Trump's checkers, consider how much easier it is to win at checkers. Consider as well the extraordinary challenge Garland threw back to Trump — and not just with the decision his legal team

now faces Friday about whether to stand in the way of public release of the search warrant and list of items seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] FBI weaponized by Biden Justice Department in campaign against Trump,

Michael R. Pompeo, August 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

On Monday night, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials raided former President Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago after following through on a search warrant. In so doing, a federal government agency undertook the most severe and egregious action against a former president in the history of our country. This raid goes far beyond an alleged need to recover documents and return them to the National Archives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Trump lawyer slams Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: 'Pathetic presser', Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:31 AM

Attorney for former President Donald Trump Christina Bobb reacted to Attorney General Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI's raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on "The Ingraham Angle." CHRISTINA BOBB: This is what the Democrats do. They don't have any good reason for doing what they did. The pathetic presser that Merrick Garland held for three minutes was insufficient, so they had to create fear. Normally, they should come out with exactly what happened, and why, and explain themselves and if it was a good reason, they would have solid ground. They are not on solid ground. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for AG search warrant for Unabomber's cabin: Former FBI official, Joshua Comins, August 11, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former FBI deputy assistant director of counterterrorism Terry Turchie said Attorney General Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for a search warrant for the Unabomber's cabin on Thursday's "Jesse Watters Primetime." "I've never said this publicly, but I'll just tell you right now because it just sickens me to watch and listen to Merrick Garland, because Merrick Garland was in charge of the prosecution at DOJ of the Unabomber," Turchie said. "And I have to tell you something: He would not recommend to the AG that our search warrant to get into Theodore Kaczynski's cabin be approved." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: DOJ bets its future on how it handles the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Ryan J. Reilly, August 11, 2022, 10:11 PM

In approving the unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Justice Department leaders have bet the house on their handling of an investigation that will have sweeping implications for the future of both federal law enforcement and American democracy. Monday's hourslong search of Trump's Florida resort in connection with an investigation into classified documents that Trump is alleged to have kept on the property will reverberate in American politics for the foreseeable future. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, The Last Word: [VIDEO] 'Merrick Garland Has Outsmarted Donald Trump At Every Turn', Lawrence O'Donnell, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell explains how Attorney General Garland "has handled the most important week of his life flawlessly" and says "Donald Trump has no idea what to say now with Merrick Garland closing in on him." [[Watch](#)]

ABC: Congressional Republicans call Garland's remarks on Mar-a-Lago search insufficient, Tal Axelrod, August 11, 2022, 6:10 PM

Congressional Republicans were quick to pan Merrick Garland's Thursday remarks on the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago -- calling the attorney general's comments insufficient and insisting the Justice Department release more information behind the unprecedented raid even as Garland said he wants the search warrant unsealed. But GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department's motion to unseal

parts of the warrant would not cut it, demanding that more information behind the search's genesis was needed given the gravity of the operation at a former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland praised for 'speaking up' as DOJ moves to make FBI Mar-a-Lago search details public, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

Donald Trump could reveal the details of the FBI Mar-a-Lago search right now, but he has not, leaving the dangling question of, "why?" Now, the Department of Justice is moving to make that information public. We also bring you fresh reporting on a subpoena from this past spring concerning sensitive documents the FBI believed Trump was still improperly holding. Dr. Jason Johnson in for Joy Reid and our panel of experts analyze this developing story on The ReidOut on MSNBC. [[Watch](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Warrant, FBI Office Attacked, New CDC COVID Guidance, August 12, 2022, 5:52 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has requested that the Mar-a-Lago search warrant be made public (1:16). Violent rhetoric from the GOP fueled an attack on the Cincinnati FBI office (5:47). The CDC relaxes COVID-19 guidance signaling a new phase of the pandemic (9:38). [[Listen](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] Why it took so long for Merrick Garland to go public, Myah Ward, August 11, 2022, 7:59 PM

Merrick Garland has broken his silence. In a five-minute afternoon presser, the attorney general revealed that he personally approved of the decision to execute the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on Monday, and announced the Department of Justice's decision to unseal portions of the warrant. The move comes after three days of wall-to-wall media coverage and a massive outcry from Republicans who have demanded more information about the search and why it was necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsday: [EDITORIAL] Garland's position makes plain sense, Editorial Board, August 11, 2022, 7:42 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's terse but strong statement on Thursday regarding the search of former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida brought a brief and timely glimpse of light to a muddled situation created by the former commander-in-chief himself. Yes, Garland approved the warrant for federal agents to search Mar-a-Lago. No, the former federal appeals court judge did not take this measure involving a former president lightly. And he made it clear that he won't abide by "unfounded attacks" on the FBI and Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Merrick Garland calls Trump's bluff, Kyle Cheney and Meridith McGraw, August 11, 2022, 7:11 PM

Donald Trump and his allies spent days pounding the Justice Department for executing a search warrant at the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, whipping supporters into a frenzy and exploiting DOJ's characteristic secrecy by telling their own versions of events. Some even developed a rallying cry as they attacked the department: Release the warrant! [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Judicial group launches ads claiming Democrats endanger Supreme Court justices, Alex Swoyer, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

A conservative judicial group launched a \$10 million ad campaign this week claiming that Democrats are endangering Supreme Court justices, and is targeting Attorney General Merrick Garland in its first ad. Judicial Crisis Network's first cable and digital ad will launch Thursday in the Washington, D.C., market. It claims that Mr. Garland cowered to a "woke mob" by refusing to enforce federal laws against protesting in front of a justice's home as an attempt to obstruct justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Ex-cop sentenced to more than 7 years in prison for role in storming U.S. Capitol, Sarah N. Lynch, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A former Virginia police sergeant who joined Donald Trump's supporters in storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison on Thursday, a Justice Department spokesperson said. A jury in April convicted Thomas Robertson, a former police sergeant for the town of Rocky Mount, Virginia, of six criminal charges, including obstructing an official proceeding and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

Bloomberg: [OPINION] Bolton Plot Should Be a Warning on Iran Nuclear Talks, Bobby Ghosh, August 11, 2022, 8:27 PM

The Iranian regime has a long, dishonorable history of assassination plots against dissidents and detractors abroad, but commissioning a hit against a former US national security adviser represents a raising of the bar in brazenness. The revelation that a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps attempted to have John Bolton murdered — on American soil, at that — should serve as a sobering reminder for President Joe Biden of Tehran's depravity as he contemplates making a deal that will both enrich and embolden those behind the plot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#)

WSJ: Man Who Brandished Rifle at Cincinnati FBI Office Killed in Standoff, Ben Kesling and Sadie Gurman, August 11, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man armed with a rifle tried to break into the security screening area of the FBI's Cincinnati field office before fleeing the scene and being killed in a gunbattle with police, officials said. The man attempted to breach the screening area at the office Thursday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. His entry set off an alarm, and armed agents responded. He first fired a nail gun at law enforcement, then brandished an AR-15-style rifle before fleeing in a Ford Crown Victoria, according to law enforcement officials. He was reportedly wearing body armor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WTGS (Hardeeville, SC): Iraqi man sentenced to federal prison for attempting to smuggle guns through Savannah: DOJ, Parker Fluke, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Iraqi national has been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of attempting to smuggle guns through the Port of Savannah, according to a release from the US Dept. of Justice. U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia David Estes said Nihad Al Jaber, 43, of Clarkston, received a sentence of 94 months in prison. His charges included smuggling, failure to notify a common carrier and submitting false or misleading export information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Detailed accusations of Secret Service impeding Jan 6 investigation were scrapped from report to Congress, Whitney Wild and Zachary Cohen, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A memo detailing how federal investigators believed the Secret Service was impeding them from obtaining key information about the agency's response to January 6, 2021, was significantly altered to remove reference to nearly all those efforts before a final report was presented to lawmakers in June. The memo's original language contained detailed descriptions from the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office of the multiple ways the Secret Service stalled the watchdog's investigation into the agency's actions before and during the Capitol riot, including erasing text messages from that day. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Politico](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump calls for 'immediate' release of Mar-a-Lago warrant, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo,

August 12, 2022, 12:20 AM

Former President Donald Trump called late Thursday for the “immediate” release of the federal warrant the FBI used to search his Florida estate, hours after the Justice Department had asked a court to unseal the warrant, with Attorney General Merrick Garland citing the “substantial public interest in this matter.” In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, “Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents.” He continued to assail the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago as “unAmerican, unwarranted and unnecessary.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapotosky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys, a state attorney general and the Justice Department. Authorities are looking into Trump and his family business for a medley of possible wrongdoing, including his actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol and how he valued his various assets for loan and tax purposes. The probes threaten Trump with criminal or financial penalties, or plain old public embarrassment, as he remains a dominant presence in his party and weighs a 2024 bid to return to the White House. Here’s a list of the key investigations and where they stand. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: FBI searched Trump’s home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris , August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump’s Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Forbes](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WaPo: How agents get warrants like the one used at Mar-a-Lago, and what they mean, Perry Stein, August 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

FBI agents executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump’s Florida home on Monday, taking about a dozen boxes of material after opening a safe and entering a padlocked storage area. Trump and his allies have denounced the search as unlawful and politically motivated but provided no evidence to back that up and have refused to share a copy of the warrant with the public. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Media outlets file motion to unseal entirety of DOJ’s records to search Mar-a-Lago, Jared Gans, August 11, 2022, 8:41 PM

A group of four major media companies filed a motion on Thursday to unseal all court documents related to the search warrant that the FBI executed at former President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago property on Monday. The Washington Post, CNN, NBC News and E.W. Scripps Company filed the motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to ask for documents pertaining to the search warrant, including the search warrants themselves, the warrant application, “all probable cause affidavits filed in support of the search warrant” and any motion to seal the “warrant-related records”, among other things. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: Trump talked his way into DOJ requesting release of records from Mar-a-Lago search, Sonam Sheth, C. Ryan Barber, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday asked a federal judge to unseal the search warrant and other records related to the raid of Mar-a-Lago, the South Florida home and members-only club of former

President Donald Trump. At a press conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department had taken the unusual step "in light of the former president's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter." The attorney general also confirmed that he personally signed off on the pursuit of a warrant to search Trump's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Dad gets home detention for bribing Georgetown coach, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Pennsylvania man who pleaded guilty to bribing a Georgetown University tennis coach to get his daughter into the school was sentenced Thursday to about a month in home detention. Robert Repella, a former pharmaceutical executive, agreed to pay then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst at least \$120,000 to have his daughter designated as a tennis recruit for the Washington D.C. university, prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [Law360](#),

Bloomberg: US Capitol's '600 Rooms' Spurred Subpoena Confusion, Ex-Trump Aide Says in Jan. 6 Case, Sabrina Willmer, August 11, 2022, 11:14 AM

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is arguing in his criminal contempt case that a subpoena left out the room in which he was to testify before the US House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The Capitol building has 600 rooms and the subpoena didn't specify which one, Navarro's lawyer John Rowley said at a hearing Thursday in federal court in Washington. He added that the panel later changed the site of the deposition to a different building altogether. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courier (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA): Man injured in 2020 gunfight sentenced on gun charges, Jeff Reinitz, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man who was shot in the chest during a 2020 gunfight in Waterloo has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Judge C.J. Williams sentenced Chad Edward Lee, 20, to up to eight years and four months in federal prison during a Thursday hearing in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Orlando Sentinel: Clermont cheerleading coach indicted for sexually assaulting minors he trained, DOJ says, Amanda Rabines, August 11, 2022, 8:50 PM

The Clermont cheerleading coach who was arrested at his Winter Garden home for allegedly sexually assaulting minors he trained is facing a possible life sentence after being indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida. Vigiland D'Haiti, 40, has been charged with one count of possessing images and videos of children being sexually exploited, one count of production of child sexual abuse images and videos, and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Baltimore Sun: After receiving time served in city, Baltimore arsonist sentenced in federal court to 12 years for setting fire to ex-girlfriend's home, Jessica Anderson, August 11, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Baltimore man who received a controversial sentence last year in the city for setting his ex-girlfriend's home on fire was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison. Luther Moody Trent, 22, pleaded guilty in June to one count of malicious destruction in connection to a blaze at his ex-girlfriend's house where she and two others were inside. Trent admitted to pouring gasoline on her rowhouse at 1900 Linden Ave. on May 21, 2021, and lighting it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Republican (Springfield, MA): Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez sentenced to 19.5 years in prison for killing crew mate with knife and hammer off coast of Massachusetts, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

A scalloping ship crewmember who attacked three co-workers, killing one, was sentenced in Boston federal court Thursday to 19 and a half years in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2018 incident off the coast of Massachusetts, officials said. Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to 235 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, the United States Attorney's Office said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Tennessean (Nashville, TN): **Former T.J. Martel Foundation VP Melissa Goodwin faces prison time in embezzlement scheme**, Molly Davis, August 11, 2022, 5:51 PM

Melissa Goodwin was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling more than \$3.7 million from the T.J. Martel Foundation for Cancer Research, U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced Thursday. Goodwin worked as the executive vice president and general manager of the foundation. She was charged with wire fraud earlier this year and pleaded guilty to devising and operating a scheme to defraud the foundation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): **Vancouver man pleads guilty to federal charge of mail fraud**, Becca Robbins, August 11, 2022, 5:15 PM

A Vancouver man pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with a Ponzi scheme that defrauded 32 investors of \$4.3 million. Charles Richard Burgess, 66, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 4 in U.S. District Court in Tacoma. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charging information, filed Aug. 4, states that between 1995 and April 2021, Burgess sold investments in an unregistered investment vehicle that he called "the pool." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Providence Journal: **U.S. Attorney: Pawtucket man videotaped kidnapping of man believed to be police informant**, Jack Perry, August 11, 2022, 4:45 PM

On Wednesday, a Pawtucket man pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges and admitted his role in the violent kidnapping of a man he and others mistakenly believed had been cooperating with police, law-enforcement officials in Massachusetts announced. Anthony Basilici, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, victim or informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Baltimore Sun: **Pasadena man, 21, pleads guilty to federal child pornography charge**, Dan Belson, August 11, 2022, 4:37 PM

A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to a child pornography possession charge, admitting that he used file sharing services to collect and distribute images of sexual abuse. The charges against Raymond Martin Shamer III, of Pasadena, stem from a Department of Homeland Security investigation into the former Massachusetts Maritime Academy student's social media accounts, which authorities said he used to upload and share child pornography files. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **Bessemer kingpin sentenced to life in federal prison for leading multi-million-dollar drug enterprise**, Carol Robinson, August 11, 2022, 11:05 AM

A Bessemer man convicted under the federal drug "Kingpin" statute has been sentenced to life in prison. Rolando Antuain Williamson, aka "Baldhead" and "Ball Head," was found guilty in April.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KEPR-CBS (Pasco, WA): **Kennewick drug trafficker sentenced to ten years in federal prison**, Sasha Terry, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

On August 11th, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, Vanessa R. Waldref announced that 30-year-old Aurelio James Gonzalez of Kennewick has been sentenced in federal court in Spokane for two counts of Distribution of Methamphetamine. Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced Gonzales to a total of 120 months in federal prison and ordered Gonzales to serve a five-year term of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): 'Horrendous': Former Fort Campbell soldier, wife sentenced for child pornography crimes, Stephanie Langston, August 11, 2022, 9:39 PM

Disturbing, unthinkable images shared between a former Fort Campbell soldier and his wife landed the couple in federal prison. On Wednesday, Kara Adkins was sentenced to more than 20 years and Robert Adkins was sentenced to 10 years for child pornography crimes. Robert Adkins was an automated logistical specialist. He was a staff sergeant and served approximately 16 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [WTVN-ABC \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): Penitas Mayor pleaded guilty to fraud, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 8:31 PM

The mayor of Penitas pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with the La Joya Independent School District, a release states. Rodrigo Lopez, 38 of Penitas, admitted that in 2018 he aided and abetted the La Joya ISD athletic director in committing fraud against the district. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [KRGV-ABC \(Weslaco, TX\)](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Des Moines identity thief indicted for bank fraud on the run; stole more than \$100K over 3 years, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:12 PM

A 48-year-old Des Moines woman is being sought by law enforcement after escaping from federal agents when they tried to arrest her Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Nick Brown's office announced. Jennifer Suazo, also known as Jennifer Esperanza, was indicted by a grand jury for five counts of bank fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Man sentenced for threatening public officials in Norfolk, Dina Weinstein, August 11, 2022, 8:09 PM

A New York man was sentenced today to more than nine years in federal prison for mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and to a federal prosecutor, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, 29-year-old Brock Beeman sent multiple threatening letters from prison to government employees associated with a separate criminal prosecution of Beeman in Norfolk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Las Vegas man charged for running Ponzi scheme that bilked Northern Ohioans, others out of a combined \$8.5 million, Justin McMullen, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Las Vegas sports bettor was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud for running what the U.S. Department of Justice called a Ponzi scheme that defrauded approximately 72 victims, including many in Northern Ohio, out of more than \$8.5 million. Matthew J. Turnipseede, 49, allegedly promised investors in four of his companies double-digit returns, telling them that their money would generate profits through "sophisticated sports wagers" made with the help of an algorithm, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio's office said in a release announcing the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Parma man charged with helping set fire to parking booth during 2020 riots in Downtown Cleveland, Tyler Carey, August 11, 2022, 5:27 PM

A Parma man is facing federal charges for his alleged role in the infamous Downtown Cleveland riots from more than two years ago. Seth Calig, 49, is accused of helping a group set fire to a parking booth

back on May 30, 2020. Specifically, the Department of Justice alleges Calig used a lighter to ignite a roll of paper towels before placing the flaming object inside the structure on West 3rd Street, while others looked on. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Georgia man sentenced after threatening to blow up New York IRS office, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced in federal court after admitting to his threats to blow up an IRS office in New York. According to the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office, Benjamin Stasko, 34, of St. Simons Island, posted a comment on a federal agency's website on July 6th, 2020, alleging that a pipe bomb had been planted as a threat towards the IRS in the Ted Weiss Federal Building in New York, New York. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man charged with unlicensed dealing in firearms: attorney, Avery Van Etten, August 11, 2022, 3:54 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted Wednesday on allegations that he purchased guns for other people and engaged in unlicensed dealing in firearms. Johvaughan Young, 23, allegedly purchased 13 handguns between June 30, 2020, and Sept. 14, 2021, that he said for were himself when they actually were not, according to a release from United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Monday hearing set for 2 ex-cops in George Floyd's killing, STEVE KARNOWSKI, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

A judge scheduled a hearing for Monday on the "status of plea negotiations" for the two remaining officers awaiting trial on state charges in the killing of George Floyd, with the hearing coming after the judge's window for accepting any deal appears to have closed. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill said in previous orders that he would not accept plea agreements unless they came within a 15-day window after former Officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were sentenced in federal court on separate civil rights charges. Those sentences came down July 27. His orders did not specify business days or calendar days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Dallas salon shooting suspect indicted on hate crime charge for allegedly shooting 3 Korean women, Amanda Su, August 11, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon in May was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced. Jeremy Smith, 37, is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault, each with a hate-crime enhancement and punishable by five years to life in prison. He was arrested by Dallas police on May 16 and remains in the county jail with bail set at \$700,000. [...] Texas federal prosecutors, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division partnered for a federal hate crime investigation into Smith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Texas governor must turn over Dropbox files in redistricting case, Stephen Paulsen, August 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has ordered Texas Governor Greg Abbott to turn over documents in an ongoing dispute over proposed election maps in Texas — including documents stored online through a Dropbox link. In a lawsuit that started last year, the League of United Latin American Citizens and other civil rights groups allege that new Texas congressional maps "unlawfully dilute the voting strength of Latinos." With around 4 million new residents in the 2020 census, Texas is the only state set to gain two new congressional seats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

WSJ: Judge Declares Mistrial in Flint Water Crisis Civil Case, Tatal Ansari, August 11, 2022, 8:53 PM

A judge declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors were unable to reach a verdict in a case involving companies that had been hired to help Flint, Mich., fix its water system—but were alleged to have instead contributed to the city's lead-tainted water crisis. Multiple Flint residents had sued Veolia North America and Texas-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc., an engineering consulting firm also known as LAN, accusing them of being partially responsible for the water crisis that began in 2014. The civil case, which involved just a few plaintiffs, was seen as a bellwether for possible further litigation, according to legal experts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI, Law360\)](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Sex Assault Suit Against Former General, Daniel Wilson, August 11, 2022, 7:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed that a former Army colonel could pursue sexual assault allegations against the Pentagon's recently retired second-highest-ranking officer, Gen. John Hyten, saying the colonel's claims could not be considered incident to military service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Pharmacy, Owner Agree to Pay \$4.1 Million to Resolve Liability, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:35 PM

Philadelphia-based Spivack Inc.—previously operating under the name Verree Pharmacy—and owner-pharmacist Mitchell Spivack have agreed to pay more than \$4.1 million to resolve forfeiture claims as well as their civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act and False Claims Act, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Federal Medical Injury Lawsuit Jeopardized by Washington Law, Mary Anne Pazanowski, August 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

Washington's drop-dead date for filing medical malpractice lawsuits likely bars a Navy spouse's suit against the federal government because it's substantive and doesn't conflict with federal law, the Ninth Circuit said Thursday. The Federal Tort Claims Act doesn't supplant Washington's statute of repose, which puts an outside limit of eight years, running from the date of the occurrence, on filing medical malpractice claims, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said. The limit applies even if a patient hasn't discovered an injury and its cause, the court said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Springfield News-Leader: Indoor thermostat company connected to Preferred Family Healthcare to pay \$1M, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

After Preferred Family Healthcare paid more than \$8 million in April, a Springfield company affiliated with the nonprofit is paying \$1 million as part of a non-prosecution agreement, according to a Department of Justice press release. Pro 1 IAQ, Inc., is a Missouri corporation with operations in Springfield and Boulder, Colorado, that designs and sells indoor thermostats nationwide. The corporation signed an agreement that admitted former executive officers engaged in a conspiracy to embezzle funds from Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. from 2008 to November 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KY3 \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Middlesex County Company Admits Undervaluing Merchandise to Avoid Paying U.S. Customs Duties, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 12:58 PM

A Middlesex County company has entered into a settlement agreement with the United States to resolve allegations that it made false statements to avoid paying customs duties, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to the admissions and contentions of the United States in the

settlement agreement: Eos Energy Storage LLC (Eos) is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Edison that designs and sells industrial batteries to power companies and other commercial enterprises. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Edison-Metuchen, NJ\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: **Immigration judge could be replaced over 'stupid' comment, court says**, Daniel Wiessner, August 11, 2022, 1:19 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday said a federal immigration board must reconsider disqualifying a judge from a deportation case after she called a Nicaraguan man's claim that he is not fluent in Spanish "stupid" and "laughable." A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applied too high of a bar in finding that the judge's comment did not violate the due process rights of Rodolfo Tinoco Acevedo, a legal permanent resident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

USA Today: **'Make my day': Texas Gov. Abbott challenges NYC Mayor Adams over migrant busing dispute**, Natalie Neysa Alund, August 11, 2022, 7:03 PM

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firing back at New York City Mayor Eric Adams after he threatened to send bus loads of New Yorkers to Texas to campaign against Abbott's re-election bid. "I kind of feel like Clint Eastwood. Go ahead, Mayor. Make my day," Abbott publicly declared Wednesday. The dueling politicians have gone back and forth since the Lone Star State began busing migrants from the Texas-Mexico border to the Big Apple on Aug. 5. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Trump-Era DHS Chief's Immigration Bond Rule Fails In Court**, Rae Varona, August 11, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another Trump-era immigration policy promulgated by former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf fell by the wayside, after a California federal judge vacated administrative hurdles imposed on surety companies that wish to challenge the government's determinations that noncitizens have breached their bond conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Biden administration abolishes ICE labor union**, Stephen Dinan, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration delivered a death sentence Thursday to the labor organization that represents thousands of employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Federal Labor Relations Authority's decision erases the National ICE Council and leaves its 7,600 members, mostly deportation officers, without a collective bargaining agreement or union representation, members said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **U.S. consumer watchdog considers crackdown on collection of consumer information**, David Shepardson, August 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. consumer watchdog agency said on Thursday that it will consider rules to better protect Americans' privacy and crack down on businesses that collect far-reaching personal information without consumers' full understanding. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a notice that it is considering writing rules to address lax data security and commercial surveillance, which is the "business of collecting, analyzing, and profiting from information about people." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#)

*Law360: **UnitedHealth, Change Turn Trial Gaze To Horizontal Overlap***, Bryan Koenig, August 12, 2022, 12:03 AM

UnitedHealth Group and Change Healthcare countered Justice Department allegations that their proposed merger threatens direct competition in the claims processing sector by arguing at the D.C. federal court that their plan to divest an insurance claims technology business addresses the DOJ's concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360: **Author, Agents Say Advances Only Part Of Puzzle***, Matthew Perlman, August 11, 2022, 10:27 PM

A nonfiction author and several agents told a D.C. federal judge on Thursday that there's more to negotiating a book deal than landing the largest possible advance, while throwing cold water on the government's fears over the merger of Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Financial Times: **A looming test for tech antitrust battles***, Richard Waters, August 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The idea that your robot vacuum cleaner could suck up data about your home and send it back to Amazon might strike some people as creepy. If that happened, would Alexa start suggesting you buy a new rug when the old one wears out, or recommend a better way to arrange your furniture? Whether this would also be a threat to competition in the nascent home automation market, however, is an altogether different question. Separating those two issues has become of critical importance as regulators in the US break new ground in antitrust enforcement, with data very much at the center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*Reuters: **FBI Director: Attacks on FBI integrity erode respect for rule of law***, Costas Pitas, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

Attacks on the FBI's integrity erode respect for the rule of law, its director said on Thursday after an armed man tried to breach its building in Ohio and following criticism from some Republicans over a raid on Donald Trump's Florida home. "Unfounded attacks on the integrity of the FBI erode respect for the rule of law and are a grave disservice to the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect others," Christopher Wray said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*USA Today: **OnlyFans model charged for fatally stabbing her boyfriend 'without justification' in April***, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An OnlyFans and social media model was arrested in Hawaii on Wednesday and is being charged in the April death of her boyfriend, whom she admitted to police she stabbed. [...] The Hawaii County Police Department said she was arrested on the big island of Hawaii on Wednesday, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Authorities used an [sic] warrant issued by Miami-Dade County, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*LAT: **Car crash in Wyoming leads to huge meth bust at Santa Clara warehouse***, Summer Lin, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

A car crash in Wyoming last month led federal agents across state lines to a Santa Clara warehouse believed to be used as a methamphetamine cooking and conversion site. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration raided a Santa Clara warehouse on Aug. 3, in the 600 block of Martin Avenue, where they found a laboratory believed to be an "active methamphetamine conversion site," according to court filings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Cause of Indiana house explosion that killed 3 and damaged 39 homes still undetermined, authorities say, Claudia Dominguez and Michelle Watson, August 11, 2022, 9:19 PM

The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [...] Search and rescue teams will be allowed back into the area once utilities are secured and the ATF determines its part of the investigation is over, Connelly said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: ‘We have a problem’: New ATF director takes agency’s reins as country confronts a rise in violent crime, Devan Cole, Josh Campbell and Anna-Maja Rappard, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

The new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took the agency's helm last month at a time when gun violence and extremism are on the rise, putting him among a handful of top federal officials tasked with preventing and responding to high-profile incidents of violent crime rocking the nation. "I think the first thing we need to do is to be honest about the fact that we have a problem," Steve Dettelbach, the ATF's first Senate-approved leader in seven years, told CNN in an interview this week. "I will tell you, it's gotten more bold, more brazen and more violent." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

East Bay Times: U.S. Department of Justice reverses course, won't seek execution of alleged Sureño accused of three murders, Nate Gartrell, August 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

More than two years after indicating they would seek death against an alleged Bay Area gang member charged with murdering three people, federal prosecutors have reversed course, filing court papers that say execution is no longer on the table. In December 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice indicated that Michael “Gallo” Rebolledo, 33, would be the lone defendant to face a potential death sentence out of 10 alleged Sureño gang members charged with a total of seven murder counts and several other shootings. In a court document reversing the decision, filed July 12, prosecutors didn't state the reason death is no longer being sought. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: Supreme Court Denies Coinbase’s Request to Block Customer Lawsuits, Vicky Ge Huang, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase Global's request for emergency intervention in two lawsuits filed by angry customers. Earlier this month, Coinbase asked the court to block a pair of lawsuits and send the cases to arbitration. Federal judges in California had refused the company's demand for the disputes to be heard in arbitration. Coinbase wrote in the filings that the company would suffer “irreparable harm” if the Supreme Court allowed the lawsuits to proceed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Supreme Court to hear case that could end 40 years of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, Haley Chi-Sing, August 11, 2022, 11:30 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear one of two cases on Oct. 31 that could dismantle the 40-year precedent of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, with universities now urging the court to preserve the decision despite some expert opinion to the contrary. Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President & Fellows of Harvard College is one of two cases to come before the Supreme Court urging it to eliminate race as an admissions factor and, as a result, overturn the precedent case, Grutter v. Bollinger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Cherry-picked history: Reva Siegel on “living originalism” in Dobbs, Angie Gou,

August 11, 2022, 4:57 PM

"Dobbs is the product of originalism," Reva Siegel, professor of law at Yale University, said last month. Few legal scholars would disagree. But for Siegel, the more interesting question is what originalism means in practice — and how it led to the elimination of the constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Siegel explored those issues during the 18th Robert H. Jackson Lecture, an annual event featuring Supreme Court experts hosted by the Chautauqua Institution. This year's lecture occurred on July 11 and was recently posted online. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

The Hill: **Biden's new challenge is FBI's Trump search**, Morgan Chalfant and Amie Parnes, August 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

The White House has a new messaging challenge on its hands: Donald Trump. President Biden, wary of appearing to influence the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the former president, doesn't want to talk about the FBI search earlier this week at Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC, Morning Joe: **[VIDEO] White House Not Directing DOJ Investigation In 'Any way,' Says Adviser**, Joe Scarborough, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

White House Senior Adviser Anita Dunn discusses the July inflation numbers, the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago and why she says the White House is not directing the DOJ's investigation into Trump in any way. Dunn also discusses President Biden's signing of the PACT Act for veterans. [\[Watch\]](#)

Washington Examiner: **Biden tries to tread carefully after FBI searches Trump's home**, Naomi Lim, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

President Joe Biden's relationship with the Justice Department has become more complicated after the FBI enforced a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and office in Florida. With presidential son Hunter Biden under scrutiny by federal law enforcement officials, the White House has from the start aimed to keep a healthy distance from the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. The situation grew thornier after the FBI's Aug. 9 search of Trump's Palm Beach estate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

Insider: **Republicans may have shot themselves in the foot by hammering the DOJ to release the Mar-a-Lago search warrant**, Camila DeChalus, Sonam Sheth, August 11, 2022, 8:37 PM

Former President Donald Trump's allies have spent this week clamoring for the Justice Department to release details from its search warrant for Mar-a-Lago and other supporting documentation. Now, it looks like they might get what they asked for. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday at a news conference that the Justice Department has filed a motion to unseal portions of the warrant following Trump's "public confirmation of the search." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir
CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The Department of Justice has asked a federal court to unseal the search warrant the FBI used to search the Florida home of former President Donald Trump. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say a heavily armed man in Ohio attempted to breach an FBI field office this morning, leading to a shootout. The attack comes after the FBI's search at Mar-a-Lago prompted anti-law enforcement rhetoric and calls for violence. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The average price for a gallon of regular gas has dipped below \$4 for the first time in five months. The relief stems from an increase in global oil supply and a decrease in fuel demand. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC has updated its COVID guidance to loosen a number of its health recommendations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Firefighters in France are battling raging wildfires near Bordeaux, fueled by one of Europe's worst droughts in centuries during a historic heatwave that has killed thousands. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Heavy fighting is again raging around Europe's largest nuclear plant, with Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of shelling the facility. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly one year after the US withdrawal from Kabul, Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan with more on what's changed in the country now that the Taliban is firmly in control. [[ABC](#)]
- A non-profit farm outside Kansas City is growing more than just crops in its field, it's also showing how boys can grow into responsible men by teaching them the importance of teamwork and the great outdoors. [[CBS](#)]
- When someone comes into a hospital and alleges abuse, forensic nurses traditionally look for signs of bruising with the naked eye. However, because pigment in darker skin is closer to the skin's surface than the bruise, they may see nothing. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion Garland should tune out the Trumpists — and follow the law where it leads, Colbert I. King, August 12, 2022, 12:12 PM

There are some things encountered during the vicissitudes of life that are difficult, if not hard, to comprehend. The FBI's execution of a search warrant at former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida is not one of them. As I have written on earlier occasions, a full-blown inquiry into the ex-president's handling and safeguarding of classified information taken with him when he left the White House should have been launched immediately after the National Archives and Records Administration learned of the documents' existence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: GOP's Turner Demands DOJ Explain Reasoning for Trump Search, Zach C Cohen, August 12, 2022, 12:01 PM

The House Intelligence Committee's top Republican wants the Justice Department to hand over the information that federal law enforcement officials used to get a search warrant for former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. If the DOJ and the FBI won't comply with that request, Representative Mike Turner said he wants the committee's Democrats to agree to subpoena the agency to provide the rationale to the intelligence panel. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Marjorie Taylor Greene files articles of impeachment against Attorney General

Merrick Garland, Adam Sabes, August 12, 2022 9:02 PM

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., filed articles of impeachment against U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, she announced Friday. "Read my articles of impeachment against Merrick Garland," Greene tweeted. The announcement comes after the FBI raided former President Trump's Florida Mar-a-Lago residence on Monday. Following the raid, Garland said that he personally signed off on the raid. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#)

Newsweek: Donald Trump 'Misjudged' Merrick Garland Over FBI Raid: Legal Analyst,

James Bickerton, August 13, 2022, 10:19 AM

Donald Trump "misjudged" Attorney General Merrick Garland before the FBI's unprecedented Mar-a-Lago raid, according to legal analyst Tali Farhadian Weinstein. The FBI entered Trump's Florida home with a search warrant on Monday looking for classified documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [OPINION] Republicans who chanted 'Lock her up!' cry that the DOJ is being too political, Michael A. Cohen, August 13, 2022, 5:30 AM

Since the FBI executed a legally obtained search warrant on the home of former President Donald Trump Monday, there's been an apparent race by the former president's supporters to determine, as far as I can see, who can make the most irresponsible statement defending him. Without evidence, Trump's supporters have accused the leadership of the Justice Department and FBI of engaging in a political vendetta against Trump and planting incriminating evidence at his home. They've called for defunding the FBI, impeaching Attorney General Merrick Garland and used inflammatory language, such as suggesting that the search was an act of "war" against Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

WSJ: U.S. Secretly Bolstered Security at Federal Buildings Against Possible Iranian Attacks After Soleimani Killing, Ian Talley, August 12, 2022, 1:26 PM

Longstanding U.S. worries about the threat that Iran and its agents pose on U.S. soil intensified in the hours after the 2020 assassination of a prominent Iranian military commander, when the Department of Homeland Security bolstered security at thousands of federal buildings against the possibility of retaliation, according to current and former senior U.S. officials. That effort, code-named Operation Resilience according to one of the officials, was premised in large part on the concern that Iran would use its proxy Hezbollah to attack the U.S. homeland in response to the killing in a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Turkey Boasts of Russia Trade Boom, Defying Push for Sanctions, Patrick Sykes, August 12, 2022, 9:35 AM

Sanctions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine have forced it to divert oil sales and triggered an exodus of multinationals. [...] The bonanza is good news for President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's drive to grow exports as part of what he calls a "new economic model." But it will frustrate Turkey's NATO allies in the US and Europe who have tried to present a united front to isolate Russia's economy with penalties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Man pleads guilty to cyberstalking, threatening Okla. Rep. Kevin Hern, Tal Axelrod August 12, 2022, 11:38 AM

An Oklahoma man admitted Wednesday to cyberstalking Rep. Kevin Hern, R-Okla., and

threatening Hern and his wife, federal prosecutors announced. Keith Charles Eisenberger, 39, of Bartlesville, pleaded guilty to three federal charges, including cyberstalking; threatening to kidnap and assault a member of Congress; and threatening to kidnap and assault the spouse of a member of Congress, the Justice Department said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): Capitol rioter who called police 'weasels' was sentenced to 8 months in federal prison, Sarah Al-Arshani, August 13, 2022, 12:30 PM

A Capitol rioter who called police officers at the scene "little fucking spineless fucking oath violating little fucking weasels" was sentenced to eight months in federal prison on Friday. Glen Simon pleaded guilty in October to the charges of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and then again in April after more evidence was discovered, according to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Trump's Mar-a-Lago, a security 'nightmare' that housed classified documents, Steve Holland and Karen Freifeld, August 13, 2022, 7:55 AM

The seizure of classified U.S. government documents from Donald Trump's sprawling Mar-a-Lago retreat spotlights the ongoing national security concerns presented by the former president, and the home he dubbed the Winter White House, some security experts say. Trump is under federal investigation for possible violations of the Espionage Act, which makes it unlawful to spy for another country or mishandle U.S. defense information, including sharing it with people not authorized to receive it, a search warrant shows. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: FBI seized top secret documents in Trump estate search, Michael Balsamo, Zeke Miller, and Eric Tucker, August 13, 2022, 2:08 AM

The FBI recovered "top secret" and even more sensitive documents from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, according to court papers released Friday after a federal judge unsealed the warrant that authorized the sudden, unprecedented search this week. A property receipt unsealed by the court shows FBI agents took 11 sets of classified records from the estate during a search on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: Timeline of events leading up to FBI search of Trump's home, Lindsay Whitehurs, August 12, 2022, 5:12 PM

The FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate sent reverberations across the country, even before court papers were unsealed Friday showing agents recovered documents labeled "top secret" as they investigated potential violations of three laws, including one that governs defense information under the Espionage Act. Trump has said the documents seized by agents were "all declassified," and argued that he would have turned them over to the Justice Department if asked. It was unclear, however, whether the documents had been declassified or whether he had the power to do so. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Read the warrant that allowed the FBI to search Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 4:35 PM

Read the unsealed version of the search warrant and an accompanying receipt below. . . . [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: GOP backs Trump, escalates dark rhetoric after FBI search, Lisa Mascaro, August 12,

2022, 3:25 PM

Republicans in Congress who are relying on Donald Trump to excite voters in the fall elections are not only defending the former president against the FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago home but politically capitalizing on it with grave and potentially dangerous rhetoric against the nation's justice system. The party that once stood staunchly for law-and-order has dramatically reversed course, stirring up opposition to the FBI and tapping into political grievances and far-right conspiracies that fed the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Trump will not object to release of search warrant for his Florida home -filing, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 3:23 PM

Donald Trump's lawyers have informed the government that the former U.S. president will not object to the public release of a search warrant for his Florida home, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a court filing on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Trump Florida home search warrant allowed seizure of evidence of illegally possessed items - Fox News, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 3:13 PM

A warrant to search Donald Trump's Florida home earlier this week gave U.S. federal agents authority to seize documents and records constituting evidence of items illegally possessed, Fox News reported. The warrant gave agents the authority to seize "all physical documents and records constituting evidence, contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed" in violation of U.S. Code, including documents with classification markings and presidential records created between Jan. 20, 2017 and Jan. 20, 2021, Fox News reported, citing documents it reviewed. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#)

Reuters: Justice Department seeks to unseal search warrants of Trump's home, Sarah N. Lynch, August 12, 2022, 11:39 AM

U.S. federal agents were looking for documents relating to nuclear weapons when they raided former President Donald Trump's home in Florida this week, the Washington Post reported on Thursday. It was not clear if such documents were recovered at the former president's Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, the Post said. Reuters could not immediately confirm the report. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: FBI Recovered 11 Sets of Classified Documents in Trump Search, Inventory Shows, Alex Leary, Aruna Viswanath and Sadie Gurman, August 13, 2022, 12:13 AM

FBI agents who searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home Monday removed 11 sets of classified documents, including some marked as top secret and meant to be only available in special government facilities, according to a search warrant released by a Florida court Friday. The Federal Bureau of Investigation agents took around 20 boxes of items, binders of photos, a handwritten note and the executive grant of clemency for Mr. Trump's ally Roger Stone, a list of items removed from the property shows. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Files Seized From Trump Are Part of Espionage Act Inquiry, Maggie Haberman, Glenn Thrush and Charlie Savage, August 13, 2022, 10:51 AM

Federal agents removed top secret documents when they searched former President Donald J. Trump's Florida residence on Monday as part of an investigation into possible violations of the Espionage Act and other laws, according to a search warrant made public on Friday. F.B.I. agents seized 11 sets of documents in all, including some marked as "classified/TS/SCI" shorthand for "top secret/sensitive compartmented information," according to an inventory of the materials

seized in the search. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Mar-a-Lago search: Agents took top secret documents, but what those documents contained remains unknown, Ella Lee, Anna Kaufman, Joey Garrison, Josh Meyer, David Jackson, and Kevin Johnson, August 13, 2022, 9:49 AM

A federal judge on Friday unsealed a warrant authorizing the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate when the Justice Department, after conferring with Trump's attorneys, formally asserted the former president did not object to making the search warrant public. The warrant showed the former president is under investigation for possibly breaking three federal laws: removal or destruction of records, obstructing an investigation, and violating the Espionage Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Takeaways From the Unsealed Warrant for the Search of Trump's Home, Glenn Thrush, August 12, 2022, 10:26 PM

Millions of words have been written about former President Donald J. Trump, but few may prove as consequential for the man, or the country, as seven pages of federal code citations and document inventories that make up the Mar-a-Lago search warrant. The Justice Department's warrant and two critical supporting memos were first leaked, then officially unsealed by a federal judge in Florida on Friday afternoon, four days after F.B.I. agents had gone through Mr. Trump's residence in search of materials he was thought to have removed improperly from the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: Fox News won't apologize for airing phony meme of judge who approved FBI search of Trump's home, Stephen Battaglio, August 12, 2022, 8:59 PM (EDT)

Fox News isn't apologizing for using a doctored photo of the judge who signed off on the FBI search warrant of former President Trump's Palm Beach, Fla., residence. Brian Kilmeade, who filled in as host for Thursday's "Tucker Carlson Tonight," ended the program with a doctored photo of U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart appearing to be sitting on a plane with convicted sex trafficker Ghislane Maxwell. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Laws and Lists in Search Warrant Offer Clues to Trump Document Investigation, Charlie Savage, August 12, 2022, 8:02 PM

The warrant that authorized the F.B.I. to search former President Donald J. Trump's Florida residence on Monday listed three criminal laws as the basis of its investigation, offering a glimpse of an inquiry into his possession of government documents. The search warrant, which was unsealed and made public on Friday in response to a motion by the Justice Department, showed that the magistrate judge who issued it found that there was probable cause to believe the F.B.I. would uncover evidence of all three crimes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Live updates: DOJ search warrant shows Trump being probed in connection with espionage statutes, Ella Lee, Candy Woodall, Will Carless, David Jackson, Kevin Johnson, Rick Rouan, and Erin Mansfield, August 12, 2022, 7:38 PM

The warrant authorizing federal agents to search former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence was unsealed Friday by a federal judge, after the Justice Department requested that it be made public. Federal authorities sought a range of highly sensitive documents, including 11 caches of classified materials, indicating that the federal investigation was examining possible violations of the Espionage Act, according to documents unsealed Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Roger Stone grant of clemency seized from Mar-a-Lago. What to know about pardon document., Erin Mansfield, August 12, 2022, 7:29 PM

The document that former President Donald Trump signed to commute the prison sentence of his friend Roger Stone was among the documents the FBI seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. The property receipt filed by the Department of Justice lists an "executive grant of clemency re: Roger Jason Stone, Jr," in addition to top secret and other classified documents that were seized that day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: [OPINION] Espionage? Witch hunt? The best, most beautiful recap of Trump tales from a big news week, Rex Huppke, August 12, 2022, 7:14 PM

I, for one, look forward to Donald Trump pivoting from his current status a former president of the United States whose home was searched as part of an investigation into possible Espionage Act violations to one he'll be more comfortable with: A former president of the United States bragging about violating the Espionage Act. If you've followed Trump over the years and I pray you haven't you can hear his meandering mendacity already: "It was the best espionage. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: What is the Espionage Act? What to know, from the Sedition Act amendment to declassified documents., Anna Kaufman, August 12, 2022, 7:12 PM

An old piece of anti-spy legislation is back in the headlines after the FBI searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-A-Lago residence for classified materials they believe he took from the White House. The FBI has cited violations of the Espionage Act as a catalyst for its document seizure, and reported uncovering materials marked "top secret/SCI." [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Trump claims Mar-a-Lago documents were 'declassified.' Why experts reject that argument., Joey Garrison and Josh Meyer, August 12, 2022, 7:07 PM

Former President Donald Trump claimed Friday that any sensitive documents FBI agents took during a search at his Mar-a-Lago property in Palm Beach, Florida, were "all declassified." But experts said constitutional powers authorizing a president to declassify documents don't apply to records classified as top-secret or higher, as the information contained in them is usually protected by other federal laws designed to make sure it never falls into the wrong hands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Fact check: Altered image of Bruce Reinhart, Ghislaine Maxwell circulates after FBI search of Mar-A-Lago, Sudiksha Kochi, August 12, 2022, 6:42 PM

U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart signed off on a search warrant allowing FBI agents to search former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, on Aug. 8 as part of a federal investigation examining whether Trump illegally removed classified documents from the White House upon leaving office. Following the search, Politico reported that Reinhart represented several of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's employees in 2008 as a defense attorney. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: National Archives counters Trump's baseless claims about Obama records, John Wagner, August 12, 2022, 5:19 PM

The National Archives and Records Administration issued a statement Friday in an attempt to counter misstatements about former president Barack Obama's presidential records after several days of misinformation that had been spread by former president Donald Trump and conservative

commentators. Since the FBI search of his Florida home and club this week for classified documents, Trump has asserted in social media posts that Obama “kept 33 million pages of documents, much of them classified” and that they were “taken to Chicago by President Obama.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Justice Dept. Moves to Unseal Warrant in Trump Search, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 4:46 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said he had personally approved the decision to seek the warrant and was asking to unseal it because of “substantial public interest.” The former president has until 3 p.m. on Friday to oppose the motion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Trump claims he declassified all the documents at Mar-a-Lago. Even if that’s true, it probably doesn’t matter., Charlie Savage, August 12, 2022, 3:55 PM

Former President Donald J. Trump claimed on Friday that before leaving office, he declassified all the documents the F.B.I. found in this week’s search of his Florida residence that agents described as classified in a list of what they seized including several caches apparently marked as “top secret.” “It was all declassified,” Mr. Trump asserted in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: FBI searched Trump’s home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris, August 12, 2022, 2:50 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump’s Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Here’s how the government classifies its most sensitive information., Katie Benner and David E. Sanger, August 12, 2022, 2:31 PM

The F.B.I.’s search at former President Donald J. Trump’s Florida home was driven in part by the government’s effort to ensure the security of the nation’s most highly sensitive information, including, according to a person briefed on the matter, material designated “Special Access Programs” a category that limits some to a tiny group of top military and intelligence officials. The Wall Street Journal reported on Friday that federal agents had removed 11 sets of classified documents during the search, including some classified as top secret and designated to be available only in secure government facilities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: FBI Retrieved Classified Documents From Mar-a-Lago. Here’s What Classified Means, Dustin Volz, August 12, 2022, 2:22 PM

The list of items the FBI seized from former President Trump’s Florida home this week included four sets of top secret documents, three sets of secret documents and three sets of confidential documents. Those are the three main levels of classification, in descending order corresponding to the sensitivity of the document’s content and the severity of the threat to national security that would come with its release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Trump Search Said to Be Part of Effort to Find Highly Classified Material, Glenn Thrush, Maggie Haberman and Ben Protess, August 12, 2022, 11:18 AM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland moved on Thursday to make public the legal authorization for the F.B.I.'s search of former President Donald J. Trump's home in Florida, which was carried out as part of the government's effort to account for documents that one person briefed on the matter said related to some of the most highly classified programs run by the United States.

Mr. Garland said he had personally approved the search after the failure of "less intrusive" attempts to retrieve material taken from the White House by Mr. Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Trump says "it was all declassified" — how declassification usually works, Olivia Gzais and Ellen Uchimya, August 12, 2022, 11:18 PM

The legal and political battles over the search of former President Trump's Florida residence this week are just beginning, and among the questions to be settled are those revolving around the classified documents he is alleged to have taken with him from the White House to Mar-a-Lago.

FBI agents seized 11 sets of documents from Trump's Palm Beach club on Monday, including documents identified as "Various classified/TS/SCI documents," according to the inventory unsealed Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: What unsealed Trump search warrant papers suggest about federal investigation, John Santucci, Katherine Faulders, Alexander Mallin, and Isabella Murray, August 12, 2022, 7:28 PM

A redacted copy of the warrant and related papers from the FBI's search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago indicates that the Justice Department is investigating the potential violation of at least three separate criminal statutes, including under the Espionage Act. The filing -- released Friday by the court, at the government's request and with Trump's agreement -- includes the warrant, two attachments ("Attachment A" and "Attachment B") and an inventory of what was taken from Mar-a-Lago during the FBI operation on Monday in Palm Beach, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] The incomplete case against Donald Trump: What we know and don't know, Jonathan Turley, August 13, 2022, 10:00 AM

The FBI's raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence was received by many with joy bordering on ecstasy. Comedian Stephen Colbert declared the raid to be Christmas come early, while others joked about the possibility of executing Trump as a spy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Trump Warrant Unsealed, Major Democratic Bill Passes, A Year Under Taliban Rule, August 13, 2022, 7:52 AM

Newly released documents offer insight into what prompted the search of Donald Trump's Florida residence. (1:01) The Inflation Reduction Act will invest more than \$300 billion in energy and climate reform. (5:07) Many Afghans are struggling a year after the Taliban took over their country's governance. (8:58) [[Listen](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Suspect in 4 New Mexico killings left trail of violence, Susan Montoya Bryan, Stefanie Dazio, and Julie Watson, August 13, 2022, 12:09 AM

In the six years since he resettled in the United States from Afghanistan, the primary suspect in

the slayings of four Muslim men in Albuquerque has been arrested several times for domestic violence and captured on camera slashing the tires of a woman's car, according to police and court records. The lengthy pattern of violence which began not long after Muhammad Syed arrived in the states has shocked members of the city's small, close-knit Muslim community, some of whom knew him from the local mosque and who initially had assumed the killer was an outsider with a bias against the Islamic religion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: US man sentenced to 18 years for deadly migrant boat trip, Julie Watson, August 12, 2022, 7:29 PM

A federal judge sentenced a San Diego man to 18 years in prison Friday for piloting a small vessel overloaded with 32 migrants that smashed apart in powerful surf off San Diego's coast last year, killing three people. U.S. District Judge Janis L. Sammartino called it "the most egregious case I've ever had in my courtroom in over 15 years in the Southern District of California" before sentencing 40-year-old Antonio Hurtado. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Family of slain Texas soldier seeking \$35 million in damages, Acacia Coronado, August 12, 2022, 6:53 PM

The family of a Texas soldier who was sexually harassed and killed at a military base near Killeen in 2020 filed a lawsuit Friday seeking \$35 million in damages from the U.S. government. The family of 20-year-old Vanessa Guillen is seeking damages on the basis of sexual harassment, abuse, assault, rape, sodomy and wrongful death. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Ex-Louisville detective to plead guilty to charges related to Breonna Taylor killing -Washington Post, Brendan O'Brien, August 12, 2022, 6:41 PM

A former Louisville, Kentucky, police officer will plead guilty to helping falsify a search warrant in the botched 2020 raid that killed Breonna Taylor, in a case that sparked nationwide protests, the Washington Post reported on Friday, citing the officer's lawyer. The officer, Kelly Goodlett, was one of four former and current Louisville Metropolitan Police Department detectives charged by the U.S. Justice Department on Aug. 4 for their involvement in the March 13, 2020, raid that killed Taylor in her home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

Law360: Ex-Platinum Exec Convicted In Bond Fraud Trial, Stewart Bishop, August 12, 2022, 12:39 PM

A New York federal jury on Friday convicted former Platinum Partners portfolio manager Daniel Small of participating in a complex scheme to defraud bondholders of a Texas oil and gas company, which prosecutors say steered \$70 million in equity back to the hedge fund. [...] After deliberating for roughly a day and a half, the jury found Small guilty of securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud, but acquitted him... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Appalachia Opioid Charges Dropped After High Court Ruling, Elliot Weld, August 12, 2022, 9:05 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has dropped its charges against the remaining defendants in a case accusing a defunct drug distributor, two of its executives and two pharmacists of colluding to flood small towns in Appalachia with highly addictive painkillers, after a U.S. supreme Court ruling made such cases harder to prove. U.S. District Judge Matthew W. McFarland of the Southern District of Ohio granted on Thursday the government's unopposed motion to dismiss charges against drug distributor Miami-Luken and pharmacists Devonna Miller-West and Samuel R. Ballengee, as well as Miami-Luken President Anthony Rattini, who died last year. [\[Continue\]](#)

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Daily Voice (Hartford, CT): **East Hartford Man Sentenced For Operating Manchester Drug Mill**, Michael Mashburn, August 13, 2022, 10:00 AM

Hartford County resident Luis Ciuro, age 37, of East Hartford, was sentenced to 15 years behind bars Wednesday, Aug. 10, in federal court in Bridgeport. It follows his November 2020 guilty plea to one count of possession with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl. Federal prosecutors said Ciuro was busted in October 2019, when Manchester Police were called about a woman yelling and displaying a gun outside of an apartment building on John Olds Drive in Manchester. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Post Standard (Syracuse, NY): **Company with CNY apartment complexes agrees to pay \$7M to settle disability lawsuit**, Fernando Alba, August 13, 2022, 9:00 AM

A senior housing development group with properties in Central New York has settled a lawsuit over allegations of disability discrimination, housing advocates announced. The Clover Group has agreed to settle the lawsuit brought by Syracuse-based CNY Fair Housing and other advocates from six different states for \$7.1 million, CNY Fair Housing announced Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Herald Dispatch (Huntington, WV): **Ex-Marshall student faces 10 years in prison for million-dollar online scheme**, Xena Bunton, August 13, 2022, 12:20 AM

A former Marshall University student from Nigeria pleaded guilty Monday to his role in a scheme that defrauded at least 200 victims of 2.5 million. The U.S. Department of Justice said the scheme involved 10 men and targeted elderly victims. John Nassy, 29, was one of the men who admitted to participating in the scheme from June 2018 until at least May 2019 while he attended Marshall. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Winston-Salem Journal (Winston-Salem, NC): **App State paid nearly \$2 million into a fraudulent bank account. Two Nigerian residents extradited to US to face charges**, John Hinton, August 12, 2022, 10:41 PM

Two Nigerian residents have been extradited from the United Kingdom to the United States to face charges for their alleged roles in the theft of nearly \$2 million from Appalachian State University about five years ago, authorities said this week. Oludayo Kolawole John Adeagbo, 43, and Donald Ikenna Echeazu, 40, who are both Nigerian citizens and residents of the United Kingdom, are charged with wire fraud conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy and aggravated identity theft, the U.S. Department of Justice said Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

San Diego Union Tribune (San Diego, CA): **Former SDPD vice detective, 3 others accused of selling sex at massage parlors**, Alex Riggins, August 12, 2022, 10:12 PM EDT

A former San Diego police vice detective and three other people have been indicted on charges they advertised and sold sex out of five massage businesses they operated in California and Arizona, federal prosecutors said Friday. Peter Griffin, the 78-year-old former police officer, and three co-defendants were indicted on racketeering conspiracy charges, as well as charges of money laundering, wire fraud conspiracy and making false statements to a mortgage lender, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTOO-PBS (Juneau, AK): **Alaska hunting guide serving 6 months in prison for 'multi-year**

wildlife crime spree, Zaz Hollander, August 13, 2022, 11:45 AM (EDT)

An Alaska hunting guide is spending six months in an Oregon prison for illegally selling big-game guiding services as well as multiple other violations over a five-year period. Stephen Jeremy Hicks, a 45-year-old Anchorage resident, was sentenced in U.S. District Court last month. The prison time was part of a plea deal in which Hicks admitted he guided hunters onto federal lands on a sheep hunt near Max Lake on the west side of Cook Inlet in 2018 without a permit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KELO-CBS/MyNetworkTV. (Wausau, WI): **Sioux Falls drug dealer sentenced**, Rich Keller, August 13, 2022, 10:33 AM (EDT)

A Sioux Falls man convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin and two counts of distribution of fentanyl resulting in death was sentenced on August 10. Moore knowingly and intentionally distributed fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, which resulted in the deaths of two people. Jeffery Darnell Moore, age 53, was sentenced to 35 years in federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): **San Diego is ground zero for fentanyl trafficking, prosecutors say**, Salvador Rivera, August 13, 2022, 09:18 AM

More deadly fentanyl is being seized along the California-Mexico border than at any of the nation's 300-plus ports of entry, making this federal district "an epicenter for fentanyl trafficking into the United States." According to the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego, during the first nine months of the fiscal year 2022 (October through June), U.S. Customs and Border Protection law enforcement agencies in San Diego and Imperial counties seized 5,091 pounds of fentanyl, amounting to about 60 percent of the 8,425 pounds of fentanyl seized around the entire country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: **Appeals court puts Georgia PSC elections back on ballot**, Jeff Amy, August 12, 2022, 5:55 PM

A federal appeals court on Friday ordered that statewide elections for two Georgia public service commissioners be put back on the November ballot, only a week after a federal judge postponed the elections after finding that electing the five commissioners statewide illegally diluted Black votes. A three judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocked the lower court's order after an appeal by the state, which follows a U.S. Supreme Court decision saying judges shouldn't order changes close to elections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: **More Black NFL retirees win dementia cases in rescored tests**, Mary Claire Dale, August 12, 2022, 1:06 PM

Two years after a pair of former players sued the NFL over the treatment of Black retirees in the league's \$1 billion concussion settlement, hundreds of men whose medical tests were rescored to eliminate race bias now qualify for awards.[...] "Our work has produced some great results and has opened many eyes," said Ken Jenkins, a former Washington player who, along with his wife, petitioned the federal judge overseeing the settlement to make the changes and urged the

Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to investigate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Former Prosecutor's Retaliation Claim Against Successor Tossed,

Bernie Pazanowski, August 12, 2022, 1:43 PM

A former Illinois state's attorney's First Amendment retaliation claims against his successor, who had him charged with crimes allegedly committed while in office but never prosecuted, were untimely, the Seventh Circuit said. Brian Towne sued the current LaSalle County state's attorney, Karen Donnelly, for First Amendment retaliation after the charges against him were dropped for failure to prosecute. He alleged that the charges were filed because he ran against Donnelly.

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Greensburg Daily News (Greensburg, IN): Doctor's federal suit claims Witham Hospital discriminated against her, Maria Flora, August 13, 2022, 8:50 AM

A physician fired by Witham Hospital has filed a case in federal court and demanded a jury trial. Dr. Kimberly Gatzimos was employed as an internal medical physician with Witham for 22 years, from 2000 until January. She claims the hospital did not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act after she became ill and that she was a victim of gender bias in the hospital's employ. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Bankruptcy judge approves higher payments for InfoWars vendor, Dietrich Knauth, August 13, 2022, 7:01 AM

The parent company of far-right website InfoWars received a U.S. bankruptcy judge's permission on Friday to make higher-than-expected payments to a vendor that ships InfoWars-branded dietary supplements and other products to customers. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez in Houston approved a request by Free Speech Systems LLC, which is owned by conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, to pay its shipping and fulfillment vendor a flat \$20 fee per order, exceeding a cap he had set on those payments on August 3, despite saying he had concerns about the "unique relationship" between the companies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Justice Dept. weighs in on 2020 election robocall suit, Larry Neumeister, August 13, 2022, 12:50 AM

The U.S. Justice Department has weighed in on a civil lawsuit against two conservative political operatives accused of using robocalls to dissuade Black voters from taking part in the 2020 election. The department said Friday that defense lawyers for the two men were misinterpreting the Voting Rights Act, although the department emphasized that it was not taking sides in the civil litigation and is not a party to the suit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. court upholds FCC reallocation of auto safety spectrum, David Shepardson, August 12, 2022, 5:17 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Friday rejected a legal challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) 2020 decision to shift much of a key spectrum block set aside for auto safety to accommodate the burgeoning number of wireless devices. The Intelligent Transportation Society of America and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials last year brought a legal challenge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

District of Columbia seeking to reverse the FCC's reallocation of 60% of the 5.9 GHz band spectrum block. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Judge approves \$24 million settlement between USWNT players, U.S. Soccer, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 11:59 AM

A federal judge in California has preliminarily approved a \$24 million settlement between the U.S. women's national soccer team (USWNT) and governing body U.S. Soccer in a years-long dispute over equal pay for female athletes. U.S. Central District of California Judge Gary Klausner granted a motion to approve the landmark settlement filed by the players on Thursday and scheduled a hearing on Dec. 5 when he is expected to give final approval to the settlement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Infowars Parent Wins Budget Changes Amid Sales 'Surge', James Nani August 12, 2022, 6:55 PM

Infowars' parent company won bankruptcy court approval for more budget flexibility that it says it needs amid a "surge" in its nutritional supplements and other product sales that could climb up to \$450,000 per day. US Bankruptcy Judge Christopher M. Lopez's Friday approval allows Free Speech Systems LLC's credit card processor to send more money to the company's fulfillment logistics arm, Blue Asension LLC, for increased costs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Appeals Court Upholds Overturning of Former Alstom Exec's Foreign Bribery Conviction, Dylan Tokar, August 12, 2022, 4:48 PM

An appeals court upheld a decision by a lower court to overturn the foreign bribery conviction of a former Alstom SA executive whose alleged role in an Indonesian bribery scheme was the focus of a nearly decade long prosecution. The ruling by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York on Friday affirms a decision by District Judge Janet Bond Arterton to partly overturn the verdict of jurors who in 2019 found Lawrence Hoskins guilty of helping to orchestrate a scheme to bribe Indonesian officials to secure a \$118 million power contract. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Peloton must face lawsuit claiming it misled over "ever-growing" classes, judge rules, Aimee Picchi, August 12, 2022, 12:20 PM

Peloton must face a proposed class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of customers who were angered by the company's decision to cut its number of exercise classes while continuing to market its service as offering an "ever-growing" library of classes. The lawsuit stems from another legal tussle for Peloton, when it was sued in 2019 by the National Music Publishers Association over its alleged failure to license music played during its exercise classes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: JetBlue Will Pay \$3.6 Million to End California Missed Wage Case, Joyce E. Cutler, August 12, 2022, 7:15 PM

JetBlue Airways Corp. will pay \$3.6 million to 568 flight attendants whose class-action lawsuit alleged the carrier violated California law for failing to pay for all hours worked and missed breaks, a proposed settlement filed Friday said. A product of mediation, the accord also resolves flight attendants' claims under the California Private Attorneys General Act, which allows individuals to step into the state's shoes and file civil claims and win awards on behalf of the government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Herring Fishermen Must Pay for At-Sea Federal Monitoring Program,

Maya Earls, August 12, 2022, 2:31 PM

The National Marine Fisheries Service can interpret federal law to require industry-funded monitoring of the Atlantic herring fishery, a split D.C. Circuit ruled Friday in a loss for commercial fishing companies. The Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act doesn't explicitly say whether the service can require such monitoring, according to the US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Absent such clarity, the court only needed to consider whether the agency's interpretation was reasonable, Judge Judith W. Rogers wrote. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Arizona won't wait for feds, starts filling border wall gaps, Bob Christie, August 12, 2022, 6:24 PM

Arizona began moving in shipping containers to close a 1,000-foot gap in the border wall near the southern Arizona farming community of Yuma on Friday, with officials saying they were acting to stop migrants after repeated, unfulfilled promises from the Biden administration to block off the area. [...] John Mennell, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said the agency had just learned of Arizona's action and "is not prepared to comment at this time." The move is the latest pushback by a Republican-led border state to what they contend is inaction by Democratic President Joe Biden on immigration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Feds agree to honor Connecticut pardons, stop deportations, Dave Collins, August 12, 2022, 2:06 PM

Federal officials have agreed to recognize Connecticut pardons as legally valid again and stop deporting people who have been pardoned for their crimes by a state board, reversing a hard-line stance taken by the Trump administration, authorities announced Friday. Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said the departments of Justice and Homeland Security under Trump had abandoned six decades of practice by singling out Connecticut and refusing to acknowledge its pardons because they are issued by a board instead of the governor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Reuters: BLM to pause oil, gas leasing on 2.2 million acres in Colorado, Clark Mindock, August 13, 2022, 8:18 AM

The Bureau of Land Management will pause oil and gas leasing on 2.2 million acres of Colorado public land after environmental groups alleged its current management plan failed to consider climate impacts, according to a settlement. The agreement was filed Thursday in Colorado federal court and requires the government to conduct a new environmental analysis of the climate impacts of oil and gas leasing on public lands in southwestern Colorado. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge revives Obama-era ban on coal sales from US lands, Matthew Brown, August 12, 2022, 6:29 PM

A federal judge on Friday reinstated a moratorium on coal leasing from federal lands that was imposed under former President Barack Obama and then scuttled under former President Donald Trump, in an order that marked a major setback to the already struggling coal industry.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Brian Morris requires government officials to conduct a new environmental review before they can resume coal sales from federal lands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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TAX

Reuters: Trump Organization, ex-CFO to face October criminal tax fraud trial in New York, Karen Freifeld and Jonathan Stempel, August 12, 2022, 2:16 PM

A New York state judge on Friday refused to dismiss criminal tax fraud charges against Donald Trump's namesake company and its longtime financial chief, one of a slew of legal battles involving the former U.S. president. Justice Juan Merchan in Manhattan also said jury selection for the trial of the Trump Organization and its former Chief Financial Officer Allen Weisselberg will begin on Oct. 24, 15 days before the Nov. 8 midterm elections.[...] Other charges in the indictment include scheming to defraud, tax fraud and falsifying business records. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Salman Rushdie in surgery following stabbing in the neck at a New York lecture, Kanishka Singh and Jonathan Allen, August 12, 2022, 7:20 PM

Salman Rushdie, the Indian-born novelist who spent years in hiding after Iran urged Muslims to kill him because of his writing, was stabbed in the neck and torso onstage at a lecture in New York state on Friday and airlifted to a hospital, police said. [...] Police said they were working with federal investigators to determine a motive. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Southern Baptists say denomination faces DOJ investigation, Holly Meyer and David Crary, August 12, 2022, 7:31 PM

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention said Friday that several of the denomination's major entities are under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice in the wake of its multiple problems related to clergy sex abuse. The SBC's Executive Committee has received a subpoena, but no individuals have been subpoenaed at this point, according to the committee's lawyers. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [LAT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Ohio gunman appeared to threaten FBI after Trump home search, Mike Balsamo and Samantha Hendrickson, August 12, 2022, 5:37 PM

A gunman who died in a shootout after trying to get inside the FBI's Cincinnati office apparently went on social media and called for federal agents to be killed "on sight" following the search at former President Donald Trump's home, a law enforcement official said. Federal investigators are examining social media accounts they believe are tied to the gunman, 42-year-old Ricky Shiffer, according to the official, who was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

Reuters: New York man indicted for having rifle outside home of Iranian journalist, Luc Cohen, August 12, 2022, 11:08 AM

A New York man has been indicted on charges he possessed a loaded AK-47 rifle outside the home of an Iranian-American journalist and rights activist, court records showed on Friday. The defendant, Khalid Mehdiyev, spent two days in late July outside the Brooklyn home of journalist

Masih Alinejad, and once tried opening the door, an FBI agent wrote in a complaint filed in Manhattan federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Gunman in FBI attack was Navy veteran who once handled classified info, Alex Horton, Annie Gowen, Derek Hawkins and James Bikales, August 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Navy veteran who tried to breach the FBI's Cincinnati field office Thursday once handled highly classified material years ago while posted on an attack submarine, but had been on the bureau's radar for months for possible extremist behavior, authorities said Friday. Ricky Shiffer, 42, was fatally shot by police Thursday after leading officers on a chase that led to a six-hour standoff on a rural road, the Ohio State Highway Patrol said — an incident that rang alarm bells as threats of violence against the FBI from far-right factions have increased in recent days online. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSJ](#)

WaPo: Federal law enforcement leaders warn about danger as GOP assails FBI, Hannah Knowles, August 12, 2022, 5:12 PM

Law enforcement leaders are raising alarms about threats to federal agents as prominent Republicans attack the FBI for its search of Donald Trump's residence and as authorities investigate an attempted breach at an FBI field office in Ohio. In interviews Thursday, Larry Cosme, president of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, expressed alarm at GOP warnings to Americans that federal agents are "coming for you." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: FBI attacker was prolific contributor to Trump's Truth Social website, Drew Harwell and Meryl Kornfield, August 12, 2022, 12:24 PM

In the minutes after an armed man in body armor tried to breach an FBI field office in Cincinnati, an account with the suspect's name, Ricky Shiffer, posted to former president Donald Trump's social network, Truth Social: "If you don't hear from me, it is true I tried attacking the F.B.I." The Shiffer account appeared to be one of Truth Social's most prolific posters, writing 374 messages there in the past eight days — mostly to echo Trump's false claims about election fraud and, in the hours after FBI agents searched Trump's Florida home, call for all-out war. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: FBI investigating 'unprecedented' number of threats against bureau in wake of Mar-a-Lago search, Josh Campbell, Jessica Schneider, Donie O'Sullivan and Paul P. Murphy, and Priscilla Alvarez, August 13, 2022, 11:18 AM

The FBI is investigating an "unprecedented" number of threats against bureau personnel and property in the wake of the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, including some against agents listed in court records as being involved in the recent search, a law enforcement source tells CNN. The bureau, along with the Department of Homeland Security, also has issued a joint intelligence bulletin warning of "violent threats" against federal law enforcement, courts and government personnel and facilities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: A Bad Bunny rant, an ex-governor in handcuffs and Puerto Rico still reels nearly five years after Hurricane Maria, Ray Sanchez, August 13, 2022, 9:47 AM

A week before former governor of Puerto Rico Wanda Vázquez was arrested by the FBI on bribery charges, pop superstar Bad Bunny riled up a throng of concertgoers in San Juan, calling out the current governor and the island's private electric company in an expletive-filled rant. [...] FBI agents arrested Vázquez August 4 at her home in the latest in a string of unrelated state and

federal corruption cases against government officials, mayors, contractors and businesspeople across the island. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: What forensic testing reveals about revolver in on-set 'Rust' shooting, Meredith Deliso, Jenna Harrison, Nicholas Kerr, Alyssa Pone, Vera Drymon, and Doug Lantz, August 12, 2022, 10:40 PM

The gun used in the fatal shooting on the "Rust" movie set could not have been fired without pulling the trigger, according to an FBI forensic report obtained Friday by ABC News. Actor Alec Baldwin shot cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the set of the Western, which he was producing and starring in, last year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#)

CBS: FBI says it "previously received information" about suspect killed after allegedly attempting to breach bureau's Cincinnati field office, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 7:29 PM

The FBI said Friday that it had "previously received information" about the man who was killed on Thursday after allegedly attempting to breach the bureau's field office in Cincinnati. The FBI did not specify what that information was or when they received it, but said it "did not contain a specific and credible threat." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: OSHA opens second Amazon probe following two more worker deaths in New Jersey, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:18 PM

Federal work-safety investigators are looking into the death of an Amazon worker and an injury that potentially led to the death of another employee, adding to a probe already underway following a fatality during the company's annual Prime Day shopping event in mid-July. [...] The Amazon workers' deaths come as the company faces a broader probe by OSHA and federal prosecutors into safety conditions at multiple warehouses across the country. The civil investigation stems from various allegations involving workplace hazards at Amazon facilities, which the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York referred to the Department of Labor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Gunman who allegedly tried to break into Cincinnati FBI office is suspected 'extremist': Officials, Will Steakin, Alexander Mallin, and Josh Margolin, August 12, 2022, 8:20 AM

Ricky Shiffer, the man armed with an AR-15 style rifle and believed by authorities to have tried to break into the FBI's Cincinnati field office Thursday is a "suspected domestic violent extremist," according to law enforcement officials briefed on the probe. Law enforcement is now investigating social media posts apparently linked to the suspect, which called for violence in the days after the FBI search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property, the officials told ABC News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Colorado to spar over discrimination case in Supreme Court, Jesse Bedayn, August 12, 2022, 4:23 PM

Colorado is urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold its anti-discrimination law in the face of a challenge by a Christian web designer who does not want to create custom wedding websites for same-sex couples and claims the state law violates her right to free speech. In a brief filed Friday with the court, lawyers for the Colorado State Attorney's Office said Colorado's anti-discrimination

law only requires that a business sell its goods or services to all members of the public and does not regulate speech. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Louisiana inmate returns to the court after 18-year delay in resentencing, Kalvis Golde, August 12, 2022, 3:58 PM

Anyone charged with a crime has the right to a “speedy ... trial” under the Sixth Amendment. If convicted, do they also have the right to a speedy sentence? The court held four years ago in *Betterman v. Montana* that the Constitution bars excessive sentencing delays, but under the due process clause of the 14th Amendment, not the Sixth. This week, we highlight cert petitions that ask the court to consider, among other things, what test courts should use to determine whether a sentencing delay violates due process. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Tribes Urge Justices To Back Indian Child Welfare Act, Andrew Westney, August 12, 2022, 8:21 PM

Five Native American tribes urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act, saying Congress constitutionally used its power in the law to keep Indian families together and shield tribes from “Destruction.” Texas and others have urged the high court to rule that the 1978 ICWA, which imposes federal standards for state child custody cases involving Native American children, is unconstitutional, claiming the law is race-based and that Congress overstepped its powers to shape Native American affairs by enacting it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Climate bill: Could coal communities shift to nuclear?, Jennifer McDermott and Mary Katherine Wildeman, August 13, 2022, 9:01 AM

A major economic bill headed to the president has “game-changing” incentives for the nuclear energy industry, experts say, and those tax credits are even more substantial if a facility is sited in a community where a coal plant is closing. The transformative bill provides the most spending to fight climate change by any one nation ever in a single push. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: In Biden’s big bill: Climate, health care, deficit reduction, Lisa Mascaro, August 12, 2022, 7:27 PM

The biggest investment ever in the U.S. to fight climate change. A hard-fought cap on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for Medicare recipients. A new corporate minimum tax to ensure big businesses pay their share. And billions left over to pay down federal deficits. All told, the Democrats’ “Inflation Reduction Act” may not do much to immediately tame inflationary price hikes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Congress OKs Dems’ climate, health bill, a Biden triumph, Alan Fram, August 12, 2022, 7:08 PM

A divided Congress gave final approval Friday to Democrats’ flagship climate and health care bill, handing President Joe Biden a back-from-the-dead triumph on coveted priorities that the party hopes will bolster their prospects for keeping their House and Senate majorities in November’s elections. The House used a party-line 220-207 vote to pass the legislation, prompting hugs

among Democrats on the House floor and cheers by White House staff watching on television. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: Biden to sign \$430 bln climate and tax bill into law next week, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 6:31 PM

President Joe Biden said he will next week sign into law a \$430 billion bill that is seen as the biggest climate package in U.S. history, designed to cut domestic greenhouse gas emissions and lower prescription drug prices. "And while I plan to sign the Inflation Reduction Act into law next week, on September 6th we will hold a celebration at the White House in honor of this historic legislation," Biden wrote on Twitter. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biden advisers push early launch of his 2024 presidential campaign, Jarrett Renshaw and Trevor Hunnicutt, August 12, 2022, 4:32 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden should announce his candidacy for re-election sooner than usual following November's congressional race in a bid to squash speculation about the Democrat's plans ahead of the 2024 campaign, several sources said. Biden, who turns 80 shortly after the Nov. 8 midterms, has faced increasing questions about his own political future despite long maintaining that he intends to seek re-election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biden admin announces \$3 billion in FEMA climate resilience funding, Timothy Gardner, August 12, 2022, 12:19 PM

The Biden administration on Friday announced it is putting more than \$3 billion into two federal programs to help communities deal with floods, wildfires, extreme heat and other problems imposed by climate change. Funding for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, which funds projects that protect people and infrastructure from natural hazards and the effects of climate change, will more than double to nearly \$2.3 billion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Secrets of Mar-a-Lago, Editorial Board, August 12, 2022, 6:44 PM
Well, that didn't settle anything. We're referring to Friday's release of the warrant and property list that caused Attorney General Merrick Garland to send FBI agents to search Donald Trump's Florida home. This seems to have been a dispute over classified documents after all, but did that really require an unprecedented and politically polarizing search of a former President's residence? [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Harris Hears from Space Firms in Push to Revamp Industry Rules, Akayla Gardner, August 12, 2022, 6:27 PM

Vice President Kamala Harris pushed for the government to update the rules regulating the space industry and to foster stronger public-private partnerships, at an event highlighting new technologies developed by firms like SpaceX. "Today, at laboratories, on launchpads and in orbit, often in partnership with our government, commercial space companies are making real the opportunity of space for millions of Americans," Harris said at the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion Biden wants our son freed. How long will it take for his administration to act?, Debra and Marc Tice, August 12, 2022, 6:20 PM

On Aug. 14, 2012, our son, Austin Tice, was abducted in Syria. [...] Earlier this year, President Biden gave his administration a clear directive: Get a meeting with the Syrians, listen to them, find out what they want and work with them. So why has it taken three months for the administration to

even start following these instructions? [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: White House Nears Road Map on Taiwan Trade Amid China Discord, Jenny Leonard, August 12, 2022, 3:08 PM

The Biden administration will unveil details for trade talks with Taiwan soon, White House Indo-Pacific Coordinator Kurt Campbell said, a move likely to inflame tensions with China already high following US Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the island and military drills by Beijing. "We're developing an ambitious roadmap for trade negotiations which we intend to announce in the coming days," Campbell told reporters Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: New Climate, Tech Bills Expand Role of Government in Private Markets, Jon Hilsenrath, August 12, 2022, 12:59 PM

With two bills advanced through Congress in recent weeks, the Biden administration has grown the federal government's imprint on major sectors of the U.S. economy including semiconductors, energy and health and further buried the idea once widely held in Washington that private markets should be left alone, without government involvement. The shift grew out of two decades of economic crises, rising national populism, a deepening economic rivalry with China, and concerns about the long-run effects of climate change. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Biden Administration Response to Monkeypox Outbreak Was Slow, Officials Say, Liz Essley Whyte and Stephanie Armour, August 12, 2022, 12:04 PM

The U.S. government years ago stockpiled 1.7 million courses of a smallpox drug that some scientists expected to work against related viruses in the event of an outbreak. Yet when one such virus, monkeypox, hit the U.S. in May, patients and doctors struggled to get the drug, called Tpoxx. Doctors said they needed to fill out more than 100 pages of paperwork to procure Tpoxx for use beyond smallpox. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: China's Xi Jinping Plans to Meet With Biden in First Foreign Trip in Nearly Three Years, Keith Zhai, August 12, 2022, 11:34 AM

Chinese officials are making plans for Xi Jinping to visit Southeast Asia and meet face-to-face with President Biden in November, according to people familiar with the preparations, in what would mark the Chinese leader's first international trip in nearly three years and his first in-person meeting with Mr. Biden since the American leader's inauguration. The trip preparations suggest that the 69-year-old Mr. Xi is confident about his fortunes at a twice-a-decade congress set to take place this fall, where he is expected to break with recent precedent and claim a third term as Communist Party chief. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Banks Balk at Biden Team's Anti-Redlining Plan, Teeing Up Clash, Alex Nguyen, August 12, 2022, 9:25 AM

Banks are pushing back on key parts of Washington's latest bid to get them to boost lending to lower-income communities, setting up a policy clash with key Biden administration regulators and Democratic lawmakers. Two of the industry's top lobbying groups have come out against a proposal to change how firms are judged on efforts to provide credit to historically under-served groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: White House condemns 'reprehensible' attack against Salman Rushdie: 'This act of violence is appalling', Landon Mion, August 13, 2022 1:56 AM

The White House said Friday that it finds the stabbing of author Salman Rushdie "reprehensible" and Biden administration officials are praying for his recovery. Rushdie was stabbed multiple times before a speech at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York, on Friday. The attacker allegedly rushed onto the stage and stabbed him in the neck. Rushdie is undergoing surgery at a local hospital. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Experts explain how the Inflation Reduction Act helps fight climate change, Stephanie Ebbs, August 12, 2022, 1:52 PM

After decades of congressional inaction to curb climate change, advocates and experts are calling Democrats' multibillion-dollar Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) one of the country's most important steps to address the issue and potentially decrease energy costs for households nationwide. "It's a big deal because it's the for the first time that we have the full financial weight of the federal government behind the clean energy transition," said Jesse Jenkins, an assistant professor of engineering at Princeton University. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Biden administration has engaged directly with Syrian government to try to bring Austin Tice home, Jennifer Hansler, August 12, 2022, 10:16 AM

The Biden administration has had direct engagements with the Syrian government in an effort to secure the release of detained American Austin Tice, according to a source familiar and a senior administration official. There have been a number of direct interactions -- none of which took place in Damascus -- but they have thus far yielded no progress, the source familiar said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Reuters: Analysis: U.S. Senate Democrats' bill will make mark on climate, healthcare costs, David Morgan, August 12, 2022, 6:28 PM

The \$430 billion climate change, healthcare and tax bill that passed the U.S. Congress on Friday aims to help reduce the carbon emissions that drive climate change and lower medical costs for older Americans. President Joe Biden's Democrats hope the bill, now passed by both houses of Congress, will boost their chances in the Nov. 8 midterm elections, when Republicans are favored to recapture the majority in at least one chamber of Congress. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#)

Reuters: Democrats' \$430 billion climate, drug bill gets enough votes to pass U.S. House, Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 5:31 PM

The Democrats' landmark \$430 billion climate, tax and drug pricing bill secured enough votes to pass the U.S. House on Friday. Voting was ongoing in the Democratic-controlled chamber. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

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Federal magistrate Judge, Bruce Reinhardt, unsealed the search warrant of the FBI raid of Mar-A-Lago, the warrant revealing the former president Donald Trump is under investigation for espionage. The FBI seized eleven sets of documents classified as Top Secret and Top Secret SCI, the highest possible security levels. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Salman Rushdie, whose book “The Satanic Verses” targeted him with death threats for decades, suffered multiple stab wounds after an attack at the Chautauqua Institution. Hadi Matar, a 24 y/o man from New Jersey, was taken into custody for the attack on Rushdie. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- House democrats tonight passed the \$740 Billion dollar Climate and Tax Bill, which raises taxes on corporations and makes the biggest investment against climate change in American history. The Bill is heading to the President's desk which he anticipates signing into law next week. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ricky Shifter, age 42, has been identified as the gunman who broke into the Cincinnati FBI office, has been described as a “Suspected domestic violent extremist”. Shifter was wearing body armor and carrying an AR style rifle at the time of the break in, and had been on the FBI’s watch list for some time. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- New details from the FBI involving the lethal shooting on the “Rust” movie set. Actor Alec Baldwin stated Halyna Hutchins was guiding him through how to hold the gun for the scene, and it went off without a pull of the trigger. The FBI concluded the gun was shown to be unable to fire without a pull of the trigger, but did not appear to have been intentionally loaded with live rounds. [[ABC](#)]
- A UN Nuclear watchdog warns the crisis surrounding Europe’s largest nuclear plant in Ukraine has reached a “grave hour”. Shelling of the Russian held Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant continues even as Ukrainian staff reportedly work there at gunpoint. Calls being made to set up a demilitarized zone around the plant. [[ABC](#)]
- Officials in London and in New York City are urging unvaccinated people against Polio to get immunized immediately as the Polio virus was detected in the City's wastewater. Vaccine hesitancy has contributed to Polio resurging with vaccine clinics being opened to make getting a vaccine easier and make sure the immunization rates are better. [[CBS](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- The surprising political shifts that led to the climate bill’s passage [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)]

- A Convenience-Store Magnate, Teen Drinking and a Fatal Boat Crash: The Legal Case Shaking South Carolina [[WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- Biggest polio threat in years sparks alarms from New York to California [[WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- Trump Lawyer Told Justice Dept. That Classified Material Had Been Returned [[NYT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Politico: **Hill Republicans demand more from Garland on Mar-a-Lago search**, Nick Niedzwiadek, August 14, 2022, 11:18 AM

Several Republican members of Congress put the onus Sunday on Attorney General Merrick Garland to justify the necessity of the search of former President Donald Trump's residence last week. "He has a lot of questions to answer," said Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio), the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, on CNN's "State of the Union." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Canyon News (Beverly Hills, CA): **Articles Of Impeachment Filed Against AG Garland**, Sharon, August 13, 2022, 6:53 PM (EDT)

On Friday, August 12, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), filed articles of impeachment against U.S. Attorney General (AG) Merrick Garland. Greene filed suit against Garland after he publicly

announced that he “personally approved,” the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Justice to raid the Trump estate in Mar-a-Lago on August 5. Rep. Greene made her announcement on Friday, just prior to introducing the articles of Impeachment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Some Capitol rioters try to profit from their Jan. 6 crimes, Michael Kunzelman, August 14, 2022, 8:15 AM

Facing prison time and dire personal consequences for storming the U.S. Capitol, some Jan. 6 defendants are trying to profit from their participation in the deadly riot, using it as a platform to drum up cash, promote business endeavors and boost social media profiles. A Nevada man jailed on riot charges asked his mother to contact publishers for a book he was writing about “the Capitol incident.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Crypto community split on Treasury’s Tornado Cash sanctions, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 7:30 AM

Recent U.S. sanctions against cryptocurrency mixer Tornado Cash have sparked a debate within the crypto community on whether the ban compromises users’ ability to operate anonymously. Earlier this week, the Treasury Department imposed sanctions against Tornado Cash for helping hackers launder over \$7 billion worth of virtual currency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME): Former Minot man sentenced to 8 months in prison for role in U.S. Capitol riot, Rachel Ohm, August 13, 2022, 9:27 PM

A former Minot man has been sentenced to eight months in prison for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Glen Mitchell Simon also faces 12 months of supervised release, a \$1,000 fine and is being asked to pay \$500 in restitution, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Republicans demand to see affidavit that justified FBI search of Trump's home, David Lawder, August 14, 2022, 12:05 PM

Republicans stepped up calls on Sunday for the release of an FBI affidavit showing the underlying justification for its seizure of documents at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. A search warrant released last week after the unprecedented search showed that Trump had 11 sets of classified documents at his home, and that the Justice Department had probable cause to conduct the search based on possible Espionage Act violations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Trump lawyer in June said classified material had been returned, New York Times reports, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 4:18 PM

A lawyer for former U.S. President Donald Trump signed a statement in June that said all classified material held in boxes at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government, the New York Times reported on Saturday. The statement was signed after Jay Bratt, a top national security official in the U.S. Department of Justice, visited Trump's South

Florida beach club on June 3, the New York Times reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [UPI](#)

NYT: Presidential Power to Declassify Information, Explained, Charlie Savage, August 14, 2022, 11:41 AM

Former President Donald J. Trump's claim that he had declassified all of the documents that the F.B.I. seized in the search of his Florida home last week — including those marked as top secret — has heightened interest in the scope of a president's power to declassify information. On Friday, Mr. Trump's office claimed that when he was president, he had a "standing order" that materials "removed from the Oval Office and taken to the residence were deemed to be declassified the moment he removed them," according to a statement read on Fox News by a right-wing writer Mr. Trump has designated as one of his representatives to the National Archives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion Distinguished persons of the week: They are patriots, unlike the MAGA cult., Jennifer Rubin, August 14, 2022, 7:45 AM

As MAGA thugs are wont to do, their reaction to the lawful search at former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, which we now know might have been related to nuclear secrets (which Trump has denied), amounted to an stream of insults and threats designed to whip up unhinged, violent characters. While the exact motives of the person who attacked FBI offices in Cincinnati on Thursday remain unknown, reports indicate he was in D.C. in the days leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection and might have been at the U.S. Capitol that day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: As Right-Wing Rhetoric Escalates, So Do Threats and Violence, Alan Feuer, August 14, 2022, 12:08 AM

The armed attack this week on an F.B.I. office in Ohio by a supporter of former President Donald J. Trump who was enraged by the bureau's search of Mr. Trump's private residence in Florida was one of the most disturbing episodes of right-wing political violence in recent months. But it was hardly the only one. In the year and a half since a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol, threats of political violence and actual attacks have become a steady reality of American life, affecting school board officials, election workers, flight attendants, librarians and even members of Congress, often with few headlines and little reaction from politicians. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Trump's secrets: How a records dispute led the FBI to search Mar-a-Lago, Josh Dawsey, Rosalind S. Helderman, Jacqueline Alemany and Devlin Barrett, August 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

As FBI agents pulled up to Donald Trump's Florida club Monday morning to conduct a search for top-secret government documents — approved by a federal judge and requested by the attorney general of the United States — the former president was by chance already huddled with his lawyers in Trump Tower in New York, a thousand miles to the north. They were supposed to be preparing Trump to be deposed later in the week in an entirely different matter, a civil probe of Trump's family business. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Top lawmakers seek intelligence assessment of documents from Mar-a-Lago, Jacqueline Alemany, August 13, 2022, 3:45 PM

The House Democrats' top investigators on Saturday asked the director of National Intelligence to conduct a review and damage assessment of the boxes of highly classified information seized by the FBI this week from former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. The letter was

sent to National Intelligence Director Avril Haines by House Oversight Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-N.Y.) and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) and cites the search warrant cataloguing the classified documents of various levels of sensitivity found at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Politico](#)

Bloomberg: House Democrats Ask Intelligence Chief to Assess Trump Documents, Billy House, August 13, 2022, 3:31 PM

Two top House Democrats asked the US Director of National Intelligence to provide a “damage assessment” after the FBI said it seized highly classified documents at former President Donald Trump’s estate in Florida. A classified briefing on the assessment’s progress is also sought “as soon as possible,” House Oversight Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney and Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff said in a letter to DNI Avril Haines on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: FBI and DHS warn of increased threats to law enforcement and government officials after Mar-a-Lago search, Nicole Sganga, August 14, 2022, 12:56 PM

Federal authorities are warning of an increase in threats to law enforcement officials following the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. The threats, which are "occurring primarily online and across multiple platforms, including social media sites, web forums, video sharing platforms, and image boards," were identified by the FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the days following the FBI's authorized seizure of 11 sets of classified documents from the former president's home, including four sets that were classified "top secret," according to the unsealed search warrant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Russia uses FBI Trump raid to 'foment discord' and 'amplify tensions' in US, expert says, Michael Lee, August 14, 2022, 10:09 AM

Russian state media outlets have been offering words of support for Former President Donald Trump amid the FBI raid of his Mar-a-Lago home in Florida in an attempt to sow discord in the U.S. "The Russians understand that Donald Trump is a hot button in America and they use their narratives to foment discord and amplify tensions in our country," Rebekah Koffler, a former DIA intelligence officer and the author of "Putin's Playbook: Russia's Secret Plan to Defeat America," told Fox News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Karine Jean-Pierre on DOJ's Trump probe: 'We do not interfere, we do not get briefed', Justin Gomez, August 14, 2022, 10:02 AM

The White House continues to stress they had no advanced knowledge of last week’s FBI raid on former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate or the status of the ongoing Department of Justice investigation, citing the “complete independence” of the DOJ from politicization. "We do not interfere. We do not get briefed. We do not get involved," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told ABC "This Week" co-anchor Jonathan Karl in an exclusive interview on Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Hogan says DOJ will need to prove importance of Trump search but calls out GOP response, Tal Axelrod, August 14, 2022, 9:16 AM

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Sunday the Department of Justice will need to be transparent in proving the importance of the unprecedented search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago last week but also criticized the response from other Republicans who he said inflamed animus against law enforcement. "I still believe that transparency was and is critically important. I was not one of the people that was just reacting, just defending Donald Trump," Hogan told ABC "This Week" co-

anchor Jonathan Karl of the FBI operation at the former president's residence in Florida.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#)

Fox: Leo Terrell: FBI's Trump raid was 'one of the darkest days' in US history, Graham Colton, August 14, 2022, 8:00 AM

Fox News contributor Leo Terrell dubbed the FBI raid on former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home "one of the darkest days in America's history" Sunday on "Life, Liberty & Levin." Monday was "one of the darkest days in America's history," he told host Mark Levin.

"The Constitution was trampled upon. The Fourth Amendment was ignored. And I want to make sure people understand this: This is not about the rule of law. This is about political power from the extreme Left." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: FBI seizes privileged Trump records during raid; DOJ opposes request for independent review: sources, Brooke Singman, August 13, 2022, 10:11 PM

The FBI seized boxes containing records covered by attorney-client privilege and potentially executive privilege during its raid of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, sources familiar with the investigation told Fox News, adding that the Justice Department opposed Trump lawyers' request for the appointment of an independent, special master to review the records. Sources familiar with the investigation told Fox News Saturday that the former president's team was informed that boxes labeled A-14, A-26, A-43, A-13, A-33, and a set of documents all seen on the final page of the FBI's property receipt contained information covered by attorney-client privilege. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Brian Kilmeade: DOJ and FBI enabling hypocritical Democrats to live like they are 'above the law', Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 9:56 PM

Fox News host Brian Kilmeade compared the Mar-a-Lago raid to the hypocrisy of Democrats living like they are "above the law" in Saturday's opening monologue of "One Nation." BRIAN KILMEADE: [The Biden family is] heading off to a \$1,000,000 mansion in South Carolina for a nice family vacation that will cost them nothing. The unequal justice has got to stop. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: What is the Espionage Act?, Caitlin Yilek, August 13, 2022, 7:17 PM

The Justice Department is investigating former President Donald Trump for potentially violating the Espionage Act, according to a search warrant that the FBI used to seize materials, including classified documents, from his Mar-a-Lago residence. The most notorious spies were prosecuted under the Espionage Act of 1917, including Robert Hanssen and Aldrich Ames, who are serving life sentences in prison for spying for the Soviet and Russian intelligence services while they worked for the FBI and CIA, respectively. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

CBS: Trump supporters stage rallies, call FBI search of Mar-a-Lago a "miscarriage of justice", Trish Christakis, August 13, 2022, 6:16 PM

South Florida supporters of former President Donald Trump are making their voices heard following the FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago estate. On Saturday, a caravan traveled from the Westland Mall in Hialeah to a Publix on Southern Boulevard. From there, they plan to hold a rally of support outside Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Responding to FBI search, Trump and allies return to his familiar strategy: flood the zone with nonsense, Daniel Dale, August 13, 2022, 5:39 PM

In response to the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's home in Florida on Monday, Trump and his allies in Congress and right-wing media have returned to his preferred strategy for communicating in a crisis: say a whole bunch of nonsense in rapid succession. From his battles against impeachment to his effort to limit the political fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic, Trump has attempted to flood the zone with such a quantity and variety of lies, conspiracy theories and distractions that Americans will tune out, turn away or cease to know what is true and not. And he has regularly been joined by a large cast of eager defenders. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: McCaul calls Trump rhetoric after Mar-a-Lago search 'inflammatory', Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022 12:13 PM

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) on Sunday said Americans deserve more details on what led to the FBI's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, but he expressed concern over some recent rhetoric from Trump attacking the agency. "There is something like a healthy skepticism about law enforcement, certainly, but for the former president to be using the language that he is when there is this level of threat against FBI agents would you call on him to tone it down?" asked CBS "Face the Nation" moderator Margaret Brennan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Hutchinson: FBI 'simply carrying out their responsibilities' with Mar-a-Lago search, Julia Mueller, August 14, 2022, 11:31 AM

Republican Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Sunday defended the FBI's execution of a search warrant at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, saying critics in the GOP need to "pull back on casting judgment." "The FBI is simply carrying out their responsibilities under the law, a lawful search warrant that a magistrate signed off on. And they didn't go in there with FBI raid jackets. They tried to constrain their behavior carrying out that warrant," Hutchinson said on CNN's "State of the Union," calling on fellow Republicans to "stand with" law enforcement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Schiff questions if Trump declassified documents seized by FBI, Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022, 11:24 AM

House Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) on Sunday questioned former President Trump's defense that he had declassified documents seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate last week. "We should determine whether there was any effort during the presidency to go through the process of declassification," Schiff told CBS "Face the Nation" moderator Margaret Brennan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Klobuchar: FBI investigation of Trump goes beyond politics, Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022, 10:29 AM

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) on Sunday condemned GOP criticism of the FBI following its search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property as "dangerous to our country," hailing the agency for not bowing to partisan politics. "This is beyond politics," she told NBC "Meet the Press" guest anchor Andrea Mitchell. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Republicans' response to Mar-a-Lago search shows why we need more like Rusty Bowers, Dennis Aftergut, August 14, 2022, 9:30 AM

Before we learned that the FBI had probable cause to believe that it needed to retrieve documents related to nuclear weapons still held on Aug. 8 at Mar-a-Lago, defenders of former President Trump launched dangerous attacks on law enforcement. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) tweeted, "Defund the FBI!" Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) referred to the warrant-based

search as a strategy of “Marxists.” These assaults on those who follow legal procedures to defend our security remind us that principled Republican elected officials are becoming an endangered species. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Rand Paul calls for repeal of Espionage Act after Trump FBI search, Ivana Saric, August 14, 2022, 8:43 AM

Less than a week after the FBI's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) called for the repeal of the Espionage Act on Saturday, saying it was an "egregious affront to the 1st Amendment." Driving the news: The Department of Justice filed a motion on Thursday to unseal parts of the Mar-a-Lago search warrant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] Opinion | Espionage Isn't the Strongest Case Against Trump. It's Simpler Than That., Renato Mariotti, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM

Former president Donald Trump's stubborn refusal to return highly classified material forced the Justice Department's hand, resulting in the execution of a search warrant at his residence. But while it is possible the DOJ merely wanted to retrieve and secure the material that Trump refused to give back to the government, if they decide to press forward with charges, their case looks quite strong. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Yahoo News: Understanding the Mar-a-Lago warrant: Yahoo News Explains, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 3:19 PM

On Friday, the Department of Justice unsealed the warrant associated with the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home earlier in the week. The records reveal that the FBI recovered numerous classified documents from the Mar-a-Lago estate and indicated that the former president is under investigation for several potential crimes, including possible violations of the Espionage Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): Trump's initially 'upbeat' mood about the FBI's Mar-a-Lago raid turned dark when GOP support began to wane, report says, Alia Shoaib, August 14, 2022, 10:36 AM

Trump was initially "upbeat" about the FBI Mar-a-Lago raid as he believed it would benefit him, per The Washington Post. GOP support began to wane following reports that Trump might have taken classified documents about nuclear weapons. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Bakersfield Californian (Bakersfield, CA): [OPINION] ROBERT PRICE: McCarthy supports law enforcement, except when he doesn't, Robert Price, August 14, 2022, 8:32 AM (EDT)

Kevin McCarthy has had it with this guy. No, not Donald Trump. That was last year. This year, it's Attorney General Merrick Garland that the Bakersfield congressman has seen enough of. [...] The attorney general, McCarthy said, "has a lot of explaining to do." Well, yes he does. Garland undoubtedly intends to do his explaining before a federal grand jury or in a similarly appropriate venue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Austin American-Statesman (Austin, TX): Opinion: The dangers lurking when Trump's rhetoric goes unchecked, Kenneth Zagacki and Richard Cherwitz, August 14, 2022, 7:55 AM

The fabric of American democracy is interwoven with timely and responsible speech-making. [...] Even now, following the FBI raid on his Mar-A-Lago residence, Trump viciously attacked the credibility of the FBI and Department of Justice further undermining traditionally well-respected

and trusted government institutions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME): **[EDITORIAL] Our View: Validity of Mar-a-Lago raid must not be drowned out**, Editorial Board, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

It took Merrick Garland less than four minutes to lay out what after days of noise the United States might have been forgiven for thinking was a complicated case. The attorney general, looking a little wan, broke it down last Thursday afternoon in terms that could not be confused. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Milwaukee Independent (Milwaukee, WI): **ESPIONAGE ACT: HOW SEIZED TOP-SECRET DOCUMENTS POINT TO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL WRONGDOING BY FORMER PRESIDENT**, Clark D. Cunningham and W. Lee Burge, August 14, 2022, 6:47 AM (EDT)

The FBI recovered confidential and top-secret items from Mar-a-Lago during its August 8, 2022, search of the estate, pointing to former President Donald Trump's potential violation of several federal laws. A Florida federal judge the same one who issued the warrant to search Trump's estate ordered on August 12, 2022, that the document be made public along with an inventory of items seized during the FBI's raid. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): **Trump goes on Truth Social rampage, sharing over a dozen posts, including from accounts with QAnon references**, Alia Shoaib, August 14, 2022, 6:19 AM

Former President Donald Trump took Truth Social to his social media platform over the weekend to lash out at the FBI over its raid of Mar-a-Lago. In a stream of messages, Trump complained that the FBI searched the house, including his wife Melania Trump's closets, "alone and unchecked." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Philadelphia Tribune (Philadelphia, PA): **Feds are duty-bound to fully investigate Trump**, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 12:28 AM

The FBI search of former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago compound was met by many Republican leaders and conservative media with misplaced outrage. The Republican Party has swiftly lined up behind Trump, echoing his condemnation of the raid. House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy accused the Biden administration of "weaponizing" the Justice Department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Republic (Columbus, IN): **FBI removed classified documents from Mar-a-Lago, investigating possible Espionage Act violations**, Julie McClure, August 14, 2022, 12:08 AM

FBI agents removed 11 sets of classified documents including some marked top secret and meant to be available only in special government facilities from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida on Monday. The itemized list of items taken from the property, which was released Friday at the Department of Justice's request along with the accompanying warrant, includes one set of documents marked as "Various classified/TS/SCI documents," which is an abbreviation that refers to top-secret/sensitive compartmented information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Hill Reporter (Seattle, WA): **[DEVELOPING] Armed Trump Supporters Gather Outside Phoenix FBI Office to Protest Mar-A-Lago Search Warrant**, Tara Dublin, August 13, 2022, 8:09 PM (EDT)

Donald Trump's inability to admit when he's lost comes with a body count that looks likely to

increase the longer his supporters are allowed to jeopardize the safety of FBI officers who are just doing their jobs. Threats to FBI agents have increased across the country from Trump supporters angry over the legally served search warrant executed at Mar-A-Lago on Monday. As always, the spin from Trump and his inner circle to deflect from the federal investigation into whether he violated the Espionage Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): Trump supporters protest in Myrtle Beach against FBI Mar-a-Lago raid, Nicole Ziege, August 13, 2022, 4:42 PM

About two dozen protesters gathered along 38th Avenue on Aug. 13 to denounce the FBI's raid of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, which took place earlier this week. The Horry County residents expressed anger about alleged government corruption, which they believe is responsible for the FBI's Aug. 8 raid of Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVQ-CBS/CW+ (Billings, MT): Supporters of former President Trump rally in Laurel, David Jay, August 13, 2022, 11:09 PM (EDT)

A group met in Laurel to protest the FBI raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. The raid took place Monday while the FBI was executing a search warrant for possible violations of the espionage act. The Department of Justice unsealed the search warrant and property receipt from the raid on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPBF-ABC](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Kingman Miner (Kingman, AZ): Ward battling to keep her phone records private, Howard Fischer, August 13, 2022, 8:24 PM (EDT)

State GOP chair Kelli Ward has no legal right to block a U.S. House committee from getting her phone records about her activities leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection, an attorney for the government is telling a federal judge. Douglas Letter said Ward "participated in multiple aspects" to interfere with the electoral count that was taking place. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: R Kelly accuser to give key testimony on trial-fixing charge, Michael Tarm, August 13, 2022, 3:21 PM

R. Kelly's federal trial in Chicago that starts Monday is in many ways a do-over of his 2008 state child pornography trial, at which jurors acquitted the singer on charges that he produced a video of himself when he was around 30 having sex with a girl no older than 14. There's one big difference: This time, prosecutors say, she will testify. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Leaf Chronicle (Clarksville, TN): Clarksville couple sentenced to years in federal prison on child sex pornography, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

A Clarksville couple has been sentenced to multiple years in prison after pleading guilty to child pornography charges in October. Kara Adkins, 38, has been ordered to serve more than 21 years in prison. She was indicted in January 2018 on conspiracy to produce child pornography and other related charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Man sentenced to prison for role in Massachusetts

drug trafficking organization run in public housing development, Ken Palva, August 14, 2022, 12:17 AM

A supervisor within a Massachusetts drug trafficking organization has been sentenced in federal court in Boston. Arthur Hodges, 36, was sentenced on August 10 by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to 65 months in prison and three years of supervised release. On April 19, 2022, Hodges pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Donaldsonville Chief (Donaldsonville, LA): **Woman accused of over \$500,000 PPP, unemployment fraud scheme indicted on racketeering charge in Georgia**, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 9:14 PM (EDT)

Tynea Gray of Ascension Parish, accused of mail and wire fraud of more than \$500,000, was among two Louisiana women indicted for conspiracy to commit racketeering Aug. 1 in Troup County, Georgia. Gray reportedly listed a Donaldsonville address at one time, but later moved to Prairieville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Irving Weekly (Irving, TX): **IRVING NEWSIrving Woman Sentenced To 12+ Years For Selling Date-Rape Drug**, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 4:24 PM (EDT)

An Irving woman who sold date-rape drugs over the internet was sentenced Thursday to more than 12 years in federal prison, announced U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Chad E. Meacham. Hyun Ji Martin, 40, was first charged in June 2021. She pleaded guilty in August 2021 to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance and was sentenced Thursday by Senior U.S. District Judge Terry R. Means to 151 months in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIAH-CW (Houston, TX): **Texas man accused of flying drone over federal prison to deliver drugs, other contraband**, Julianna Russ, August 13, 2022, 9:20 PM (EDT)

A Smithville man was arrested Thursday after officials said he attempted to use a drone to deliver drugs and other contraband into a Texas prison. Bryant LeRay Henderson, 42, was federally charged by criminal complaint with attempting to provide contraband in prison, serving as an airman without an airman's certificate and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, according to the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDVR-Fox (Denver, CO): **Aurora man sentenced for \$350K in COVID relief fraud**, Morgan Whitley, August 13, 2022, 5:16 PM (EDT)

A man from Aurora was sentenced to 66 months in prison for wire fraud and money laundering that resulted in the abuse of over \$350,000 through the COVID-19 CARES Act. According to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, 39-year-old Russell Ray Foreman will spend five years and five months in prison for committing money laundering and wire fraud between March 29 and Oct. 6 in 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): **Jury convicts man for West Virginia-based online scam**, Amanda Barber, August 13, 2022, 3:19 PM

A federal jury convicted a man for his involvement in a Huntington-based scam that defrauded victims in various states through the use of fake online profiles. Trial evidence showed that Abdul Inusah, 31, of Ghana, was part of a scheme that targeted victims using fake personas via email, text messaging, online dating, and social media. From around January 2018 through about

December of 2019, the scheme led victims to believe they were in a romantic relationship, friendship, or business deal with the fake profile. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

CNN: Former flight attendant sues airline after it fired her for sharing anti-Trump cartoon, Meron Moges-Gerbi, August 13, 2022, 9:03 PM

An employment discrimination lawsuit filed by a former Delta Air Lines flight attendant says she was fired for posting an image of former President Donald Trump wearing a Ku Klux Klan hood on her personal Facebook page. The plaintiff, Leondra Taylor, who is black, admitted she posted a cartoon image on her personal Facebook page depicting then-President Trump and then-former Vice President Joe Biden during one of their presidential debates in 2020, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in federal district court in Atlanta. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Local landlords to pay \$225K for alleged SCRA violations, Arianna Herriott, August 13, 2022, 10:02 PM

Two Hampton Roads landlords have agreed to pay \$225,000 to resolve violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. [...] “Eviction judgments seriously jeopardize servicemembers’ ability to find and obtain affordable housing and negatively impact the financial readiness of our armed forces,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): DOJ: Marijuana users are ‘dangerous to trust’, Evan Donovan, August 13, 2022, 6:10 PM

Department of Justice attorneys defended the federal law that bars marijuana users from buying guns this week. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried sued the Biden administration earlier this summer, arguing the policy violates the rights of medical marijuana patients. In a motion filed Monday, attorneys stated “marijuana use impairs judgment” as Florida’s Board of Medicine puts it, “the ability to think, judge and reason. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

KSAL-Fox (Salina, KS): Saint Francis Sues Former Leaders, Sherman Smith, August 14, 2022, 7:15 AM (EDT)

The former CEO, chief counsel and IT director for Saint Francis Ministries used their positions to enrich themselves and their friends as the charity neared financial insolvency, according to allegations made in state and federal lawsuits. The Salina-based foster care provider in court documents accused the trinity of overbilling for IT and legal services and misusing company funds to support a lavish lifestyle. Federal authorities identified \$10.73 million in fraudulent billing for IT services and moved to seize bank accounts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Daily Montanan (Helena, MT): [OPINION] ICE probably spied on you, Farrah Hassen, August 14, 2022, 6:13 AM

Growing up in the Southern California suburbs, government surveillance never worried me. [...] In its report, released May 10, the Center found that ICE has spied on most Americans without a warrant and circumvented many state privacy laws, such as those in California. The authors conclude: “ICE now operates as a domestic surveillance agency.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Team Brownsville volunteers adapt as border policies, migrant demographics evolve, Sandra Sanchez, August 14, 2022, 9:32 AM (EDT)

When asylum-seekers were first turned away under the Trump administration’s “Remain in Mexico” program in 2019, a group of volunteers started Team Brownsville to help those trying to immigrate to the United States. Ever since, the nonprofit organization has worked both sides of the Rio Grande, helping asylum-seekers stranded in Mexico, and those who are legally released by the Department of Homeland Security north of border, as they make a new life in America. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Braving traffic a way of life for border crossers, Julian Resendiz, August 14, 2022, 9:32 AM (EDT)

Several El Paso and Juarez residents who just made a quarter-mile walk from Mexico take a respite under some trees at the edge of the Ysleta Port of Entry. [...] The timeline for improvements remains fluid, as the city must coordinate the work with the various federal agencies U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Agriculture Department, Federal Protective Services, et al that operate at the port of entry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFMB-CBS (San Diego, CA): San Diego: The epicenter of fentanyl trafficking, Rocio De La Fe, August 14, 2022, 1:12 AM (EDT)

More fentanyl is being seized by authorities than ever before. This comes as deaths soar across our region, prompting federal officials to call San Diego the epicenter of fentanyl trafficking. [...] According to CBP, seizures of fentanyl in San Diego are up by approximately 323 percent in the last three years, from just 1,599 pounds in FY 2019 to 6,767 in FY 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIAH-The CW. (Houston, TX): Border Patrol’s investigative ‘shadow units’ back under the spotlight, Salvador Rivera, August 13, 2022, 8:19 PM (EDT)

The Southern Border Communities Coalition has sent a letter to Congress sharing what it calls “newly-discovered alarming facts” about the Border Patrol’s Critical Incident Teams that had been accused of covering up and distorting criminal and civil investigations involving Border Patrol agents. [...] Shortly thereafter, U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced it would eliminate these critical incident teams. The Office of Professional Responsibility agreed to take over future investigations involving border agents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRMG-ABC/Fox/Westwood One (Tulsa, OK): Customs officers seize fake jewelry, watches worth nearly \$7M in Cincinnati, Kelli Dugan, August 13, 2022, 3:10 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Cincinnati recently seized three shipments of counterfeit jewelry and watches that, had they been genuine, would have been worth \$6.88 million. According to a news release, the first shipment originated from Hong Kong and was en route to a private residence in Richmond, Virginia, when it was intercepted Aug. 5. Although the parcel had a declared value of only \$319, the seized package held 275 fake Cartier Love bracelets. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

USA Today: Fake 'Made in the USA' cases have increased dramatically since 2016.

Here's why, Sarah Elbeshbishi, August 14, 2022, 7:30 AM

The \$200,000 fine levied against a Utah clothing company for ripping out "Made in China" tags and replacing them with "Made in the USA" labels is just the latest example of the Federal Trade Commission's stepped-up enforcement efforts that started during President Donald Trump's administration. Lions Not Sheep was fined \$211,335 after claiming that the company's apparel was American made and adding "Made in the USA" tags to its internationally imported products, according to the FTC. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Islands' Sounder (Eastsound, WA): Federal court rules against NOAA, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 4:30 AM (EDT)

A bombshell ruling from Seattle's federal court landed Monday evening calling out the federal government for failing to protect endangered Southern Resident killer whales and wild Chinook by approving unsustainable Chinook harvest at levels that are harming the recovery of both federally protected species. On Monday, U.S. Judge Richard A. Jones issued a summary judgment in a lawsuit brought by Wild Fish Conservancy in March 2020 challenging NOAA Fisheries for authorizing commercial salmon harvest in Southeast Alaska's Chinook troll fishery at levels that the federal agency admits in their most recent analysis of the fishery are pushing federally protected SRKW's and wild Chinook closer to extinction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Salman Rushdie attack suspect pleads not guilty as author remains hospitalized, Kanishka Singh and Nathan Layne, August 13, 2022, 6:43 PM

Acclaimed author Salman Rushdie remained hospitalized on Saturday with serious injuries a day after he was repeatedly stabbed at a public appearance in New York state, while police sought to determine the motive behind an attack that drew international condemnation. [...] FBI officials went to Matar's last listed address, in Fairview, a Bergen County borough just across the Hudson River from Manhattan, on Friday evening, NBC New York reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Southern Baptist church says it is under investigation by Justice Department following sex abuse report, Carla Hinton and Liam Adams, August 13, 2022, 2:17 PM

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention said Friday the nation's largest Protestant denomination is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice. They also said the investigation, which will examine reported clergy sex abuse, is "not something to fear." The Rev. Mike Keahbone, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, voiced his thoughts on social media Friday as news reports about the DOJ's investigation began circulating. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: US government workers told to shelter in place amid surge in Tijuana violence, cartel threatens 'mass chaos', Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, August 13, 2022, 7:26 PM
U.S. government employees in Tijuana, Mexico are being instructed to shelter in place after a

sudden outbreak of violent crime. Mexican law enforcement is investigating a series of vehicle fires and reports of violence in the area. The sudden outbreak of apparent arson has spooked officials and raised questions on the motive. The U.S. government has ordered employees to stay sheltered and out of public places as a precaution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): **Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe says Trump has been 'basically at war' with the law enforcement agency since 2016**, John L. Dorman, August 14, 2022, 10:42 AM

McCabe said the sustained attacks have had "a corrosive effect" on morale within the agency. He also said political leaders haven't been forceful enough in refuting attacks against the FBI. Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe on Friday said that former President Donald Trump has been "basically at war" with the law enforcement agency since 2016 and warned of the risks posed to agents after the former president's Mar-a-Lago residence was searched by federal officials last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

San Francisco Chronicle (San Francisco, CA): **Law enforcement detail last known pings of Kiely Rodni's cell phone**, Katie Dowd, August 14, 2022, 12:30 AM (EDT)

A lead in the disappearance of Tahoe teen Kiely Rodni turned into another dead end as the FBI spent a day meticulously digging up a "potential burial site" that turned out to contain only a dog. Once again, a frustrating tip law enforcement have so far received over 1,200 failed to bring loved ones any closer to finding Kiely. The 16-year-old Truckee girl has been missing more than a week, vanishing seemingly without a trace from a campground party on August 6. The latest updates in the search were shared at a press conference on Saturday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Gazette (Cedar Rapids, IA): **Drug informant brutally beaten in Linn County Jail before testimony**, Trish Mehaffey, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

An Oelwein man testified in a wheelchair against a drug dealer in federal court only days after being brutally beaten when he was transferred into a Linn County Jail cell pod with the dealer's former cellmate a convicted murderer and another inmate recruited for the attack, records and interviews show. The informant, Ethan Palmer, 48, was set to testify against Justin Michael Buehler, 39, also of Oelwein. But 12 days before the trial, Palmer was "sucker-punched" May 27 by inmate Drew Blahnik as he came out of the bathroom into the pod's commons area, Palmer's wife, Laurie, told The Gazette during phone interviews. [...] The U.S. Marshals Service and First Assistant Linn County Attorney Monica Slaughter told The Gazette two investigations federal and state are ongoing into the assault. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Boston Herald (Boston, MA): **[OPINION] Howie Carr: Boston FBI office set the standard for incompetence**, Howie Carr, August 13, 2022, 6:52 PM

Sometimes it seems like the Boston office of the FBI dumpster fire of breathtaking corruption and incompetence that it is serves as a field laboratory for the Democrat briefers in D.C. whose mission it is to crush any opposition to the Deep State. All week long, since the FBI's Stasi-style raid on Mar-a-Lago, it's been deja vu all over again for anyone who's been paying attention to the decades of multiple messes that our local on-the-take G-men have been diving headfirst into. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The California Aggie (Davis, CA): **UC Davis assistant water polo coach arrested by FBI, indicted by grand jury**, Kaya Do-Khanh, August 13, 2022, 4:50 PM (EDT)

On May 19, the assistant coach for the UC Davis men's water polo team, Daniel Noble, was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for charges related to possession of child pornography, according to a charge letter on the investigation into allegations against Noble. As of May 20, Noble ceased to be a UC Davis employee, according to a statement from Chancellor Gary May regarding the situation. The statement goes on to say that Noble has been ordered to stay away from campus and will be arrested if he returns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJBK-Fox (Southfield, MI): Man found shot 7 times; tortured ex with flat iron • GLWA boil water advisory • fatal fight at GM Orion Twp, Connie Rahbany, August 14, 2022, 10:53 AM
A man suspected of torturing and sexually assaulting his ex-girlfriend with a hair straightener was tracked down by the U.S. Marshals, a water main break at the Great Lakes Water Authority's Lake Huron facility impacted 935,000 people in 23 communities and is still impacting 13, and a suspect was arrested after a man was killed in a fight at GM's Orion Twp plant: here are the top stories from FOX 2's Week in Review. 1. Man wanted for torture, sex assault of ex with hot hair straightener found shot 7 times The U.S. Marshals tracked down a dangerous suspect who is accused of torturing and sexually assaulting his ex-girlfriend. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Embedded: Changing The Police, August 14, 2022, 8:00 AM
Yonkers, N.Y. is a city with a long and ugly history of bad policing. (1:17) The Justice Department has demanded an overhaul of the department and has been monitoring it for more than a decade. The commissioner in Yonkers has promised to do what the feds want and more. He has promised to "reform" policing in Yonkers and turn his officers into guardians of the community, accountable to its citizens. Can it be done and what does this kind of reform even look like? [\[Listen\]](#)

San Antonio Express-News (San Antonio, TX): Lawmakers decry collapsing Texas juvenile prison system, ask Abbott to call special session, Jolie McCullough, August 13, 2022, 7:32 PM

Texas' youth prison system urgently needs money to crawl out of its growing crisis, in which children are at times locked in cells 23 hours a day and nearly half of detained youth have been on suicide watch, the agency's director has told lawmakers. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department currently under federal investigation for an alleged pattern of abuse and mistreatment is severely understaffed, with agency officials saying last month it is nearing systemic collapse. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

The Hill: Lacking power, Supreme Court's liberals find voice in dissent, John Kruzel, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM

Outnumbered 6-3, the Supreme Court's liberals are increasingly likely to find themselves on the losing side of landmark rulings, as happened repeatedly this term, most notably with the historic overruling of *Roe v. Wade*. As a result, the dissenting opinion a quintessentially American form of discourse has taken on heightened symbolic significance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

The Center Square (Whitpain, PA): Federal law makes recreational marijuana a complicated ask in Pennsylvania, Anthony Hennen, August 13, 2022, 4:47 PM

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has spent a lot of time in committee meetings discussing whether to legalize recreational marijuana, but federal holdups may matter more than state-level action. Even if state politicians strike a deal to approve recreational use, federal prohibition and the risk that follows causes trouble for marijuana-related businesses and private citizens. [...] The Department of Justice continues to argue in federal court that medical marijuana patients should be barred from owning guns because it is “dangerous to trust regular marijuana users to exercise sound judgment,” as a recent filing in Florida demonstrated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

NYT: How Frustration Over TikTok Has Mounted in Washington, David McCabe, August 14, 2022, 5:00 AM

Early last year, Senator Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican, and Jake Sullivan, President Biden’s national security adviser, met to discuss China and industrial policy. [...] While the app appeared to fade as a political flashpoint after Mr. Trump left office last year, lawmakers and government officials have privately grown frustrated over the Biden administration’s lack of progress in policing TikTok and other Chinese apps that could leak data to Beijing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: As U.S. Seeks to Close Guantánamo, Saudi Center Could Be an Option, Carol Rosenberg, August 13, 2022, 8:09 PM

Nobody was home at the dusty brown campus of the reintegration center for recovering Islamic extremists. [...] Now the question is whether and how the center fits into President Biden’s efforts to close the prison at Guantánamo, which opened more than 20 years ago to hold terrorism suspects seized around the globe in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Russia Optimistic on US Prisoner Swap That Includes Griner, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 5:43 PM

Russia for the first time expressed guarded optimism about talks with the US on a prisoner exchange involving WNBA star Brittney Griner and another jailed American. “‘Quiet diplomacy’ is continuing, and it should bear fruit, if of course, Washington strictly follows it without slipping into propaganda,” Alexander Darchiyev, head of the North American department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, said in an interview with the state Tass news service published on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: The same Joe Biden suddenly looks different, John Harwood, August 14, 2022, 12:17 PM

Joe Biden is no more or less capable a president than he was two months ago. His staff is no more or less competent. But suddenly, images of Biden as a feeble septuagenarian atop a mismanaged White House have given way to those of an experienced leader, smiling behind aviator sunglasses, whose battle-tested team has delivered on a range of national priorities. A winning streak does that for you. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Joe Biden got the vibe shift he needed. Now he's looking to make it count., Edward-

Isaac Dove, August 14, 2022, 11:55 AM

Pete Buttigieg wasn't quite feeling it. It was late and White House aides had given him the cryptic guidance during their prep call for his Sunday show appearances on July 24: "We're not taking any swings." That last weekend in July, the transportation secretary was -- like most Democrats -- still reeling from the latest death of a reconciliation bill tackling climate change that he and so many others had hoped for. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* [OPINION] Biden frontrunner for 'Lie of the Year' award as many in media look the other way**, Joe Concha, August 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

"I just want to say a number: zero. Today, we received news that our economy had zero inflation in the month of July. Zero percent. Here's what that means: While the price of some things went up last month, the price of other things went down by the same amount. The result? Zero inflation last month." That was President Biden speaking to the country last Wednesday. His administration has attempted to redefine what infrastructure means (it's not only about improving roads, bridges and power grids, but also about paid family leave and child care) and what a recession means (it's not two straight quarters of negative GDP growth anymore). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* GOP report knocks Biden's Afghanistan withdrawal, eyes post-midterm scrutiny**, Laura Kelly and Rebecca Beitsch, August 14, 2022, 11:30 AM

Republicans on the House Foreign Affairs Committee are using an interim report examining President Biden's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan to telegraph their plans to exercise intense scrutiny, and possible subpoenas, if the GOP clinches the majority in Congress in 2022. The strategy, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee ranking member Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas), is expected to be published this week in a 118-page, interim report called "A Strategic Failure: Assessing the Administration's Afghanistan Withdrawal." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* White House press secretary on low Biden approval ratings: 'We get it'**, Julia Mueller, August 14, 2022, 10:38 AM

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Sunday responded to recent polling showing record low approval ratings for President Biden, saying, "We get it." "We've said this before, it's like: We get it. We understand what the American people are feeling at this time," Jean-Pierre told ABC's Jonathan Karl on "This Week." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***Washington Examiner:* Biden's archivist nominee moonlights as murder mystery author**, Virginia Abram, August 14, 2022, 6:00 AM

President Joe Biden's nominee for archivist of the United States is also a prolific writer of political murder mysteries starring a congressional aide-turned-sleuth. Colleen Shogan, who currently serves as the senior vice president and director of the David M. Rubenstein Center for White House History at the White House Historical Association, has also authored eight mysteries in her "Washington Whodunit" series. Biden announced her as his nominee to head the National Archives and Records Administration on Aug. 3. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

***AP:* More US lawmakers visiting Taiwan 12 days after Pelosi trip**, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 8:20 AM

A delegation of American lawmakers is visiting Taiwan just 12 days after a visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that angered China. The five-member delegation, led by Democratic Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, will meet senior leaders to discuss U.S.-Taiwan relations, regional security, trade, investment and other issues, the American Institute in Taiwan said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 13, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Mary Bruce

CBS: Weekend News with Adriana Diaz

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

- A Trump lawyer signed a statement in June stating all classified material held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government. There are questions as to potential damage to National Security in relation to the documents within Trump's residence, even as the DOJ is investigating whether Trump violated three federal laws. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The attack on Salman Rushdie is considered an assassination attempt by 24y/o Hadi Matar. Authorities stated Matar has shown strong indicators of ideological support for the Iranian regime, even as Matar pled not guilty to charges of Attempted 2nd Degree Murder and 2nd degree assault. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Extreme weather in the US includes the West faced with threats of flash flooding caused by monsoon rainfall, parts of California and Texas face extreme drought, and the Big Island of Hawaii experiencing a massive wildfire. A new study of the winter jet stream and atmospheric weather indicates California may someday face a devastating flood. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The Ukrainian intelligence Agency warns of "irreparable consequences" as shelling continues to fall dangerously close to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. This as Ukrainian forces hit key bridges in the Dnipro region crippling Russia's ability to re-supply its military. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- US Officials are warning Americans in Tijuana to shelter in place as gang violence intensifies. Drug cartels have targeted stores, set fires to cars, and placed roadblocks along Mexican border cities. [\[CBS, NBC\]](#)
- A Joint Intelligence Bulletin from the FBI and DHS state there has been an increase in threats and acts of violence against law enforcement and government officials since the raid at Mar-a-Lago. Rhetoric coming from Public officials is escalating the threat. [\[ABC\]](#)
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For the first time in decades there is a growing concern about Polio in the US. The Polio virus which had been eliminated in the US since 1979, has been found in New York City's wastewater, a month after a 20y/o unvaccinated man was diagnosed with Paralytic Polio. [\[ABC\]](#)

- In Spain, powerful wind gusts at the Medusa festival resulted in the death of one man with at least 40 injured. High winds caused parts of a stage to collapse at the festival. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Europe is in the depths of a heat wave and with extreme drought. As forests burn up, rivers are drying up. Meteorologists state Europe's conditions could be the worst they have been in 500 years. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Hundreds of black retired NFL players are eligible for the NFL's billion-dollar Concussion concussion settlement. Previous decisions based on cognitive tests that used race-based measures to determine whether the players had dementia were reversed allowing for eligibility to the settlements. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Schools across the Country are struggling to get enough bus drivers as students are scheduled to start classes in the upcoming weeks. Some schools are discontinuing or reducing routes, delaying start times, creating new school walk zones, and offering monthly stipends for parents to deliver kids to school. [\[CBS\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- ABC This Week began with a review of the Mar-A-Lago search warrant; Donald Trump reportedly mishandling sensitive documents; New warnings from the FBI on increasing threats; the political firestorm; the House is sending the Climate and Tax Bill to Biden; and the situation in Afghanistan worsening. [\[Watch\]](#)
- New York times reported Donald Trump's lawyer signed a document claiming all sensitive documents had been turned over, but was proven false; Republicans outraged by the raid respond, some claiming the FBI must be disbanded or killed; DHS and FBI experiencing an "unprecedented" number of threats; and the Mar-A-Lago warrant detailing three laws violated including the Espionage act and obstruction of justice. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Dan Abrams says it's still possible Donald Trump may be let off without charges, but depends on the original purpose of the raid and the intentions of Trump's actions; Trump reportedly declassified documents, however from a legal standpoint it wouldn't matter. Elizabeth Neumann states the attack on the FBI field office by Ricky Shiffer appears to have been motivated by the reaction of Trump and Republicans and not the raid itself; She

comments domestic terrorism has increased in the last eight years. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Larry Hogan discussed transparency from the FBI, the FBI having solid probable cause to initiate the unprecedented raid; the security concerns of the documents being in such an unsecured space is of grave consequence; Republicans calling FBI 'Gestapo'; Americans noticing Hillary Clinton was not treated the same way when she had classified documents; and his concerns about Biden's handling of the economy and upcoming elections. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Face the Nation began with a review of the FBI raid at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate; outrage from Trump supporters; threats against law enforcement; Ricky Schiffer's armed attempt to breach an FBI field office in Ohio; Attorney General Merrick Garland defending the search; details of the unsealed warrant; Trump's attorney certifying all classified material held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government; and request to release the DOJ affidavit outlining why the DOJ believes a crime has been committed. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Brennan and other CBS Correspondents discussed the Joint Intelligence Bulletin from the FBI and DHS stating there has been an increase in threats and acts of violence against law enforcement and government officials since the raid at Mar-a-Lago; Trump's legal issues and investigations; plans for a Presidential run by Trump; and Trump's responsibility involving Classified information. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) discussed the classified documents at Trump's Mar-a-lago estate posing a risk to National Security; requests to the DNI for a damage assessment on the documents; the DOJ waiting 18 months before acting; a President's declassification authority; GOP reactions to the raid; seizure of Congressman Scott Perry's phone; overlap of DOJ investigations; the status of Afghanistan a year after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan; and Al Qaeda as an ongoing threat. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- NBC Meet the Press begins with a review of the Mar-A-Lago estate raid, as well as the attack on an FBI office. Midterms voting outlook report, and President Biden's waves of successes. [\[Watch\]](#)
- After the FBI raid on the Mar-A-Lago estate, Donald Trump pleads the Fifth in a New York civil suit deposition; Top Secret and Classified documents, which Trump asserts were declassified, were removed by the FBI during the raid with possible violations of the espionage act; Ricky Schiffer, attacking an FBI field office in Ohio ; and why the FBI executed the raid. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Senator Amy Klobuchar Says the search was cleared by a Federal Judge, searching for classified documents, and classified documents cannot be taken out of secure locations. Klobuchar states Merrick Garland announced recovery of documents was ongoing for months, and New York Times reported Trump said no documents were left in his home. Klobuchar says matters with Trump have nothing to do with current politics. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Senator Mike Rounds states he believes that the warrant has raised more questions, and the affidavit should be made public; Rounds is unsure if the DOJ exhausted all other methods before raiding Trump's home; States Republicans would rather focus on the upcoming midterms with more hometown concerns. Rounds states there has been arguments if a president could classify or declassify documents having been going on for decades; Republicans asking why go after Trump now when others have been doing similar in recent years; Rounds states the DOJ needs to prove a lack of political reasons for the raid. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Gillian Turner

- Fox News Sunday began with a review of the FBI raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-lago estate and potential violations of the Espionage Act. The White House states it did not know of the raid and refuses to weigh in. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The Sunday Group discussed the documents found during the raid in Mar-a-lago; details of the warrant's scope lacking particularity; the President's authority to unilaterally declassify documents and the process involved; Trump's attorney certifying all classified material held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government; Sources stating Trump did not know the contents of the boxes; legal and political arguments surrounding the raid; the differences between the mishandling of classified information by Hillary Clinton v. Trump; Trump pleading the Fifth in Civil Suit Deposition; and Attorney General Garland clearing any questions regarding the raid having political involvement. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Market Rebound Fails to Convince Some Investors" [\[WSJ\]](#)
- "Why Abortion Has Become a Centerpiece of Democratic TV Ads in 2022" [\[NYT\]](#)
- "Falling global food and fuel costs offer poor countries little relief" [\[WaPo\]](#)
- "Smith: When a sheriff OKs harassing a pastor for a Batmobile, it's time for accountability" [\[LAT\]](#)

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Politico: **Hill Republicans demand more from Garland on Mar-a-Lago search**, Nick Niedzwiadek, August 14, 2022, 11:18 AM

Several Republican members of Congress put the onus Sunday on Attorney General Merrick Garland to justify the necessity of the search of former President Donald Trump's residence last week. "He has a lot of questions to answer," said Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio), the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, on CNN's "State of the Union." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Canyon News (Beverly Hills, CA): **Articles Of Impeachment Filed Against AG Garland**, Sharon, August 13, 2022, 6:53 PM (EDT)

On Friday, August 12, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), filed articles of impeachment against U.S. Attorney General (AG) Merrick Garland. Greene filed suit against Garland after he publicly

announced that he “personally approved,” the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Justice to raid the Trump estate in Mar-a-Lago on August 5. Rep. Greene made her announcement on Friday, just prior to introducing the articles of Impeachment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Some Capitol rioters try to profit from their Jan. 6 crimes, Michael Kunzelman, August 14, 2022, 8:15 AM

Facing prison time and dire personal consequences for storming the U.S. Capitol, some Jan. 6 defendants are trying to profit from their participation in the deadly riot, using it as a platform to drum up cash, promote business endeavors and boost social media profiles. A Nevada man jailed on riot charges asked his mother to contact publishers for a book he was writing about “the Capitol incident.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Crypto community split on Treasury’s Tornado Cash sanctions, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 7:30 AM

Recent U.S. sanctions against cryptocurrency mixer Tornado Cash have sparked a debate within the crypto community on whether the ban compromises users’ ability to operate anonymously. Earlier this week, the Treasury Department imposed sanctions against Tornado Cash for helping hackers launder over \$7 billion worth of virtual currency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME): Former Minot man sentenced to 8 months in prison for role in U.S. Capitol riot, Rachel Ohm, August 13, 2022, 9:27 PM

A former Minot man has been sentenced to eight months in prison for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Glen Mitchell Simon also faces 12 months of supervised release, a \$1,000 fine and is being asked to pay \$500 in restitution, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Republicans demand to see affidavit that justified FBI search of Trump's home, David Lawder, August 14, 2022, 12:05 PM

Republicans stepped up calls on Sunday for the release of an FBI affidavit showing the underlying justification for its seizure of documents at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. A search warrant released last week after the unprecedented search showed that Trump had 11 sets of classified documents at his home, and that the Justice Department had probable cause to conduct the search based on possible Espionage Act violations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Trump lawyer in June said classified material had been returned, New York Times reports, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 4:18 PM

A lawyer for former U.S. President Donald Trump signed a statement in June that said all classified material held in boxes at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government, the New York Times reported on Saturday. The statement was signed after Jay Bratt, a top national security official in the U.S. Department of Justice, visited Trump's South

Florida beach club on June 3, the New York Times reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [UPI](#)

NYT: Presidential Power to Declassify Information, Explained, Charlie Savage, August 14, 2022, 11:41 AM

Former President Donald J. Trump's claim that he had declassified all of the documents that the F.B.I. seized in the search of his Florida home last week — including those marked as top secret — has heightened interest in the scope of a president's power to declassify information. On Friday, Mr. Trump's office claimed that when he was president, he had a "standing order" that materials "removed from the Oval Office and taken to the residence were deemed to be declassified the moment he removed them," according to a statement read on Fox News by a right-wing writer Mr. Trump has designated as one of his representatives to the National Archives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion Distinguished persons of the week: They are patriots, unlike the MAGA cult., Jennifer Rubin, August 14, 2022, 7:45 AM

As MAGA thugs are wont to do, their reaction to the lawful search at former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, which we now know might have been related to nuclear secrets (which Trump has denied), amounted to an stream of insults and threats designed to whip up unhinged, violent characters. While the exact motives of the person who attacked FBI offices in Cincinnati on Thursday remain unknown, reports indicate he was in D.C. in the days leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection and might have been at the U.S. Capitol that day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: As Right-Wing Rhetoric Escalates, So Do Threats and Violence, Alan Feuer, August 14, 2022, 12:08 AM

The armed attack this week on an F.B.I. office in Ohio by a supporter of former President Donald J. Trump who was enraged by the bureau's search of Mr. Trump's private residence in Florida was one of the most disturbing episodes of right-wing political violence in recent months. But it was hardly the only one. In the year and a half since a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol, threats of political violence and actual attacks have become a steady reality of American life, affecting school board officials, election workers, flight attendants, librarians and even members of Congress, often with few headlines and little reaction from politicians. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Trump's secrets: How a records dispute led the FBI to search Mar-a-Lago, Josh Dawsey, Rosalind S. Helderman, Jacqueline Alemany and Devlin Barrett, August 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

As FBI agents pulled up to Donald Trump's Florida club Monday morning to conduct a search for top-secret government documents — approved by a federal judge and requested by the attorney general of the United States — the former president was by chance already huddled with his lawyers in Trump Tower in New York, a thousand miles to the north. They were supposed to be preparing Trump to be deposed later in the week in an entirely different matter, a civil probe of Trump's family business. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Top lawmakers seek intelligence assessment of documents from Mar-a-Lago, Jacqueline Alemany, August 13, 2022, 3:45 PM

The House Democrats' top investigators on Saturday asked the director of National Intelligence to conduct a review and damage assessment of the boxes of highly classified information seized by the FBI this week from former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. The letter was

sent to National Intelligence Director Avril Haines by House Oversight Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-N.Y.) and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) and cites the search warrant cataloguing the classified documents of various levels of sensitivity found at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Politico](#)

Bloomberg: House Democrats Ask Intelligence Chief to Assess Trump Documents, Billy House, August 13, 2022, 3:31 PM

Two top House Democrats asked the US Director of National Intelligence to provide a “damage assessment” after the FBI said it seized highly classified documents at former President Donald Trump’s estate in Florida. A classified briefing on the assessment’s progress is also sought “as soon as possible,” House Oversight Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney and Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff said in a letter to DNI Avril Haines on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: FBI and DHS warn of increased threats to law enforcement and government officials after Mar-a-Lago search, Nicole Sganga, August 14, 2022, 12:56 PM

Federal authorities are warning of an increase in threats to law enforcement officials following the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. The threats, which are "occurring primarily online and across multiple platforms, including social media sites, web forums, video sharing platforms, and image boards," were identified by the FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the days following the FBI's authorized seizure of 11 sets of classified documents from the former president's home, including four sets that were classified "top secret," according to the unsealed search warrant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Russia uses FBI Trump raid to 'foment discord' and 'amplify tensions' in US, expert says, Michael Lee, August 14, 2022, 10:09 AM

Russian state media outlets have been offering words of support for Former President Donald Trump amid the FBI raid of his Mar-a-Lago home in Florida in an attempt to sow discord in the U.S. "The Russians understand that Donald Trump is a hot button in America and they use their narratives to foment discord and amplify tensions in our country," Rebekah Koffler, a former DIA intelligence officer and the author of "Putin's Playbook: Russia's Secret Plan to Defeat America," told Fox News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Karine Jean-Pierre on DOJ's Trump probe: 'We do not interfere, we do not get briefed', Justin Gomez, August 14, 2022, 10:02 AM

The White House continues to stress they had no advanced knowledge of last week’s FBI raid on former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate or the status of the ongoing Department of Justice investigation, citing the “complete independence” of the DOJ from politicization. "We do not interfere. We do not get briefed. We do not get involved," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told ABC "This Week" co-anchor Jonathan Karl in an exclusive interview on Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Hogan says DOJ will need to prove importance of Trump search but calls out GOP response, Tal Axelrod, August 14, 2022, 9:16 AM

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Sunday the Department of Justice will need to be transparent in proving the importance of the unprecedented search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago last week but also criticized the response from other Republicans who he said inflamed animus against law enforcement. "I still believe that transparency was and is critically important. I was not one of the people that was just reacting, just defending Donald Trump," Hogan told ABC "This Week" co-

anchor Jonathan Karl of the FBI operation at the former president's residence in Florida.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#)

Fox: Leo Terrell: FBI's Trump raid was 'one of the darkest days' in US history, Graham Colton, August 14, 2022, 8:00 AM

Fox News contributor Leo Terrell dubbed the FBI raid on former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home "one of the darkest days in America's history" Sunday on "Life, Liberty & Levin." Monday was "one of the darkest days in America's history," he told host Mark Levin.

"The Constitution was trampled upon. The Fourth Amendment was ignored. And I want to make sure people understand this: This is not about the rule of law. This is about political power from the extreme Left." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: FBI seizes privileged Trump records during raid; DOJ opposes request for independent review: sources, Brooke Singman, August 13, 2022, 10:11 PM

The FBI seized boxes containing records covered by attorney-client privilege and potentially executive privilege during its raid of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, sources familiar with the investigation told Fox News, adding that the Justice Department opposed Trump lawyers' request for the appointment of an independent, special master to review the records. Sources familiar with the investigation told Fox News Saturday that the former president's team was informed that boxes labeled A-14, A-26, A-43, A-13, A-33, and a set of documents all seen on the final page of the FBI's property receipt contained information covered by attorney-client privilege. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Brian Kilmeade: DOJ and FBI enabling hypocritical Democrats to live like they are 'above the law', Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 9:56 PM

Fox News host Brian Kilmeade compared the Mar-a-Lago raid to the hypocrisy of Democrats living like they are "above the law" in Saturday's opening monologue of "One Nation." BRIAN KILMEADE: [The Biden family is] heading off to a \$1,000,000 mansion in South Carolina for a nice family vacation that will cost them nothing. The unequal justice has got to stop. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: What is the Espionage Act?, Caitlin Yilek, August 13, 2022, 7:17 PM

The Justice Department is investigating former President Donald Trump for potentially violating the Espionage Act, according to a search warrant that the FBI used to seize materials, including classified documents, from his Mar-a-Lago residence. The most notorious spies were prosecuted under the Espionage Act of 1917, including Robert Hanssen and Aldrich Ames, who are serving life sentences in prison for spying for the Soviet and Russian intelligence services while they worked for the FBI and CIA, respectively. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

CBS: Trump supporters stage rallies, call FBI search of Mar-a-Lago a "miscarriage of justice", Trish Christakis, August 13, 2022, 6:16 PM

South Florida supporters of former President Donald Trump are making their voices heard following the FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago estate. On Saturday, a caravan traveled from the Westland Mall in Hialeah to a Publix on Southern Boulevard. From there, they plan to hold a rally of support outside Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Responding to FBI search, Trump and allies return to his familiar strategy: flood the zone with nonsense, Daniel Dale, August 13, 2022, 5:39 PM

In response to the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's home in Florida on Monday, Trump and his allies in Congress and right-wing media have returned to his preferred strategy for communicating in a crisis: say a whole bunch of nonsense in rapid succession. From his battles against impeachment to his effort to limit the political fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic, Trump has attempted to flood the zone with such a quantity and variety of lies, conspiracy theories and distractions that Americans will tune out, turn away or cease to know what is true and not. And he has regularly been joined by a large cast of eager defenders. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: McCaul calls Trump rhetoric after Mar-a-Lago search 'inflammatory', Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022 12:13 PM

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) on Sunday said Americans deserve more details on what led to the FBI's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, but he expressed concern over some recent rhetoric from Trump attacking the agency. "There is something like a healthy skepticism about law enforcement, certainly, but for the former president to be using the language that he is when there is this level of threat against FBI agents would you call on him to tone it down?" asked CBS "Face the Nation" moderator Margaret Brennan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Hutchinson: FBI 'simply carrying out their responsibilities' with Mar-a-Lago search, Julia Mueller, August 14, 2022, 11:31 AM

Republican Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Sunday defended the FBI's execution of a search warrant at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, saying critics in the GOP need to "pull back on casting judgment." "The FBI is simply carrying out their responsibilities under the law, a lawful search warrant that a magistrate signed off on. And they didn't go in there with FBI raid jackets. They tried to constrain their behavior carrying out that warrant," Hutchinson said on CNN's "State of the Union," calling on fellow Republicans to "stand with" law enforcement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Schiff questions if Trump declassified documents seized by FBI, Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022, 11:24 AM

House Intelligence Committee Chair Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) on Sunday questioned former President Trump's defense that he had declassified documents seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate last week. "We should determine whether there was any effort during the presidency to go through the process of declassification," Schiff told CBS "Face the Nation" moderator Margaret Brennan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Klobuchar: FBI investigation of Trump goes beyond politics, Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022, 10:29 AM

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) on Sunday condemned GOP criticism of the FBI following its search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property as "dangerous to our country," hailing the agency for not bowing to partisan politics. "This is beyond politics," she told NBC "Meet the Press" guest anchor Andrea Mitchell. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Republicans' response to Mar-a-Lago search shows why we need more like Rusty Bowers, Dennis Aftergut, August 14, 2022, 9:30 AM

Before we learned that the FBI had probable cause to believe that it needed to retrieve documents related to nuclear weapons still held on Aug. 8 at Mar-a-Lago, defenders of former President Trump launched dangerous attacks on law enforcement. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) tweeted, "Defund the FBI!" Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) referred to the warrant-based

search as a strategy of “Marxists.” These assaults on those who follow legal procedures to defend our security remind us that principled Republican elected officials are becoming an endangered species. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Rand Paul calls for repeal of Espionage Act after Trump FBI search, Ivana Saric, August 14, 2022, 8:43 AM

Less than a week after the FBI's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) called for the repeal of the Espionage Act on Saturday, saying it was an "egregious affront to the 1st Amendment." Driving the news: The Department of Justice filed a motion on Thursday to unseal parts of the Mar-a-Lago search warrant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] Opinion | Espionage Isn't the Strongest Case Against Trump. It's Simpler Than That., Renato Mariotti, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM

Former president Donald Trump's stubborn refusal to return highly classified material forced the Justice Department's hand, resulting in the execution of a search warrant at his residence. But while it is possible the DOJ merely wanted to retrieve and secure the material that Trump refused to give back to the government, if they decide to press forward with charges, their case looks quite strong. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Yahoo News: Understanding the Mar-a-Lago warrant: Yahoo News Explains, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 3:19 PM

On Friday, the Department of Justice unsealed the warrant associated with the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home earlier in the week. The records reveal that the FBI recovered numerous classified documents from the Mar-a-Lago estate and indicated that the former president is under investigation for several potential crimes, including possible violations of the Espionage Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): Trump's initially 'upbeat' mood about the FBI's Mar-a-Lago raid turned dark when GOP support began to wane, report says, Alia Shoib, August 14, 2022, 10:36 AM

Trump was initially "upbeat" about the FBI Mar-a-Lago raid as he believed it would benefit him, per The Washington Post. GOP support began to wane following reports that Trump might have taken classified documents about nuclear weapons. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Bakersfield Californian (Bakersfield, CA): [OPINION] ROBERT PRICE: McCarthy supports law enforcement, except when he doesn't, Robert Price, August 14, 2022, 8:32 AM (EDT)

Kevin McCarthy has had it with this guy. No, not Donald Trump. That was last year. This year, it's Attorney General Merrick Garland that the Bakersfield congressman has seen enough of. [...] The attorney general, McCarthy said, "has a lot of explaining to do." Well, yes he does. Garland undoubtedly intends to do his explaining before a federal grand jury or in a similarly appropriate venue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Austin American-Statesman (Austin, TX): Opinion: The dangers lurking when Trump's rhetoric goes unchecked, Kenneth Zagacki and Richard Cherwitz, August 14, 2022, 7:55 AM

The fabric of American democracy is interwoven with timely and responsible speech-making. [...] Even now, following the FBI raid on his Mar-A-Lago residence, Trump viciously attacked the credibility of the FBI and Department of Justice further undermining traditionally well-respected

and trusted government institutions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Portland Press Herald (Portland, ME): **[EDITORIAL] Our View: Validity of Mar-a-Lago raid must not be drowned out**, Editorial Board, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

It took Merrick Garland less than four minutes to lay out what after days of noise the United States might have been forgiven for thinking was a complicated case. The attorney general, looking a little wan, broke it down last Thursday afternoon in terms that could not be confused. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Milwaukee Independent (Milwaukee, WI): **ESPIONAGE ACT: HOW SEIZED TOP-SECRET DOCUMENTS POINT TO POSSIBLE CRIMINAL WRONGDOING BY FORMER PRESIDENT**, Clark D. Cunningham and W. Lee Burge, August 14, 2022, 6:47 AM (EDT)

The FBI recovered confidential and top-secret items from Mar-a-Lago during its August 8, 2022, search of the estate, pointing to former President Donald Trump's potential violation of several federal laws. A Florida federal judge the same one who issued the warrant to search Trump's estate ordered on August 12, 2022, that the document be made public along with an inventory of items seized during the FBI's raid. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): **Trump goes on Truth Social rampage, sharing over a dozen posts, including from accounts with QAnon references**, Alia Shoaib, August 14, 2022, 6:19 AM

Former President Donald Trump took Truth Social to his social media platform over the weekend to lash out at the FBI over its raid of Mar-a-Lago. In a stream of messages, Trump complained that the FBI searched the house, including his wife Melania Trump's closets, "alone and unchecked." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Philadelphia Tribune (Philadelphia, PA): **Feds are duty-bound to fully investigate Trump**, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 12:28 AM

The FBI search of former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago compound was met by many Republican leaders and conservative media with misplaced outrage. The Republican Party has swiftly lined up behind Trump, echoing his condemnation of the raid. House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy accused the Biden administration of "weaponizing" the Justice Department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Republic (Columbus, IN): **FBI removed classified documents from Mar-a-Lago, investigating possible Espionage Act violations**, Julie McClure, August 14, 2022, 12:08 AM

FBI agents removed 11 sets of classified documents including some marked top secret and meant to be available only in special government facilities from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida on Monday. The itemized list of items taken from the property, which was released Friday at the Department of Justice's request along with the accompanying warrant, includes one set of documents marked as "Various classified/TS/SCI documents," which is an abbreviation that refers to top-secret/sensitive compartmented information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Hill Reporter (Seattle, WA): **[DEVELOPING] Armed Trump Supporters Gather Outside Phoenix FBI Office to Protest Mar-A-Lago Search Warrant**, Tara Dublin, August 13, 2022, 8:09 PM (EDT)

Donald Trump's inability to admit when he's lost comes with a body count that looks likely to

increase the longer his supporters are allowed to jeopardize the safety of FBI officers who are just doing their jobs. Threats to FBI agents have increased across the country from Trump supporters angry over the legally served search warrant executed at Mar-A-Lago on Monday. As always, the spin from Trump and his inner circle to deflect from the federal investigation into whether he violated the Espionage Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): Trump supporters protest in Myrtle Beach against FBI Mar-a-Lago raid, Nicole Ziege, August 13, 2022, 4:42 PM

About two dozen protesters gathered along 38th Avenue on Aug. 13 to denounce the FBI's raid of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, which took place earlier this week. The Horry County residents expressed anger about alleged government corruption, which they believe is responsible for the FBI's Aug. 8 raid of Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVQ-CBS/CW+ (Billings, MT): Supporters of former President Trump rally in Laurel, David Jay, August 13, 2022, 11:09 PM (EDT)

A group met in Laurel to protest the FBI raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. The raid took place Monday while the FBI was executing a search warrant for possible violations of the espionage act. The Department of Justice unsealed the search warrant and property receipt from the raid on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPBF-ABC](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Kingman Miner (Kingman, AZ): Ward battling to keep her phone records private, Howard Fischer, August 13, 2022, 8:24 PM (EDT)

State GOP chair Kelli Ward has no legal right to block a U.S. House committee from getting her phone records about her activities leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection, an attorney for the government is telling a federal judge. Douglas Letter said Ward "participated in multiple aspects" to interfere with the electoral count that was taking place. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: R Kelly accuser to give key testimony on trial-fixing charge, Michael Tarm, August 13, 2022, 3:21 PM

R. Kelly's federal trial in Chicago that starts Monday is in many ways a do-over of his 2008 state child pornography trial, at which jurors acquitted the singer on charges that he produced a video of himself when he was around 30 having sex with a girl no older than 14. There's one big difference: This time, prosecutors say, she will testify. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Leaf Chronicle (Clarksville, TN): Clarksville couple sentenced to years in federal prison on child sex pornography, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

A Clarksville couple has been sentenced to multiple years in prison after pleading guilty to child pornography charges in October. Kara Adkins, 38, has been ordered to serve more than 21 years in prison. She was indicted in January 2018 on conspiracy to produce child pornography and other related charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Man sentenced to prison for role in Massachusetts

drug trafficking organization run in public housing development, Ken Palva, August 14, 2022, 12:17 AM

A supervisor within a Massachusetts drug trafficking organization has been sentenced in federal court in Boston. Arthur Hodges, 36, was sentenced on August 10 by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to 65 months in prison and three years of supervised release. On April 19, 2022, Hodges pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Donaldsonville Chief (Donaldsonville, LA): **Woman accused of over \$500,000 PPP, unemployment fraud scheme indicted on racketeering charge in Georgia**, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 9:14 PM (EDT)

Tynea Gray of Ascension Parish, accused of mail and wire fraud of more than \$500,000, was among two Louisiana women indicted for conspiracy to commit racketeering Aug. 1 in Troup County, Georgia. Gray reportedly listed a Donaldsonville address at one time, but later moved to Prairieville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Irving Weekly (Irving, TX): **IRVING NEWSIrving Woman Sentenced To 12+ Years For Selling Date-Rape Drug**, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 4:24 PM (EDT)

An Irving woman who sold date-rape drugs over the internet was sentenced Thursday to more than 12 years in federal prison, announced U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Chad E. Meacham. Hyun Ji Martin, 40, was first charged in June 2021. She pleaded guilty in August 2021 to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance and was sentenced Thursday by Senior U.S. District Judge Terry R. Means to 151 months in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIAH-CW (Houston, TX): **Texas man accused of flying drone over federal prison to deliver drugs, other contraband**, Julianna Russ, August 13, 2022, 9:20 PM (EDT)

A Smithville man was arrested Thursday after officials said he attempted to use a drone to deliver drugs and other contraband into a Texas prison. Bryant LeRay Henderson, 42, was federally charged by criminal complaint with attempting to provide contraband in prison, serving as an airman without an airman's certificate and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, according to the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDVR-Fox (Denver, CO): **Aurora man sentenced for \$350K in COVID relief fraud**, Morgan Whitley, August 13, 2022, 5:16 PM (EDT)

A man from Aurora was sentenced to 66 months in prison for wire fraud and money laundering that resulted in the abuse of over \$350,000 through the COVID-19 CARES Act. According to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, 39-year-old Russell Ray Foreman will spend five years and five months in prison for committing money laundering and wire fraud between March 29 and Oct. 6 in 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): **Jury convicts man for West Virginia-based online scam**, Amanda Barber, August 13, 2022, 3:19 PM

A federal jury convicted a man for his involvement in a Huntington-based scam that defrauded victims in various states through the use of fake online profiles. Trial evidence showed that Abdul Inusah, 31, of Ghana, was part of a scheme that targeted victims using fake personas via email, text messaging, online dating, and social media. From around January 2018 through about

December of 2019, the scheme led victims to believe they were in a romantic relationship, friendship, or business deal with the fake profile. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

CNN: Former flight attendant sues airline after it fired her for sharing anti-Trump cartoon, Meron Moges-Gerbi, August 13, 2022, 9:03 PM

An employment discrimination lawsuit filed by a former Delta Air Lines flight attendant says she was fired for posting an image of former President Donald Trump wearing a Ku Klux Klan hood on her personal Facebook page. The plaintiff, Leondra Taylor, who is black, admitted she posted a cartoon image on her personal Facebook page depicting then-President Trump and then-former Vice President Joe Biden during one of their presidential debates in 2020, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in federal district court in Atlanta. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Local landlords to pay \$225K for alleged SCRA violations, Arianna Herriott, August 13, 2022, 10:02 PM

Two Hampton Roads landlords have agreed to pay \$225,000 to resolve violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. [...] “Eviction judgments seriously jeopardize servicemembers’ ability to find and obtain affordable housing and negatively impact the financial readiness of our armed forces,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): DOJ: Marijuana users are ‘dangerous to trust’, Evan Donovan, August 13, 2022, 6:10 PM

Department of Justice attorneys defended the federal law that bars marijuana users from buying guns this week. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried sued the Biden administration earlier this summer, arguing the policy violates the rights of medical marijuana patients. In a motion filed Monday, attorneys stated “marijuana use impairs judgment” as Florida’s Board of Medicine puts it, “the ability to think, judge and reason. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

KSAL-Fox (Salina, KS): Saint Francis Sues Former Leaders, Sherman Smith, August 14, 2022, 7:15 AM (EDT)

The former CEO, chief counsel and IT director for Saint Francis Ministries used their positions to enrich themselves and their friends as the charity neared financial insolvency, according to allegations made in state and federal lawsuits. The Salina-based foster care provider in court documents accused the trinity of overbilling for IT and legal services and misusing company funds to support a lavish lifestyle. Federal authorities identified \$10.73 million in fraudulent billing for IT services and moved to seize bank accounts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Daily Montanan (Helena, MT): [OPINION] ICE probably spied on you, Farrah Hassen, August 14, 2022, 6:13 AM

Growing up in the Southern California suburbs, government surveillance never worried me. [...] In its report, released May 10, the Center found that ICE has spied on most Americans without a warrant and circumvented many state privacy laws, such as those in California. The authors conclude: “ICE now operates as a domestic surveillance agency.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Team Brownsville volunteers adapt as border policies, migrant demographics evolve, Sandra Sanchez, August 14, 2022, 9:32 AM (EDT)

When asylum-seekers were first turned away under the Trump administration’s “Remain in Mexico” program in 2019, a group of volunteers started Team Brownsville to help those trying to immigrate to the United States. Ever since, the nonprofit organization has worked both sides of the Rio Grande, helping asylum-seekers stranded in Mexico, and those who are legally released by the Department of Homeland Security north of border, as they make a new life in America. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Braving traffic a way of life for border crossers, Julian Resendiz, August 14, 2022, 9:32 AM (EDT)

Several El Paso and Juarez residents who just made a quarter-mile walk from Mexico take a respite under some trees at the edge of the Ysleta Port of Entry. [...] The timeline for improvements remains fluid, as the city must coordinate the work with the various federal agencies U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Agriculture Department, Federal Protective Services, et al that operate at the port of entry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFMB-CBS (San Diego, CA): San Diego: The epicenter of fentanyl trafficking, Rocio De La Fe, August 14, 2022, 1:12 AM (EDT)

More fentanyl is being seized by authorities than ever before. This comes as deaths soar across our region, prompting federal officials to call San Diego the epicenter of fentanyl trafficking. [...] According to CBP, seizures of fentanyl in San Diego are up by approximately 323 percent in the last three years, from just 1,599 pounds in FY 2019 to 6,767 in FY 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIAH-The CW. (Houston, TX): Border Patrol’s investigative ‘shadow units’ back under the spotlight, Salvador Rivera, August 13, 2022, 8:19 PM (EDT)

The Southern Border Communities Coalition has sent a letter to Congress sharing what it calls “newly-discovered alarming facts” about the Border Patrol’s Critical Incident Teams that had been accused of covering up and distorting criminal and civil investigations involving Border Patrol agents. [...] Shortly thereafter, U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced it would eliminate these critical incident teams. The Office of Professional Responsibility agreed to take over future investigations involving border agents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRMG-ABC/Fox/Westwood One (Tulsa, OK): Customs officers seize fake jewelry, watches worth nearly \$7M in Cincinnati, Kelli Dugan, August 13, 2022, 3:10 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Cincinnati recently seized three shipments of counterfeit jewelry and watches that, had they been genuine, would have been worth \$6.88 million. According to a news release, the first shipment originated from Hong Kong and was en route to a private residence in Richmond, Virginia, when it was intercepted Aug. 5. Although the parcel had a declared value of only \$319, the seized package held 275 fake Cartier Love bracelets. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

USA Today: Fake 'Made in the USA' cases have increased dramatically since 2016.

Here's why, Sarah Elbeshbishi, August 14, 2022, 7:30 AM

The \$200,000 fine levied against a Utah clothing company for ripping out "Made in China" tags and replacing them with "Made in the USA" labels is just the latest example of the Federal Trade Commission's stepped-up enforcement efforts that started during President Donald Trump's administration. Lions Not Sheep was fined \$211,335 after claiming that the company's apparel was American made and adding "Made in the USA" tags to its internationally imported products, according to the FTC. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Islands' Sounder (Eastsound, WA): Federal court rules against NOAA, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 4:30 AM (EDT)

A bombshell ruling from Seattle's federal court landed Monday evening calling out the federal government for failing to protect endangered Southern Resident killer whales and wild Chinook by approving unsustainable Chinook harvest at levels that are harming the recovery of both federally protected species. On Monday, U.S. Judge Richard A. Jones issued a summary judgment in a lawsuit brought by Wild Fish Conservancy in March 2020 challenging NOAA Fisheries for authorizing commercial salmon harvest in Southeast Alaska's Chinook troll fishery at levels that the federal agency admits in their most recent analysis of the fishery are pushing federally protected SRKW's and wild Chinook closer to extinction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Salman Rushdie attack suspect pleads not guilty as author remains hospitalized, Kanishka Singh and Nathan Layne, August 13, 2022, 6:43 PM

Acclaimed author Salman Rushdie remained hospitalized on Saturday with serious injuries a day after he was repeatedly stabbed at a public appearance in New York state, while police sought to determine the motive behind an attack that drew international condemnation. [...] FBI officials went to Matar's last listed address, in Fairview, a Bergen County borough just across the Hudson River from Manhattan, on Friday evening, NBC New York reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Southern Baptist church says it is under investigation by Justice Department following sex abuse report, Carla Hinton and Liam Adams, August 13, 2022, 2:17 PM

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention said Friday the nation's largest Protestant denomination is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice. They also said the investigation, which will examine reported clergy sex abuse, is "not something to fear." The Rev. Mike Keahbone, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, voiced his thoughts on social media Friday as news reports about the DOJ's investigation began circulating. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: US government workers told to shelter in place amid surge in Tijuana violence, cartel threatens 'mass chaos', Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, August 13, 2022, 7:26 PM
U.S. government employees in Tijuana, Mexico are being instructed to shelter in place after a

sudden outbreak of violent crime. Mexican law enforcement is investigating a series of vehicle fires and reports of violence in the area. The sudden outbreak of apparent arson has spooked officials and raised questions on the motive. The U.S. government has ordered employees to stay sheltered and out of public places as a precaution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): **Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe says Trump has been 'basically at war' with the law enforcement agency since 2016**, John L. Dorman, August 14, 2022, 10:42 AM

McCabe said the sustained attacks have had "a corrosive effect" on morale within the agency. He also said political leaders haven't been forceful enough in refuting attacks against the FBI. Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe on Friday said that former President Donald Trump has been "basically at war" with the law enforcement agency since 2016 and warned of the risks posed to agents after the former president's Mar-a-Lago residence was searched by federal officials last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

San Francisco Chronicle (San Francisco, CA): **Law enforcement detail last known pings of Kiely Rodni's cell phone**, Katie Dowd, August 14, 2022, 12:30 AM (EDT)

A lead in the disappearance of Tahoe teen Kiely Rodni turned into another dead end as the FBI spent a day meticulously digging up a "potential burial site" that turned out to contain only a dog. Once again, a frustrating tip law enforcement have so far received over 1,200 failed to bring loved ones any closer to finding Kiely. The 16-year-old Truckee girl has been missing more than a week, vanishing seemingly without a trace from a campground party on August 6. The latest updates in the search were shared at a press conference on Saturday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Gazette (Cedar Rapids, IA): **Drug informant brutally beaten in Linn County Jail before testimony**, Trish Mehaffey, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

An Oelwein man testified in a wheelchair against a drug dealer in federal court only days after being brutally beaten when he was transferred into a Linn County Jail cell pod with the dealer's former cellmate a convicted murderer and another inmate recruited for the attack, records and interviews show. The informant, Ethan Palmer, 48, was set to testify against Justin Michael Buehler, 39, also of Oelwein. But 12 days before the trial, Palmer was "sucker-punched" May 27 by inmate Drew Blahnik as he came out of the bathroom into the pod's commons area, Palmer's wife, Laurie, told The Gazette during phone interviews. [...] The U.S. Marshals Service and First Assistant Linn County Attorney Monica Slaughter told The Gazette two investigations federal and state are ongoing into the assault. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Boston Herald (Boston, MA): **[OPINION] Howie Carr: Boston FBI office set the standard for incompetence**, Howie Carr, August 13, 2022, 6:52 PM

Sometimes it seems like the Boston office of the FBI dumpster fire of breathtaking corruption and incompetence that it is serves as a field laboratory for the Democrat briefers in D.C. whose mission it is to crush any opposition to the Deep State. All week long, since the FBI's Stasi-style raid on Mar-a-Lago, it's been deja vu all over again for anyone who's been paying attention to the decades of multiple messes that our local on-the-take G-men have been diving headfirst into. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The California Aggie (Davis, CA): **UC Davis assistant water polo coach arrested by FBI, indicted by grand jury**, Kaya Do-Khanh, August 13, 2022, 4:50 PM (EDT)

On May 19, the assistant coach for the UC Davis men's water polo team, Daniel Noble, was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for charges related to possession of child pornography, according to a charge letter on the investigation into allegations against Noble. As of May 20, Noble ceased to be a UC Davis employee, according to a statement from Chancellor Gary May regarding the situation. The statement goes on to say that Noble has been ordered to stay away from campus and will be arrested if he returns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJBK-Fox (Southfield, MI): Man found shot 7 times; tortured ex with flat iron • GLWA boil water advisory • fatal fight at GM Orion Twp, Connie Rahbany, August 14, 2022, 10:53 AM
A man suspected of torturing and sexually assaulting his ex-girlfriend with a hair straightener was tracked down by the U.S. Marshals, a water main break at the Great Lakes Water Authority's Lake Huron facility impacted 935,000 people in 23 communities and is still impacting 13, and a suspect was arrested after a man was killed in a fight at GM's Orion Twp plant: here are the top stories from FOX 2's Week in Review. 1. Man wanted for torture, sex assault of ex with hot hair straightener found shot 7 times The U.S. Marshals tracked down a dangerous suspect who is accused of torturing and sexually assaulting his ex-girlfriend. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Embedded: Changing The Police, August 14, 2022, 8:00 AM
Yonkers, N.Y. is a city with a long and ugly history of bad policing. (1:17) The Justice Department has demanded an overhaul of the department and has been monitoring it for more than a decade. The commissioner in Yonkers has promised to do what the feds want and more. He has promised to "reform" policing in Yonkers and turn his officers into guardians of the community, accountable to its citizens. Can it be done and what does this kind of reform even look like? [\[Listen\]](#)

San Antonio Express-News (San Antonio, TX): Lawmakers decry collapsing Texas juvenile prison system, ask Abbott to call special session, Jolie McCullough, August 13, 2022, 7:32 PM

Texas' youth prison system urgently needs money to crawl out of its growing crisis, in which children are at times locked in cells 23 hours a day and nearly half of detained youth have been on suicide watch, the agency's director has told lawmakers. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department currently under federal investigation for an alleged pattern of abuse and mistreatment is severely understaffed, with agency officials saying last month it is nearing systemic collapse. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

The Hill: Lacking power, Supreme Court's liberals find voice in dissent, John Kruzel, August 14, 2022, 7:00 AM

Outnumbered 6-3, the Supreme Court's liberals are increasingly likely to find themselves on the losing side of landmark rulings, as happened repeatedly this term, most notably with the historic overruling of *Roe v. Wade*. As a result, the dissenting opinion a quintessentially American form of discourse has taken on heightened symbolic significance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

The Center Square (Whitpain, PA): Federal law makes recreational marijuana a complicated ask in Pennsylvania, Anthony Hennen, August 13, 2022, 4:47 PM

The Pennsylvania General Assembly has spent a lot of time in committee meetings discussing whether to legalize recreational marijuana, but federal holdups may matter more than state-level action. Even if state politicians strike a deal to approve recreational use, federal prohibition and the risk that follows causes trouble for marijuana-related businesses and private citizens. [...] The Department of Justice continues to argue in federal court that medical marijuana patients should be barred from owning guns because it is “dangerous to trust regular marijuana users to exercise sound judgment,” as a recent filing in Florida demonstrated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

NYT: How Frustration Over TikTok Has Mounted in Washington, David McCabe, August 14, 2022, 5:00 AM

Early last year, Senator Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican, and Jake Sullivan, President Biden’s national security adviser, met to discuss China and industrial policy. [...] While the app appeared to fade as a political flashpoint after Mr. Trump left office last year, lawmakers and government officials have privately grown frustrated over the Biden administration’s lack of progress in policing TikTok and other Chinese apps that could leak data to Beijing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: As U.S. Seeks to Close Guantánamo, Saudi Center Could Be an Option, Carol Rosenberg, August 13, 2022, 8:09 PM

Nobody was home at the dusty brown campus of the reintegration center for recovering Islamic extremists. [...] Now the question is whether and how the center fits into President Biden’s efforts to close the prison at Guantánamo, which opened more than 20 years ago to hold terrorism suspects seized around the globe in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Russia Optimistic on US Prisoner Swap That Includes Griner, Unattributed, August 13, 2022, 5:43 PM

Russia for the first time expressed guarded optimism about talks with the US on a prisoner exchange involving WNBA star Brittney Griner and another jailed American. “‘Quiet diplomacy’ is continuing, and it should bear fruit, if of course, Washington strictly follows it without slipping into propaganda,” Alexander Darchiyev, head of the North American department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, said in an interview with the state Tass news service published on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: The same Joe Biden suddenly looks different, John Harwood, August 14, 2022, 12:17 PM

Joe Biden is no more or less capable a president than he was two months ago. His staff is no more or less competent. But suddenly, images of Biden as a feeble septuagenarian atop a mismanaged White House have given way to those of an experienced leader, smiling behind aviator sunglasses, whose battle-tested team has delivered on a range of national priorities. A winning streak does that for you. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Joe Biden got the vibe shift he needed. Now he's looking to make it count., Edward-

Isaac Dove, August 14, 2022, 11:55 AM

Pete Buttigieg wasn't quite feeling it. It was late and White House aides had given him the cryptic guidance during their prep call for his Sunday show appearances on July 24: "We're not taking any swings." That last weekend in July, the transportation secretary was -- like most Democrats -- still reeling from the latest death of a reconciliation bill tackling climate change that he and so many others had hoped for. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* [OPINION] Biden frontrunner for 'Lie of the Year' award as many in media look the other way**, Joe Concha, August 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

"I just want to say a number: zero. Today, we received news that our economy had zero inflation in the month of July. Zero percent. Here's what that means: While the price of some things went up last month, the price of other things went down by the same amount. The result? Zero inflation last month." That was President Biden speaking to the country last Wednesday. His administration has attempted to redefine what infrastructure means (it's not only about improving roads, bridges and power grids, but also about paid family leave and child care) and what a recession means (it's not two straight quarters of negative GDP growth anymore). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* GOP report knocks Biden's Afghanistan withdrawal, eyes post-midterm scrutiny**, Laura Kelly and Rebecca Beitsch, August 14, 2022, 11:30 AM

Republicans on the House Foreign Affairs Committee are using an interim report examining President Biden's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan to telegraph their plans to exercise intense scrutiny, and possible subpoenas, if the GOP clinches the majority in Congress in 2022. The strategy, led by House Foreign Affairs Committee ranking member Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas), is expected to be published this week in a 118-page, interim report called "A Strategic Failure: Assessing the Administration's Afghanistan Withdrawal." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* White House press secretary on low Biden approval ratings: 'We get it'**, Julia Mueller, August 14, 2022, 10:38 AM

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Sunday responded to recent polling showing record low approval ratings for President Biden, saying, "We get it." "We've said this before, it's like: We get it. We understand what the American people are feeling at this time," Jean-Pierre told ABC's Jonathan Karl on "This Week." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***Washington Examiner:* Biden's archivist nominee moonlights as murder mystery author**, Virginia Abram, August 14, 2022, 6:00 AM

President Joe Biden's nominee for archivist of the United States is also a prolific writer of political murder mysteries starring a congressional aide-turned-sleuth. Colleen Shogan, who currently serves as the senior vice president and director of the David M. Rubenstein Center for White House History at the White House Historical Association, has also authored eight mysteries in her "Washington Whodunit" series. Biden announced her as his nominee to head the National Archives and Records Administration on Aug. 3. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

***AP:* More US lawmakers visiting Taiwan 12 days after Pelosi trip**, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 8:20 AM

A delegation of American lawmakers is visiting Taiwan just 12 days after a visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that angered China. The five-member delegation, led by Democratic Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, will meet senior leaders to discuss U.S.-Taiwan relations, regional security, trade, investment and other issues, the American Institute in Taiwan said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 13, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Mary Bruce

CBS: Weekend News with Adriana Diaz

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

- A Trump lawyer signed a statement in June stating all classified material held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government. There are questions as to potential damage to National Security in relation to the documents within Trump's residence, even as the DOJ is investigating whether Trump violated three federal laws. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The attack on Salman Rushdie is considered an assassination attempt by 24y/o Hadi Matar. Authorities stated Matar has shown strong indicators of ideological support for the Iranian regime, even as Matar pled not guilty to charges of Attempted 2nd Degree Murder and 2nd degree assault. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Extreme weather in the US includes the West faced with threats of flash flooding caused by monsoon rainfall, parts of California and Texas face extreme drought, and the Big Island of Hawaii experiencing a massive wildfire. A new study of the winter jet stream and atmospheric weather indicates California may someday face a devastating flood. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The Ukrainian intelligence Agency warns of "irreparable consequences" as shelling continues to fall dangerously close to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. This as Ukrainian forces hit key bridges in the Dnipro region crippling Russia's ability to re-supply its military. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- US Officials are warning Americans in Tijuana to shelter in place as gang violence intensifies. Drug cartels have targeted stores, set fires to cars, and placed roadblocks along Mexican border cities. [\[CBS, NBC\]](#)
- A Joint Intelligence Bulletin from the FBI and DHS state there has been an increase in threats and acts of violence against law enforcement and government officials since the raid at Mar-a-Lago. Rhetoric coming from Public officials is escalating the threat. [\[ABC\]](#)
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For the first time in decades there is a growing concern about Polio in the US. The Polio virus which had been eliminated in the US since 1979, has been found in New York City's wastewater, a month after a 20y/o unvaccinated man was diagnosed with Paralytic Polio. [\[ABC\]](#)

- In Spain, powerful wind gusts at the Medusa festival resulted in the death of one man with at least 40 injured. High winds caused parts of a stage to collapse at the festival. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Europe is in the depths of a heat wave and with extreme drought. As forests burn up, rivers are drying up. Meteorologists state Europe's conditions could be the worst they have been in 500 years. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Hundreds of black retired NFL players are eligible for the NFL's billion-dollar Concussion concussion settlement. Previous decisions based on cognitive tests that used race-based measures to determine whether the players had dementia were reversed allowing for eligibility to the settlements. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Schools across the Country are struggling to get enough bus drivers as students are scheduled to start classes in the upcoming weeks. Some schools are discontinuing or reducing routes, delaying start times, creating new school walk zones, and offering monthly stipends for parents to deliver kids to school. [\[CBS\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- ABC This Week began with a review of the Mar-A-Lago search warrant; Donald Trump reportedly mishandling sensitive documents; New warnings from the FBI on increasing threats; the political firestorm; the House is sending the Climate and Tax Bill to Biden; and the situation in Afghanistan worsening. [\[Watch\]](#)
- New York times reported Donald Trump's lawyer signed a document claiming all sensitive documents had been turned over, but was proven false; Republicans outraged by the raid respond, some claiming the FBI must be disbanded or killed; DHS and FBI experiencing an "unprecedented" number of threats; and the Mar-A-Lago warrant detailing three laws violated including the Espionage act and obstruction of justice. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Dan Abrams says it's still possible Donald Trump may be let off without charges, but depends on the original purpose of the raid and the intentions of Trump's actions; Trump reportedly declassified documents, however from a legal standpoint it wouldn't matter. Elizabeth Neumann states the attack on the FBI field office by Ricky Shiffer appears to have been motivated by the reaction of Trump and Republicans and not the raid itself; She

comments domestic terrorism has increased in the last eight years. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Larry Hogan discussed transparency from the FBI, the FBI having solid probable cause to initiate the unprecedented raid; the security concerns of the documents being in such an unsecured space is of grave consequence; Republicans calling FBI 'Gestapo'; Americans noticing Hillary Clinton was not treated the same way when she had classified documents; and his concerns about Biden's handling of the economy and upcoming elections. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Face the Nation began with a review of the FBI raid at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate; outrage from Trump supporters; threats against law enforcement; Ricky Schiffer's armed attempt to breach an FBI field office in Ohio; Attorney General Merrick Garland defending the search; details of the unsealed warrant; Trump's attorney certifying all classified material held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government; and request to release the DOJ affidavit outlining why the DOJ believes a crime has been committed. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Brennan and other CBS Correspondents discussed the Joint Intelligence Bulletin from the FBI and DHS stating there has been an increase in threats and acts of violence against law enforcement and government officials since the raid at Mar-a Lago; Trump's legal issues and investigations; plans for a Presidential run by Trump; and Trump's responsibility involving Classified information. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) discussed the classified documents at Trump's Mar-a-lago estate posing a risk to National Security; requests to the DNI for a damage assessment on the documents; the DOJ waiting 18 months before acting; a President's declassification authority; GOP reactions to the raid; seizure of Congressman Scott Perry's phone; overlap of DOJ investigations; the status of Afghanistan a year after the US withdrawal from Afghanistan; and Al Qaeda as an ongoing threat. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- NBC Meet the Press begins with a review of the Mar-A-Lago estate raid, as well as the attack on an FBI office. Midterms voting outlook report, and President Biden's waves of successes. [\[Watch\]](#)
- After the FBI raid on the Mar-A-Lago estate, Donald Trump pleads the Fifth in a New York civil suit deposition; Top Secret and Classified documents, which Trump asserts were declassified, were removed by the FBI during the raid with possible violations of the espionage act; Ricky Schiffer, attacking an FBI field office in Ohio ; and why the FBI executed the raid. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Senator Amy Klobuchar Says the search was cleared by a Federal Judge, searching for classified documents, and classified documents cannot be taken out of secure locations. Klobuchar states Merrick Garland announced recovery of documents was ongoing for months, and New York Times reported Trump said no documents were left in his home. Klobuchar says matters with Trump have nothing to do with current politics. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Senator Mike Rounds states he believes that the warrant has raised more questions, and the affidavit should be made public; Rounds is unsure if the DOJ exhausted all other methods before raiding Trump's home; States Republicans would rather focus on the upcoming midterms with more hometown concerns. Rounds states there has been arguments if a president could classify or declassify documents having been going on for decades; Republicans asking why go after Trump now when others have been doing similar in recent years; Rounds states the DOJ needs to prove a lack of political reasons for the raid. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Gillian Turner

- Fox News Sunday began with a review of the FBI raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-lago estate and potential violations of the Espionage Act. The White House states it did not know of the raid and refuses to weigh in. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The Sunday Group discussed the documents found during the raid in Mar-a-lago; details of the warrant's scope lacking particularity; the President's authority to unilaterally declassify documents and the process involved; Trump's attorney certifying all classified material held at Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence had been returned to the government; Sources stating Trump did not know the contents of the boxes; legal and political arguments surrounding the raid; the differences between the mishandling of classified information by Hillary Clinton v. Trump; Trump pleading the Fifth in Civil Suit Deposition; and Attorney General Garland clearing any questions regarding the raid having political involvement. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Market Rebound Fails to Convince Some Investors" [\[WSJ\]](#)
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

***USA Today:* [OPINION] Attorney General Garland's stature shrinks as he doggedly pursues Trump**, Jonathan Turley, August 14, 2022, 3:25 PM

In the cult classic "The Incredible Shrinking Man," the character Scott Carey is caught in a thick fog that causes him to gradually shrink to the point that he lives in a doll house and fights off the house cat. At one point, Carey delivers a strikingly profound line: "The unbelievably small and the unbelievably vast eventually meet like the closing of a gigantic circle." If one image sums up the incredibly shrinking stature of Attorney General Merrick Garland, it is that line in the aftermath of the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's home at the Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Fla. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***CNN:* [ANALYSIS] Republicans pressure Garland as intrigue deepens over search of**

Trump home, Stephen Collinson, August 15, 2022, 4:39 AM

The FBI's stunning search of ex-President Donald Trump's home triggered a legal and political earthquake whose aftershocks are only widening a week on, with key questions that will shape the nation's future still clouded in mystery. Trump responded to the search by reviving the chaos and acrimony that defined his administration. Ahead of a likely 2024 run, he showed undimmed zeal in challenging US checks and balances and inciting his political movement against them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Hogan says DOJ will need to prove importance of Trump search but calls out GOP response, Tal Axelrod, August 14, 2022, 9:53 AM

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Sunday the Department of Justice will need to be transparent in proving the importance of the unprecedented search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago last week but also criticized the response from other Republicans who he said inflamed animus against law enforcement. "I still believe that transparency was and is critically important. I was not one of the people that was just reacting, just defending Donald Trump," Hogan told ABC "This Week" co-anchor Jonathan Karl of the FBI operation at the former president's residence in Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#)

Newsweek: [OPINION] Garland, Wray Must Be Impeached for Unconscionable Trump Raid, Mike Davis, August 15, 2022, 6:30 AM

For over a year, we've heard Democrats wailing about existential threats to "democracy!" Curiously, this has happened while these same Democrats in Congress have worked hand-in-glove with their fellow Democrats in the Justice Department to disregard all norms to hunt down and attempt to destroy President Joe Biden's chief political rival, former President Donald Trump, as well as Trump's top aides and even his political supporters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Huffpost: White House: Claims DOJ Politicized After Mar-A-Lago Search 'Not True At All', Nick Visser, August 15, 2022, 3:38 AM

The White House said Sunday that Republican allegations the Biden administration had politicized the Justice Department were "not true at all" after the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Florida resort, Mar-a-Lago, on Aug. 8. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre made the comments Sunday, telling ABC's Jonathan Karl the search had been conducted as part of an independent investigation by the Justice Department, adding President Joe Biden only learned of it at the same time as the American public. [[Continue Reading](#)]

UPI: GOP lawmakers urge transparency from Garland on Mar-a-Lago search, Daniel Uria, August 14, 2022, 5:14 PM

Republicans have called on Attorney General Merrick Garland to justify the search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence last week. Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio, on Sunday told CNN's State of the Union he has a "number of concerns" about the actions of the FBI and the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: [OPINION] Why are no Democrats prosecuted by Garland's DOJ?, Everett Piper, August 14, 2022, 1:00 PM

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, Merrick Garland, the United States attorney general, confidently strutted to the national podium and asserted, "No person is above the law in this country. I can't say it any more clearly than that." He then went further: "There is nothing ... which prevents us from investigating anyone anyone who's criminally responsible ..." As principled as that all

sounds, one can't help but ask Mr. Garland why, if no one is above the law in this county, so many of the attorney general's own political party have not been held "criminally responsible" for their past and present actions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Trump sent cryptic message to Merrick Garland before warrant was unsealed, Alia Shoab, August 14, 2022, 8:00 AM

Former President Donald Trump attempted to convey a cryptic message to Attorney General Merrick Garland following the FBI raid of his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida, a report says. According to The New York Times, Trump wanted Garland to know that he had been speaking with people around the country and that they were enraged by the FBI search. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: FBI, DHS warn U.S. law enforcement of threats after Trump search, David Shepardson, August 14, 2022, 4:11 PM

The FBI and U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have warned law enforcement agencies of an increase in threats following a search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home last week. DHS confirmed to Reuters it had sent a bulletin on Friday on the threats, but declined to share it. CNN, NBC and CBS have reported on the contents of the bulletin. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#)

Washington Examiner: After the Salman Rushdie atrocity, Democrats must get serious about Iranian network, John Schindler, August 15, 2022, 6:00 AM

Last Friday, the award-winning British-American novelist Salman Rushdie took the stage in Chautauqua, New York, ironically to give a talk praising the United States as a safe haven for exiled writers like himself. Instead, he was assaulted by a knife-wielding assailant. [...] Last week, the Department of Justice announced attempted murder charges filed against Shahram Poursafi, an Iranian national and Qods Force member, who offered \$300,000 for the assassination of John Bolton, the longtime opponent of revolutionary Iran who served as President Donald Trump's national security adviser (this plot was first reported by the Washington Examiner in March). Moreover, Poursafi offered \$1 million for the assassination of former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. These efforts at wetwork, as assassinations are called in the spy trade, were viewed by the IRGC as payback for Soleimani. Such operations inside the U.S. are risky for the IRGC, given Iran's limited diplomatic presence here, but this hasn't stopped the Quds Force from trying. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Ex-CIA agent says fallout over raid on Trump's Mar-a-Lago resembles the lead-up to the January 6 Capitol attack and predicts there will be another 'catastrophic event', Kelsey Vlamis, August 14, 2022, 8:00 PM

A former official who served in the FBI and CIA said the fallout from the Mar-a-Lago raid resembles the events that led up to the January 6 attack on the Capitol and predicted there could be another "catastrophic event." Phil Mudd, now a CNN counterterrorism analyst, previously worked for the CIA as an analyst specializing in South Asia and the Middle East. He later served as the first-ever deputy director of the FBI's National Security Branch. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See Also:** [CNN](#)

Axios: Capitol rioters seek to profit from Jan. 6 participation, Julia Shapero, August 14, 2022, 2:00 PM

Several Capitol rioters are attempting to profit off of their participation in the deadly mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol, even as they admit to wrongdoing, the AP reported. Driving the news: While some defendants have managed to raise tens of thousands of dollars off of their Jan. 6 crimes, their efforts have sometimes backfired, as prosecutors seek tougher punishments and authorities aim to take back profits, according to the AP. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Republicans push to see affidavit that justified FBI search of Trump's home, David Lawder, August 14, 2022, 9:16 PM

Republicans stepped up calls on Sunday for the release of an FBI affidavit showing the justification for its seizure of documents at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home amid reports of heightened threats against federal law enforcement personnel. A search warrant released last week after the unprecedented search showed that Trump had 11 sets of classified documents at his home, and that the Justice Department had probable cause to conduct the search based on possible Espionage Act violations. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

NYT: Trump's Shifting Explanations Follow a Familiar Playbook, Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Maggie Haberman, August 14, 2022, 9:16 PM

First he said that he was "working and cooperating with" government agents who he claimed had inappropriately entered his home. Then, when the government revealed that the F.B.I., during its search, had recovered nearly a dozen sets of documents that were marked classified, he suggested the agents had planted evidence. Finally, his aides claimed he had a "standing order" to declassify documents that left the Oval Office for his residence, and that some of the material was protected by attorney-client and executive privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: FBI's Trump Search Has Lawmakers Asking for Content of Documents, Laura Litvan, Katia Dmitrieva, August 14, 2022, 6:37 PM

Senate Intelligence Committee leaders made a bipartisan request to the US government for classified documents the FBI seized at former President Donald Trump's home, signaling growing pressure from lawmakers for details on the materials. Senators Mark Warner, a Democrat who chairs the committee, and Marco Rubio, its Republican vice chairman, made the request to the Justice Department and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, while "recognizing the need to protect an ongoing criminal investigation," a spokesperson for Warner said Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: FBI Search of Mar-a-Lago Achieved a DOJ Top Priority: Get the Documents, Aruna Viswanatha, Sadie Gurman and Alex Leary, August 14, 2022, 5:28 PM

The FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago property dealt with the Justice Department's most urgent priority in the monthslong showdown, according to officials, which was retrieving classified information. Investigators are now pursuing the next steps of the department's criminal investigation into the handling of national security material and presidential records, a process that may take many months to play out, and will be shaped by several factors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: The latest unprecedented Trump chapter brings mystery and political thorniness, Susan Page, August 14, 2022, 4:04 PM

With 86 days until the midterm elections, Republicans want to bemoan the pain of inflation that they blame on Democrats. Democrats are eager to brag about the big climate-change package they just pushed through Congress, no thanks to Republicans. Instead, officials from both parties found themselves speculating Sunday about the FBI search of Donald Trump's Florida home to seize sensitive documents that the former president took when he moved out of the White House a subject on which just about everyone has more questions than answers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Presidential Power to Declassify Information, Explained, Charlie Savage, August 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

Former President Donald J. Trump's claim that he had declassified all of the documents that the F.B.I. seized in the search of his Florida home last week including those marked as top secret has heightened interest in the scope of a president's power to declassify information. On Friday, Mr. Trump's office claimed that when he was president, he had a "standing order" that materials "removed from the Oval Office and taken to the residence were deemed to be declassified the moment he removed them," according to a statement read on Fox News by a right-wing writer Mr. Trump has designated as one of his representatives to the National Archives. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Mar-a-Lago -- and its owner -- have long caused concerns for US intelligence, Kevin Liptak, August 14, 2022, 11:40 PM

Revealing an airstrike over "beautiful" chocolate cake. A trespasser from China carrying flash drives and electronics. Cellphone photos of the "nuclear football" briefcase. And now, classified documents recovered during an FBI search. Mar-a-Lago, the stone-walled oceanfront estate Donald Trump labeled the "Winter White House," has long been a source of headaches for national security and intelligence professionals. Its clubby atmosphere, sprawling guest-list and talkative proprietor combined into a "nightmare" for keeping the government's most closely held secrets, one former intelligence official said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Steve Hilton: FBI's raid of Mar-a-Lago has undermined any respect for the rule of law, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 10:39 PM

Fox News host Steve Hilton ripped the double standard by the FBI and DOJ, amid the FBI's raid of former President Trump's residence on "The Next Revolution." STEVE HILTON: How dare these people talk about applying the law evenly without fear or favor? Merrick Garland, once put forward for the Supreme Court, wouldn't recognize equal justice under law if the words fell off the front of the building and landed on his head. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Mar-a-Lago raid is further proof that the ruling class has gone 'rogue,' Levin says, Yael Halon, August 14, 2022, 9:38 PM

"Life, Liberty, and Levin," host Mark Levin characterized the FBI raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home as a symptom of a rogue ruling class in "revolt" on his show Sunday. Levin dedicated his opening monologue to the "abomination" that took place at Trump's Florida residence last week, warning viewers that the FBI's raid of the former president's home serves as evidence that tyranny is spreading at a dangerous pace in the U.S. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: Weeks before Mar-a-Lago search, Trump lawyer signed document saying all classified material had been removed, Andres Triay, Arden Farhi, Jeff Pegues, August 14,

2022, 6:16 PM

Little has been divulged by the Justice Department about the decision to retrieve White House records with an unannounced search of Mar-a-Lago on Monday. Attorney General Merrick Garland revealed Friday that he had "personally approved" the extraordinary step to seek the warrant, and the Justice Department made the warrant public on Friday, revealing that the government is investigating Trump for potential violation of three criminal statutes, including the Espionage Act. The former president was indignant that the FBI had undertaken a surprise search of Mar-a-Lago and suggested that his team had been complying with the government's requests. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: [AUDIO] The search of Mar-a-Lago leads to outrage against the FBI by Trump supporters, Leila Fadel, Ryan Lucas, August 15, 2022, 5:13 AM

Threats against the FBI from supporters of former President Donald Trump have jumped, even as court documents related to the search of his Florida home are made public. [[Listen](#)]

The Hill: Trump calls for return of privileged documents reportedly seized at Mar-a-Lago, Zach Schonfeld, August 14, 2022, 12:44 PM

Former President Trump on Sunday called on the FBI to return documents reportedly seized at Mar-a-Lago that are protected by attorney-client and executive privileges. "Oh great!" Trump wrote on Truth Social. "It has just been learned that the FBI, in its now famous raid of Mar-a-Lago, took boxes of privileged 'attorney-client' material, and also 'executive' privileged material, which they knowingly should not have taken," Trump continued. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WESH-NBC \(Orlando, FL\)](#)

The Hill: Hutchinson: FBI 'simply carrying out their responsibilities' with Mar-a-Lago search, Julia Mueller, August 14, 2022, 11:31 PM

Republican Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Sunday defended the FBI's execution of a search warrant at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, saying critics in the GOP need to "pull back on casting judgment." "The FBI is simply carrying out their responsibilities under the law, a lawful search warrant that a magistrate signed off on. And they didn't go in there with FBI raid jackets. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

NYT: R. Kelly Stands Trial in Chicago: What to Know, Julia Jacobs, August 14, 2022, 2:30 PM

R. Kelly, who was sentenced to 30 years in prison for racketeering and sex trafficking earlier this year, will stand trial again starting this week, beginning the next chapter of prosecutors' efforts to hold him criminally responsible for allegations of sexual abuse dating back more than three decades. The trial is in Chicago, the city Mr. Kelly long called home, and where he faced his first criminal trial in 2008. This time, federal prosecutors are seeking to hold Mr. Kelly and his associates accountable for working to stymie the earlier trial, in which a jury acquitted Mr. Kelly of producing child sexual abuse imagery. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NPR](#), [USA Today](#), [WLS-ABC \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

CBS: Aurora man imprisoned for defrauding federal government of pandemic relief funds, Logan Smith, August 14, 2022, 12:32 PM

A 39-year-old Aurora man was sentenced to five and half years in federal prison Friday for money

laundering and wire fraud related to his illicit acquisition of federal relief funds intended for businesses struggling to stay afloat during the COVID-19 outbreak. Russell Ray Foreman filled out seven applications for federal funds between March 29, 2020 and October 6, 2020, according to the grand jury's indictment. That indictment was filed in May of 2021. In it, 13 counts were leveled against Foreman. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Daily News: Long Island man accused of attacking three federal court officers in elevator melee, John Annese, August 14, 2022, 4:03 PM

A Long Island man stormed into a federal courthouse demanding to see a judge, then attacked three court officers in a wild elevator melee on Thursday, federal prosecutors allege. Robert Wilson who last year filed a civil lawsuit against then-Gov. Cuomo and other public and law enforcement officials over a home improvement license dispute is accused of assaulting the officers after asking directions to a judge's "office," according to court records and law enforcement sources. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Progress Times (Rio Grande Valley, TX): Louisiana man pleads guilty to kidnapping McAllen girl, Dave Hendricks, August 14, 2022, 4:00 PM

A man accused of kidnapping a 13-year-old McAllen girl pleaded guilty last week. Brandon Galvez, 23, of Chalmette, Louisiana, met the girl on Snapchat in June 2020, according to McAllen Municipal Court records. Less than two weeks after they started talking, Galvez traveled to McAllen, kidnapped the girl and sexually assaulted her. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mitchell Daily Republic: Sioux Falls man sentenced to 35 years in prison for selling fentanyl that killed two, Hunter Dunteman, August 14, 2022, 1:07 PM

A Sioux Falls man will spend more than three decades in federal prison after selling fentanyl in 2018 and 2019 which resulted in the deaths of two individuals. Jeffery Darnell Moore, 53, of Sioux Falls, was sentenced to 35 years in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Federal Crime Victims Fund. Restitution was also ordered. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KKCO-NBC (Grand Junction, CO): Colorado Springs man sentenced to over 21 years for bank robberies, Kaia Hofmeister, August 14, 2022, 5:33 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado announces that Jared Lincoln Fitzgerald, 46, of Colorado Springs, has been sentenced to 262 months in federal prison for four counts of bank robbery, including one with force. Fitzgerald had been previously arrested for past robberies and was on probation. "Bank robberies are crimes of violence that traumatize the victims, and we are dedicated to seeking justice for those victims," said U.S. Attorney Cole Finegan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSAZ-NBC (Huntington, WV): Jury convicts man for multi-state online fraud scheme in Cabell County, Emily Bennett, August 14, 2022, 4:54 PM

A federal jury convicted a man for his involvement in a multi-state online fraud scheme based in Huntington. The scheme defrauded victims through the use of fake online profiles. Abdul Inusah, 31, of Ghana was found guilty of receipt of stolen money, conspiracy to commit money laundering and two counts of wire fraud, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Ga. man pleads guilty to smuggling meth into the country, selling it in metro Atlanta, Unattributed, August 14, 2022, 4:26 PM

A Georgia man and four of his associates are heading to prison for running a drug ring and laundering money in Rome, prosecutors say. The charges stem from a 2018 investigation where prosecutors say they learned that 39-year-old Juan Cain “Chapa” Valencia-Ramirez was operating a methamphetamine processing and distribution ring by smuggling meth into the country from Mexico in car gas tanks. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): Shooting investigation leads to man sentenced to 15 years in federal prison, Mary Alice Royse, August 14, 2022, 2:29 PM

An investigation into an East Nashville shooting led to a Nashville man being sentenced to 15 years in federal prison Thursday for drug and firearms violations. United States Attorney Mark H. Wildasin said 40-year-old Anthony Ussery was sentenced after pleading guilty in May 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 40 grams of fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFTV-ABC (Orlando, FL): Florida woman convicted in murder-for-hire scheme against ex-husband, Bob D'Angelo, August 14, 2022, 2:25 PM

A Florida woman was convicted for her role in a murder-for-hire scheme against her former husband. Gretchen Buselli, 48, of Tallahassee, was found guilty by a federal jury for the use of an interstate commerce facility in the commission of a murder-for-hire plot, and for making a false statement to a federal officer, the Tallahassee Democrat reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: 'Bewilderment' from Latino leaders after federal judge rescinds senior status, Jenna Greene, August 15, 2022, 5:09 AM

"Deep concern and bewilderment." That's how a group of prominent Latino legal and civil rights leaders in an open letter on Monday described their reaction to U.S. District Judge David Hurd's decision to rescind his plan to take senior status the day after Jorge Alberto Rodriguez was nominated to fill his seat in the Northern District of New York. "We urge you to reconsider your decision to effectively block the appointment of Mr. Rodriguez — a highly qualified judicial candidate who would also make history as the first Latino judge to sit on an N.D.N.Y. court," Latinos for a Fair Judiciary wrote in a letter that the authors shared in advance with me. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Winston-Salem Journal: A federal judge orders Novant Health Inc. of Winston-Salem to pay nearly \$4 million to a plaintiff who successfully sued for the company for reverse discrimination, John Hinton, August 14, 2022, 9:00 PM

A federal judge in Charlotte ordered Thursday that a former Novant Health executive, who claimed in a lawsuit that he was fired from his job because he is a white male, should receive \$3.89 million from the health-care system. A federal jury awarded David Duvall, 57, a Michigan resident, \$10 million in October 2021 after the panel determined that Duvall proved that his race and gender were motivating factors in Novant Health's decision to terminate him, according to jury's verdict form. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Former police detective charged in Breonna

Taylor's death to plead guilty, Brad Devereaux, August 14, 2022, 7:03 PM

Former Louisville police Detective Kelly Goodlett intends to plead guilty to a civil rights charge related to the fatal shooting of Grand Rapids native Breonna Taylor, during a botched police drug raid, the Associated Press reports. Taylor, a 26-year-old Black emergency medical technician, was shot and killed when Louisville Metro Police served a no-knock warrant at her home on March 13, 2020, sparking racial justice protests across the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Idaho top court allows near-total abortion ban to take effect, Nate Raymond, August 15, 2022, 3:55 AM

Idaho's top court on Friday refused to stop a Republican-backed state law criminalizing nearly all abortions from taking effect after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 decision *Roe v. Wade* that had recognized a constitutional right to the procedure. In a 3-2 ruling, the Idaho Supreme Court rejected a bid by a Planned Parenthood affiliate to prevent a ban from taking effect on Aug. 25 that the abortion provider argued would violate Idahoans' privacy and equal protection rights under the state's constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: A new model to help refugees built for Afghans, adapts to support Ukrainians, Sofia Ahmed, August 15, 2022, 5:19 AM

Since July, Dmitry Vorobiova, 39, his partner Olena, 36, and their dog have been living with 64-year-old Michael Glover, a software engineer who had extra space in his six-bedroom house after his wife passed away. Strangers before, Glover and the Ukrainian couple have together built a quiet routine in the three-story house in his small town in eastern New Hampshire: Dmitry and Glover jog in the evenings and occasionally the two cook Glover grilled chicken for dinner. [...] Democrat U.S. President Joe Biden's administration wants to involve local communities in the support for refugees after the previous Republican administration of former President Donald Trump slashed refugee admissions to the lowest level in modern history and closed down a third of resettlement agencies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: 'I don't know if I will be deported': Young immigrants prepare for DACA to end, Javier Arce, Rafael Carranza, Bill Keveney, Daniel Gonzalez, August 15, 2022, 4:00 AM

Like a roller coaster, with ups and downs, excitement and fears, not knowing where it will end. This is how Yesenia Rames sees the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy. "It's been 10 years of a lot of frustration, not only for me but for the whole community. It's disappointing to see that we're in a position where something could be done and nothing is being done," said Rames, who lives in Phoenix. The DACA program started taking applications 10 years ago this week and remains as divisive as when it was first launched in 2012. A steady stream of legal challenges threatens its existence, leaving the more than 600,000 DACA recipients in the United States in a constant state of uncertainty, frustration and fear. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Miami Herald: 187 Cuban migrants arrested in Florida Keys weekend landings, U.S.

Border Patrol says, David Goodhue and Omar Rodríguez Ortiz, August 14, 2022, 8:04 PM

U. S. Border Patrol agents say they have arrested hundreds of Cuban migrants fleeing political persecution and poverty after multiple boats landed across the Florida Keys over the weekend.

As of Sunday afternoon, the largest landing was a group of 51 people who arrived at the historic Southernmost Point buoy in Key West earlier in the morning, said Adam Hoffner, division chief for U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Miami operations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): San Diego is ground zero for fentanyl trafficking, prosecutors say, Salvador Rivera, August 14, 2022, 11:33 AM

More deadly fentanyl is being seized along the California-Mexico border than at any of the nation's 300-plus ports of entry, making this federal district "an epicenter for fentanyl trafficking into the United States." According to the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego, during the first nine months of the fiscal year 2022 (October through June), U.S. Customs and Border Protection law enforcement agencies in San Diego and Imperial counties seized 5,091 pounds of fentanyl, amounting to about 60 percent of the 8,425 pounds of fentanyl seized around the entire country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

WSJ: Biden's Regulators Take a Harder Look at Wall Street Deals, Dave Michaels and Ryan Tracy, August 15, 2022, 5:30 AM

The Biden administration's antitrust enforcers are throwing sand in the gears of Wall Street's deal machine. Under Chairwoman Lina Khan, the Federal Trade Commission is questioning mergers that likely would have gone unchallenged in years past a change Ms. Khan says is needed to prevent companies from building up too much power and stifling competition. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Reuters: U.S. to pause oil, gas leasing on 2.2 million acres in Colorado over climate impact, Clark Mindock, August 15, 2022, 3:05 AM

The Bureau of Land Management will pause oil and gas leasing on 2.2 million acres of Colorado public land after environmental groups alleged its current management plan failed to consider climate impacts, according to a settlement. The agreement was filed Thursday in Colorado federal court and requires the government to conduct a new environmental analysis of the climate impacts of oil and gas leasing on public lands in southwestern Colorado. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Middle Class Won't Escape the New IRS Audit Wave, Editorial Board, August 14, 2022, 3:40 PM

Democrats spent last week swearing that only high earners would be squeezed under their plan to beef up the Internal Revenue Service. It took only a few days for the Congressional Budget Office to put that narrative to rest. A quick analysis from the budget scorer confirms that the audit expansion will ensnare the middle class. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WGEM-NBC (Quincy, IL): Hannibal man arrested after police found several explosive devices, Jayla Louis, August 14, 2022, 3:18 PM

The Hannibal Police Department conducted an investigation into the manufacture and possession

of explosive devices at a local residence, which led to the arrest of Joshua E. Rickey, 33, of Hannibal. On Saturday, Aug. 13, Hannibal Police and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) served a search warrant in the 800 block of Hayward Street. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Private prison firm to settle lawsuit over inmate death, Jonathan Mattis, August 14, 2022, 6:06 PM

A private prison company has agreed to settle a federal lawsuit over a Tennessee inmate's killing that got national attention after a judge ordered the plaintiff's attorney to stop tweeting about it. Tennessee-based CoreCivic and attorney Daniel Horwitz, who represents the family of the Trousdale Turner Correctional Center inmate who died, noted the settlement Tuesday in a federal court filing in Nashville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: New York restricts families from sending packages to inmates, Maysoon Khan, August 14, 2022, 10:00 AM

As part of an effort to keep illegal drugs and other contraband out of state prisons, New York is taking away one of the few pleasures of life behind bars: It will no longer let people send inmates care packages from home. Under the new policy, which the state began phasing in last month, friends and family aren't allowed to deliver packages in person during prison visits. They also won't be allowed to mail boxes of goodies unless those come directly from third-party vendors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

NYT: Warhol's Images of Prince: Social Commentary or Copyright Infringement?, Adam Liptak, August 15, 2022, 5:50 AM

The Supreme Court, which has not been shy about claiming expertise in all sorts of areas, will soon turn to art criticism. This fall, the justices will confront an issue that has long vexed the courts: what to make of Andy Warhol's art. Warhol, courts have said, is a special case. In 2001, for instance, the California Supreme Court ruled that an artist named Gary Saderup could not sell charcoal drawings of the Three Stooges without their heirs' permission, saying the images violated a state law on the commercial use of celebrities' likenesses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: [OPINION] Don't Blame The Electoral College for The End of Roe v. Wade, Sean Parnell, August 15, 2022, 6:00 AM

A group of radicals has seized on the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision overturning Roe v. Wade as an excuse to upend our political system. These fearmongering activists hope to persuade the public that the decision is illegitimate because several of the Justices who signed the majority opinion were nominated by presidents who did not win the most popular votes in their elections, and that therefore the Electoral College must go. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

NYT: Some Republicans Make a More Restrained Case for Defending Trump, Luke Broadwater, August 14, 2022, 9:31 PM

As Republicans continued on Sunday to defend former President Donald J. Trump after an unprecedented F.B.I. search of his residence in Florida, deep fissures were visible in the party's support for law enforcement amid a federal investigation into Mr. Trump's handling of top secret documents. Immediately after the search, congressional Republicans, including members of leadership, reacted with fury, attacking the nation's top law enforcement agencies. Some called to "defund" or "destroy" the F.B.I., and others invoked the Nazi secret police, using words like "gestapo" and "tyrants." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Cheney's next mission: Keeping her anti-Trump megaphone, Olivia Beavers and Nicholas Wu, August 15, 2022, 4:30 AM

When the Justice Department searched Donald Trump's home, signaling a possible escalation of investigative work that's drawing closer to the former president, it also created a complication for Liz Cheney. For a year now, Cheney has wielded an unrivaled megaphone as the GOP's voice of Trump opposition, using her role on the Jan. 6 select committee to keep political pressure on her nemesis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Adam Schiff: No evidence of Trump declassification in plain sight, Daniel Chaitin, August 14, 2022, 1:51 PM

Former President Donald Trump has not presented any evidence showing he went through "the process" of declassifying documents at the center of a Justice Department investigation, a top House Democrat declared on Sunday. Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-CA) made the point nearly a week after an FBI raid at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort touched off a firestorm over national security. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Rand Paul Calls for Espionage Act Repeal as Trump Fumes Over FBI Search, Jason Lemon, August 14, 2022, 11:52 AM

Senator Rand Paul, a Kentucky Republican, called for repealing the Espionage Act less than a week after the FBI executed a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Florida residence, with the legal document citing a provision of the federal law that the federal agency suspected had been violated. The FBI, with the approval of Attorney General Merrick Garland, carried out the Monday raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort home, searching for top secret and sensitive compartmentalized information, as well as other classified documents. Trump and his allies have condemned the raid, with the ex-president calling it part of a "hoax" and an ongoing "witch hunt" targeting him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 14, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Linsay Davis

CBS: Evening News with Lilia Luciano

NBC: Nightly News with Hallie Jackson

- A joint memo from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, sent to law enforcement across the nation, warned of growing threats against them in the wake of the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. Former President Donald Trump has taken to social media to criticize the FBI search on his Mar-a-Lago estate. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [NBC](#)]

- Salman Rushdie, the renowned author who was brutally attacked two days ago, is slowly recovering after suffering stab wounds in the neck and chest, his family says. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police are investigating an early Sunday morning incident in which a man crashed his car near the U.S. Capitol and fired multiple gunshots before killing himself. Authorities identified the man as Richard A. York III, a 29-year-old from Delaware. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Military officials tell CBS News that Ukraine is preparing for an all-out assault to try and recapture Kherson, the only regional capital the Russians have conquered since the invasion nearly six months ago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- One person was killed and at least 17 more were injured after a man drove a vehicle into a crowd during a fundraiser at a Pennsylvania bar Saturday, according to authorities. The suspect then went on to kill his mother in a separate incident, police said. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- At least eight people, including five Americans, were wounded in a shooting attack targeting a bus near the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City early Sunday morning. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “China’s Growth Slows, Prompting Surprise Rate Cut” [[WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- “As Republicans Move to Defend Trump, Deep Fissures Emerge in the Party” [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “Michigan plot to breach voting machines points to a national pattern” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Baja California tries to return to normal after a weekend of cartel violence” [[LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WSJ: Merrick Garland Weighed Search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago for Weeks, Sadie Gurman and Aruna Viswanatha, August 15, 2022, 11:42 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland deliberated for weeks over whether to approve the application for a warrant to search former President Donald Trump's Florida home, people familiar with the matter said, a sign of his cautious approach that will be tested over the coming months. The decision had been the subject of weeks of meetings between senior Justice Department and FBI officials, the people said. The warrant allowed agents last Monday to seize classified information and other presidential material from Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#)

Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept opposes revealing evidence supporting search of Trump's home, Sarah N. Lynch, August 15, 2022, 7:46 PM

The U.S. Justice Department on Monday said it opposes unsealing the affidavit that prosecutors used to obtain a federal judge's approval to search former President Donald Trump's Florida home, where they seized classified documents. "If disclosed, the affidavit would serve as a roadmap to the government's ongoing investigation, providing specific details about its direction and likely course, in a manner that is highly likely to compromise future investigative steps," prosecutors wrote in their filing. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNBC](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [France 24](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider](#), [LAT](#), [Politico](#), [National Law Journal](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [US News](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WHO-NBC \(Des Moines, IA\)](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] Merrick Garland Goes Solo in Mar-a-Lago Search, William McGurn, August 15, 2022, 6:10 PM

More than a week after the morning FBI raid on Donald Trump's Florida home, the White House continues to insist Joe Biden knew nothing about it. Many find this hard to swallow. Not least Mr. Trump. On his website Truth Social he wrote, "Biden knew all about this, just like he knew all about Hunter's 'deals.'" Nevertheless, the White House insists that no one in the West Wing knew that Attorney General Merrick Garland and the FBI would be willing to break with more than two centuries of precedent without so much as a heads up to chief of staff Ron Klain. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland has 'failed to act' as attorney general, his status at DOJ is 'shrinking': Jonathan Turley, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 4:16 PM

Fox News contributor Jonathan Turley roasted Merrick Garland for repeatedly failing to act on political controversies as the United States attorney general, telling "America Reports" Monday he has been "absent without leave" at the Justice Department. JONATHAN TURLEY: When Merrick Garland was nominated, many of us thought he was an excellent choice. He had impeccable ethics and a reputation and integrity. He also had a judicial temperament which may not be serving him well in this position. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Beast: 'Viper' Merrick Garland's Trump FBI Raid Is Only the 'First Inning', Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 4:39 AM

Democratic strategist James Carville has a message for people who are doubting Merrick Garland: Just wait. "People are like, well, but let's wait and see a little bit. And this is like the top of the first inning. I mean, remember Merrick Garland is like a pit viper. He prosecuted the Oklahoma City bomber case, the Unabomber case, the Olympic bomber case. And I think these guys are really methodical," Carville says on this episode of The New Abnormal politics podcast. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] DOJ Filing Shows Mar-a-Lago Search Is Part Of Ongoing Criminal

Investigation, Rachel Maddow, August 15, 2022, 11:00 PM

Rachel Maddow reports that one of the biggest questions about the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago, whether the goal was simply to secure classified material or whether the DOJ had a broader mission in mind, has been answered in a new court filing from the Justice Department that shows the search was part of a bigger, ongoing investigation. [\[Watch\]](#) **See also:** [MSNBC-2](#)

NY Post: **[OPINION] Merrick Garland looks set to indict Trump — despite his glaring conflict of interest**, Rich Lowry, August 15, 2022, 7:48 PM

Does Attorney General Merrick Garland know that he is investigating the man most likely to be the opponent of the president he serves? Does he realize that the intense political pressure campaign he's under to indict that man has been plainly visible to everyone? Does he care? If we can't know where Garland is ultimately heading in his probe of Jan. 6 and the documents seized from Mar-a-Lago, all indications are that he is preparing the ground for an indictment of Donald J. Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

Washington Times: **[OPINION] Is Merrick Garland serious about Donald Trump?**, Cal Thomas, August 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

Commenting about the FBI executing a search warrant on former President Donald Trump's Florida home, which he approved, Attorney General Merrick Garland said, "Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy. ... All Americans are entitled to the even-handed application of the law, to due process, and to the presumption of innocence." None of this applies to the way the Department of Justice, the FBI and most of the media have treated Mr. Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US ATTORNEYS

WUTR-ABC (Utica, NY): **Federal Judge David Hurd reverses request for retirement**, Lauren Brill, August 15, 2022, 6:18 PM

Federal Judge David Hurd has withdrawn his request for senior status after the appointed replacement was found to be from Albany, not Utica. "It's unfortunate for him because he has earned the right of senior status to have less of a workload put on him as he looks to do other things in his life as you age," said Senator Joseph Griffo (R-I-C Rome). Senator Gillibrand has indicated that a federal judgeship will remain in Utica, however, Griffo questions this statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

NYT: **Pennsylvania Man Charged With Threatening F.B.I. After Mar-a-Lago Search**, Alan Feuer, August 15, 2022, 5:27 PM

Federal prosecutors charged a Pennsylvania man on Monday with posting multiple violent threats against the F.B.I. online in the days that followed the bureau's search of former President Donald J. Trump's private club and residence in Florida. The man, Adam Bies, 46, compared federal agents to K.G.B. and Nazi officers and threatened to kill them, prosecutors said in a complaint. Mr. Bies posted the messages on Gab, the far-right social media app, and wrote under the pseudonym Adam Kenneth Campbell. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [NBC](#), [The Patriot-News \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#), [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), [UPI](#), [The Week](#), [WHTM-ABC \(Harrisburg,](#)

[PA](#), [WYTV-ABC \(Youngstown, OH\)](#)

WaPo: Trump-allied lawyers pursued voting machine data in multiple states, records reveal, Emma Brown, Jon Swaine, Aaron C. Davis and Amy Gardner, August 15, 2022, 4:16 PM
Trump allies on the House Judiciary Committee are now asking the Biden administration to do what it appears former President Donald Trump failed to do: save and hand over sensitive records to another part of government. House Republicans have sent letters to top officials in the Biden administration demanding they send to Congress documents and communications about the FBI search of Trump's residence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: CIA Sued as US Lawyers, Reporters Allege Spying on Julian Assange Visits, Jack Gillum, August 15, 2022, 2:37 PM

A group of US lawyers and journalists sued the Central Intelligence Agency and former director Michael Pompeo on Monday, arguing that their electronic devices were illegally copied and the data later shared with the Trump administration when they visited WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange at the Ecuadorian embassy in the UK. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Reuters](#)

WaPo: Giuliani targeted in criminal probe of 2020 election, Tom Hamburger, Eugene Scott, August 15, 2022, 2:35 PM

Rudy Giuliani is a target of the criminal investigation into possible illegal attempts by then-President Donald Trump and others to interfere in the 2020 general election in Georgia, prosecutors informed attorneys for the former New York mayor on Monday. The revelation that Giuliani, an outspoken Trump defender, could face criminal charges from the investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis edges the probe closer to the former president. Willis has said she is considering calling Trump himself to testify before the special grand jury, and the former president has hired a criminal defense attorney in Atlanta. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WPLG-ABC \(Miami, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

Politico: Judge orders Graham to testify in Atlanta-area Trump probe, Kyle Cheney, Nicholas Wu and Josh Gerstein, August 15, 2022, 11:00 PM

A federal judge on Monday turned down Sen. Lindsey Graham's bid to throw out a subpoena compelling him to testify before the Atlanta-area grand jury investigating Donald Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election. "[T]he Court finds that the District Attorney has shown extraordinary circumstances and a special need for Senator Graham's testimony on issues relating to alleged attempts to influence or disrupt the lawful administration of Georgia's 2022 elections," U.S. District Court Judge Leigh Martin May wrote in a 22-page opinion rejecting Graham's effort and sending the matter back to state courts for further proceedings. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#)

Politico: 'Hackers against conspiracies': Cyber sleuths take aim at election disinformation, Maggie Miller, August 15, 2022, 4:18 PM

One of the country's biggest hacking conferences became a test site this year for an urgent political question for the midterms: How to hunt for vulnerabilities in voting machines without fueling election misinformation. Since 2017, the annual DEF CON conference which wrapped up Sunday in Las Vegas has featured a "Voting Machine Village" where attendees attempt to crack voting equipment ranging from registration databases to ballot-casting machines. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: FBI, Homeland Security warn about threats to law enforcement after Trump search, Ryan Lucas, August 15, 2022, 1:47 PM

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security are warning of an increase in threats to federal law enforcement following the FBI's court-authorized search last week of former President Donald Trump's Florida home. The agencies issued the joint intelligence bulletin on Friday, days after federal agents executed a search warrant at Trump's Mar-a-Lago club and residence in Palm Beach, Fla., according to a person familiar with the document. [[Continue Reading](#)]

National Desk: FBI sees rise in online threats following Mar-a-Lago raid, Jillian Smith, August 16 2022, 3:00 AM

New fencing is up around the Federal Bureau of Investigation's building in Washington, D.C. due to fears of violence following the search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home. This weekend, the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security issued a bulletin warning law enforcement about an unprecedented rise in online threats. This comes after the Justice Department opposed the release of the affidavit supporting the search warrant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] The curious timing of Trump naming two allies to access his records, Philip Bump, August 15, 2022, 4:17 PM

On June 19, former president Donald Trump sent a letter to the National Archives. The subject was not his ongoing dispute with the agency over material he'd removed from the White House and brought to his Mar-a-Lago resort. Instead, he was naming two individuals — former Trump administration official Kash P. Patel and conservative writer John Solomon — as “representatives for access to Presidential records of my administration.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Trump allies on House Judiciary Committee ask Biden officials to save records related to Trump search warrant, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 4:16 PM

Trump allies on the House Judiciary Committee are now asking the Biden administration to do what it appears former President Donald Trump failed to do: save and hand over sensitive records to another part of government. House Republicans have sent letters to top officials in the Biden administration demanding they send to Congress documents and communications about the FBI search of Trump's residence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Epoch Times](#), [HuffPost](#)

MSNBC, The Last Word: [VIDEO] DOJ Moves To Protect Its Witnesses Against Trump, Lawrence O'Donnell, August 15, 2022, 9:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell reports the latest legal challenges facing former President Donald Trump, including the news that Justice Department is attempting to shield the identity of individuals who are cooperating with their investigation into the classified documents that were retrieved from Trump's Florida home. [[Watch](#)]

The Hill: The Memo: Trump regains center stage, with ramifications for all, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 5:30 AM

The battlelines have been drawn as the saga of former President Trump and the FBI enters its second week. Democrats are thrilled at the prospect of comeuppance for a figure who, as they

see it, has dodged accountability for numerous past misdeeds. Republicans see a former president targeted for partisan reasons. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: Trump attacks DOJ and Florida judge hours after saying that anger around the Mar-a-Lago raid had gone too far, Sinéad Baker, August 16, 2022, 5:00 AM

Former President Donald Trump attacked the Department of Justice and the Florida judge who approved the FBI raid of his Florida home, one day after he said that anger over the raid had gone too far. Trump warned on Monday morning that there needed to be less anger over the Mar-a-Lago raid, or else "terrible things" would happen. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: [ANALYSIS] Can Trump Bluster His Way Past Yet Another Mess?, Gwenda Blair, August 16, 2022, 4:30 AM

At 9 a.m. on Monday, August 8, FBI agents in unmarked cars and clothing executed a search warrant at Mar-a-Lago, the residence and private club of former president Donald Trump. The press had not been alerted, and there was no news coverage. But hours after the agents left with about a dozen boxes said to contain highly sensitive classified government documents, Donald Trump himself made the stunning announcement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: DOJ offers Trump his passports back, Ryan King, August 15, 2022, 8:56 PM

Officials with the Department of Justice offered to return to former President Donald Trump his three seized passports, according to a Monday email shared by a Trump spokesperson. In the exchange, Jay Bratt, chief of the DOJ's counterintelligence and export control section, corroborated Trump's public claim that authorities had seized three passports from his Mar-a-Lago resort during a raid last week and offered to return them. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Forbes](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#)

Politico: Why Donald Trump's declassification claim might not be that outlandish, Josh Gerstein and Kyle Cheney, August 15, 2022, 7:50 PM

Former President Donald Trump claims to have verbally declassified the sensitive records the FBI seized from his Mar-a-Lago compound. It's not as unprecedented or outlandish an argument as widely believed if he can prove it happened. Nearly 20 years ago, Justice Department prosecutors wrestled with the vexing question of whether President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney could unilaterally authorize Cheney's chief of staff Scooter Libby to leak to select journalists the key findings of a then-highly-classified intelligence community-wide report on Iraq's efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC: [OPINION] Yet another person has died in defense of Trump's lies. When will it end?, Frank Figliuzzi, August 15, 2022, 3:24 PM

The Trump death toll climbed last week. On Friday, a man armed with an assault-style rifle tried to breach security at the Cincinnati, Ohio, FBI field office. After fleeing that office, authorities say Ricky Shiffer exchanged shots with police and was eventually killed by law enforcement in a cornfield near Wilmington. The Ohio man, who was already under investigation as a potential threat, wasn't the first deluded victim of the deadly contagion of disinformation spewing from a depraved former president and his soulless sycophants, and it's not likely he'll be the last. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: Eric Herschmann, Lawyer in Trump White House, Is Subpoenaed, Luke Broadwater and Maggie Haberman, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM

Eric Herschmann, a lawyer who worked in the White House under former President Donald J. Trump, has received a subpoena from a grand jury looking into activities related to the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, the latest indication the Justice Department's investigation is intensifying, according to two people familiar with the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Politico](#)

Washington Examiner: DOJ says Navarro told agents to 'get the f* out of here' when served subpoena**, Victor Nava, August 16, 2022, 3:24 AM

In a court filing on Monday, federal prosecutors claim that former White House aide Peter Navarro told agents attempting to serve him a subpoena to "get the f*** out of here" and that the methods used during his arrest were appropriate for an "unpredictable subject" with "an extensive history of seeking news coverage." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: R. Kelly jury selection focuses on 2019 documentary, Michael Tarm and Don Babwin, August 15, 2022, 8:20 PM

Jury selection in R. Kelly's federal trial on charges that he rigged his 2008 state child pornography trial began Monday with the judge and attorneys quickly focusing on whether would-be jurors watched a 2019 documentary about sex abuse allegations against the R&B singer. After denying a request from Kelly's attorney to automatically exclude anyone from the jury who watched the six-part documentary series, "Surviving R. Kelly," U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber quizzed potential jurors about how much they watched, what they could recall about it and whether they could be impartial if they were selected. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

Newsday: Calverton man detained on charge of assaulting court officer, Bridget Murphy, August 15, 2022, 8:14 PM

A judge detained a Calverton man in federal custody Monday who authorities said had threatened Wednesday to return to a Central Islip courthouse with "armed troops" to arrest another judge "for treason" before he attacked a court security officer in an elevator the next day. A lawyer for Robert Wilson, 63, declined to comment after his client's arraignment on a charge of assaulting a federal officer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI): Dimondale man draws prison term for defrauding MSU in health care scheme, Ken Palmer, August 15, 2022, 9:55 PM

A Dimondale man has been sentenced to federal prison for participating in a health care fraud scheme that victimized Michigan State University. Daniel Brown admitted soliciting a local doctor to sign prescriptions for what the government called expensive and medically unnecessary compounded pain creams and patches for MSU employees, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Detroit News](#), [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WILX-NBC \(Onondaga, MI\)](#), [WLNS-CBS \(Lansing, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

Daily Voice (Westchester County, NY): NY Chiropractor Admits To \$1 Million Health Care Fraud, Michael Mashburn, August 15, 2022, 6:50 PM

A New York chiropractor has admitted to fraudulently obtaining nearly \$1 million in insurance

payouts for services that were never provided. Long Island resident Peter Adamczack, age 65, of Huntington, pleaded guilty to health care fraud Monday, Aug. 15, in federal court in Central Islip. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsday](#), [Patch \(East Meadow, NY\)](#)

Town Talk (Alexandria, LA): Pineville man pleads guilty to stealing 116 weapons from Louisiana stores, Melissa Gregory, August 15, 2022, 6:25 PM (EDT)

A Pineville man has pleaded guilty in federal court to stealing 116 weapons from two Louisiana gun stores. Salih Romelo Reed, 27, is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 28 in Alexandria. Reed pleaded guilty Aug. 4 to two counts of a six-count indictment filed against him in January. Both of those counts accuse Reed of stealing firearms from a licensed dealer on Sept. 1, 2019, from Sentry Defense in Youngsville in Lafayette Parish and on Nov. 14, 2021, from Guns-N-Ammo in Benton in Bossier Parish, according to the indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tulsa World: Former Sand Springs church youth group leader sentenced, Curtis Killman, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Sand Springs church youth group leader has been sentenced to prison after a jury convicted him of engaging in a sexualized relationship with a minor. Thomas Daniel Johnson, 49, will spend 135 months more than 11 years in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tulsa. He was sentenced Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KFOR-NBC \(Oklahoma City, OK\)](#), [KTUL-ABC \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

Oregonian (Portland, OR): Oregon man who abducted ex and threatened to kill her with pitchfork gets 10-year prison term, Maxine Bernstein, August 15, 2022, 5:10 PM

An Oregon man who defied a stalking order and abducted his ex-girlfriend from her home in Ilwaco, Wash., as he threatened to kill her with a pitchfork was sentenced Monday to 10 years in federal prison. James Donald Cooley's sister called police when she saw him at his Rainier home with the bruised and cut woman, according to prosecutors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KATU-ABC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KDRV-ABC \(Medford, OR\)](#), [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): Conway man sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison, Nevin Smith, August 15, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Conway man was sentenced this week to more than 11 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to being a member of a 35-member conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. Kimo Takarra Felton, 42, of Conway, was sentenced to 135 months in federal prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release. Felton has been in custody since his December 2020 arrest, according to a press release issued Aug. 15 by the Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office District of South Carolina. There is no parole in the federal system. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBTW-CBS \(Florence, SC\)](#)

Courier & Press (Evansville, IN): Defendant gets prison for Burke County cocaine pipeline, Jon Webb, August 15, 2022, 4:31 PM

One of the owners of a popular Evansville social media site was sentenced to 16 months in federal prison Monday after pleading guilty to embezzling more than \$87,000 from the Gibson County, Indiana, company for which he worked. Patrick M. Garrett, 33, was accused of buying some 62 items including a drone, a laptop and multiple small motorcycles for himself from Amazon and other businesses. He then charged them to his employer, listed in court records only as "Business 1," without authorization, a news release from U.S. District Court states. [\[Continue](#)

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Albuquerque Journal: **Las Cruces man charged for threatening to burn NMSU**, Aubrey Hobey, August 15, 2022, 2:48 PM

John Oliver Hamilton, 54, of Las Cruces, has been charged with threatening to burn a building by means of fire after Hamilton allegedly made a string of phone calls to the Office of Institutional Equality at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, according to a U.S. Department of Justice news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **Montgomery man convicted of three 2020 armed carjackings**, Carol Robinson, August 15, 2022, 2:02 PM

A 36-year-old man has been convicted of multiple armed carjackings, allegedly using the stolen vehicles in robberies at various Montgomery businesses. A federal jury on Friday found Johnnie LEEANZG Davis guilty of three counts of carjacking and three counts of brandishing a firearm in relation to a federal crime of violence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WSFA-NBC \(Montgomery, AL\)](#)

Sampson Independent (Clinton, NC): **Sampson kingpin gets 50 years**, India K. Autry, August 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

A notorious Sampson County drug kingpin was sentenced to 50 years in federal prison last week for operating an armed trafficking operation. Jimmy McKoy Rouse, 26, who had evaded serious punishment for years due to his resources and violent intimidation tactics, has been brought to justice by a collaboration between local and federal law enforcement and the community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#)

WTIC-Fox (Hartford, CT): **Hartford man sentenced to 7 years for carjacking offense**, Jareliz Diaz, August 15, 2022, 11:05 PM

A Hartford man was sentenced on Monday to seven years in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release, after committing a carjacking in 2018. According to prosecutors, at around 11:00 p.m. on July 26, 2018, Arno Smith, now aged 60, approached a woman sitting in her 2006 Honda in a Hartford parking lot. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTBC-Fox (Austin, TX): **San Antonio gang member sentenced to 10 years on firearm, drug charges**, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 8:46 PM

A San Antonio man was sentenced today to 10 years in prison for drug trafficking and firearm violations. 27-year-old Kenton Maurice Haynes was found guilty in March of one count of receipt of firearm while under indictment; one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXLY-ABC (Spokane, WA): **Texas man facing federal charges for defrauding Spokane widower of over \$345,000**, Vincent Saglimbeni, August 15, 2022, 6:49 PM

An Arlington, Texas man is facing charges in Spokane court for his alleged role in defrauding an elderly Spokane widower, of over \$345,000. 57-year-old David Joseph Osinski is accused of making a fake bank account in Dallas that got money from the victim. According to the indictment, Osinski and others tricked the elderly victim, who was identified as a recent widower, through a romance scheme. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTAR-FM (Glendale, AZ): Suspect charged in carjacking, shooting at Target parking lot in Peoria, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM

A suspect was charged Friday in the carjacking and shooting at a Target parking lot in Peoria, authorities said. Adonijah Josiah Ortega, 19, is accused of demanding the victim's keys and wallet before striking him with a gun and shooting him in the leg in the parking lot of the department store near 91st and Northern avenues at about 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 8, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): West Virginia man gets 7 years for meth trafficking, Jessica Patterson, August 15, 2022, 5:54 PM

A West Virginia man will spend the next seven years behind bars for drug-related crimes. According to the United States Department of Justice, Scott Edward Hudson, 50, of St. Albans was sentenced to prison Monday, Aug. 15, 2022 for intent to distribute methamphetamine and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He will spend seven years in prison, which will be followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): WV man sentenced to 18 years for possessing 907 grams of meth, Amanda Barber, August 15, 2022, 5:53 PM

A Huntington, West Virginia, man was sentenced to over 18 years in prison for possessing and intending to sell methamphetamine, cocaine and a fentanyl analog. According to court records, Joseph Ira Patterson, III, 38, admitted he sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant in Huntington in March 2021 and again in April 2021. Patterson agreed to deliver more methamphetamine to that confidential informant in Charleston, West Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVEC-ABC (Hampton, VA): Norfolk man pleads guilty to identity theft scheme targeting Navy Federal Credit Union, Vincent Saglimbeni, August 15, 2022, 4:31 PM

A Norfolk man pleaded guilty to aggravated identity theft and bank fraud in connection with a fraud scheme targeting Navy Federal Credit Union. According to the Dept. of Justice, 28-year-old Taimak Peters was involved in a scheme to defraud Navy Federal Credit Union out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Phoenix man facing 2 decades in jail for sexually abusing a child for years, authorities say, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 3:42 PM

A Phoenix man will spend more than two decades behind bars after he was found guilty of sexually abusing a child for years on the Navajo Nation, said the United States Attorney's Office on Aug. 15. Avery Ulate, 39, was sentenced to 300 months in prison, followed by a lifetime supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Ohio woman admits lying about St. Louis romance scam, Kevin S. Held, August 15, 2022, 3:01 PM

An Ohio woman admitted to lying to federal investigators to try and recover tens of thousands of dollars that had been intercepted on its way to romance scammers in the St. Louis area. Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri said Linda Matson pleaded guilty to making false statements to a federal agent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKBN-CBS (Youngstown, OH): Youngstown man sentenced on federal child porn charges, Gerry Ricciutti and Patty Collier, August 15, 2022, 2:55 PM

A Youngstown man who pleaded guilty in April to child porn charges was sentenced in federal

court Monday. Matthew Lucarell, 42, was sentenced to 30 years in prison on charges of sexual exploitation of children, receipt and distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and possession of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WIS-NBC (Columbia, SC): Sumter woman and Georgia man indicted on firearms and conspiracy charges, Nevin Smith, August 15, 2022, 12:51 PM

A Sumter woman and a Georgia man are facing firearms and conspiracy charges. Daeja Bryana Hodge, 25, of Sumter, SC, and Kelsey Antonio McCallum, 29, of Gainesville, GA. are indicted by a federal grand jury. They are charged with: One count of conspiracy, Three counts of making false statements on firearms purchase forms, Aiding and abetting. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRDW-CBS (Augusta, GA): Defendant gets prison for Burke County cocaine pipeline, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 10:13 AM

An Atlanta-area man has been sentenced to federal prison for his role in a conspiracy that funneled cocaine and other drugs through Atlanta to the Waynesboro area. Chadric Antonio Rhaney, 42, of Powder Springs, was sentenced to 88 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, cocaine, according to federal prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJBF-ABC \(Augusta, GA\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Artist fires back at Bored Ape lawsuit with racism accusations, Blake Brittain, August 15, 2022, 5:53 PM

Artist Ryder Ripps asked a Los Angeles federal court to stop a trademark lawsuit brought against him by the maker of the popular Bored Ape Yacht Club non-fungible tokens, arguing Monday that his NFTs of the apes were a type of "appropriation art" meant as criticism and protected by the First Amendment. Ripps doubled down on his allegations that the NFTs contain coded racist imagery, and called Yuga Lab Inc's lawsuit an attempt to "silence an artist who used his craft to call out a multi-billion-dollar company built on racist and neo-Nazi dog whistles." [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge: Legislature can intervene a little in abortion case, Rebecca Boone, August 15, 2022, 4:19 PM

A federal judge says the Idaho Legislature can intervene in the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit targeting Idaho's total abortion ban, but only to present evidence about emergency abortions performed in Medicaid-funded emergency rooms. In the written ruling handed down Saturday, [...] U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill said the Legislature's interests are already well-represented by the Idaho Attorney General's office and Gov. Brad Little, so there's no legitimate reason to add another party to the lawsuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: 2 ex-cops charged in George Floyd killing reject plea deals, Steve Karnowski, August 15, 2022, 12:00 PM

Two former Minneapolis police officers charged in George Floyd's killing told a judge Monday that they have rejected plea deals that would have resulted in three-year sentences, setting the stage for trial in October. Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in Floyd's death. They and

Thomas Lane were working with Derek Chauvin when he pinned Floyd's neck with his knee for more than nine minutes as the 46-year-old Black man said he couldn't breathe and eventually grew still. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Reuters](#), [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#), [USA Today](#)

CBS: Judge approves \$24 million equal pay settlement for U.S. women's soccer team, C Mandler, August 15, 2022, 5:57 PM

In a big win for the U.S. women's soccer team, a Los Angeles federal judge granted preliminary approval last week for a \$24 million pay discrimination settlement. The initial complaint was filed in 2016 by players who alleged that their male counterparts were being paid nearly four times more. The lawsuit followed three years later. Damages were sought under the federal Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR: Title X advocates worry that birth control may go the same way as abortion, Ben Paviour, August 16, 2022, 6:00 AM

When the Supreme Court issued its ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in a concurring opinion that the court "should reconsider" its past rulings related to contraception. Thomas' words highlighted a new battle over reproductive rights in the U.S., advocacy groups say. Republican lawmakers in some states have pushed for new restrictions on contraceptive access, and the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives passed legislation last month to protect the right to contraception. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

News Service of Florida: State of Florida targets UCF professor's lawsuit over race instruction law, Jim Saunders, August 15, 2022, 3:57 PM

Attorneys for the state are trying to convince a federal judge to reject a University of Central Florida professor's arguments in a battle about a new state law that restricts the way race-related concepts can be taught in classrooms. In court documents filed Friday, the state contended that Robert Cassanello, an associate professor of history at the University of Central Florida, does not have legal standing to challenge the law and that his request for a preliminary injunction should be rejected. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Denver Post: Colorado child abuse confidentiality law violates First Amendment, federal appeals court finds, Shelly Bradbury, August 15, 2022, 1:00 PM

Colorado law that prohibits the release of all information in child abuse and neglect cases violates the U.S. Constitution, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week. The law violates the First Amendment because it is too broad when it prohibits the release of any information contained in reports or records in child abuse and neglect cases in the state's child welfare system, including information that does not identify the involved child, the Denver-based federal appeals court found. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

AP: Case against Alex Jones can proceed, Connecticut judge says, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 9:03 PM

A federal bankruptcy judge on Monday cleared the way for a defamation lawsuit in Connecticut to proceed against Infowars host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. The case was filed by

relatives of some victims of the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Jones has falsely claimed the nation's deadliest school shooting which killed 20 students and six educators was a hoax. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Trump's Truth Social company ordered to turn over Devin Nunes information, Mike Scarcella, August 15, 2022, 3:53 AM

Former President Donald Trump's media and technology company must turn over information about ex-Congressman Devin Nunes' employment as its chief executive officer, a federal judge ruled on Friday. The ruling stems from a \$75 million defamation lawsuit brought by Nunes, a former Republican U.S. Congressman from California, against Hearst Magazine Media Inc and journalist Ryan Lizza. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: Judge Knocks 3M Bankruptcy Strategy for Military Earplug Lawsuits, Akiko Matsuda and Andrew Scurria, August 15, 2022, 6:02 PM

A federal judge criticized 3M Co.'s attempt to use the protections of chapter 11 to resolve mass injury claims by U.S. military veterans, but will allow a bankruptcy court to decide whether to shield the company from ongoing litigation. Judge M. Casey Rodgers in the U.S. District Court in Pensacola, Fla., declined on Sunday to prohibit 3M from contesting its full liability for injury claims alleging that earplugs manufactured by the company's Aearo Technologies LLC unit were defective. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 5th Circ. Knocks Fracking Suit Transfer, But Affirms Toss, Lauren Berg, August 15, 2022, 9:17 PM

The Fifth Circuit on Monday said it doesn't agree with the Federal Circuit's decision to transfer a Texas federal court case over fracking technology, but nevertheless affirmed the lower court's dismissal and ruled that the claims either lack a connection to an antitrust injury or come too late. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Fed. Claims Tosses IT Co.'s Suit Over H-1B Visa Petitions Rule, Bonnie Eslinger, August 15, 2022, 7:01 PM

A Court of Federal Claims judge on Friday dismissed a suit brought by a group of information technology service companies accusing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of illegally raking in hundreds [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 13 States Ask 10th Circ. To Join Oral Args To Halt Wage Hike, Irene Spezzamonte, August 15, 2022, 4:39 PM

A group of 13 states asked the Tenth Circuit to allow it to participate in oral arguments in two outdoor groups' suit challenging a rule increasing federal contractors' hourly minimum wage to \$15, saying they are affected by the wage hike. In a motion filed Friday, the states told the appellate court that they could offer an important point of view in the suit the Colorado River Outfitters Association and the adventure tour company Arkansas Valley Adventure LLC lodged against the U.S. Department of Labor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Helicopter Flight Trainers Settle False Claim Act Allegations, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 3:05 PM

Universal Helicopters Inc. and Dodge City Community College have agreed to pay \$7.5 million to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by making false statements to the US

Department of Veterans Affairs regarding their helicopter flight instructor training program, according to the DOJ Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): Clayton County police officer sued in federal court over 2019 incident where he broke down woman's door, Kaitlyn Ross, August 15, 2022, 6:39 PM

A Clayton County woman is calling for justice after a police officer broke down her door, as she tried to keep a man convicted of abuse away from her kids. 11Alive's Kaitlyn Ross just obtained the video from that officer's bodycam. The woman is using that video as evidence in her lawsuit. Khanay Yancey said she filed a lawsuit in federal court because she couldn't get justice on her own. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Illegal border crossings fall in July but remain high, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 11:00 PM

Migrants were stopped fewer times at the U.S. border with Mexico in July than in June, authorities said Monday, a second straight monthly decline. Flows were still unusually high, particularly among nationalities less affected by Title 42, a pandemic-era rule that denies migrants legal rights to seek asylum on grounds of preventing spread of COVID-19. In theory, Title 42 applies to all nationalities but costs, diplomatic relations and others considerations usually dictate who is expelled under the public health authority. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: 187 Cuban migrants arrested after landing in Florida, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 8:57 PM

U.S. immigration officials say 187 Cuban migrants have been arrested after landing in the Florida Keys on 10 separate boats over the weekend. Chief Patrol Agent Walter Slosar of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection posted images of the small boats without passengers on Twitter. The Miami Herald said a large group was seen early Sunday through a livestream at the Southernmost Point buoy in Key West. Dozens of men, women and children were captured in the images. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: What is DACA? Who are the Dreamers? Qualifications, path to citizenship, explained, Anna Kaufman, August 16, 2022, 5:02 AM

This week USA Today is marking the 10 year anniversary of the DACA program, with vibrant stories on the individual lives impacted by the Obama-era policy. DACA recipients have weathered constant legal threats to their guarantee of residency over the years and this year is no different. In the coming weeks a decision from a panel of federal judges in New Orleans is anticipated, determining whether the program will continue on. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] Family separation was a catastrophe. And it could happen again, Editorial Board, August 15, 2022, 3:05 PM

Even now, four years after the Trump administration's family separation policy ended, hundreds of migrant children remain on the list of those who have not been reunited with their parents. The policy, which began months after President Donald Trump took office, led to the forcible removal of more than 5,500 infants, toddlers, tweens and teenagers who crossed the U.S. border with their parents. There was no system to track, connect or reunite them with their families and, by the design of some the officials in charge, no intention of doing so. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Immigrant Families Seek Early Win In Title 42 Expulsion Fight, Rae Varona, August 15, 2022, 9:21 PM

A group of asylum-seeking families on Monday urged a D.C. federal judge to toss the Trump-era policy authorizing the rapid removal of migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the policy was arbitrary and capricious. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Immigrant Wins Citizenship, Drops Suit Over Process 'Limbo', Alyssa Aquino, August 15, 2022, 6:02 PM

A green card holder who sued the federal government for allegedly sitting on her naturalization paperwork has won approval to become a U.S. citizen, her attorney said Monday, leading to the dismissal of the case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: GOP senator raises concerns over Biden's union busting at ICE, Stephen Dinan, August 15, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Republican senator is demanding answers from the Biden administration after a federal agency allowed ICE to eliminate the labor union for thousands of employees, leaving them working without a collective bargaining agreement. Sen. James Lankford, Oklahoma Republican, said the Federal Labor Relations Authority appears to have acted rashly in last week's decision to cancel union membership for the employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, at a time when the union chapter, the National ICE Council, was alleging serious misconduct. [[Continue Reading](#)]

San Diego Tribune Union: First confusion, and finally some relief, as 'Remain in Mexico' begins to wind down in San Diego, Kate Morrisey, August 15, 2022, 12:59 PM

Moments after his immigration case was heard Wednesday, a 51-year-old Cuban asylum seeker sat on a bench in the back of the courtroom and wept openly. He had just learned that he would be allowed to fight his case from inside the United States instead of returning again to Tijuana under the "Remain in Mexico" program. He'd been waiting more than two months in Tijuana for his immigration court case under the program, known officially as Migrant Protection Protocols. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): Customs officers find meth, fentanyl hidden in basket of laundry, Dave Burge, August 15, 2022, 11:18 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers working at the Paso Del Norte border crossing in El Paso found and intercepted nearly 5 pounds of methamphetamine and nearly a pound of fentanyl hidden in a basket of laundry. "Money laundering is nothing new; however, finding drugs in a basket of laundry is out of the ordinary," CBP El Paso Port Director Ray Provencio said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): Border Patrol seizes over \$3M of meth during traffic stop, Domenick Candelieri, August 15, 2022, 9:49 PM

El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents Friday arrested a 34-year-old man suspected of smuggling 106 pounds of methamphetamine, officials said. Around 10:53 p.m., authorities received a report of a vehicle suspected of possessing drugs located in a restaurant parking lot, U.S. Customs and Border Protection stated in a release Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): Smugglers to blame for crashes involving migrants, EPPD spokesman, former BP chief say, Nasya Mancini, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM

The El Paso Police Department confirmed migrants were in a vehicle that crashed into a canal in El Paso's Upper Valley Monday morning. One person died and seven people were injured in the crash, according to police. Police said that the driver of the SUV was speeding along Artcraft Road when it collided with a Border Patrol vehicle that was conducting a separate traffic stop, on Upper Valley Road around 6 a.m. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): Mexican citizen convicted of paying Border Patrol agent to smuggle migrants to Phoenix, Phil Villarreal, August 15, 2022, 12:22 PM

A man accused of coordinating a human smuggling operation pleaded guilty to bribing a former U.S. Border Patrol agent. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, 36-year-old Mexican resident Luis Alfredo Quintero-Gonzalez pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery and alien smuggling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

WSJ: Idaho Company Sues FTC, Claiming Agency Threatened Suit Over Its Tracking Data, John D. McKinnon, August 15, 2022, 8:13 PM

A data-marketing and analytics company has sued the Federal Trade Commission, saying the agency is wrongly threatening to sue it for marketing geolocation data that might be used to track consumer visits to sensitive locations such as abortion clinics. The lawsuit by Kochava Inc. was filed on Friday in U.S. District Court in Idaho, where the company is based. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: US Penguin head grilled on merger said to squeeze out smaller publishers, Emily Zantow, August 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge wielded the market share for books about Christianity to corner the U.S. CEO of Penguin Random House about the publisher's \$2.175 billion dollar bid to buy Simon & Schuster. According to the Department of Justice, the Simon & Schuster acquisition would turn Penguin Random House into a "monopsony" a situation in which there is only one buyer in a given market in violation of federal antitrust laws. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Bloomberg Law: Kochava Fights FTC Action Over Health-Site Mobile Data Sales, Andrea Vittorio, August 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

Mobile advertising firm Kochava Inc. is suing the Federal Trade Commission to challenge an enforcement action brought over its alleged sale of location records that could reveal people's travel to abortion clinics or other health care facilities. The commission can't use the FTC Act to go after Kochava for past practices, the Idaho-based company argues in a complaint filed Friday in federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Gov't Repeats Request To Block Booz Allen-EverWatch Merger, Kelli Liendhard, August 15, 2022, 6:01 PM

The federal government has doubled down on its opposition to a proposed \$440 million merger between Booz Allen Hamilton and EverWatch, arguing that if the merger were to go through, it would result in a monopoly in the market and harm the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: FTC's Suit Challenging Meta's VR Merger Gets December Trial, Dorothy Atkins, August 15, 2022, 4:17 PM

A California federal judge on Monday set a five-day antitrust bench trial to begin Dec. 8 over the Federal Trade Commission's effort to block the Facebook parent company's purchase of virtual

reality device app developer Within Unlimited Inc. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Amazon Fights FTC's 'Unworkable' Demands In Prime Probe, Allison Grande, August 15, 2022, 2:31 PM

Amazon.com Inc. is pressing the Federal Trade Commission to scrap the latest round of demands in its probe of Prime enrollment and cancellation policies, arguing that the expanded inquiries are "unworkable and unfair" and driven by "unexplained pressure" being put on the agency's staff to "hastily" wrap up the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Feds To Retire 11 Oil Wells, Ending Suit Over Monument Land, Greg Lamm, August 15, 2022, 6:36 PM

The Biden administration and conservation groups have reached an agreement to permanently close 11 dormant oil wells inside California's Carrizo Plain National Monument, ending a suit that accused the federal government of unlawfully approving a new oil well and potential pipeline. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Trump-Era Species Regs Should Go Back To FWS, Court Told, Caleb Symons, August 15, 2022, 4:32 PM

Federal regulators have asked a California federal judge to let them revise several measures that the Trump administration took to weaken the Endangered Species Act, arguing that the court should not have repealed those policies when it remanded them to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Massachusetts Builder Accused of Workplace Safety, Tax Offenses, Bruce Rolfsen, August 15, 2022, 3:01 PM

A federal criminal charge has been filed against a Quincy, Mass., builder for allegedly lying to OSHA inspectors during a fatality investigation. Mauricio Baines, owner of Contract Framing Builders Inc., is accused of claiming a worker who died in a 2017 accident was employed by a different contractor when he was questioned by the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration in July 2017. The worker died after falling from an unprotected ledge onto a concrete floor and died from a traumatic brain injury, according to OSHA. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Birmingham News \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [Plastic News](#)

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): SD man sentenced for selling pesticides as protection from airborne diseases, Hope Sloop, August 15, 2022, 8:08 PM

A San Diego resident who sold illegally imported pesticides and marketed them as products that could protect buyers from airborne diseases was sentenced Friday to eight months in prison, prosecutors said. Samir Haj, 47, pleaded guilty earlier this year to charges including unlawful importation, sale and mailing of a pesticide from Japan, Kelly Thornton with the Office of the United States Attorney Southern District of California stated in a release Monday. Haj in selling the product marketed it "as a killer of airborne viruses such as COVID-19. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Reuters: Trump Organization ex-CFO nears plea deal in New York tax fraud case -

source, Karen Freifeld, August 15, 2022, 8:17 PM

The long-time financial chief of former President Donald Trump's namesake real estate company is expected to plead guilty in New York on Thursday in a tax fraud case, a person familiar with matter said. Former Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg could be required to testify against the company, which is also charged in the case, the person said. He is expected to be sentenced to five months in jail, the person added. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Washington Times: **[OPINION] IRS not protecting donors from mismanaged veteran charities**, Rebekah Mercer, August 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

The IRS is supposed to keep a sharp eye on nonprofit organizations that enjoy preferred tax status. And yet, it was recently discovered that 76 phony charities hiding in plain sight (all registered with the same New York City post office address) earned the IRS' stamp of approval. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WaPo: **[OPINION] 'Defund the FBI?' Sounds familiar. But not from this crowd**, Petula Dvorak, August 15, 2022, 9:27 PM

So are the defunding tribes friends now? Just trying to keep up here. Because the traditionally pro-law enforcement folks on the right U-turned faster than a mall cop who'd passed a Krispy Kreme sign after law and order finally arrived at Mar-a-Lago this weekend. Suddenly, Trumpsters who recoiled when protesters dared chant "Black Lives Matter" after the police killing of George Floyd are borrowing one of their lines. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#)

WaPo: **FBI tests suggest gun in 'Rust' shooting could not fire without trigger pull**, Travis M. Andrews, August 15, 2022, 3:50 PM

Recently released FBI forensics reports suggest the revolver handled by Alec Baldwin in the fatal shooting of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the "Rust" film set would not have discharged without its trigger being pulled while the gun was cocked. In October 2021, Baldwin was holding a prop gun that discharged and killed Hutchins and injured director Joel Souza. It is unclear why a live bullet was in the gun. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **FBI nationwide operation locates 121 actively missing kids, child sex trafficking victims**, Danielle Wallace, August 15, 2022, 2:11 PM

The FBI announced the results of a nationwide sex trafficking operation on Monday, revealing that 84 minor victims of child sex trafficking and child sexual exploitation have been identified and located. Another 37 actively missing children have also been located during the FBI's nationwide enforcement campaign, dubbed "Operation Cross Country," according to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Arkansas Times](#), [Axios](#), [Cox Media](#), [Daily Voice \(Bergen County, NJ\)](#), [Epoch Times](#), [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [Kansas City Star](#), [KMBC-ABC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [KNWA-NBC \(Rogers, AR\)](#), [KKTU-CBS \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [KOMU-NBC/CW \(Columbia, MO\)](#), [KOLD-CBS \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [KSAZ-Fox \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#), [KPLR-Fox \(Belleville, IL\)](#), [KTAR-FM \(Glendale, AZ\)](#), [KTTN \(Trenton, MO\)](#), [KWTX-CBS \(Waco, TX\)](#), [KXXV-ABC \(Waco, TX\)](#), [NY Daily News](#), [WAGA- Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WGNO-ABC \(New Orleans, LA\)](#), [WJHG-NBC/CW \(Panama City, FL\)](#), [WJW-Fox \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WJXT-CW \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#), [WOWT-NBC \(Omaha, NE\)](#), [WTKR-CBS \(Norfolk, VA\)](#)

The Hill: Spike in FBI threats unsettles the right, Emily Brooks and Rebecca Klar, August 15, 2022, 4:50 PM

An uptick in threats to the FBI after it executed a search warrant at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate is unsettling the political right, with some calling on allies of the former president to tone down their rhetoric. Barriers have been erected outside the perimeter of the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., while the FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reportedly issued a joint bulletin Friday warning about spikes in threats that included a bomb threat at FBI headquarters and calls for "civil war" and "armed rebellion." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Republicans want answers on Wray flight ahead of Mar-a-Lago raid, Jerry Dunleavy, August 15, 2022, 2:20 PM

House Republicans want answers on FBI Director Christopher Wray's use of Justice Department jets for personal use following reports that he left a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing to fly to upstate New York. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Epoch Times: FBI Director Has Followed Federal Guidelines on Using Government Aircraft for Personal Travel: Bureau, Zachary Stieber, August 15, 2022, 4:00 PM

"The FBI Director travels by government aircraft due to the FBI's national security mission, which necessitates specific communications capabilities and security considerations. Director Wray has adhered to the federal regulations governing the use of the aircraft to include reimbursement for personal use," a spokesperson for the FBI told The Epoch Times in an email. "The Bureau's national security and law enforcement operations, including transporting investigators and critical evidence, has been and remains the first priority for all FBI aircraft," it added. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Search warrant reveals details of why police were at home of man who fatally shot himself in police vehicle, Jennifer Borrasso, August 15, 2022, 11:43 PM

New details have emerged of why law enforcement was at the home of a man who police said fatally shot himself inside a Center Township police vehicle. [...] Last Friday, Center Township police, ATF agents and Beaver County detectives served a warrant at Sooky's home and took more than 100 items, including assault rifles and 3D printing materials suspected to be used in making ghost guns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KHQA-CBS/ABC (Hannibal, MO): Hannibal man arrested after explosive device investigation, Unattributed, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Hannibal, Missouri man is facing charges after law enforcement says they found explosive devices at a local home. The investigation began on Saturday when Hannibal Police Officers and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) went to search a home in the 800 block of Hayward Street. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

The Hill: Supreme Court asked to block ruling reinstating election method found to be racially discriminatory, John Kruzel, August 15, 2022, 6:21 PM

A group of Black voters in Georgia on Monday asked the Supreme Court to reinstate a judge's order barring the state's method for choosing members of a regulatory panel after the judge found it to be racially discriminatory. The request comes after a federal appeals court halted an

Atlanta-based judge's order that Georgia devise a new approach to selecting members to Georgia's Public Service Commission, which oversees the price of electricity and other utilities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

NBC: Groups urge federal judge not to 'block' first Latino to sit on upstate N.Y. court,

Nicole Acevedo, August 15, 2022, 2:32 PM

Latino civic groups worry that actions taken by a federal judge are interfering with efforts to appoint the first Latino judge to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York. Some of the nation's most prominent Latino legal and civil rights organizations have expressed their concerns in an open letter sent to U.S. District Judge David Hurd Monday, a month after he reversed course on his decision to step back from the bench upon learning that Assistant Attorney General Jorge Alberto Rodriguez could replace him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Trial starts in challenge to new Montana voting laws, Amy Hanson, August 15, 2022, 1:00 PM

Native Americans who must travel long distances to election offices and cope with unreliable and infrequent mail delivery are further disenfranchised under election laws approved last year, a lawyer said Monday during opening statements in a trial challenging the laws' constitutionality. Jacqueline De León, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund, said she would present evidence that the laws ending Election Day voter registration in Montana and banning the paid collection of voted ballots put unreasonable barriers on Native Americans who already face other economic and logistical obstacles. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Says Tribal Co. Has Immunity, Even If 'Unfair', Greg Lamm, August 15, 2022, 5:37 PM

A California tribal entity has sovereign immunity that shields it from a consulting firm's complaint over alleged wage and hour violations during the cleanup of wildfire damage on reservation land, even if that leaves the company with no path to litigate its dispute, a Ninth Circuit panel ruled. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: [ANALYSIS] Senate Cannabis Bill May Give Some Cos. A Competitive Edge,

Andrew Kline, Barak Cohen, Tommy Tobin and Jasmine Wetherell, August 15, 2022, 3:53 PM

Though the recently introduced Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act is unlikely to pass, it provides a bellwether for federal legalization, with a robust regulatory framework that would offer large food and beverage companies a structural advantage and poise multistate cannabis operators for further growth, say attorneys at Perkins Coie. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Marijuana Moment: New York Marijuana Regulators Approve First Processor Licenses And Cannabis Testing Rules Ahead Of Retail Sales Launch, Kyle Jaeger, August 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

New York marijuana regulators on Monday approved the first round of cannabis processor licenses, as well as additional cultivators, as the state gets closer to launching adult-use sales. Members of the Cannabis Control Board (CCB) also gave the green light to proposed laboratory and sampling regulations and approved the hiring of a policy director, John Kagia, who has worked for the marijuana industry analytics firm New Frontier Data. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: Okla. Court Fit For Cherokee Opioids Suit, 10th Circ. Told, Andrew Westney, August 15, 2022, 8:55 PM

The Cherokee Nation urged the Tenth Circuit on Monday to support a decision to send back to Oklahoma state court the tribe's claims that three national pharmacy chains contributed to opioid addiction on the tribe's reservation, saying a district judge was either required to remand the suit or had the discretion to do so. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 15, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- One week after the FBI searched former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, members of Congress are demanding more details on what was seized. But today, the DOJ opposed the release of the affidavit that supported the warrant in order to protect the integrity of the investigation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Iran's government says it had nothing to do with the attack on author Salman Rushdie and instead blamed the author himself for the incident, which a spokesperson for the US State Department called "despicable." [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Today marks one year since the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban's takeover. Meanwhile, Afghanistan is in the midst of a humanitarian crisis as billions of dollars in Afghan assets remain frozen by the US [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The FBI's headquarters in DC and field offices across the country are on high alert following an uptick of threats online against the agency. This comes after a man was arrested after allegedly threatening agents on a far-right social media site. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Rudy Giuliani has been informed that he's a target in a criminal investigation into alleged efforts to overturn the election results in Georgia. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
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Republican Congresswoman Liz Cheney has become one of former Pres. Trump's loudest critics, gaining national attention for her role as Vice Chair of the Jan. 6th committee. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The battle over abortion rights is spreading to some unexpected places, namely pharmacies. One common medication used by more than a million patients for arthritis, lupus and even cancer has become harder to access since Roe v. Wade was overturned. [[CBS](#)]
- districts are struggling to hire enough teachers. That's why some districts have turned to recruiting teachers from abroad as a temporary solution. [[CBS](#)]
- The man wanted in the fatal shooting of a coach at a youth football game in Texas has turned himself in after a 2-day manhunt. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "U.S. Approves Nearly All Tech Exports to China" [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Explosions Hit Russian Ammunition Depot in Crimea" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Garland Weighed Mar-a-Lago Search for Weeks" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Prosecutors Struggle to Catch Up to a Tidal Wave of Pandemic Fraud" [[NYT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WaPo: Youngkin plans trip to Michigan, repeats criticism of Justice Department, Gregory S. Schneider and Laura Vozzella , August 16, 2022, 5:55 PM

Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) said Tuesday that he'll travel to Michigan at the end of the month to campaign for that state's Republican gubernatorial nominee, the latest in a series of nationwide political trips that are likely to continue into the fall. After remarks to the Greater Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce at the Colonial Heritage golf club, Youngkin on Tuesday also renewed criticism of the Biden Justice Department for its handling of the search of former president Donald Trump's home in Florida last week, where federal agents seized sets of classified documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] Merrick Garland, the Washington Post and the Nuclear Story, James Freeman, August 16, 2022, 1:40 PM

If papers in former President Donald Trump's home represented such a grave threat to national security, why did the Justice Department take so long to act on it? Among the implausible details of this disturbing story has been that after a Justice official and several FBI agents visited Mar-a-Lago in early June, Justice waited several days before merely requesting that a stronger lock be placed on the door of a storage room and then waited roughly two months before seeking a warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] The FBI is not the enemy, Editorial Board, August 16, 2022, 10:44 AM

"The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants," Attorney General Merrick Garland declared last week. This should go without saying but now, amid rhetorical and physical attacks on federal law enforcement agents around the country, it can't be said enough. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Tucker Carlson: There's a reason the public's confidence in the FBI has plummeted, Tucker Carlson, August 16, 2022, 10:58 PM

By all accounts, Attorney General Merrick Garland was shocked to hear criticism of the raid on Mar-a-Lago last week. It turns out that Garland lives in such a tiny, airless world of left-wing activists and sycophants that it had never occurred to him that anyone might object to siccing the FBI on Joe Biden's political opponents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Judge Jeanine: I think there's 'egg on the face' of Merrick Garland, FBI, DOJ, Theo Keith, August 16, 2022, 7:36 PM

Judge Jeanine Pirro told the co-hosts of "The Five" Tuesday why it is in the American public's interest for a judge to release the affidavit after the FBI raided former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. JEANINE PIRRO: In June, the president was cooperating with the National Archives people, who sent him a thank-you note for cooperating. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Financial Times: 'Taking on a former president': Merrick Garland thrust into political limelight, James Politi, August 17, 2022, 12:00 AM

On his first day as US attorney-general last March, Merrick Garland told employees of the justice department that he was inspired by Edward Levi, a Republican who served in the same role under Gerald Ford in the 1970s. Like Garland, Levi was a Chicago native but more importantly he was widely credited with restoring faith in American justice after the tumultuous and scandal-ridden presidency of Richard Nixon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC, The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell: [VIDEO] Tribe: Merrick Garland Has A 'Slam Dunk Case' Against Trump, Laurence Tribe, August 16, 2022, 11:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell speaks to Harvard constitutional law Professor Laurence Tribe about new details of the Justice Department investigation into the classified documents that were recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida home and a New York Times report that quotes Trump's saying this about the documents: "It's not theirs, it's mine." [\[Watch\]](#)

Washington Examiner: [OPINION] Raiding the former president's home is the certifiable new normal, Hugo Gurdon, August 17, 2022, 6:00 AM

When the IRS audited the tax returns of Paula Jones, a victim of Bill Clinton's sexual predations, suspicion fell on the president, who had a ruthless history of inflicting harm on people who crossed him. Was the 1997 audit politically motivated harassment intended to intimidate a woman who was embarrassing him? Mike McCurry, who was White House press secretary at the time, was asked this question. He responded, "We may do dumb things from time to time, but we are not certifiably insane." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Slate: A Former DOJ Official Thinks Merrick Garland Could Say More, Mary C. Curtis, August 17, 2022, 5:55 AM

When news broke last week that the FBI was searching Mar-a-Lago, it took a few minutes for former Justice Department prosecutor Ankush Khardori to process the headlines. He's gotten used to the agency's cautious approach to Donald Trump, and was stunned when reporters confirmed the DOJ sent in agents to retrieve classified documents from the former president's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsmax: Manafort to Newsmax: Affidavit Will 'Expose the Corruption' of DOJ, Jack Gournell, August 16, 2022, 6:18 PM

Paul Manafort, who served as Donald Trump's 2016 campaign manager, told Newsmax on Tuesday he doesn't expect the affidavit that was used to justify the search warrant on Mar-a-Lago will ever be released by the Department of Justice because it will expose the department's "corruption." On "The Chris Salcedo Show," Manafort was asked whether the FBI and DOJ don't follow the law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsmax: Rasmussen Poll: 36 Percent Have Favorable View of AG Garland, Jeffrey Rodack, August 16, 2022, 1:31 PM

Forty-two percent of likely voters have an unfavorable view of Attorney General Merrick Garland, according to a new poll by Rasmussen Reports. The figure is up from the 39% who said they had an unfavorable opinion of him in an October poll. The poll was taken after the FBI raided the South Florida estate of former President Donald Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: In submarine secrets case, judge rejects plea agreement, John Raby, August 16, 2022, 7:52 PM

A Navy nuclear engineer and his wife withdrew their guilty pleas Tuesday in a case involving an alleged plot to sell secrets about American nuclear-powered warships after a federal judge rejected plea agreements that had called for specific sentencing guidelines. Jonathan and Diana Toebe of Annapolis, Maryland, pleaded guilty in February in federal court in Martinsburg, West

Virginia, to one count each of conspiracy to communicate restricted data. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [WaPo](#), [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

AP: Man sentenced to probation for involvement in Capitol riot, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 9:10 AM

A Port Orchard, Washington, man has been sentenced to three years of probation, including 30 days of intermittent confinement, for his involvement in the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection. John Cameron was also fined \$1,000 and must pay \$500 in restitution, KING-TV reported Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: On Jan. 6, he ‘trusted’ a fellow cop ‘based on lies.’ Now both are felons, Rachel Weiner, August 16, 2022, 2:24 PM

On Jan. 6, 2021, Jacob Fracker went with his commanding sergeant in the Rocky Mount, Va., police department to Washington, where they forced their way into the U.S. Capitol and photographed themselves celebrating. Fifteen months later, Fracker testified against the man he called “Dad,” saying he and Thomas Robertson had sought to stop President Biden from taking office. At Robertson’s April trial, Fracker also testified that when they learned they would be arrested, the sergeant destroyed their phones to hide incriminating photos and videos. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Rudy Giuliani, a target in Atlanta probe into Trump 2020 election subversion scheme, to appear before grand jury, Tierney Sneed, August 17, 2022, 5:00 AM

Rudy Giuliani, who was told by Atlanta prosecutors that he is a target in their probe of former President Donald Trump’s 2020 election subversion schemes, is scheduled to appear for grand jury testimony in the investigation on Wednesday. The indication that he is a target of Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis’ probe marked an escalation of the investigation and raises questions about Trump’s criminal exposure in the probe [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

NBC: QAnon supporter arrested over firearms near 2020 vote-counting center now faces Jan. 6 charges, Ryan J. Reilly, August 16, 2022, 3:23 PM

A supporter of the QAnon conspiracy theory who was arrested after he showed up armed outside of a ballot-counting location in Philadelphia in 2020 has now been arrested for allegedly storming the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Antonio LaMotta was arrested by the FBI in Chesapeake, Virginia, on Tuesday, according to court records. In November 2020, following former President Donald Trump’s lies about the presidential election, LaMotta traveled to the Philadelphia Convention Center in a silver Hummer featuring a QAnon sticker. He and a friend were found carrying weapons, prosecutors said, and the car was filled with ammunition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: An Oval Office incident from 2019 perfectly illustrates Trump’s approach to state secrets, say ex intel officials, Ken Dilanian, August 16, 2022, 1:33 PM

Senior intelligence officials realized early on that President Donald Trump wasn’t going to read even short written summaries of his regular intelligence briefings. So the CIA officers who prepared the briefings made sure they came to the Oval Office laden with striking images, pared-down charts and slick graphics designed to grab the president’s fleeting interest, several officials familiar with the briefings told NBC News. “To secure his attention, you had to use images and catchy headlines, even better if they had his name in them,” said Doug London, a former CIA officer who helped assemble the briefing material. On Aug. 30, 2019, top spies learned the

dangers of that approach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Top Democrats say Trump-appointed inspector general is not helping with inquiry into missing Secret Service texts, Julia Ainsley, August 16, 2022, 12:22 PM

The Democratic chairs of the House Committee on Oversight and the House Homeland Security Committee sharply criticized the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general on Tuesday for refusing to testify or share documents related to his office's handling of missing Secret Service texts, according to a letter sent to DHS Inspector General Joseph Cuffari. The committees have previously urged Cuffari to recuse himself from the investigation into the missing text messages sent by Secret Service employees around the time of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, in large part because he failed to notify Congress that the messages were missing until over a year after he knew they had been lost. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Trump's grip on GOP tightens as legal troubles mount, Chuck Todd, Mark Murray, Ben Kamisar, Bridget Bowman, and Alexandra Marquez, August 16, 2022, 8:58 AM

If it's Tuesday It's Primary Day in Alaska and Wyoming. ... Ranked choice voting gets its latest test. ... President Biden signs the Inflation Reduction Act into law. ... The Justice Department asks a judge to keep Trump search warrant affidavit sealed ... The NRSC cuts \$10 million from ad spending in three key Senate battlegrounds, per the New York Times. ... And GOP Gov. Brian Kemp set to dole out \$1.2 billion to poor Georgians. But first: Donald Trump's revenge tour is now almost complete with Rep. Liz Cheney's, R-Wyo., likely primary defeat tonight. But it also comes at a time when there's never been more potential legal trouble for the former president and those associated with him. Just consider what happened on Monday: [[Continue Reading](#)]

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Cybercrime is on the rise in Alabama, FBI says, William Thornton, August 16, 2022, 7:37 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation wants Alabamians to be more vigilant to the looming dangers of cybercrime. And while some businesses and entities may not think they are vulnerable, authorities say it's probably only a question of time. That means hospitals, energy companies, emergency services, infrastructure sectors, and even regular businesses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): Man charged in Capitol riot re-emerged to rally early voters with Bailey campaign staff, Mark Maxwell, August 16, 2022, 10:47 PM

The campaign for Darren Bailey, the GOP nominee for Illinois governor, is once again publicly distancing itself from a suspect charged in the attack on the U.S. Capitol after new video emerged showing the man campaigning alongside a paid Bailey campaign staffer. So far, the FBI has charged 28 people from Illinois for alleged crimes at the Capitol on Jan. 6. One of them is Lawrence Ligas, who was charged last December with three criminal counts for storming the Capitol. Ligas has signaled he intends to face the charges at trial. He's scheduled to appear in court again next month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMTW-ABC (Poland Spring, ME): Prosecutor: Mainer Kyle Fitzsimons used bow as a spear to assault officer during Capitol Riot, Phil Hirschhorn, August 16, 2022, 9:03 PM

After a year-and-a-half in jail, Kyle Fitzsimons entered courtroom 23 on Tuesday on the fourth floor of the U.S. District Courthouse in the nation's capital, wearing an orange jail uniform for his trial on an 11-count indictment for participating in the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection. In opening statements, Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Brasher focused on the six felony counts for allegedly assaulting three law enforcement officers during the Capitol riot and asserted

Fitzsimons was "proud of his actions" and wanted others to follow his example. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLS-ABC (Chicago, IL): Suburban Chicago women charged in Jan 6 attack on US Capitol expected to plead guilty, Chuck Goudie and Barb Markoff, Christine Tressel and Ross Weidner, August 16, 2022, 7:35 PM

A pair of Elmhurst women have made a quick turnaround from their arrest on June 1st to planned guilty pleas Wednesday. According to the FBI, Trudy Castle and her relative Kimberly DiFrancesco were in the crowd of rioters who crashed the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Now they are on the verge of trying to put this behind them - and they are not alone. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Tulsa man who threatened Biden, members of Congress gets 30-month prison sentence, Cory Smith, August 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Tulsa man has been sentenced to 30 months in prison for threats against President Joe Biden, members of Congress and their families. John Jacobs Ahrens, 59, was also sentenced to three years of supervised release following his prison stay. Federal investigators were alerted after Ahrens sent threatening emails to a Tulsa TV station. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOKI-Fox \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

KTTC-NBC (Rochester, MN): Rochester man pleads guilty to attempting to provide material support to ISIS, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 6:40 PM (EDT)

A Rochester man has pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization. According to court documents, Muhammad Masood, 30, a licensed medical doctor in Pakistan, was formerly employed as a Research Coordinator at a medical clinic in Rochester under an H-1B Visa. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KIMT-CBS \(Mason City, IA\)](#), [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): FBI warns the public about cybercrimes impacting Hampton Roads, Margaret Kavanagh, August 16, 2022, 5:41 PM

Right now criminals abroad and here in the United States are working to try and access your bank account information to steal your money and the FBI wants to warn you about it. "Cyber security is directly related to our national security. Not only are nation-state adversaries becoming more persistent, the cybercriminals are also becoming more sophisticated," said Jason Bilnoski, the Assistant Special Agent in charge of the FBI Norfolk Field Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Liz Cheney accuses Trump of 'insidious lie' about FBI search of his home, Moira Warburton, August 16, 2022, 11:43 PM

Republican Liz Cheney broadened her attack on Donald Trump after losing her Tuesday night primary, saying the former president was spreading an "insidious lie" in alleging that the FBI agents who searched his Florida home were politically motivated. Federal agents seized boxes of documents, some top secret, from the former president's Palm Beach, Florida, resort last week as part of an investigation into whether critical papers were removed illegally from the White House after Trump left office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Trump is rushing to hire seasoned lawyers — but he keeps hearing 'No', Isaac

Arnsdorf, Josh Dawsey, Carol D. Leonnig, Jacqueline Alemany and Rosalind S. Helderman , August 16, 2022, 10:57 PM

Former president Donald Trump and close aides have spent the eight days since the FBI searched his Florida home rushing to assemble a team of respected defense lawyers. But the answer they keep hearing is “no.” The struggle to find expert legal advice puts Trump in a bind as he faces potential criminal exposure from a records dispute with the National Archives that escalated into a federal investigation into possible violations of the Espionage Act and other statutes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Trump wants Mar-a-Lago affidavit released, as some aides ponder risk, Perry Stein and Josh Dawsey, August 16, 2022, 8:42 PM

Former president Donald Trump has called on a judge to unseal the affidavit central to last week's FBI search of his Florida home, believing that any information made public about the investigation into his handling of classified material will electrify his supporters and benefit him politically, according to people he has conferred with in recent days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Classified documents inquiry, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 7:30 PM

The F.B.I. searched Mr. Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., as part of the Justice Department's investigation into materials that were alleged to have been unlawfully taken by the former president, including classified documents, when he left office in January 2021. The search warrant, which was unsealed and made public in response to a motion by the Justice Department, listed three criminal laws as the basis of the investigation, including a possible violation of the Espionage Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Trump White House Lawyers Were Interviewed by FBI in Classified-Documents Probe, Sadie Gurman and Alex Leary, August 16, 2022, 7:05 PM

Two top lawyers who worked in the White House under then-President Donald Trump were interviewed by the FBI about the handling of classified documents well before agents searched the former president's Mar-a-Lago home, people familiar with the matter said, offering a glimpse into steps investigators have taken in the monthslong probe. Mr. Trump's White House counsel, Pat Cipollone, and his deputy, Pat Philbin, are the highest-ranking former officials known to have been interviewed in the probe, which intensified last week when agents removed from the Florida property 11 sets of classified documents, including some marked as top secret and meant to be available only in special government facilities. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

NBC: Hearing on unsealing the Mar-a-Lago search warrant affidavit to put DOJ arguments on display, Dareh Gregorian, August 16, 2022, 5:23 PM

A federal judge in Florida has scheduled a hearing Thursday on whether to unseal the affidavit that federal investigators used to justify a search warrant for former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home — a major point of contention between the government and the former president, his supporters and the news media. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [UPI](#)

The Hill: FBI search cements Trump's hold on GOP, Brett Samuels, August 17, 2022, 5:30 AM

The conservative outcry over the FBI's search of former President Trump's estate in Florida has seemingly cemented Trump's grip on the GOP electorate. Both allies and Republicans less inclined to back a new run for the White House by the former president believe the outcry over the

search effectively blunts any path for a challenger to run to the right of Trump. Would-be rivals in a 2024 primary, such as Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), have fallen in line to back Trump and attack the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: FBI Sought Documents Trump Hoarded for Years, Including about Russiagate, William M. Arkin, August 17, 2022, 5:00 AM

The FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago last Monday was specifically intended to recover Donald Trump's personal "stash" of hidden documents, two high-level U.S. intelligence officials tell Newsweek. To justify the unprecedented raid on a former president's residence and protect the source who revealed the existence of Trump's private hoard, agents went into Trump's residence on the pretext that they were seeking all government documents, says one official who has been involved in the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: Trump Thanks FBI, DOJ After Passports They 'Stole' Are Returned, Aila Slisco, August 16, 2022, 8:18 PM

Former President Donald Trump has thanked the FBI and the Department of Justice (DOJ) for returning passports that he said they "stole" during last week's raid of his home. In a Truth Social post on Monday, the former president accused the FBI of stealing three of his passports while executing their search warrant, calling it "an assault on a political opponent at a level never seen before in our Country." Trump thanked the agency, while also accusing agents of behavior like that of "a common criminal," as he announced that his documents had been returned in a post on Tuesday evening. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Courthouse News: FBI affidavit for Trump search warrant is closely guarded. Will it stay that way?, Emily Zantow, August 16, 2022, 6:30 PM

To have its agents execute a search warrant last week at Mar-a-Lago, the south Florida home of former President Donald Trump, the FBI had to lay out its case in a sworn affidavit to U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart. That document remains under seal and hotly sought after by both members of the media and a conservative nonprofit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

HuffPost: Trump Lawyer Blasted For Demand That DOJ Release Mar-A-Lago Warrant Witnesses' Names, David Moye, August 16, 2022, 6:19 PM

Donald Trump attorney Alina Habba came under fire on Tuesday after she demanded that the Department of Justice go against protocol and release the names of the witnesses who helped secure the warrant for the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago last week. During an interview on the right-wing media outlet Newsmax, Habba said she and her client wanted the Justice Department "to uncover everything so that we can see what is going on." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: [VIDEO] Everything we know about the top-secret documents the FBI seized at Mar-a-Lago, Olivia Nemeč and Havovi Cooper, August 16, 2022, 5:00 PM

The FBI seized top-secret documents from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence during its August 8 raid, according to documents released by the Department of Justice. [\[Watch\]](#)

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Law360: Ex-Trump Aide Navarro 'Fishing' For Irrelevant Docs, Feds Say, Jack Gournell, August 16, 2022, 6:13 PM

The federal government said former Trump White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is "fishing

for irrelevant information" as he fights contempt charges for defying a congressional subpoena related to the Jan. 6 attack on the U. S. Capitol. In a Monday filing to D. C. federal Judge Amit P. Mehta, the government opposed Navarro's attempt to compel further discovery, saying it "has exceeded its discovery obligations" and already provided him with all discoverable material in the government's possession. "While the volume of discovery might be small, its volume is not a reflection of its thoroughness," prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Drug dealer who bribed DEA agent gets 11+ years in prison, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 10:20 PM

A convicted California drug trafficker who paid bribes to a corrupt Drug Enforcement Administration agent has been sentenced by a Florida judge to more than 11 years in federal prison. U.S. Attorney Roger B. Handberg said in a news release Tuesday that a judge in Jacksonville, Florida, imposed the sentence on Francisco Gonzalez Benitez, 37, of Orange, California. Gonzalez Benitez pleaded guilty to drug and money laundering charges in April. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Former Democratic Congressman Charged With Fraud, Glenn Thrush, August 16, 2022, 3:43 PM

A federal grand jury in California indicted Terrance John Cox, a former Democratic representative of Fresno, for an array of financial crimes, including a bid to divert campaign contributions during his election campaign in 2018. Mr. Cox, 59, known as T.J., is charged with 28 counts, including wire fraud, money laundering and making a campaign contribution under the name of another person, according to a criminal complaint that a federal judge unsealed on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fresno Bee](#), [Law360](#), [NY Post](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Ohio Capital Journal: DOJ asks regulators to back off investigation into FirstEnergy bribery case, Alex Whitney, August 17, 2022, 3:50 AM

Federal prosecutors who brought a sweeping criminal case against FirstEnergy Corp. and Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder are now asking state regulators to hold off on their own investigations into the matter. In a letter to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Kenneth L. Parker, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, asked the regulators to stay their four investigations into FirstEnergy's conduct, which overlap in part with the prosecution. He asked for a freeze of at least six months. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Man sentenced for shooting at federal agent in Muskegon, John Agar, August 16, 2022, 7:03 PM

A man accused of shooting at a federal agent in Muskegon was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Errion Jashawn Patterson was sentenced Tuesday, Aug. 16, by U.S. District Judge Janet Neff in Grand Rapids. Patterson had pleaded guilty to charges of assaulting a federal officer with a dangerous and deadly weapon and discharge of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence in the Aug. 4, 2021, incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: Scott man who obtained millions in fraudulent covid-19 relief loans pleads guilty, faces prison, Paula Reed Ward, August 16, 2022, 5:02 PM

A Scott man who fraudulently obtained federal covid-19 relief loans and used the money to buy

luxury vehicles and artwork and pay college tuition pleaded guilty Tuesday to bank fraud and money laundering. Randy Frasinelli, 66, will be sentenced on Dec. 20 by U.S. District Judge W. Scott Hardy. According to the plea agreement, he faces a sentence of 63 to 78 months incarceration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Bergen County, NJ): **murder for hire: NJ Man Recorded Trying To Hire Hit Man To Kill Teenage Girl, FBI Says**, Jerry DeMarco, August 16, 2022, 4:22 PM

A New Jersey man was secretly recorded trying to hire a hitman to kill a 13-year-old in Texas, federal authorities said. Armando Conceicao, 57, of Newark is charged in a federal indictment with conspiracy to commit murder for hire and causing another person to travel interstate with the intent to do so, U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Philip R. Sellinger said Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Spokesman-Review (Spokane, WA): **Spokane man gets 5 years probation after pleading guilty to COVID-19 relief fraud**, Kip Hill, August 16, 2022, 4:09 PM

A Spokane man who admitted to defrauding the government of \$54,900 in COVID-19 relief money has been sentenced to five years of probation. Roshon E. Thomas, 42, pleaded guilty to providing false financial statements to the Small Business Administration about two businesses a tattoo parlor and T-shirt printer in order to receive loans intended to assist during the pandemic. Thomas fabricated employee counts and earnings for the two businesses, but he used his real name, address and Social Security number. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Rochester First: **Farmington man sentenced for gun, marijuana on Victor school grounds**, Hailie Higgins, August 16, 2022, 3:57 PM

A Farmington man was sentenced to 18 months in prison for attempting to sell marijuana on Victor Central School District grounds, as well as being in possession of both a controlled substance and ammunition, court officials announced Tuesday. In Dec. 2021, 21-year-old Benyadiel Merced was driving on school grounds, when he was stopped by campus police, officials said. At the time of the stop, Merced was found to be in possession of a loaded ghost gun. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): **Local TSA union president sentenced to three years of probation for fraud scheme**, Alvin Buyinza, August 16, 2022, 3:42 PM

Marie LeClair, the president of a Massachusetts transportation security association union, was sentenced in federal court to three years of probation with six months of home confinement for defrauding her own union by misappropriating \$29,050 in funds, the U.S. Attorney General stated. LeClair was also ordered to pay restitution and forfeiture of \$29,050 by U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani, according to the attorney general's office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Midjersey (Trenton, NJ): **Thirteen Individuals Charged With Drug Trafficking And Firearms Offenses In Trenton, NJ**, Mercer, August 16, 2022, 3:38 PM

Thirteen individuals were charged today with various drug trafficking and firearms offenses arising from an investigation targeting unlawful activities in a northeast neighborhood in the city of Trenton, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Jamal Wilson, aka "Vill," and Theodore Meekins, aka "Meech," both of Trenton, were among 12 defendants charged in a 16-count criminal complaint unsealed today. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [RLS Media \(Newark, NJ\)](#)

Miami Herald: **A Florida bodybuilder landed prison time for his \$245,000 disability fraud on the VA**, David Neal, August 16, 2022, 3:24 PM

A U.S. Army veteran who falsely claimed PTSD and physical disabilities left him so weak that he couldn't lift 10 pounds but who remained a hardcore bodybuilder with the social media posts to prove it will have to pump iron in federal prison for at least 10 months. Zachary Barton, who moved from Port St. Lucie to Colorado Springs while scamming the Veterans Administration, will move to one of the three federal prisons in Colorado after being sentenced to 12 months and \$245,932 restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: Building super describes final moments of swimmer killed by falling tree in Bronx, Jack Morphet, Steven Vago and Kate Sheehy, August 16, 2022, 1:38 PM

The Bronx woman killed by a falling tree in an apartment swimming pool had taken a break from work to do laps and apparently heard the trunk crack and looked up just before being hit, the building super told The Post on Tuesday. Donna Douglas, 59, was enjoying the gorgeous weather with a female pal at the River Terrace Apartments pool in Spuyten Duyvil just after 1:30 p.m. Monday when the horror occurred, said the worker, Alex Syku. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Woman ordered to pay \$180K in restitution following conviction in fraud scheme, Daniel Urie, August 16, 2022, 12:56 PM

A 65-year-old York County woman was convicted of mail fraud as part of a fraud scheme, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced on Tuesday. Robin Jean Seredych was sentenced to two years of probation by U.S. District Court Judge Christopher C. Conner. United States Attorney Gerard M. Karam said that Seredych illegally obtained credit cards of legitimate account holders by accessing their accounts and having additional cards sent to her address in York County. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHTM-ABC \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#)

WHEC-NBC (Rochester, NY): Rochester man arrested on gun and drug charges, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 10:25 PM

A Rochester man was arrested on gun and drug charges, according to an announcement made by U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross. The U.S. attorney says Christian Cruz of Rochester had a loaded gun while selling cocaine and crack cocaine. Cruz is also suspected of having fentanyl and heroin. He was arrested back on Aug 2. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Big Cabin man sentenced to 240 months in prison for sexual abuse, Savannah Sinclair, August 16, 2022, 7:30 PM

Christopher Michael Guinn, 23, of Big Cabin was sentenced on August 16 to 240 months in federal prison followed by five years of supervised release. A jury convicted Guinn for aggravated sexual abuse by force and threat and for assault of an intimate partner by strangling and attempting to strangle in Indian Country. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOKI-Fox \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): Woman took \$54K from disabled uncle using Cash App, indictment says, Osama Ayyad, August 16, 2022, 7:16 PM (EDT)

A St. Charles County woman has been accused of stealing more than \$66,000 from her disabled uncle. Jessica Medrano, a 41-year-old Lake St. Louis resident, was arrested Tuesday, according to Missouri's Eastern District U.S. Attorney's Office. A statement from the U.S. Attorney said a grand jury indicted Medrano on Aug. 10. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVUE-ABC (Austin, TX): Austin man pleads guilty to charge related to Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol breach, Drew Knight, August 16, 2022, 7:09 PM (EDT)

An Austin man on Tuesday pleaded guilty to a felony charge linked to his actions during the U.S. Capitol breach on Jan. 6, 2021. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 38-year-old Geoffrey Shough pleaded guilty to interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTNV-ABC (Las Vegas, NV): Las Vegas man pleads guilty to possession of heroin with intent to distribute, U.S. attorneys say, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 6:59 PM

A Las Vegas resident pleaded guilty on Tuesday to possession with the intent to distribute heroin, and possession of a firearm after a felony conviction. 35-year-old Brent Matthew Wilson is scheduled to be sentenced for both charges on Nov. 15. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRTV-ABC (Indianapolis, IN): Indy man sentenced to 10 years after being found with enough fentanyl to kill more than 29,000 people, James Howell Jr., August 16, 2022, 6:58 PM

An Indianapolis man was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison this week for armed fentanyl trafficking and illegal gun possession. Julius Johnson, 44, was sentenced after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, carrying a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime and being a felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVIT-NBC (New Britain, CT): Stamford Man Fraudulently Obtains Over \$4 Million in COVID-19 Relief Funds, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 6:05 PM

A Stamford man has been sentenced to prison time for his role in fraudulently obtaining more than \$4 million in COVID-19 relief funds, according to the Dept. of Justice. Officials said 46-year-old Moustapha Diakhate maintained ownership or management interest in certain small business entities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCSH-ABC (Portland, ME): Presque Isle man gets four years for meth trafficking, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 5:44 PM

A Presque Isle man was sentenced to four years in prison for methamphetamine trafficking in Aroostook County, officials say. A news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office District of Maine on Tuesday states Conner Clark, 25, was also sentenced to five years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty in November 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZY-Fox (Belmont, NC): Sentenced Rock Hill man sold guns, drugs to undercover agents, Jesse Ullmann, August 16, 2022, 5:41 PM

A Rock Hill man was sentenced on Tuesday for selling guns and drugs to undercover agents, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina announced. 40-year-old Rock Hill resident Santuron Cureton will serve 15 years in prison after pleading guilty in 2021 to charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNBC-NBC (New York City, NY): 9 Mob Associates, Including Nassau Cop, Charged with Racketeering, Other Crimes: Feds, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 4:38 PM

Nine members and associates of organized crime families including a Nassau County detective were charged Tuesday on racketeering, illegal gambling and other charges, federal prosecutors announced, in an organized crime racket reminiscent of the Mafia's heyday. According to court filings, members of the Genovese and Bonanno organized crime families

operated a number of illegal gambling operations in New York City and Long Island. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Huntington Now \(Huntington, NY\)](#), [Patch, \(Long Island, NY\)](#), [AM New York Metro \(New York City, NY\)](#), [Queens Chronicle \(New York City, NY\)](#), [Brooklyn Eagle \(New York City, NY\)](#), [Newsday \(Long Island, NY\)](#)

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Houston woman to serve fed time after creating bills for fake patients in \$10M Medicare scheme, DOJ says, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 4:23 PM
A 59-year-old Houston woman has been sent to federal prison following her conviction of committing and conspiracy to commit health care fraud, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Naomi Moore pleaded guilty on April 7. On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Charles Eskridge imposed the statutory maximum of 60 months to be immediately followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Ohio man pleads guilty to gun crime, Danielle Sandler, August 16, 2022, 3:33 PM
A man pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to court documents, Scott Edward Snook, 47, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, admitted to having a HiPoint, Model C, 9mm semi-automatic pistol in Charleston, which he reportedly got on August 3, 2020. Snook then admitted to possessing a .22-caliber rifle that had been modified from its [sic] original model on that date. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOAM-CBS (Pittsburg, KS): Last of seven suspects pleads guilty in multi-million dollar catalytic converter case, Andre Louque, August 16, 2022, 3:29 PM
A former Springfield woman pleaded guilty today in federal court to her involvement in transporting tens of thousands of stolen catalytic converters across state lines. Police say Danielle Ice, 34, was the last suspect to plead guilty as part of a multi-million dollar business. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KMBC-ABC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KRCG-CBS \(Jefferson City, MO\)](#), [KTLO-AM \(Mountain Home, AR\)](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Former bank employee sentenced to 1 year in prison for stealing \$284k cash, Joshua Robinson, August 16, 2022, 3:27 PM
A former assistant manager of a bank in Wellston will be serving time for stealing money. A Statement shows on July 19, 2021, Capri Duvall, 35, pretended to fill an ATM with cash but hid \$284,000 in a brown box and carried it to her car. After work, she gave the teller and a security guard \$30,000 each. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WESH-NBC (Orlando, FL): Officials: 12-year-old extorted into sending nude images to Orlando man, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 1:23 PM
An Orlando man has pleaded guilty to extorting a 12-year-old girl into creating sexually explicit material. Andre Maurice Lewis, 37, has pleaded guilty to enticement of a minor. He faces a maximum penalty of life in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCCB-CW (Charlotte NC): Federal Authorities: Charlotte Man Sentenced To 10 Years In Prison On Gun Charges, Samantha Gilstrap, August 16, 2022, 1:05 PM
A Charlotte man faces up to 10 years in prison for his involvement in three shooting incidents, federal authorities say. Authorities say as part of his sentence, Ulondis Edwards, 23, will serve three years under court supervision upon his release from prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): Alleged Roanoke gang members sentenced to decades in prison for murder, racketeering charges, Colleen Guerry, August 16, 2022, 1:04 PM
Three men accused of being members of the Rollin' 30s Crips a gang that is reportedly responsible for two murders in Roanoke were sentenced to a combined 113 years in prison on Monday, according to Virginia law enforcement leaders. The Department of Justice (DOJ) says the following three alleged gang members were sentenced in federal court on Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

WJZY-Fox (Belmont, NC): Charlotte man with several violent convictions sentenced for illegal gun possession, Mike Andrews, August 16, 2022, 12:32 PM
A Charlotte man with multiple prior violent convictions was sentenced to over seven years in prison Tuesday for illegally possessing a firearm, according to the U.S. District Attorney's Office. Officials said 55-year-old Timothy Lamont Johnson had pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in June 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKBW-ABC (Buffalo, NY): Jamestown man pleads guilty to selling fentanyl drug, Imani Clement, August 16, 2022, 12:24 PM
U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross announced Tuesday that a Jamestown man pleaded guilty to selling the drug fentanyl. 47-year-old Denver Komenda was arrested on Oct. 22, 2021, after investigators seized a bag of fentanyl in Komenda's bedroom. Before the seizure, Komenda permitted investigators to search his residence after they arrived to search for a fugitive who was possibly located at the home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Democratic states back Biden in fight over emergency abortion guidance, Brendan Pierson, August 16, 2022, 6:09 PM
A group of 20 Democratic-led states and the District of Columbia have weighed in to support Biden administration guidance aimed at ensuring that hospitals perform life-saving abortions, which is at the heart of ongoing legal battles between the federal government and two conservative states over their stringent abortion bans. The states, led by California Attorney General Rob Bonta and New York Attorney General Letitia James, on Tuesday submitted an amicus curiae, or friend of the court, brief in Lubbock, Texas federal court backing the administration, which is facing a bid by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to block the guidance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Fourth Circuit first to rule gender dysphoria a protected disability, Rachel Weiner, August 17, 2022, 6:00 AM
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has become the first appellate court in the country to find that gender dysphoria is covered by the Americans With Disabilities Act, after a transgender woman sued Fairfax County for housing her with men during her time in jail. "Being transgender is not a disability," the court wrote in an opinion issued Tuesday, but "many transgender people experience gender dysphoria," or distress over the discrepancy between their identity and their assigned sex. "A transgender person's medical needs are just as deserving of treatment and protection as anyone else's." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Family of soldier who was harassed and killed at Fort Hood sues Army, Lateshia

Beachum and Alex Horton, August 16, 2022, 9:52 PM

The family of Spec. Vanessa Guillén, the Fort Hood soldier who was sexually harassed, killed and dismembered while she served at the Texas base, is suing the Army over “the nightmare she had to endure while serving,” her lawyer says. According to a complaint filed Friday, Guillén’s family is seeking \$35 million from the Department of the Army after she “suffered mental anguish, fear, emotional distress, physical injury, and death as a result of sexual harassment, rape, sodomy and physical assault” between Oct. 1, 2019, and April 22, 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Federal appeals court says Americans with Disabilities Act protections cover 'gender dysphoria,' handing a win to trans people, Devan Cole, August 16, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal appeals court said Tuesday that the Americans with Disabilities Act covers individuals with "gender dysphoria," handing a win to trans people in a case concerning a former inmate who alleged discrimination at a Virginia prison. In a majority opinion issued by a three-judge panel with the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the court wrote, "In light of the 'basic promise of equality ... that animates the ADA,' we see no legitimate reason why Congress would intend to exclude from the ADA's protections transgender people who suffer from gender dysphoria." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Times](#)

KTVB-NBC (Boise, ID): DOJ's current impacts on Idaho abortion laws, Joe Parris, August 16, 2022, 8:14 PM

Idaho's abortion laws are set for a few changes over the next week. There are three separate laws that are all in different stages of enforcement. There is a chance the situation changes again on Monday, that's because a judge will hear arguments from the Department of Justice (DOJ) as to why they believe the law should be blocked. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMSP-Fox (Minneapolis, MN): Federal investigation of MPD may soon enter new phase, city attorney says, Theo Keith, August 16, 2022, 7:03 PM

Minneapolis officials think the U.S. Department of Justice is wrapping up the discovery phase of its patterns and practices investigation of the city's police department, but no one knows the feds' timeline, a key city official said Tuesday. Interim City Attorney Peter Ginder told the City Council that Minneapolis has handed over terabytes of data to the Justice Department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

CBS: Judge rules against Alex Jones, says Sandy Hook defamation case can proceed in Connecticut, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 11:18 AM

A federal bankruptcy judge on Monday cleared the way for a defamation lawsuit in Connecticut to proceed against Infowars host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones. The case was filed by relatives of some victims of the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Jones has falsely claimed that the nation's deadliest school shooting which killed 20 students and six educators was a hoax. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: SG Urges High Court To Back Photographer In Warhol IP Fight, Britain Eakin, August 16, 2022, 7:46 PM

The Biden administration has told the U.S. Supreme Court it should affirm a Second Circuit decision that Andy Warhol's artwork did not make fair use of a photo of music legend Prince, telling the justices that siding with Warhol "would dramatically expand" the fair-use doctrine.

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Law360: DOL Wants H-2B Suit Cut, Citing Crawfish Season's End, Rae Varona, August 16, 2022, 4:14 PM

The U.S. Department of Labor has asked a D.C. federal judge to further trim a lawsuit by employees of a Louisiana crawfish plant, saying the end of the crawfish season also meant their H-2B wage rule challenge ended. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AZ Mirror: Arizona helicopter school will pay \$7 million for defrauding a GI Bill program, Tim Carpenter, August 16, 2022, 12:57 PM

Dodge City Community College in Kansas and a private Arizona helicopter flight training school agreed to pay \$7.5 million to resolve allegations that enrollment reports were falsified for years to qualify the program for financial support from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Immigration advocates sue LexisNexis over personal data, Kathleen Foody, August 16, 2022, 1:00 PM

Data broker LexisNexis Risk Solutions allegedly violated Illinois law by collecting and combining extensive personal information and selling it to third parties including federal immigration authorities, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday by immigration advocates. The result is “a grave threat to civil liberties,” the activists and two immigration advocacy groups argued. The lawsuit asks a Cook County judge to prevent the data broker from selling personal information without consent. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [Law360](#)

AOL: Migrants, Recently Arrived in US, Grapple With Immigration Barriers, Aline Barros, August 16, 2022, 4:11 PM

Rosa, a Venezuelan asylum-seeker, walked for four months across nearly half a continent. She was pregnant. Rosa is not her real name, but she told VOA that her journey to reach the United States, along with her partner and father of her child, was difficult. Four times during their migration, Rosa thought she was going to lose her baby. The couple traversed the uninhabitable Darien Gap jungle linking Colombia and Panama before crossing nine countries to face a complex immigration process in the United States. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: July border stunner: Enough fentanyl to kill every American, Stephen Dinan, August 16, 2022, 6:00 PM

Fentanyl is surging across the southern border at an astronomical rate, with July's rate of seizures shattering the previous record and tripling June's rate, according to Homeland Security Department statistics released this week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Judge Strikes DOJ Memo Over Footnotes In Wynn FARA Case, Elaine Briceño, August 16, 2022, 5:40 PM

A D.C. federal judge overseeing the U.S. Department of Justice's civil suit against former casino and hotel mogul Steve Wynn, who is accused of failing to register as a foreign agent, on Tuesday struck a government memorandum that disputed Wynn's motion to dismiss, determining it had "excessive footnotes." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: **Strict immigration enforcement does not necessarily improve public safety**, Josh T. Smith, August 16, 2022, 11:12 AM

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed a bill last month that would have required local police departments to work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to determine a detained immigrant's legal status. North Carolina is one of the many states to try to renegotiate its immigration rules. Over more than a decade, at least 11 states have made similar moves. Florida and Texas made headlines this year with their responses to immigration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

City News Service: **Migrant Advocates Call For End To Family Separations At Border**, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 5:54 PM

Migrant advocates in San Diego called attention Tuesday to the continued separations of families at the U.S.-Mexico border, which they highlighted with the story of a woman from El Salvador who they say was assaulted by a U.S. Border Patrol agent and kept apart from her children for months. The woman, referred to only as Lucy, was arrested in February by Border Patrol agents, one of whom allegedly punched her several times, then claimed Lucy had assaulted him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Miami Herald: **A boater found 2 bodies in the ocean off the Florida Keys. It's a mystery with some clues**, David Goodhue, August 16, 2022, 5:46 PM

Florida Keys detectives are investigating the discovery of two bodies found floating in the ocean off the island chain. A boater recovered the bodies around 1:30 p.m. Friday about a mile and a half apart from each other roughly 11 miles from Molasses Reef off Key Largo, said Monroe County Sheriff's Office spokesman Adam Linhardt. The boater called the U.S. Coast Guard, which brought the bodies back to its station in the Village of Islamorada, Linhardt said [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: **NYC Catholic Charities 'strained' by migrant surge, official claims**, Kyle Schnitzer and Bruce Golding, August 16, 2022, 1:39 PM

New York City's federation of Catholic Charities is being pushed to the limit by the massive number of migrants directed to its offices by immigration authorities in Texas over the past six weeks, officials said Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): **Customs officers find over 100,000 fentanyl pills, 50 pounds of cocaine and meth**, Caleb J. Fernández, August 16, 2022, 2:03 PM

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection has prevented another batch of dangerous narcotics from entering America's black market. Nogales Port Director Michael W. Humphries confirmed officers busted a driver Monday for hiding the following in a hidden floor compartment: About 108,000 fentanyl pills, 26 pounds of cocaine, 27 pounds of methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

AP: **Amazon: FTC probe hounding Bezos, execs; subpoenas too broad**, Marcy Gordon, August 16, 2022, 3:00 PM

Amazon has complained to federal regulators that they are hounding company founder Jeff Bezos and senior executives, making "impossible-to-satisfy demands" in their investigation of Amazon Prime, the popular streaming and shopping service with free delivery and an estimated

200 million members around the globe. The Federal Trade Commission has been investigating the sign-up and cancellation practices of Amazon Prime starting in March 2021 with the issuance of civil subpoenas, the biggest online retailer and tech giant disclosed in a petition to the agency filed earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [WSJ](#)

Law360: FTC Gets Backing In High Court Constitutionality Case, Katie Buehler, August 16, 2022, 9:03 PM

The American Antitrust Institute has thrown its weight behind the Federal Trade Commission in an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court, supporting the agency's argument that lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the FTC's administrative court cannot proceed until the agency's court hands down a final ruling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Publishing Merger Won't Hurt Competition, Yale Prof Says, Matthew Perlman, August 16, 2022, 8:07 PM

A Yale University economist told a D.C. federal judge on Tuesday that there's plenty of competition in the publishing industry for the acquisition of new books and that author advances are not likely to fall after Penguin Random House acquires Simon & Schuster. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: TikTok Fights Facebook's Bid For Info In FTC Antitrust Probe, Pipe Blackburn, August 16, 2022, 4:58 PM

TikTok urged a D.C. federal judge Tuesday to let it off the hook from Facebook's subpoena demanding that highly confidential information related to the Federal Trade Commission's antitrust investigation into Facebook be turned over to the company's in-house counsel. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Poultry Execs Get Clarification On Price-Fixing Charges, Katie Buehler, August 16, 2022, 4:52 PM

A Colorado federal judge has ordered the U.S. Department of Justice to provide two former chicken industry executives with more information about the price-fixing charges filed against them, finding the disclosure is appropriate to allow the men to properly prepare a defense for trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: FTC Renews Fight Against State Shields For Hospital Mergers, Kelly Lienhard, August 16, 2022, 3:25 PM

The Federal Trade Commission urged state lawmakers Monday to avoid using Certificates of Public Advantage, which allow hospital mergers without federal oversight, claiming that they create higher prices and reduced quality of care for patients and slower wage growth for employees, despite hospitals' claim that the certificates lower patient costs and improve overall health. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Federal judge denies motion to dismiss college price-fixing lawsuit, Sean Salai, August 16, 2022, 3:00 PM

A federal judge in Illinois has rejected a motion to dismiss a financial aid price-fixing lawsuit against 17 elite universities including Yale, Georgetown and Columbia. U.S. District Judge Matthew F. Kennelly on Monday challenged the universities' claim to be exempt from federal antitrust laws and rejected their claim to be exempt under a four-year statute of limitations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Environmental groups sue US over Puerto Rico dredging plan, Dánica Coto, August 16, 2022, 11:46 AM

The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit Tuesday against the U.S. government, accusing it of endangering wildlife and humans as it prepares to dredge and expand Puerto Rico's biggest bay to accommodate massive tankers that will serve a new liquid natural gas terminal. The Arizona-based nonprofit said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' \$60 million project would remove 2.2 million cubic yards of seafloor sediment to deepen and widen San Juan Bay's shipping channels. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

WaPo: U.S. announces more water cuts as Colorado River hits dire lows, Joshua Partlow and Karin Brulliard, August 16, 2022, 5:09 PM

As the historic drought in the U.S. Southwest pushes the nation's largest reservoirs to record lows, the Biden administration Tuesday announced that water shortages along the Colorado River had passed a threshold for the first time that will require unprecedented water cuts in Arizona and Nevada. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 9th Circ. May Rethink Go-Ahead For Ariz. Copper Mine, Caleb Symons, August 16, 2022, 8:44 PM

The Ninth Circuit may be poised to revisit a ruling from earlier this summer that upheld plans to tap nearly 2 trillion tons of copper ore on federal land in Arizona after one of its judges asked the full appeals court to reconsider whether the project would violate a local Apache group's religious liberty. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Judge Axes Challenge To La. Wetlands Project Approvals, Charlie Innis, August 16, 2022, 3:34 PM

A Louisiana federal judge quashed an environmental challenge to the permitting of development projects that would destroy and pave over dozens of acres of forested wetlands, saying in an order that the Army Corps of Engineers' approvals were not arbitrary and capricious. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Law360: IS Cleared To Seek Info On Crypto Platform SFOX's Users, Elise Hansen, August 16, 2022, 8:26 PM

The Internal Revenue Service can seek information from cryptocurrency platform sFOX about its users' tax compliance, after showing it's likely that some of the platform's account holders are avoiding their tax liabilities, a California federal judge has found. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Federal agents raid Miami-area pharmacy as part of opioid prescription crackdown, Marco Bello, Maria Alejandra Cardona, and Sarah N. Lynch, August 16, 2022, 11:00 AM

Federal law enforcement agents raided a Miami-area pharmacy on Tuesday after investigators uncovered evidence the establishment might be operating the largest opioid pill mill in Florida,

according to a source familiar with the investigation. A videographer and a Reuters photographer on Tuesday witnessed more than a dozen federal agents, including agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Health and Human Services (HHS) inspector general's office, executing a search warrant at Healthplus Pharmacy in Miramar, Florida. FBI agents were also involved in Tuesday's search, the source told Reuters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Man is arrested in Jamaica in Georgetown death, D.C. police say, Martin Weil, August 17, 2022, 1:39 AM

A man was arrested Tuesday on the Caribbean island of Jamaica in connection with a homicide earlier this year in the Georgetown neighborhood of Northwest Washington, the D.C. police said. Ranje Reynolds, 24, of Beltsville, Md., was arrested in Kingston, Jamaica, by the U.S. Marshals Service on a D.C. Superior Court warrant in the death of Tarek Boothe, 27, of Alexandria, the D.C. police said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: [OPINION] The latest ATF attempt to harass and discourage gun owners, Alex Madajian, August 16, 2022, 5:00 PM

Gun owners and constitutionalists at large are growing increasingly concerned by an invasive new policy to be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which will mandate the reporting of background-check delays and denials to local law enforcement when someone tries to purchase a firearm. We can already predict the negative consequences of this poorly designed policy, with innocent individuals trying to buy a gun being inadvertently flagged by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and, shortly after, angrily greeting law enforcement at their front door. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Rolling Stone: FBI Records Shed New Light on Why Brad Pitt Wasn't Charged in Alleged Jet Assault, Nancy Dillon, August 17, 2022, 12:19 AM

Dramatic new details about the mid-air meltdown that ended Brad Pitt's marriage to Angelina Jolie but did not lead to criminal charges are coming to light in newly surfaced FBI investigative records obtained Tuesday by Rolling Stone. The records include an interview summary in which Jolie purportedly told FBI officials that Pitt yelled at her, "grabbed her by her head," shook her, "pushed her into the bathroom wall" and repeatedly punched the ceiling of the plane during an initial outburst about 90 minutes into the private jet flight that departed France and made a pitstop in Minnesota before eventually landing in Los Angeles on Sept. 14, 2016. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVEC-ABC (Hampton, VA): 3 from Hampton Roads arrested in nationwide FBI sex trafficking sting, Angelique Arintok, August 16, 2022, 11:38 PM

This week, the FBI and Department of Justice revealed the outcome of an initiative to crack down on crimes involving child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. "Operation Cross Country" spanned two weeks in August. Dozens of children are safe after a nationwide sex trafficking sting conducted by the FBI, along with state and local partners. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Gazette \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [KATU-ABC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KOAM-CBS \(Pittsburg, KS\)](#), [KOTV-CBS \(Tulsa, OK\)](#), [KMGH-ABC \(Denver, CO\)](#), [KPHO-CBS \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#), [KRDO-AM \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [KTVI-Fox \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [KXAN-NBC \(Austin, TX\)](#), [NY1 \(Manhattan, NY\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

KMTV-CBS (Omaha, NE): Officials discuss defunding FBI in wake of Mar-A-Lago search, Alex Whitney, August 16, 2022, 10:14 PM

Defunding law enforcement is a topic that has come up a lot over the last couple of years.

Conservative voters and politicians typically oppose any efforts to defund law enforcement but some are changing their tune when it comes to the FBI. On Saturday Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts was recorded by The Undercurrent's Lauren Windsor discussing defunding the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPBF-ABC (West Palm Beach, FL): 'We want him off the streets': 12-time convicted felon arrested in St. Lucie County, Angela Rozier, August 16, 2022, 8:29 PM

A man with 57 felony arrests is back behind bars after gunfire stopped him in his tracks as he ran from law enforcement officers, according to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office. Marques Jones, 39, was not hit and surrendered immediately after the gunfire. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Suspect robs bank in Shorewood, FBI hopes to identify him, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 8:11 PM

The FBI in Chicago is asking for the public's help identifying a man who allegedly robbed a bank in Shorewood Tuesday morning. Around 9 a.m., the FBI responded to a reported bank robbery at the Shorewood Bank and Trust located at 931 Brook Forest Avenue in Shorewood, Illinois. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSFA-NBC (Montgomery, AL): Arrest made in Montgomery murder investigation, Unattributed, August 16, 2022, 6:17 PM

Montgomery police have charged a man in connection to a homicide investigation from earlier this month. Police say Jimothy Ford, 39, of Prattville is charged with murder. His bail was set at \$1.5 million. Ford is suspected in the shooting death of 26-year-old Christopher Thomas, who was found in the 2600 block of Zelda Road on Aug. 6. He was taken into custody by U.S. marshals Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRTV-ABC (Indianapolis, IN): Indiana Crime Guns Task Force has taken 369 guns off the streets in 13 months, Rachael Wilkerson, August 16, 2022, 5:11 PM

Gun violence, continues to impact families, law enforcement, and the community. "Gun violence is at the top of mind for all law enforcement agencies right now," Herbert J. Stapleton, FBI Special Agent in Charge said. The FBI says one of the state's biggest problems is keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and juveniles. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVO-ABC/CBS (Kirksville, MO): City condemns apartment building targeted by U.S. Marshals as part of Rongey search, John Garlock, August 16, 2022, 4:30 PM

The City of Kirksville has now condemned an apartment building that's recently been targeted multiple times by U.S. Marshals and the Missouri State Highway Patrol's SWAT Team as part of the search for Adair County murder suspect, Jesse Rongey, 38, of Kirksville. The property at 412 South Franklin Street was condemned by the city last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Ex-cop Lane will report to Colorado prison in Floyd killing, Steve Karnowski, August 16, 2022, 6:00 PM

Former Minneapolis police officer Thomas Lane, who was sentenced to 2 1/2 years for violating George Floyd's civil rights, will do his time at a low-security federal prison camp in Colorado. A court order Tuesday directs Lane to report to the Federal Correctional Institution Englewood in the Denver suburb of Littleton on Aug. 30. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KCNC-CBS \(Denver,](#)

[CO](#), [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

Forbes: New Bureau Of Prisons Director Has Big Challenges Ahead, Walter Pavlo, August 16, 2022, 7:41 AM

“Hello I’m Colette Peters,” are the words that marked the beginning of the leadership of the 12th Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). She has her work cut out for her to turn around an agency that has poor labor-management relations, aging buildings, mounting medical care for prisoners, failures at implementing criminal reform and a poor track record of transparency.

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NY Post: Alabama put inmate through ‘3 hours of pain and suffering’ in ‘longest execution ever’, Lee Brown, August 16, 2022, 3:41 PM

An Alabama killer put to death last month was put through “3 hours of pain and suffering” in what may have been “the longest execution ever,” according to a human rights group that funded an independent autopsy. Joe Nathan James Jr., 50, was supposed to have been executed at 6 p.m. July 28, despite the desperate objections of his slain victim’s family, who fought to spare his life.

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WCNC-NBC (Charlotte, NC): Man charged with killing Charlotte man in April 2021 while on release from federal prison, Matthew Ablon, August 16, 2022, 9:32 PM

More than a year after a man was shot and killed outside an arcade in west Charlotte, a man already serving time in federal prison is facing charges in the case, police say. In April 2021, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department reported that 25-year-old Demontravis Reid was found dead along Wilkinson Boulevard late at night. His death was one of two homicide investigations launched on the same day; hours later, another person was found shot and killed inside a hotel in University City. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

News 12 Networks (NYC, NY): Elected leaders rally at Metropolitan Detention Center for basic necessities for detainees, Matthew Ablon, August 16, 2022, 7:05 AM

Local leaders rallied today at Metropolitan Detention Center in Sunset Park to call for stricter oversight for what they say is a troubled facility. Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and Comptroller Brad Lander say detainees at MDC are being denied the basic necessities like medical care and adequate amounts of food. They were joined by people who have experienced the jail firsthand and say the conditions are inhumane. [...] Williams and Lander say they’re calling on Attorney General Merrick Garland and Borough of Prison Director Colette Peters to address these issues. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

WaPo: Current Supreme Court is damaging to the country, law scholar warns, KK Ottesen, August 16, 2022, 8:00 AM

Constitutional law scholar Laurence Tribe, 80, is a professor emeritus at Harvard University, where he has taught since 1968, counting among his former students Barack Obama, Elena Kagan, John Roberts, Merrick Garland, Jamie Raskin, Adam Schiff and Ted Cruz. Tribe has argued dozens of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and served on President Biden’s bipartisan Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. [\[Continue](#)

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Washington Examiner: **Ketanji Brown Jackson's Vogue photo shoot stands in contrast to Amy Coney Barrett's treatment**, Kaelan Deese, August 16, 2022, 3:52 PM

Vogue drew the ire of Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) for its uneven treatment of the Supreme Court's latest female justices, arguing, "The liberal media isn't happy unless they are attacking conservative women." Blackburn's remarks to the Washington Examiner come as Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson was covered in a glowing magazine feature published in Vogue on Tuesday that stands in contrast with the media coverage granted to the justice who was confirmed two years prior, Amy Coney Barrett. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: **Term limits for justices gain new attention, but prospects for passage remain dim**, Ellena Erskine, August 16, 2022, 2:05 PM

In a year of historic moments at and around the Supreme Court, proposals to establish term limits for justices are increasingly in the spotlight. A poll this summer found that two in three Americans support limiting how long justices can serve. Academics and Supreme Court litigators have written favorably about the idea recently. And on Aug. 2, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., introduced the first Senate bill seeking to impose Supreme Court term limits. His bill joins similar proposals in the House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: **River chief imprisoned for fishing fights for sacred rights**, Deepa Bharath, August 16, 2022, 8:00 AM

Wilbur Slockish Jr. has been shot at, had rocks hurled at him. He hid underground for months, and then spent 20 months serving time in federal prisons across the country all of that for fishing in the Columbia River. But Slockish, a traditional river chief of the Klickitat Band of the Yakama Nation, would endure it all again to protect his right of access to the river and the fish that his people believe were bestowed to them by the Creator. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Tax: **Wisconsin Taxes Don't Apply to Reacquired Native Land**, Aysha Bagchi, August 16, 2022, 4:14 PM

The one-time act of selling reservation property that was included in an 1854 tax immunity treaty agreement to someone who is not Native American doesn't mean later tribal property owners can't claim the immunity, an appeals court ruled. Judge Michael Y. Scudder Jr. of the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit noted that no federal circuit court had previously ruled on whether selling tax-exempt tribal land to non-tribal members surrendered the land's tax immunity for all future tribal owners. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

USA Today: **Marijuana is being legalized in parts of US. That's not helping everyone with convictions**, Tiffany Cusaac-Smith, August 17, 2022, 5:02 AM

She applied for a job wearing an ankle monitor. She lost time with a loved one who was near death. Those are a few of the many burdens of Stephanie Shepard, who was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after being convicted of conspiracy to distribute more than 1,000 kilograms (about two tons) of marijuana. Out of prison since 2019, Shepard, now 52, is confronting a changing marijuana landscape in which California, New York, New Jersey and other states have chosen to decriminalize the substance, birthing nascent legal marijuana markets.

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OPIOID CRISIS

*Reuters: **Endo files for bankruptcy as U.S. opioid litigation drags***, William Thornton, August 17, 2022, 1:34 AM

Endo International Plc (ENDP.O) filed for bankruptcy on Tuesday after reaching a \$6 billion deal with some of its creditors, as the U.S. drugmaker seeks to settle thousands of lawsuits over its alleged role in the country's opioid epidemic. [...] The company also reached a deal with U.S. state attorneys general to provide \$450 million over a period of 10 years, resolving allegations that the company boosted opioid sales using deceptive marketing, and bans the marketing of its opioids forever, according to the office of Massachusetts AG. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

ADMINISTRATION

*Reuters: **[ANALYSIS] Biden debt relief plan disappoints Black farmers for avoiding race***, Leah Douglas, August 17, 2022, 5:13 AM

Some Black farmers say they are disappointed by a new U.S. agriculture debt relief program that stands to save thousands of farmers from foreclosure, after the plan failed to specifically target minorities as they had hoped. The program, included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) signed by U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday, follows an earlier debt relief program that provided aid based on race but ended in a web of litigation after white farmers sued to stop payments. [...] The Justice Department and USDA declined to comment on their plans for the litigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Reuters: **Exclusive: New Biden abortion rights push addresses both women and men***, Nandita Bose, August 16, 2022, 1:22 PM

Cheered by a decisive win for abortion rights in a Kansas vote and eyeing November midterm elections, the White House is launching a push for abortion access that aims to influence men as well as women, sources with direct knowledge told Reuters. The Biden administration's three-prong playbook leans on two specific federal statutes to target states that limit abortion, communicates to voters the impact on women, and accentuates how forced pregnancies negatively affect both women and men. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 16, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- A megadrought is drying up the Colorado River and depleting Lake Meade, the nation's largest manmade reservoir. Now, the federal government is forcing seven states to cut the amount of water they can draw from the Colorado River. President Joe Biden on Tuesday

signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law, which enacts sweeping changes to the country's climate and healthcare policies. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]

- A federal judge has set a hearing for Thursday afternoon to hear the case calling for the unsealing of the DOJ affidavit used as justification for the FBI search of former Pres. Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The primary election in Wyoming is being closely watched where Republican voters are poised to replace Liz Cheney as their only House member to her Trump-backed challenger. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ukrainian President Zelenskyy is demanding Russian forces withdraw from a besieged nuclear facility, while Ukraine's state-run nuclear power company accused Russia of carrying out a massive cyberattack on its website. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- First Lady Jill Biden has tested positive for COVID, which comes after Pres. Biden contracted the virus last month. The White House says Mrs. Biden is experiencing mild symptoms and has been prescribed a course of Paxlovid. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In one year of Taliban rule in Afghanistan, the economy has collapsed and the country has fallen into a desperate state of poverty. Women and girls have suffered the most, having their basic rights stripped away, but some are fighting back. [[CBS](#)]
- Workers across the country are demanding higher wages and better working conditions. From coffee shops to warehouses to hospitals, polls show worker stress is at an all-time high. [[CBS](#)]
- Health officials said an eighth child has tested positive for monkeypox in the U.S. as researchers in France report the virus has spread to a dog and the CDC updates its guidance. [[ABC](#)]
- A 10-year-old boy had part of his leg amputated after a shark bit him while he was snorkeling off the Florida Keys over the weekend, his family says. [[ABC](#)]
- New York City airport travelers experienced flight delays and growing frustration after too many air traffic controllers called out sick. The FAA said it was an isolated case and not organized. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Liz Cheney Concedes to Trump-Backed Challenger in Wyoming Primary” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Retail Spending to Reflect Impact of Lower Gas Prices” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Behind Enemy Lines, Ukrainians Tell Russians: ‘You Are Never Safe’” [[NYT](#), [WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Analysis: Biden Signs Climate and Tax Bill as Other Goals Remain” [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Fox: [OPINION] America was built on the rule of law but Joe Biden and his team are tearing it apart at the seams, Ben Carson, August 18, 2:00 AM

Our nation is in a crisis right now. Our most basic and fundamental institutions have completely abandoned the American people. Congress spends like they have an unlimited credit card, the White House is focused on increasing taxes and gender equity instead of focusing on inflation and issues that impact everyday Americans, and the media has gone completely off the rails as they consistently lie and provide justification for the aforementioned insanity. [...] I don't think most Americans thought we would find ourselves losing so much faith and respect for our federal law enforcement agencies and the Department of Justice. But what choice are we left with?

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WSJ: [OPINION] Merrick Garland, the Washington Post and the Nuclear Story, James Freeman, August 17, 2022, 1:40 PM

If papers in former President Donald Trump's home represented such a grave threat to national security, why did the Justice Department take so long to act on it? Among the implausible details of this disturbing story has been that after a Justice official and several FBI agents visited Mar-a-Lago in early June, Justice waited several days before merely requesting that a stronger lock be placed on the door of a storage room and then waited roughly two months before seeking a warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Senators press DOJ on Brookings' FARA compliance, Caitlin Oprysko, August 17, 2022, 6:13 PM

Four of the top Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee are pressing the Justice Department to determine whether the Brookings Institution has complied with FARA requirements stemming from the think tank's since-ended partnership with the Qatari government to establish an outpost in Doha. In a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland on Tuesday, Judiciary ranking member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas), Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) asked Garland to provide more information on the think tank's registration obligations and its past interactions with DOJ's FARA Unit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Garland must be more transparent on Trump Mar-a-Lago raid, former DOJ prosecutor says, Jerry Dunleavy, August 17, 2022, 12:28 PM

A former Justice Department prosecutor is calling upon Attorney General Merrick Garland to be more transparent about the unprecedented FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago. Ankush Khardori, a former trial attorney with the DOJ criminal division's fraud section who has called for Donald Trump to be prosecuted and is a harsh critic of the former president, has been arguing that Garland needs to be more open about why the Justice Department searched the former president's home.

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Washington Examiner: House probes DOJ, FBI, and ICE over use of private data sets to evade warrants, Christopher Hutton, August 17, 2022, 11:41 AM

Several leaders in the House of Representatives are probing federal law enforcement over the practice of gathering citizen data through private data sets. Members of the Judiciary Committee sent a letter on Tuesday to Attorney General Merrick Garland, as well as leaders from the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Department of Homeland Security, and other federal agencies, about data practices. The letter specifically requests information on the agencies' practice of acquiring private data sets through brokers, evading the need for a warrant to investigate private citizens. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Economist: **Merrick Garland is not naive about political violence**, Sudiksha Kochi, August 17, 2022, 3:00 PM

America's attorney-general has reason to be haunted by its latent capacity for political violence. Merrick Garland was a senior official in the Justice Department on April 19th 1995, when a bomb exploded beneath a federal building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, killing 168 people, including 19 children. Mr Garland, who had young children then himself, implored his boss to send him to Oklahoma City. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

Brooklyn Eagle: **Ex-Eastern District prosecutor Maloney mourned in Brooklyn**, Raanan Geberer, August 17, 2022, 9:00 PM

The New York legal community on Wednesday mourned the death of former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Andrew J. Maloney, who prosecuted mob boss John Gotti, Colombian drug kingpin Pablo Escobar, Brooklyn Democratic political boss Meade Esposito and other high-profile defendants in the late '80s and early '90s. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: **Trump Supporters' Threats To Judge Spur Democracy Concerns**, Gary Fields and Nicholas Riccardi, August 17, 2022, 11:54 PM

Hundreds of federal judges face the same task every day: review an affidavit submitted by federal agents and approve requests for a search warrant. But for U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart, the fallout from his decision to approve a search warrant has been far from routine. He has faced a storm of death threats since his signature earlier this month cleared the way for the FBI to search former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate as part of a probe into whether he inappropriately removed sensitive materials from the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: **Pence tells GOP to stop lashing out at FBI over Trump search**, Holly Ramer, August 17, 2022, 5:30 PM

Former Vice President Mike Pence on Wednesday implored fellow Republicans to stop lashing out at the FBI over the search of Donald Trump's Florida home and denounced calls by some of the former president's allies to defund the FBI, saying that was "just as wrong" as a push by Democratic activists to shift money from police. Pence also said he would give "due consideration" if asked to testify before the House committee investigating the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Forbes](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [The Week](#), [WFMZ \(Allentown, PA\)](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: **Missouri man charged for threatening election official in Arizona**, Sarah N. Lynch, August 17, 2022, 3:30 PM

The U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday it has charged a Missouri man for leaving threatening voicemails for an election official in Arizona, marking the sixth federal criminal case

brought so far to combat the rising tide of threats against local election officials. Walter Lee Hoonstra, 50, of Tecumseh was charged in an indictment handed down on Tuesday with one count of communicating an interstate commerce threat and a second count of making a threatening phone call. The indictment alleges that Hoonstra left a voicemail on a Maricopa County election official's personal cell phone saying: "You call things unhinged and insane lies when there's a forensic audit going on. [[Continue Reading](#)]. **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [Kansas City Star](#)

AP: Man charged with election interference tied to Capitol riot, Ben Finley, August 17, 2022, 1:40 PM

A Virginia man who is facing trial on charges that he drove a Hummer packed with guns to Philadelphia to interfere with the 2020 presidential election has been arrested in a separate case that alleges his involvement in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Antonio LaMotta was arrested Tuesday in the southeastern Virginia city of Chesapeake, according to court documents filed in U.S. District Court in Washington. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTVT-Fox \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

USA Today: Giuliani arrives for Georgia grand jury appearance; Trump attorney is target in inquiry - live updates, Kevin Johnson, August 17, 2022, 12:30 PM

Rudy Giuliani walked into a downtown Atlanta courthouse Wednesday where the personal attorney for former President Donald Trump is set to appear before a special grand jury investigating interference in the 2020 election. Earlier this week, Georgia prosecutors notified Giuliani's lawyers that the former New York mayor is now a target of the widening investigation, led by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. Giuliani's attorney, Robert Costello, has said that his client would decline to answer questions about any conversations with Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

NBC: Widow of officer who died by suicide after Jan. 6 says White House didn't give new line-of-duty law 'the attention it deserves', Zoë Richards and Ryan J. Reilly, August 18, 2022, 12:56 AM

The widow of a police officer who died by suicide in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 riot said this week that the White House should have done more to draw public attention to a newly signed law that for the first time recognizes suicide as a line-of-duty death. Erin Smith, who fought for more than a year to ensure that her husband Jeffrey Smith's suicide was ruled a line-of-duty death, said President Joe Biden should have held a signing ceremony when he enacted the legislation Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: FBI's sealed evidence that led to search of Trump's home focus of court hearing, Brian Ellsworth and Sarah N. Lynch, August 18, 2022, 5:12 AM

Sealed records containing evidence the U.S. Justice Department presented to secure court approval to search Donald Trump's Florida home will be at the heart of a hearing on Thursday, when news organizations will try to persuade a federal judge that the public deserves to see the details. The Justice Department has opposed the release of the affidavit containing the evidence, which gave investigators probable cause to believe crimes were committed at Trump's Palm Beach home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Media to ask judge to release Trump search warrant affidavit, Terry Spencer, August

18, 2022, 2:45 AM

Attorneys for many of the nation's largest media companies will try to persuade a federal magistrate judge on Thursday afternoon to make public the affidavit supporting the warrant that allowed FBI agents to search former President Donald Trump's Florida estate last week. The Associated Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, the broadcast TV networks, CNN and others want U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart to release the affidavit over the objection of the U.S. Justice Department, which says its investigation of Trump's handling of "highly classified material" would be compromised. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. prosecutors should weigh releasing more Trump search details, Bolton says, Sarah N. Lynch, August 17, 2022, 7:28 PM

The U.S. Justice Department should consider releasing at least some of the evidence it used to justify searching former President Donald Trump's Florida home last week, Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton said on Wednesday. In an interview with Reuters, Bolton said he agrees with the Justice Department's (DOJ) concerns about releasing the affidavit it used to convince a judge the FBI had probable cause to search Trump's home at his Mar-a-Lago resort for classified materials. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] About Those Documents at Mar-a-Lago, August 18, 2022, 6:00 AM

Last week, the F.B.I. took the extraordinary step of searching Mar-a-Lago, former President Donald J. Trump's private club and Florida home. Their goal? To find materials he was thought to have improperly removed from the White House, including classified documents. [[Listen](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] Unseal the Mar-a-Lago Search Affidavit, Editorial Board, August 17, 2022, 6:50 PM

Federal Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart will hold a hearing Thursday on whether to unseal the affidavit the Federal Bureau of Investigation used to justify last week's search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. The public interest is best served if the judge lets Americans see what now only he and federal officials know. On Friday Judge Reinhart released the warrant for the search after Attorney General Merrick Garland and Mr. Trump urged its release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] After the Mar-a-Lago Raid, Let Voters Decide Trump's Future, Daniel Henninger, August 17, 2022, 6:12 PM

The question of whether the U.S. needs a second Trump term has been answered. Thanks to Attorney General Merrick Garland, we're in it if by a Trump presidency one means investigations of Donald Trump that go on and on. The first Trump presidency began with the never-ending Russian collusion narrative. Now we have its offspring the classified-documents narrative. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Florida Judge Urged to Release Most of FBI Affidavit Used to Search Trump's Home, Erik Larson, August 17, 2022, 5:37 PM

A group of media organizations urged a Florida judge to release most of an FBI affidavit that helped the Justice Department obtain a search warrant for former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. The public has a "clear and powerful interest" in understanding the unprecedented investigation into Trump's handling of classified records, said the group, which includes the New York Times, CNN and Associated Press. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: What to watch for from Thursday's hearing on releasing more warrant documents from the Mar-a-Lago search, Tierney Sneed, August 18, 2022, 5:13 AM

An extraordinary dispute will play out in a federal courthouse in South Florida on Thursday afternoon over what transparency the American public is owed into the Justice Department investigation of the handling of classified documents from former President Donald Trump's White House. US Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart is holding a hearing at 1 p.m. ET on requests by various media organizations and others that he unseal materials secretly filed by the DOJ in his court when the department sought approval for a warrant to search Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Trump considering releasing surveillance footage of FBI Mar-a-Lago search, Gabby Orr, Sara Murray, Kaitlan Collins and Katelyn Polantz, August 17, 2022, 8:50 PM

Some allies of former President Donald Trump are urging him to publicly release surveillance footage of FBI agents executing a search warrant on his Mar-a-Lago residence, a proposal that has drawn mixed reaction inside his orbit, CNN has learned. The CCTV footage has been so closely held that aides to the former President aren't sure if he has seen it in full himself, said a person close to Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

NBC: Nine days after Mar-a-Lago search, FBI agents are still sifting through Trump documents, Ken Dilanian, Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards, August 17, 2022, 7:31 PM

More than a week after they searched former President Donald Trump's Florida residence, FBI agents are still sifting through the seized documents, two law enforcement officials briefed on the matter told NBC News. The FBI's filter team — a group of agents independent of the overall investigation — is tasked with separating out documents that are covered by attorney-client privilege and material deemed not relevant to the probe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Weeks before Mar-a-Lago search, ex-Trump DOD official vowed to publish classified documents from National Archive, Will Steakin, Alexander Mallin, and Katherine Faulders, August 17, 2022, 5:49 PM

In June of this year, seven weeks before the FBI raided former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in search of classified materials, former Defense Department appointee and outspoken Trump loyalist Kash Patel vowed to retrieve classified documents from the National Archives and publish them on his website. Trump had just issued a letter instructing the National Archives to grant Patel and conservative journalist John Solomon access to nonpublic administration records, according to reporting at the time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Markwayne Mullin talks Mar-a-Lago raid, says DOJ has not responded to intel committee letter, Houston Keene, August 17, 2022, 4:19 PM

The unprecedented raid on Mar-a-Lago last week plunged the country into a political media maelstrom as reports rained down ranging from nuclear-related documents being sought to former President Trump's passports being taken. Republicans have denounced the raid, and House Republicans on the Intelligence Committee held a press conference in the wake of the FBI's actions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Despite Trump's claims, experts say there's no 'magic wand' for a president to declassify documents, Mike Levine and Lucien Bruggeman, August 17, 2022, 10:04 AM

Former President Donald Trump isn't the first White House veteran to claim — in the midst of a criminal probe looking at their handling of government secrets — that the president can declassify

almost anything he wants, whenever he wants, and however he wants. "If the president says to talk about [a] document, it is then a declassified document," the former chief of staff to then-Vice President Dick Cheney, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, told a federal grand jury in 2004. "There's no ... process, according to counsel, that has to be gone through." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **[EDITORIAL] Unseal the Mar-a-Lago affidavit**, Editorial Board, August 18, 2022, 12:01 AM

Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart will hold a hearing today on a motion by conservative activist groups and liberal media outlets seeking to make public the sworn affidavit the FBI filed to justify the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. While not every detail in the affidavit needs to be revealed, shining light on a contentious debate, which has been made more divisive by the Department of Justice's secrecy on the matter, could calm emotions and restore credibility to institutions that have recently made significant errors in judgment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: **Bolton: Trump kept "piles and piles" of documents in White House**, Shawna Chen, August 17, 2022, 9:00 PM

Former Trump national security adviser John Bolton told Reuters on Wednesday that former President Trump had a tendency to accumulate large amounts of paper, including "piles and piles" of documents inside the White House dining room. Why it matters: Bolton's comments come after the FBI's search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence reportedly revealed that Trump had taken boxes of classified information to the estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: **[OPINION] The Espionage Act Has Been Abused — But Not in Trump's Case**, Jameel Jaffer, August 17, 2022, 12:01 PM

The revelation that the Justice Department is investigating former President Donald Trump for violations of the Espionage Act has provoked a new wave of criticism of that century-old law, with some calling on Congress to narrow the law and at least one senator declaring that it should be repealed altogether. There are in fact very good reasons to criticize the Espionage Act — a law that has cast a dark shadow over free speech and press freedom in this country since its passage — and compelling reasons why Congress should overhaul it. That the law is being used against Trump, however, isn't one of them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: **Jan. 6 Grand Jury Has Subpoenaed White House Documents**, Alan Feuer, Maggie Haberman and Luke Broadwater, August 17, 2022, 7:28 PM

Federal prosecutors investigating the role that former President Donald J. Trump and his allies played in the events leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol have issued a grand jury subpoena to the National Archives for all the documents the agency provided to a parallel House select committee inquiry, according to a copy of the subpoena obtained by The New York Times. The subpoena, issued to the National Archives in May, made a sweeping demand for "all materials, in whatever form" that the archives had given to the Jan. 6 House committee. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#), [Reuters](#)

Reuters: **[VIDEO] Pence would 'consider' testifying to Jan. 6 Capitol riot panel**, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 4:30 PM

Former U.S. Vice President Mike Pence said on Wednesday he would consider testifying before

the House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol if he were to receive an invitation. [\[Watch\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [NBC](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters-2](#), [USA Today](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Ex-Indiana lawmaker sentenced in casino money scheme, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

Former Indiana state Sen. Brent Waltz was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment Wednesday after he acknowledged his role in a scheme to route \$40,500 in illegal contributions to his failed bid for Congress. In April Waltz pleaded guilty to making and receiving conduit contributions and making false statements to the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Indianapolis Business Journal](#), [Indianapolis Star \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

Bloomberg: Russian Accused of Laundering Ransomware Crypto Extradited to US, Margi Murphy, August 17, 2022, 6:30 PM

A 29-year-old Russian accused of laundering ransom payments on behalf of cybergangs targeting hospitals and health-care providers has been extradited from the Netherlands to the US to face charges. Denis Mihaqlovic Dubnikov is accused with others of engaging in a variety of financial transactions to conceal cryptocurrency extorted from the victims of Ryuk ransomware attacks from at least August 2018 through August 2021, according to a statement Wednesday from the US Attorney's Office in Portland, Oregon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#)

Law360: Founder Of Bankrupt GigaTrust Cops To \$25M Lender Scam, Pete Brush, August 17, 2022, 6:01 PM

A former CEO told a Manhattan federal judge Wednesday that he lied to investors and banks, forging documents to secure a \$25 million loan and other financing for GigaTrust, the now-bankrupt email security software company he founded. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

BuzzFeed: A 25-Year-Old Is Going To Prison For Those Scam Calls Telling Your Grandparents They Need To Bail You Out, David Mack, August 17, 2022, 5:32 PM

A 25-year-old California man was sentenced to almost four years in prison on Wednesday for his involvement in a "grandparent scam" criminal ring that defrauded more than 70 older people out of more than \$2 million. Jack Owuor, who pleaded guilty in March to one count of conspiracy under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, was sentenced to 46 months in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Ten indicted for alleged role in drug trafficking organization that distributed fentanyl throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Ken Paiva, August 17, 2022, 7:22 PM

Ten individuals were indicted today by a federal grand jury in Boston for their alleged involvement in a drug trafficking organization that distributed fentanyl throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The defendants were initially arrested and charged on July 19, 2022. Approximately 14.9 kilograms of suspected fentanyl and substantial amounts of cash were seized at the time of the arrests. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Buffalo News: Parents who aided son following bank robberies sentenced to time served, Dale Anderson, August 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

The father and mother of a Grand Island bank robber who admitted trying to help their son cover up his crimes have been sentenced to time served, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross announced. Lawrence Mulvey, 69, and Cheryl Mulvey, 68, who were convicted of being accessories to the robberies, were given their sentences by U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

Anchorage Daily News (Anchorage, AK): Manager for Kodiak High School sports team sentenced to 18 years in prison for child pornography, Tess Williams, August 17, 2022, 6:59 PM (EDT)

A man who was a volunteer student manager for Kodiak High School's volleyball team was sentenced last week to spend 18 years in federal prison for the production of child pornography. Vince Jay Deliguin, 20, will spend the rest of his life on supervised release after he's released from prison, court records show. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Albany Herald (Albany, GA): Career criminal found guilty in gun, drug case, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 6:54 PM

An Athens resident with a lengthy criminal history was found guilty by a federal jury of multiple charges related to an FBI middle Georgia Safe Streets Gang Task Force undercover operation into illegal gun and drug trafficking. His conviction follows a co-defendant entering a guilty plea last week in this case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Parkland Talk (Coral Springs, FL): Parkland Resident Pleads Guilty In \$21 Million Stock Scheme, Kevin Deutsch, August 17, 2022, 5:45 PM

A Parkland man who acted as the ringleader of a \$21 million investment scam and was recorded by the FBI paying kickbacks at a Boca Raton Starbucks pleaded guilty in federal court Wednesday to mail fraud and wire fraud. Paul Geraci, 45, who previously lived in Parkland Golf and Country Club, worked with at least five other fraudsters to defraud investors out of the funds, according to the Department of Justice. Four of the other fraudsters have also pleaded guilty, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Ocala News (Ocala, FL): Convicted sex offender from Ocala sentenced to 7 years and 6 months for possessing firearm, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 4:41 PM

United States District Judge Roy B. Dalton, Jr. has sentenced 44-year-old Timothy Michael Ivory from Ocala to seven years and six months in federal prison for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Ivory had pleaded guilty on February 9, 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Asbury Park Press: Manalapan man charged with bilking 10 investors out of \$1M, getting fraudulent COVID loan, Ken Serrano, August 17, 2022, 3:31 PM

Federal authorities charged a disgraced Manalapan stock broker with wire and mail fraud alleging he defrauded 10 investors, some senior citizens, out of at least \$1 million in an investment scheme. Anthony Mastroianni Jr., 48, is also accused of getting a fraudulent loan for more than \$96,000 from a COVID emergency relief fund for distressed businesses. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [New Jersey Advance Media](#)

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Man gets 2 years in a \$1.3M iPhone theft, stolen identity scheme, John Beauge, August 17, 2022, 3:27 PM

A New York City man who played a minor role in a scheme that used stolen identities to steal or attempt to steal \$1.3 million worth of Sprint iPhones in 14 states has been sentenced to two years in federal prison. U.S. Middle District Judge Matthew W. Brann on Wednesday acknowledged the lesser role in the “lengthy scheme” when he sentenced Ian Keith Thompson, 32, of Brooklyn. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHTM-ABC \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#)

Eastern Arizona Courier (Safford, AZ): **San Carlos man gets 29 months on assault plea**, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 3:16 PM (EDT)

A federal judge has sentenced a 26-year-old San Carlos Apache tribe member to 29 months in prison in connection to a 2019 drunk driving incident in which he seriously injured a man on the roadside. U.S. District Judge sentenced Josiah Kindelay, of the San Carlos Reservation after he pleaded guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Kindelay reportedly was driving his car across the reservation while under the influence of alcohol when he struck a 68-year-old Native American man who was preparing to change his van's flat tire on the side of the road. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Augusta Chronicle (Augusta, GA): **Former Fort Gordon soldier gets 15 years for child porn**, Alexandra Koch, August 17, 2022, 3:15 PM

A former U.S. Army soldier was sentenced to 15 years in prison after admitting he distributed child pornography. Joshua Gamble, 30, of Fort Gordon, was sentenced to 180 months in prison after previously pleading guilty to distribution of child pornography, according to U.S. Attorney David H. Estes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#), [WRDW-CBS \(Augusta, GA\)](#), [WSAV-NBC/CW\(Savannah, GA\)](#)

Daily Voice (ST. Mary's, MD): **Maryland Woman Convicted Of Fraudulently Obtaining Husband's Military Disability Benefits**, Zak Failla, August 17, 2022, 1:32 PM

A scammer in Maryland is facing prison time after being convicted of scheming with her daughter to fraudulently obtain military disability benefits from the federal government, the Department of Justice announced. Lexington Park resident Mary Francis Biggs, 65, was convicted by a jury this week for conspiracy to commit theft of government property and for theft of government property in connection with a scheme to fraudulently obtain additional military disability benefits for her husband from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Southern Maryland \(ST. Mary's, MD\)](#)

WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): **Rochester man sentenced for actions during May 2020 BLM protests**, Hailie Higgins, August 17, 2022, 9:28 PM

A Rochester man has been given prison time for his actions during a May 2020 protest outside Rochester's Public Safety Building, court officials announced Wednesday. 28-year-old Dyshika McFadden was given 30 months in prison for his actions during the peaceful Black Lives Matter rally that quickly turned violent on May 30, 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSEE-NBC (Fresno, CA): **DOJ: Merced man sentenced for sexual exploitation of a minor**, Manny Gomez, August 17, 2022, 7:32 PM (EDT)

A former resident of Merced was sentenced on Wednesday for two convictions of sexual exploitation of a minor, according to the Department of Justice. According to court documents, Matthew Sheffield, 41, of Merced, was sentenced to 60 years in prison. This is to be followed by a lifetime of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): San Benito man receives max sentence for smuggling, Steven Masso, August 17, 2022, 7:30 PM

A San Benito man received the maximum penalty after pleading guilty to smuggling 31 migrants. Eric Mendiola, 37, was sentenced to five years in prison, the statutory maximum, according to a release from the United States Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): St. Louis man admits to Jennings robbery, crashing into funeral procession, Alli Hebel, August 17, 2022, 7:21 PM (EDT)

A man from St. Louis admitted to committing a robbery in 2020 and crashing into a funeral procession while fleeing police. Diven Steed, 27, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a robbery charge and charge of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [KTVI-Fox \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

WJTV-CBS (Jackson, MS): Alabama woman sentenced for bank fraud in Mississippi, Bianca Ball, August 17, 2022, 6:34 PM (EDT)

A Pelham, Alabama woman was sentenced on Wednesday to 12 months and one day in prison followed by five years of supervised release. Tanya Shelby, 42, was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$621,411.51 for bank fraud. According to court documents, Shelby owned a car dealership named Tanya Shelby Auto Sales d/b/a Payless Car Sales in Pearl, Mississippi. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJTV-CBS (Jackson, MS): Hattiesburg man sentenced for conspiracy to distribute meth, Malaysia McCoy, August 17, 2022, 6:27 PM (EDT)

A Hattiesburg man was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison and FIVE years of supervised release for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. According to court documents, in April of 2020, DEA agents intercepted communications of Christopher Roberts, 41, and his co-defendants conspiring to distribute methamphetamine. Prosecutors said this led to the seizure of three pounds of 98% pure methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJTV-CBS (Jackson, MS): Jackson man sentenced for wire fraud scheme, Bianca Ball, August 17, 2022, 6:24 PM (EDT)

A Jackson man was sentenced to serve one year and one day in prison for perpetrating a wire fraud scheme to steal federal funds. Anthony Kelley, 60, was sentenced U.S. District Court in Jackson on Wednesday, August 17. Prosecutors said Kelley owns Trendsetters Barber College in Jackson. Trendsetters was certified by the VA and Mississippi's State Approving Agency to offer courses which would be covered by GI Bill benefits for veterans enrolled in the school's programs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): West Virginia man accused in failed murder plot gets 10 years in prison, Jessica Patterson, August 17, 2022, 5:41 PM

A West Virginia man will spend 10 years behind bars for a federal gun crime in connection to his part in a failed Fourth of July murder plot. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Douglas Johnathan Wesley, 33, of Charleston was sentenced today, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 to 10 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. On May 26, 2022, he was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRTV-CBS (Great Falls, MT): Man convicted of trafficking drugs in Great Falls and Rocky

Boy's reservation, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 5:40 PM

On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, a federal jury convicted Aaron Ramirez Espinoza of drug trafficking charges after he was accused of bringing methamphetamine and fentanyl to Great Falls and the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation for distribution, U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KBMT-ABC/NBC (Beaumont, TX): Beaumont man sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to 2021 robbery at Dollar General, Tiana Johnson, August 17, 2022, 5:39 PM

A 20-year-old Beaumont man will spend the next 10 years in federal prison after a 2021 robbery at a Dollar General left one person injured. Kenderious DaShawn Coleman pleaded guilty to, "Hobbs Act robbery and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence," on February 14, 2022, according to a Department of Justice release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): St. Charles County man pleads guilty to pandemic loan fraud, Matt Woods, August 17, 2022, 5:33 PM

The Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri said an O'Fallon man pleaded guilty Wednesday to more than \$50,000 in pandemic loan fraud. David Smiley, 39, pleaded guilty to a wire fraud charge that stated he fraudulently applied for and obtained a \$54,900 loan through the Small Business Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): Flordell Hills clerks accused of stealing \$663,000 from tiny north St. Louis County town, Christine Byers, August 17, 2022, 5:04 PM (EDT)

For six years, Maureen Woodson, 68, and Donna Thompson, 75, stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from the town they were supposed to be serving as clerks, according to a federal grand jury indictment. The roommates used it to gamble online and at area casinos, pay their rent and taxes, go out to dinner and enjoy other entertainment, according to the indictment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOMO-AM (Seattle, WA): Tukwila man sentenced to seven years for torching informant's car with Molotov cocktail, Taylor Corlew, August 17, 2022, 5:00 PM

A 23-year-old Tukwila man was sentenced to a total of seven years in prison for retaliating against an informant and conspiracy to use fire to obstruct justice. Jordan Sanchez was arrested on January 20, 2021, regarding the November 20, 2020, fire that took place at a Burien apartment complex. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBTV-CBS (Charlotte, NC): Union County man sentenced to 27 years in prison for production of child pornography, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 4:51 PM

A Waxhaw man has been sentenced to 27 years in prison after he allegedly used a hidden camera to secretly record two females under the age of 18. According to court documents and proceedings, a concerned person contacted the Union County Sheriff's Office on Oct. 29, 2020 to report that 43-year-old Jason Lance Thrower possessed sexually explicit images of minors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGAL-NBC (Lancaster, PA): Monroe County man charged with multiple fraud schemes, faces deportation, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 4:45 PM

A Pennsylvania man is charged with engaging in multiple schemes to commit fraud. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced the indictment against 48-

year-old Thomas Hartley, of Henryville, Monroe County. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WNEP \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Two men indicted for defrauding dozens for millions, Aidan Joly, August 17, 2022, 4:39 PM

A U.S. Attorney announced Wednesday that two men have been indicted on fraud charges for allegedly defrauding dozens of victims out of millions of dollars. The court says that in September 2013, 51-year-old Darin R. Pastor of Morristown obtained ownership of a company called Creative App Solutions, Inc., a publicly-traded company and had registered stock with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. He renamed the company Capstone Financial Group, Inc. and named 59-year-old Halford W. Johnson of Brockport as Chief Financial Officer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Man accused of trafficking meth, fentanyl in Luzerne County, Vivian Muniz, August 17, 2022, 4:02 PM

Officials announce a man has been charged for trafficking meth and fentanyl in Luzerne County. According to US Attorney Gerard M. Karam, Terrell Watson, 33, of Philadelphia, is being charged with conspiring to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine as well as a quantity of fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWLP-NBC (Springfield, MA): Massachusetts man sentenced to prison for giving undercover officer money to launder, Ashley Shook, August 17, 2022, 3:43 PM

A man from Winthrop was sentenced to prison for distributing over 15 kilograms of cocaine and laundering or attempting to launder approximately \$645,000 in cocaine proceeds. According to the Justice Department in Boston, 57-year-old Fabio Quijano was sentenced to nine years in prison and five years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): Dallas lawyer gets five years in prison for laundering supposed drug money, Paul Wedding, August 17, 2022, 3:21 PM

A Dallas lawyer will spend five years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to laundering \$380,000 for an undercover DEA agent. The lawyer, 52-year-old Rayshun Jackson, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder last year and received his sentenced Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): DOJ: Hudson Falls woman pleads guilty to bank fraud, identity theft, Johan Sheridan, August 17, 2022, 2:37 PM

Renee Burnell, 49, of Hudson Falls, pleaded guilty to federal bank fraud and aggravated identity theft charges on Wednesday, according to the Department of Justice. The FBI called it “a scheme to defraud two banks using the personal information of the customers of her plumbing and heating business.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Post Star \(Albany, NY\)](#)

WJAR-NBC (Providence, RI): Providence man sentenced for possessing nearly 2 kilos of cocaine, faces deportation, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 1:00 PM

A Providence man has been sentenced for possessing nearly 2 kilos of cocaine, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Rhode Island announced on Wednesday. The U.S. Attorney's Office says 38-year-old Robinson Padilla-Rosario was sentenced to sixteen months in federal custody and two years of federal supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WLNE-ABC \(Providence, RI\)](#)

KODE-ABC (Joplin, MO): **Pittsburg man indicted for fentanyl trafficking**, Luke Sachetta, August 17, 2022, 12:04 PM (EDT)

A federal grand jury has indicted a Pittsburg man for possessing fentanyl to distribute. Forty-seven-year-old Justin T. Lapping, was charged Tuesday with one count of Possessing Fentanyl with the Intent to Distribute. A Deputy with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office tried to stop Lapping on August 9th until he fled on his motorcycle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): **'Eight Trey Gangster Crips' member with lengthy criminal history sentenced to fed time for weapons violation: DOJ**, Paul Wedding, August 17, 2022, 11:47 AM

A Tyler man has been sentenced to federal prison for a firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, the U.S. Attorney's Office has announced. Brandon Deshun Hawkins, 36, pleaded guilty on Sep. 29, 2021, to being a felon in possession of a firearm. For that offense, he was sentenced Wednesday to serve to [sic] 37 months in federal prison. According to court documents, on Oct. 13, 2020, Hawkins was stopped while driving on S. Vine Street in Tyler and arrested on outstanding warrants. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYTX-CBS \(Tyler and Longview, TX\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: **U.S. judge reinstates North Carolina ban on late-term abortions**, Steve Gorman, August 17, 2022, 9:27 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday reinstated a decades-old North Carolina ban on abortions performed after 20 weeks of gestation, citing the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision allowing states to freely regulate procedures to terminate pregnancy. Although so-called late-term procedures are rare, abortion rights proponents said Wednesday's ruling chips away at reproductive healthcare access in one of the last Southern states where abortion has remained relatively unencumbered. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#)

Reuters: **Florida prosecutor suspended by DeSantis over abortion stance sues to regain job**, David Thomas, August 17, 2022, 7:48 PM

A Florida state attorney on Wednesday sued Governor Ron DeSantis after he was suspended earlier this month for saying he would not prosecute anyone who sought or provided abortions. In a lawsuit filed in Tallahassee, Florida, federal court, prosecutor Andrew Warren said his suspension by DeSantis violated his First Amendment rights as well as Florida's constitution and demanded to be reinstated. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#)

CNN: **Boston Children's Hospital says it's gotten violent threats over care for transgender children**, Jen Christensen, August 17, 2022, 9:46 PM

Boston Children's Hospital, which calls itself "home to the first pediatric and adolescent transgender health program in the United States," says it has faced a "large volume" of threats of violence for offering that kind of care. The hospital said in an emailed statement Wednesday that its clinicians and staff have been harassed by phone, email and social media, receiving multiple threats of violence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#)

NBC: **A police dog bit an unarmed Texas woman for 62 seconds. A federal judge dismissed her excessive force lawsuit**, Tim Stelloh, August 17, 2022, 5:10 PM

A federal judge ruled that it was not “unreasonable” for a police officer to use a patrol dog on an unarmed Texas woman who suffered significant injuries after the animal bit her for roughly 62 seconds, court documents show. The decision, filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Houston and first reported by NBC News, dismissed an excessive force lawsuit filed in April 2020 over the July 5, 2018, incident in Conroe, north of Houston. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Guardian: Florida Republicans targeted Black voters, justice department says in filing, Sam Levine, August 17, 2022, 8:00 PM

Florida Republicans intentionally targeted Black voters when they enacted new voting restrictions last year, the justice department said in a court filing on Wednesday. The department told a federal appellate court that a lower court had correctly evaluated claims of racial discrimination when it came to Florida’s new law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Trans rights lawsuits in lower courts pressure Supreme Court to weigh in, Alex Swoyer, August 17, 2022, 3:00 PM

Differing lower court rulings on transgender issues will likely lead to consideration by the Supreme Court, which in recent years has declined to weigh in on transgender bathroom battles in schools and objections from religious hospitals over providing transgender surgeries. Such issues, however, have continued to bubble up in lower courts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

UPI: Thomas Lane to serve federal sentence in Colorado, Clyde Hughes, August 17, 2022, 10:04 AM

Former Minneapolis police officer Thomas Lane, who was sentenced to 2 1/2 years for violating George Floyd's civil rights, will serve his time at a low-security federal prison camp in Colorado. Lane, who is scheduled to start his sentence on Aug. 30, was initially recommended to serve his federal sentence at a federal prison camp in Duluth, Minn., but the Bureau of Prisons makes the final call on where prisoners eventually end up, weighing safety factors and other concerns.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

Oregonian (Portland, OR): Federal judge certifies class action lawsuit over Oregon foster care, Hillary Borrud, August 17, 2022, 5:39 PM

A lawsuit filed on behalf of children in Oregon’s foster system will proceed as a class action on behalf of all the state’s foster children, after a federal judge expanded it beyond its 10 specific plaintiffs on Wednesday. The lawsuit is an effort by Oregon advocates for people with disabilities and a national group that has filed similar legal actions in other states to force systemic improvements in the state’s foster care system. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mississippi Today: Federal lawsuit alleges Lexington, MS Police Department ‘terrorizes’ Black citizens, Mina Corpuz, August 17, 2022, 12:40 PM

Black residents in a small Delta town have been subjected to excessive force, intimidation and false arrests by its police force for over a year, a federal lawsuit alleges. JULIAN, a civil rights organization, is asking the court to issue a temporary restraining order against the Lexington Police Department to prevent mistreatment against residents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WYMT-CBS (Hazard, KY): Two active, one former KSP trooper indicted for civil rights violations, Evan Hatter, August 17, 2022, 8:26 PM

Two current Kentucky State Police troopers and one former KSP trooper were indicted Wednesday for using excessive force, conspiring to cover it up and illegally entering a home. A

federal grand jury in London returned a superseding indictment charging current trooper 28-year-old Jeremy Elliotte, and former trooper 30-year-old Derrek Lovett with willfully depriving an arrestee to be free from unreasonable force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Law360: Fed Says Crypto Bank Can't Sue Its Way To Account Decision, Jon Hill, August 17, 2022, 9:39 PM

Federal Reserve System officials are urging a Wyoming federal judge to reject a lawsuit from a cryptocurrency bank that they say seeks to rush them into granting it access to key central bank services before they can finish thinking through all the bigger-picture ramifications of its request. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 10th Circ. Revives Part Of Poaching Suit Against Cherokee Co., Andrew Westney, August 17, 2022, 8:03 PM

The Tenth Circuit on Wednesday partly revived an information technology company's suit against several former employees over a federal contract competition, including claims they breached their duty of loyalty when they moved to the Cherokee Nation consulting firm that ended up winning the contract. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Court Tosses Man's Counterclaim In \$994K Tax Case, Theresa Schliep, August 17, 2022, 2:13 PM

A man previously arrested for tax fraud cannot sue the U.S. government in its civil case seeking to collect around \$994,000 in taxes from him, a Utah federal court said, finding [...] [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: U.S. reports spike in weapons smuggling to Haiti and the Caribbean, Brian Ellsworth, August 17, 2022, 6:37 PM

U.S. authorities have seen a spike in weapons smuggling to Haiti and the Caribbean in recent months, officials said on Wednesday, promising to boost efforts to combat the trade that is fueling rampant gang violence in Haiti and rising crime in the region. The announcement follows several bloody outbreaks of gang violence in Haiti that included gun battles in downtown Port-au-Prince, and comes as countries such as The Bahamas and Jamaica are reporting rising incidence of gun-linked homicides. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge: Suit by group critical of immigration can proceed, Philip Marcelo, August 17, 2022, 2:00 PM

A group calling for sharply limiting immigration has scored a legal victory in its federal lawsuit arguing the Biden administration violated environmental law when it halted construction of the U.S. southern border wall and sought to undo other immigration policies by former President Donald Trump. A federal judge in Washington, D.C., ruled last week that a lawsuit brought by the Massachusetts Coalition for Immigration Reform against three federal agencies can proceed, at least in part. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Homan on border crossings hitting 'historic' high: Secretary Mayorkas committed

perjury, must be impeached, Elizabeth Heckman, August 17, 2022, 11:24 AM

Customs and Border Protection sources have told Fox News that over 2 million migrants have been encountered at the southern border so far in the current fiscal year. Former acting ICE Director Tom Homan joined "America's Newsroom" Wednesday to address the surge and said DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas is lying about the southern border and that he must be impeached. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Marshals Service drafts sanctuary policy, limiting cooperation with ICE, Stephen Dinan, August 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service is drafting a sanctuary policy that would limit the agency's ability to hold illegal immigrants for pickup by ICE, The Washington Times has learned. Under the policy, marshals would not be able to hold illegal immigrants for pickup by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on the say-so of an immigration warrant, or "detainer" request. Once the Marshals Service is finished processing an immigrant for its custody purposes, the person is to be released even if ICE has asked for a hold. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: [OPINION] Fourth Circuit to judges: Don't upset drunk-driving pedophiles, Matt O'Brien, August 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is apparently more concerned about hurting illegal aliens' feelings than it is about protecting American citizens from drunk-driving pedophiles. In a recent decision, it chastised an immigration judge for calling a criminal alien's defense in deportation proceedings exactly what it was: fatuous and risible. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Deterrence alone won't secure the border: Here are four immediate actions, Theresa Cardinal, August 17, 2022, 2:30 PM

In recent weeks, the Supreme Court ruled that President Biden can end President Trump's "remain in Mexico" policy for asylum seekers, although the administration must continue enforcing Trump's Title 42 policy empowering the government to block asylum seekers from entering the U.S. on public health grounds. Meanwhile, 53 migrants died in the sweltering heat of a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, Texas, and a Customs and Border Protection investigation found that patrol agents used unnecessary force with Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Texan: Border Patrol Agents Have Arrested 1.8 Million Illegal Aliens So Far This Fiscal Year, Konni Burton, August 17, 2022, 6:00 PM

The federal government reported a drop in the number of illegal aliens arrested from June to July, though illegal immigration so far this fiscal year has surpassed the total for Fiscal Year 2021. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a news release detailing the updated numbers. The agency stated that border guards have arrested illegal aliens more than 1.8 million times nationwide since the beginning of the fiscal year in October 2021. There were 1.66 million total apprehensions in Fiscal Year 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYMA-NBC (Yuma, AZ): How federal border policies impact reported apprehension numbers, Adam Klepp, August 17, 2022, 7:36 PM

While the apprehension numbers reported by Customs and Border Protection are breaking records, they can be misleading. Because of Title 42, one migrant can be apprehended multiple times, driving up the total number of apprehensions along the border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVVU-Fox (Las Vegas, NV): Human umbilical cords found in luggage at New Orleans

airport, CBP says, Emily Van de Riet, August 17, 2022, 6:07 PM (EDT)

A human umbilical cord was found in a passenger's baggage at the Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans earlier this month. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), on Aug. 2, agents found the umbilical cord with a passenger on a Spirit flight from Honduras. The passenger was then referred for a secondary inspection. The CDC was contacted and said the umbilical cord and the medical wrist band that was with it needed to be abandoned or detained. The passenger claimed it belonged to a relative and chose to abandon the items, which were then incinerated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGET-NBC/CW (Bakersfield, CA): \$89,000 in undeclared cash seized from vehicle bound for Mexico, Fernie Ortiz, August 17, 2022, 5:50 PM (EDT)

Two Mexican nationals attempted to sneak more than \$89,000 in cash south of the border without declaring it, U.S. Custom and Border Protection said. Border officers conducting outbound inspections at the Stanton Stree [sic] Bridge in Downtown El Paso picked, for a routine inspection, a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old Mexican national. Neither the driver nor the 46-year-old passenger, also a Mexican citizen, declared the cash, CBP said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFOX-Fox \(El Paso, TX\)](#)

ANTITRUST

LAT: [OPINION] How an antitrust trial could reshape the books we read — and who writes them, Douglas Preston, August 18, 2022, 6:09 AM

The outcome of an antitrust trial currently underway in Washington could reshape the kind of books Americans read and who writes them. Last November, the Department of Justice sued to stop the proposed merger of two of the country's largest publishers, Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster. At the time, U.S. Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland said: "If the world's largest book publisher is permitted to acquire one of its biggest rivals, it will have unprecedented control over this important industry." The consolidated company, according to Garland, would control half the market for top-selling books. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Revealing vast scope of FTC probe, Amazon accuses the government of harassing Jeff Bezos and Andy Jassy, Brian Fung, August 17, 2022, 8:00 PM

Amazon is fighting the US government's attempt to question its founder, Jeff Bezos, and its CEO, Andy Jassy, as part of a year-long investigation into whether the e-commerce giant has illegally pushed Amazon Prime and other subscription services onto consumers. In a filing to the Federal Trade Commission dated August 5 and recently made public, Amazon (AMZN) accused the agency of making "burdensome" legal requests that "serve no other purpose than to harass Amazon's highest-ranking executives and disrupt its business operations." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 5th Circ. Rules Against DOL In Data-For-Insurance ERISA Row, Hailey Konnath, August 17, 2022, 11:12 PM

The Fifth Circuit on Wednesday agreed with a Texas federal court's determination that federal benefits law covered a company's offering of health insurance to individuals in exchange for their user data, ruling that the U.S. Department of Labor had arbitrarily found the plan to be exempt. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Rancher Group Wants 2nd Shepherders' Antitrust Suit Nixed, Bryan Koenig, August 17, 2022, 9:15 PM

The Western Range Association urged a Nevada federal judge Tuesday to toss a proposed class action it calls "essentially identical" to one it already beat at the Tenth Circuit that accuses the trade group of fixing shepherds' wages at the level of indentured servitude. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Judge tosses testimony on 'unverified' data from Penguin Random House executive, Emily Zantow, August 17, 2022, 9:00 PM

A federal judge threw out testimony on Wednesday from Penguin Random House's senior vice president after the government pointed out that the data he referenced, while testifying about his company's \$2.175 billion dollar bid to buy Simon & Schuster, was not properly verified. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Law360: Surescript's EpiPen Citation 'Nothing New,' FTC Says, Bryan Koenig, August 17, 2022, 5:30 PM

The Federal Trade Commission assailed Surescripts for telling a D.C. federal judge that a Tenth Circuit decision sparing Mylan from antitrust allegations over the EpiPen bolsters Surescripts' bid to escape claims it uses exclusive contract terms to maintain a monopoly in e-prescriptions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: 3rd Circ. Says Del., Hoboken Climate Suits Stay In State Court, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 17, 2022, 10:26 AM

The Third Circuit on Wednesday upheld Delaware and New Jersey federal rulings that climate change lawsuits against energy giants like Chevron Corp. can be brought in state court, despite attempts from energy companies to bring the cases into federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

The Hill: IRS becomes GOP boogeyman ahead of midterms, Emily Brooks, August 18, 2022, 5:40 AM

As Republicans rail against the FBI in the wake of last week's search at Mar-a-Lago, they are also hyping the danger to voters from another three-letter federal agency: the IRS. The GOP is warning that the \$80 billion funding boost to the IRS included in Democrats' tax, climate and health care package, which President Biden signed into law on Tuesday, will target middle-class Americans with an "army" of new enforcement agents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: IRS Set to Move on SFOX Cryptocurrency Records After Court Win, Aysha Bagchi, August 17, 2022, 12:17 PM

The IRS received a court's permission to serve a "John Doe" summons to get cryptocurrency records for taxpayers who held accounts at OX Labs Inc., a California-based cryptocurrency dealer that does business under the name SFOX. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: IRS saves guns for 'serious criminal activity,' says retired agent, Brad Hamilton, August 17, 2022, 6:27 PM

Retired special agent Anthony Dominicis wants to reassure Americans that the IRS is not coming after them with guns. "It's just not true," he said. "The only people who need to be concerned

about an armed agent are those involved in serious criminal activity.” As President Biden’s new \$739 billion Inflation Reduction Act signed is set to pump some \$80 billion into the IRS adding 87,000 new workers some are questioning why the department needs an arsenal of weapons. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Miami Herald: A Florida father-son company employed previously deported men in a \$5 million tax fraud, David Neal, August 17, 2022, 9:55 AM

A Jacksonville father and son each have pleaded guilty in Jacksonville federal court to one count of “conspiracy to defraud the United States.” Raul Solis, 51, and Raul Solis-Martinez of Solis Brothers Company and Duval Framing, construction subcontracting companies, employed undocumented workers, some of whom had been previously deported; paid them partially off the books, allowing them to manipulate pay; and hid \$22,186,096 of wages from the Internal Revenue Service. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KKTV-CBS (Colorado Springs, CO): 11 CALL FOR ACTION ALERT: IRS warns about tax fraud violation, Katie Pelton, August 17, 2022, 2:27 PM

11 Call For Action has an important alert about tax fraud violations. It’s crime that could happen to anyone. It could even happen to you. 11 News consumer reporter Katie Pelton sat down with Assistant Special Agent in Charge Amanda Prestegard to talk about how business owners can prevent payroll fraud and what employees can do if they are a victim. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

LAT: FBI finds dozens of possible human-trafficking victims in California, Christian Martinez, August 17, 2022, 10:58 PM

Dozens of possible victims of human trafficking, including some children, were found in California during a two-week, nationwide FBI operation, the agency said. Operation Cross Country XII was held over the first two weeks of August and found more than 200 possible victims, the FBI said in a news release. The operation included the participation of local law enforcement and state agencies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#), [KATV-ABC \(Little Rock, AR\)](#)

CNN: Biden 'rejects' defunding the FBI amid calls from some Republicans, Khamaya Donelson, Betsy Klein, August 17, 2022, 10:57 PM

The White House is strongly condemning calls from some members of the Republican Party, including some elected lawmakers, to “defund the FBI” in the wake of last week’s search of former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate. The pushback marks the White House’s most aggressive response to the FBI’s search to date and comes as other Republicans, including former Vice President Mike Pence, are sounding alarms on this message amid heightened threats to law enforcement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Today: FBI documents reveal further information about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie’s 2016 plane incident, Diana Dasrath, Andrew Blankstein and David K. Li, August 17, 2022, 10:29 PM

Angelina Jolie said Brad Pitt accused her of “ruining this family” during a heated and at times physical confrontation aboard their private jet in 2016, according to an FBI report of the incident shared with both parties originally in 2017. The report, which has not been made public, was obtained by NBC News on Tuesday. A recently sealed Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed against the FBI listed a “Jane Doe” as seeking the release of the FBI documents. [\[Continue](#)

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Politico: **'It's unfathomable': No arrests made 6 months after HBCU bomb threats**, Bianca Quilantan, August 18, 2022, 4:30 AM

Leaders of historically Black colleges want answers. Their institutions have been targeted since the start of the year. Eight HBCUs received bomb threats on Jan. 4, each from callers who used racial slurs. On Jan. 31, at least seven schools received similar calls. And on Feb. 1, the start of Black history month, 18 schools were called with campus bomb threats and more threats followed throughout the month. In total, more than a third of all HBCUs were targeted this year. The Biden administration launched an FBI investigation into the February threats, labeling the incidents "hate crimes" and "Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: **[OPINION] Liberals' FBI trust is a real gut buster**, Miranda Devine, August 17, 2022, 10:33 PM

It is curious that the biggest fans of the FBI today are liberals. You hear them on MSNBC, singing from the same song sheet as former disgraced CIA and FBI operatives who have been transformed into esteemed and well-paid TV experts, shilling for whatever unseen forces motivate them, or creating confusing narratives to cover their tracks. At the same time, a majority of Americans, 53%, view the FBI as "Joe Biden's personal Gestapo," according to a new Rasmussen poll out Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): **One pill can kill: DEA warns about dangers of Fentanyl ahead of awareness day**, Lauren Clark, August 17, 2022, 11:00 PM

Christina Perkins knows firsthand how Fentanyl can ruin lives. "We definitely miss Gio's presence," she said. "Everybody misses Gio." Her teen son Giovanni was one of several victims taken too soon by a single pill containing the lethal drug. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJLA-ABC (Washington, DC): **DC, Virginia students train with the FBI during rare summer program**, Caroline Patrickis, August 17, 2022, 10:57 PM

Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia students are getting a rare opportunity to train with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Washington Field Office. It's a part of a Future Agents in Training program that gives high school students a behind-the-scenes look at the FBI. Robert Farris, a rising senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Fairfax County, has never put on an FBI bomb squad uniform before. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): **Inside look at documents FBI agents are seeking in judge investigation**, Peggy Gallek, Ed Gallek, August 17, 2022, 10:19 PM

The FOX 8 I-Team obtained video showing FBI agents serving subpoenas at South Euclid Municipal Court. The FBI served officials with the City of South Euclid subpoenas, seeking information related to the South Euclid Municipal Court under former Judge Gayle Williams Byers, who resigned her position on July 31. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KHOU-CBS (Houston, TX): **[VIDEO] FBI using billboards to find gunman who killed 5-year-old Khamaya Donelson**, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 7:19 PM

The FBI is hoping a new billboard campaign will help lead to the gunman who shot and killed 5-year-old Khamaya Donelson in July. [[Watch](#)]

WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): FBI and TBI agents conduct joint raid of Memphis doctor's office, Dakarai Turner, August 17, 2022, 5:10 PM

Federal and state investigators conducted a joint raid of a doctor's office in Memphis Wednesday. Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) were at the office of Ronnie D. Bowen on Riverdale Road south of HWY 385. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Texas executes man for slaying of Dallas real estate agent, Juan A. Lozano and Michael Graczyk, August 17, 2022, 9:00 AM

Texas on Wednesday put to death a man who fatally stabbed a suburban Dallas real estate agent more than 16 years ago, the second execution this year in what has been the nation's busiest death penalty state. Kosoul Chanthakoummane, 41, received a lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville and was pronounced dead at 6:33 p.m. He was condemned for fatally stabbing 40-year-old Sarah Walker in July 2006. She was found stabbed more than 30 times in a model home in McKinney, about 30 miles (48 km) north of Dallas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Post-Roe differences surface in GOP over new abortion rules, Hannah Fingerhut and Scott Bauer, August 18, 2022, 5:00 AM

When the U.S. Supreme Court repealed in June a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, Wisconsin's 1849 law that bans the procedure except when a mother's life is at risk became newly relevant. Republicans in the Legislature blocked an attempt by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers to overturn the law. Yet there's disagreement inside the GOP over how to move forward when they return to the state Capitol in January. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Judge Raises History Of 'Railroaded' Tribes In BNSF Clash, Greg Lamm, August 17, 2022, 7:30 PM

A Washington federal judge on Wednesday wondered whether tribes' history of being "railroaded" by the railroad industry should factor in the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community's suit accusing BNSF Railway Co. of trespassing by sending unauthorized shipments of crude oil across reservation land in violation of a right-of-way easement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Borrowers Counsel Get \$8.2M Fees In Payday Lender Suit, Gina Kim, August 17, 2022, 3:25 PM

A Virginia federal judge awarded \$8.2 million in attorney fees Tuesday to counsel for borrowers who sued owners of a defunct payday lender that faced claims it used Native American-tribe owned firms to charge high interest rates, after signing off on their \$44.5 million class action settlement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ute Courts Must Rule On Banishment Law, Tribe Says, Caleb Symons, August 17, 2022, 3:11 PM

The Ute Indian Tribe maintains that only its own courts are authorized to review a tribal law at the heart of federal proceedings over its temporary banishment of four members, saying the Supreme Court and the Tenth Circuit have repeatedly left such matters to Native jurists. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Courthouse News Service: **First Circuit nixes Mainers-only weed sales rule**, Miranda Devine, August 17, 2022, 10:33 PM

The First Circuit struck down a Maine law Wednesday which allowed only Maine residents to sell medical marijuana, finding that the rule was “facially protectionist” in violation of the Constitution’s dormant commerce clause. Marijuana’s federal illegality, two judges on the court’s three-judge panel found, does not exempt the weed market from constitutional rules. The panel was comprised of U.S. Circuit Judges David Barron, a Barack Obama appointee, Sandra Lynch, a Clinton appointee who replaced Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, and Joe Biden appointee Gustavo Gelpi. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: **Cory Booker Says Marijuana Banking Bill ‘Requires Changes’ As Regulators Push Equity Amendments**, Kyle Jaeger, August 17, 2022, 1:00 PM

Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) says that a standalone marijuana banking reform bill “requires changes” if it’s going to advance before cannabis is federally legalized. The senator, who is one of the three prime sponsors of a recently filed measure to comprehensively end prohibition, didn’t get into the specifics of what revisions he wants to see made to the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act but he said in a statement on Wednesday that industry equity for communities harmed by the drug war must be a priority. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

AP: **Judge: Pharmacies owe 2 Ohio counties \$650M in opioids suit**, Mark Gillispie, August 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge in Cleveland awarded \$650 million in damages Wednesday to two Ohio counties that sued CVS, Walgreens and Walmart over the way the national pharmacy chains distributed opioids to their communities. U.S. District Judge Dan Polster said in his ruling that the money will be used to the fight [sic] the opioid crisis in Lake and Trumbull counties outside Cleveland. Attorneys for the counties put the total price tag at \$3.3 billion for the damage done. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

CONGRESS

USA Today: **Fact check: GOP senators blocked Merrick Garland's Supreme Court nomination, not Trump**, Sudiksha Kochi, August 17, 2022, 10:07 PM

FBI agents searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida on Aug. 8 as part of a federal investigation into whether Trump illegally removed classified documents from the White House upon leaving office. Just days after the search, Attorney General Merrick Garland said he “personally approved” the decision to seek a search warrant. Some social media users claim that Garland's purported history with Trump may have played a role in that decision.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: [EDITORIAL] The FBI just arrested a California Democrat. Where's the GOP's outrage now?, Editorial Board, August 17, 2022, 6:35 PM

After agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation searched former President Trump's Florida residence at Mar-a-Lago last week, seizing several boxes containing classified documents, some conservatives launched a flood of apoplectic responses. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) tweeted: "Impeach [U.S. Atty. Gen.] Merrick Garland, gut the DOJ, defund the corrupt FBI, and Impeach Biden." Fox News' Tucker Carlson said during one of his shows that "no honest person believes the raid on Donald Trump's home last week was a legitimate act of law enforcement."

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NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 17, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Former VP Pence has announced he hasn't ruled out testifying before the Jan. 6th committee, saying he "would consider" it if invited. This comes as Rudy Giuliani appeared before a special grand jury in Georgia, which is investigating possible attempts to overturn the election. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Wyoming Republicans sent a clear message in last night's primary election by ousting Trump critic and three-term Congresswoman Liz Cheney. Cheney was defiant in defeat, warning voters that their embrace of former Pres. Trump is a threat to democracy itself. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The CDC announced a major shakeup of its leadership following recent criticism of the agency's response to COVID, monkeypox and other public health threat. This comes amid a report that uncovered deep concerns over the culture and day-to-day practices. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Five people were shot in Philadelphia, including a teenager who is in critical condition after six suspects fired nearly 100 shots. While gun violence is skyrocketing in major cities nationwide, Philadelphia is now one of the deadliest in the country. [\[CBS, NBC\]](#)
- CVS, Walgreens and Walmart are facing a big financial hit after a federal judge ordered them to pay two counties in Ohio \$650 million for their roles in fueling the opioid epidemic. All three companies plan to appeal the judge's ruling. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The man charged with stabbing Salman Rushdie on a lecture stage in western New York

said in an interview that he was surprised to learn the accomplished author had survived the attack. [\[ABC\]](#)

- One year since the Taliban takeover, there's growing instability with an estimated 25 million people living in poverty where babies are often the most malnourished. [\[CBS\]](#)
- California residents are being urged to cut their electric usage as another heat wave pushes power supplies to their limit and 30 million people in the West face heat alerts. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Another set of human remains were found in Lake Mead near Las Vegas, the second time this month that remains have been found in the country's largest reservoir, officials said Wednesday. [\[ABC\]](#)
- A Florida court has ruled a 16-year-old girl is not "sufficiently mature" enough to terminate her pregnancy. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Mexico will ask both a German and a U.S. company to help rescue 10 miners who have been trapped in a coal mine for nearly two weeks, officials said on Tuesday, as families urged quicker action to save the trapped men. [\[NBC\]](#)
- The Syrian government on Wednesday denied it is holding or has any information on the whereabouts of Austin Tice, an American journalist who vanished a decade ago while reporting on the Middle Eastern nation's civil war. [\[NBC\]](#)
- There are new signs of trouble in the housing market as more homebuyers back out of contracts. A survey, citing rising costs and falling confidence in the market, has triggered homebuilder cancellation rates to more than double since April. [\[NBC\]](#)

MORNING HEADLINES

- "U.S. Home-Sales Report for July Comes as Housing Market Cools" [\[WSJ\]](#), [\[LAT\]](#)
- "Europe's Scorching Summer Puts Unexpected Strain on Energy Supply" [\[NYT\]](#)
- "Trump's dominance in GOP comes into focus, worrying some in his party" [\[WaPo\]](#), [\[LAT\]](#)
- "Bank Stocks Make a Comeback After Sharp Selloff" [\[WSJ\]](#)

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NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Trump Supporters' Threats To Judge Spur Democracy Concerns, Gary Fields and Nicholas Riccardi, August 17, 2022, 11:54 PM

Hundreds of federal judges face the same task every day: review an affidavit submitted by federal agents and approve requests for a search warrant. But for U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart, the fallout from his decision to approve a search warrant has been far from routine. He has faced a storm of death threats since his signature earlier this month cleared the way for the FBI to search former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate as part of a probe into whether he inappropriately removed sensitive materials from the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Missouri man charged for threatening election official in Arizona, Sarah N. Lynch, August 17, 2022, 3:30 PM

The U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday it has charged a Missouri man for leaving threatening voicemails for an election official in Arizona, marking the sixth federal criminal case brought so far to combat the rising tide of threats against local election officials. Walter Lee Hoornstra, 50, of Tecumseh was charged in an indictment handed down on Tuesday with one count of communicating an interstate commerce threat and a second count of making a threatening phone call. The indictment alleges that Hoornstra left a voicemail on a Maricopa County election official's personal cell phone saying: "You call things unhinged and insane lies when there's a forensic audit going on." [\[Continue Reading\]](#). **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [Kansas City Star](#)

AP: Pence tells GOP to stop lashing out at FBI over Trump search, Holly Ramer, August 17, 2022, 5:30 PM

Former Vice President Mike Pence on Wednesday implored fellow Republicans to stop lashing out at the FBI over the search of Donald Trump's Florida home and denounced calls by some of the former president's allies to defund the FBI, saying that was "just as wrong" as a push by Democratic activists to shift money from police. Pence also said he would give "due consideration" if asked to testify before the House committee investigating the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Forbes](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [The Week](#), [WFMZ \(Allentown, PA\)](#), [WSJ](#)

Bloomberg: Russian Accused of Laundering Ransomware Crypto Extradited to US, Margi Murphy, August 17, 2022, 6:30 PM

A 29-year-old Russian accused of laundering ransom payments on behalf of cybergangs targeting hospitals and health-care providers has been extradited from the Netherlands to the US to face charges. Denis Mihaqlovic Dubnikov is accused with others of engaging in a variety of financial transactions to conceal cryptocurrency extorted from the victims of Ryuk ransomware attacks from at least August 2018 through August 2021, according to a statement Wednesday from the US Attorney's Office in Portland, Oregon. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#)

AP: Man charged with election interference tied to Capitol riot, Ben Finley, August 17, 2022, 1:40 PM

A Virginia man who is facing trial on charges that he drove a Hummer packed with guns to Philadelphia to interfere with the 2020 presidential election has been arrested in a separate case that alleges his involvement in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Antonio LaMotta was arrested Tuesday in the southeastern Virginia city of Chesapeake, according to court documents filed in U.S. District Court in Washington. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTVT-Fox \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

NBC: Widow of officer who died by suicide after Jan. 6 says White House didn't give new line-of-duty law 'the attention it deserves', Zoë Richards and Ryan J. Reilly, August 18, 2022, 12:56 AM

The widow of a police officer who died by suicide in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 riot said this week that the White House should have done more to draw public attention to a newly signed law that for the first time recognizes suicide as a line-of-duty death. Erin Smith, who fought for more than a year to ensure that her husband Jeffrey Smith's suicide was ruled a line-of-duty death, said President Joe Biden should have held a signing ceremony when he enacted the legislation Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Media to ask judge to release Trump search warrant affidavit, Terry Spencer, August 18, 2022, 2:45 AM

Attorneys for many of the nation's largest media companies will try to persuade a federal magistrate judge on Thursday afternoon to make public the affidavit supporting the warrant that allowed FBI agents to search former President Donald Trump's Florida estate last week. The Associated Press, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, the broadcast TV networks, CNN and others want U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart to release the affidavit over the objection of the U.S. Justice Department, which says its investigation of Trump's handling of "highly classified material" would be compromised. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. prosecutors should weigh releasing more Trump search details, Bolton says, Sarah N. Lynch, August 17, 2022, 7:28 PM

The U.S. Justice Department should consider releasing at least some of the evidence it used to justify searching former President Donald Trump's Florida home last week, Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton said on Wednesday. In an interview with Reuters, Bolton said he agrees with the Justice Department's (DOJ) concerns about releasing the affidavit it used to convince a judge the FBI had probable cause to search Trump's home at his Mar-a-Lago resort for classified materials. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Axios: Bolton: Trump kept "piles and piles" of documents in White House, Shawna Chen, August 17, 2022, 9:00 PM

Former Trump national security adviser John Bolton told Reuters on Wednesday that former President Trump had a tendency to accumulate large amounts of paper, including "piles and piles" of documents inside the White House dining room. Why it matters: Bolton's comments come after the FBI's search of

Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence reportedly revealed that Trump had taken boxes of classified information to the estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: What to watch for from Thursday's hearing on releasing more warrant documents from the Mar-a-Lago search, Tierney Sneed, August 18, 2022, 5:13 AM

An extraordinary dispute will play out in a federal courthouse in South Florida on Thursday afternoon over what transparency the American public is owed into the Justice Department investigation of the handling of classified documents from former President Donald Trump's White House. US Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart is holding a hearing at 1 p.m. ET on requests by various media organizations and others that he unseal materials secretly filed by the DOJ in his court when the department sought approval for a warrant to search Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Trump considering releasing surveillance footage of FBI Mar-a-Lago search, Gabby Orr, Sara Murray, Kaitlan Collins and Katelyn Polantz, August 17, 2022, 8:50 PM

Some allies of former President Donald Trump are urging him to publicly release surveillance footage of FBI agents executing a search warrant on his Mar-a-Lago residence, a proposal that has drawn mixed reaction inside his orbit, CNN has learned. The CCTV footage has been so closely held that aides to the former President aren't sure if he has seen it in full himself, said a person close to Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Nine days after Mar-a-Lago search, FBI agents are still sifting through Trump documents, Ken Dilanian, Michael Kosnar and Zoë Richards, August 17, 2022, 7:31 PM

More than a week after they searched former President Donald Trump's Florida residence, FBI agents are still sifting through the seized documents, two law enforcement officials briefed on the matter told NBC News. The FBI's filter team — a group of agents independent of the overall investigation — is tasked with separating out documents that are covered by attorney-client privilege and material deemed not relevant to the probe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Weeks before Mar-a-Lago search, ex-Trump DOD official vowed to publish classified documents from National Archive, Will Steakin, Alexander Mallin, and Katherine Faulders, August 17, 2022, 5:49 PM

In June of this year, seven weeks before the FBI raided former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in search of classified materials, former Defense Department appointee and outspoken Trump loyalist Kash Patel vowed to retrieve classified documents from the National Archives and publish them on his website. Trump had just issued a letter instructing the National Archives to grant Patel and conservative journalist John Solomon access to nonpublic administration records, according to reporting at the time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Markwayne Mullin talks Mar-a-Lago raid, says DOJ has not responded to intel committee letter, Houston Keene, August 17, 2022, 4:19 PM

The unprecedented raid on Mar-a-Lago last week plunged the country into a political media maelstrom as reports rained down ranging from nuclear-related documents being sought to former President Trump's passports being taken. Republicans have denounced the raid, and House Republicans on the Intelligence Committee held a press conference in the wake of the FBI's actions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Despite Trump's claims, experts say there's no 'magic wand' for a president to declassify documents, Mike Levine and Lucien Bruggeman, August 17, 2022, 10:04 AM

Former President Donald Trump isn't the first White House veteran to claim -- in the midst of a criminal probe looking at their handling of government secrets -- that the president can declassify almost anything he wants, whenever he wants, and however he wants. "If the president says to talk about [a] document, it is then a declassified document," the former chief of staff to then-Vice President Dick Cheney, Lewis

"Scooter" Libby, told a federal grand jury in 2004. "There's no ... process, according to counsel, that has to be gone through." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Trump rakes in millions off FBI search at Mar-a-Lago, Josh Dawsey and Isaac Arnsdorf, August 17, 5:15 PM

Former president Donald Trump bombarded his supporters with more than 100 emails asking for money based on the FBI's search of the Mar-a-Lago Club for classified materials last week. They paid off. Contributions to Trump's political action committee topped \$1 million on at least two days after the Aug. 8 search of his Palm Beach, Fla., estate, according to two people familiar with the figures. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] America was built on the rule of law but Joe Biden and his team are tearing it apart at the seams, Ben Carson, August 18, 2:00 AM

Our nation is in a crisis right now. Our most basic and fundamental institutions have completely abandoned the American people. Congress spends like they have an unlimited credit card, the White House is focused on increasing taxes and gender equity instead of focusing on inflation and issues that impact everyday Americans, and the media has gone completely off the rails as they consistently lie and provide justification for the aforementioned insanity. [...] I don't think most Americans thought we would find ourselves losing so much faith and respect for our federal law enforcement agencies and the Department of Justice. But what choice are we left with? [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Economist: Merrick Garland is not naive about political violence, Sudiksha Kochi, August 17, 2022, 3:00 PM

America's attorney-general has reason to be haunted by its latent capacity for political violence. Merrick Garland was a senior official in the Justice Department on April 19th 1995, when a bomb exploded beneath a federal building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, killing 168 people, including 19 children. Mr Garland, who had young children then himself, implored his boss to send him to Oklahoma City. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: [EDITORIAL] Unseal the Mar-a-Lago affidavit, Editorial Board, August 18, 2022, 12:01 AM

Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart will hold a hearing today on a motion by conservative activist groups and liberal media outlets seeking to make public the sworn affidavit the FBI filed to justify the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. While not every detail in the affidavit needs to be revealed, shining light on a contentious debate, which has been made more divisive by the Department of Justice's secrecy on the matter, could calm emotions and restore credibility to institutions that have recently made significant errors in judgment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] Unseal the Mar-a-Lago Search Affidavit, Editorial Board, August 17, 2022, 6:50 PM

Federal Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart will hold a hearing Thursday on whether to unseal the affidavit the Federal Bureau of Investigation used to justify last week's search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. The public interest is best served if the judge lets Americans see what now only he and federal officials know. On Friday Judge Reinhart released the warrant for the search after Attorney General Merrick Garland and Mr. Trump urged its release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] After the Mar-a-Lago Raid, Let Voters Decide Trump's Future, Daniel Henninger, August 17, 2022, 6:12 PM

The question of whether the U.S. needs a second Trump term has been answered. Thanks to Attorney General Merrick Garland, we're in it—if by a Trump presidency one means investigations of Donald Trump that go on and on. The first Trump presidency began with the never-ending Russian collusion narrative. Now we have its offspring—the classified-documents narrative. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6

NYT: Jan. 6 Grand Jury Has Subpoenaed White House Documents, Alan Feuer, Maggie Haberman and Luke Broadwater, August 17, 2022, 7:28 PM

Federal prosecutors investigating the role that former President Donald J. Trump and his allies played in the events leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol have issued a grand jury subpoena to the National Archives for all the documents the agency provided to a parallel House select committee inquiry, according to a copy of the subpoena obtained by The New York Times. The subpoena, issued to the National Archives in May, made a sweeping demand for “all materials, in whatever form” that the archives had given to the Jan. 6 House committee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Insider](#), [Reuters](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Ex-Indiana lawmaker sentenced in casino money scheme, Unattributed, August 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

Former Indiana state Sen. Brent Waltz was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment Wednesday after he acknowledged his role in a scheme to route \$40,500 in illegal contributions to his failed bid for Congress. In April Waltz pleaded guilty to making and receiving conduit contributions and making false statements to the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Indianapolis Business Journal](#), [Indianapolis Star \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

Law360: Founder Of Bankrupt GigaTrust Cops To \$25M Lender Scam, Pete Brush, August 17, 2022, 6:01 PM

A former CEO told a Manhattan federal judge Wednesday that he lied to investors and banks, forging documents to secure a \$25 million loan and other financing for GigaTrust, the now-bankrupt email security software company he founded. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

BuzzFeed: A 25-Year-Old Is Going To Prison For Those Scam Calls Telling Your Grandparents They Need To Bail You Out, David Mack, August 17, 2022, 5:32 PM

A 25-year-old California man was sentenced to almost four years in prison on Wednesday for his involvement in a "grandparent scam" criminal ring that defrauded more than 70 older people out of more than \$2 million. Jack Owuor, who pleaded guilty in March to one count of conspiracy under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, was sentenced to 46 months in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Ten indicted for alleged role in drug trafficking organization that distributed fentanyl throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Ken Paiva, August 17, 2022, 7:22 PM

Ten individuals were indicted today by a federal grand jury in Boston for their alleged involvement in a drug trafficking organization that distributed fentanyl throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The defendants were initially arrested and charged on July 19, 2022. Approximately 14.9 kilograms of suspected fentanyl and substantial amounts of cash were seized at the time of the arrests. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Augusta Chronicle (Augusta, GA): Former Fort Gordon soldier gets 15 years for child porn, Alexandra Koch, August 17, 2022, 3:15 PM

A former U.S. Army soldier was sentenced to 15 years in prison after admitting he distributed child pornography. Joshua Gamble, 30, of Fort Gordon, was sentenced to 180 months in prison after previously pleading guilty to distribution of child pornography, according to U.S. Attorney David H. Estes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#), [WRDW-CBS \(Augusta, GA\)](#), [WSAV-NBC/CW\(Savannah, GA\)](#)

WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Rochester man sentenced for actions during May 2020 BLM protests,

Hailie Higgins, August 17, 2022, 9:28 PM

A Rochester man has been given prison time for his actions during a May 2020 protest outside Rochester's Public Safety Building, court officials announced Wednesday. 28-year-old Dyshika McFadden was given 30 months in prison for his actions during the peaceful Black Lives Matter rally that quickly turned violent on May 30, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): 'Eight Trey Gangster Crips' member with lengthy criminal history sentenced to fed time for weapons violation: DOJ, Paul Wedding, August 17, 2022, 11:47 AM

A Tyler man has been sentenced to federal prison for a firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, the U.S. Attorney's Office has announced. Brandon Deshun Hawkins, 36, pleaded guilty on Sep. 29, 2021, to being a felon in possession of a firearm. For that offense, he was sentenced Wednesday to serve to [sic] 37 months in federal prison. According to court documents, on Oct. 13, 2020, Hawkins was stopped while driving on S. Vine Street in Tyler and arrested on outstanding warrants. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYTX-CBS \(Tyler and Longview, TX\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. judge reinstates North Carolina ban on late-term abortions, Steve Gorman, August 17, 2022, 9:27 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday reinstated a decades-old North Carolina ban on abortions performed after 20 weeks of gestation, citing the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision allowing states to freely regulate procedures to terminate pregnancy. Although so-called late-term procedures are rare, abortion rights proponents said Wednesday's ruling chips away at reproductive healthcare access in one of the last Southern states where abortion has remained relatively unencumbered. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#)

Reuters: Florida prosecutor suspended by DeSantis over abortion stance sues to regain job, David Thomas, August 17, 2022, 7:48 PM

A Florida state attorney on Wednesday sued Governor Ron DeSantis after he was suspended earlier this month for saying he would not prosecute anyone who sought or provided abortions. In a lawsuit filed in Tallahassee, Florida, federal court, prosecutor Andrew Warren said his suspension by DeSantis violated his First Amendment rights as well as Florida's constitution and demanded to be reinstated. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#)

CNN: Boston Children's Hospital says it's gotten violent threats over care for transgender children, Jen Christensen, August 17, 2022, 9:46 PM

Boston Children's Hospital, which calls itself "home to the first pediatric and adolescent transgender health program in the United States," says it has faced a "large volume" of threats of violence for offering that kind of care. The hospital said in an emailed statement Wednesday that its clinicians and staff have been harassed by phone, email and social media, receiving multiple threats of violence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#)

Guardian: Florida Republicans targeted Black voters, justice department says in filing, Sam Levine, August 17, 2022, 8:00 PM

Florida Republicans intentionally targeted Black voters when they enacted new voting restrictions last year, the justice department said in a court filing on Wednesday. The department told a federal appellate court that a lower court had correctly evaluated claims of racial discrimination when it came to Florida's new law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mississippi Today: Federal lawsuit alleges Lexington, MS Police Department 'terrorizes' Black citizens, Mina Corpuz, August 17, 2022, 12:40 PM

Black residents in a small Delta town have been subjected to excessive force, intimidation and false arrests by its police force for over a year, a federal lawsuit alleges. JULIAN, a civil rights organization, is asking the court to issue a temporary restraining order against the Lexington Police Department to prevent mistreatment against residents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WYMT-CBS (Hazard, KY): Two active, one former KSP trooper indicted for civil rights violations, Evan Hatter, August 17, 2022, 8:26 PM

Two current Kentucky State Police troopers and one former KSP trooper were indicted Wednesday for using excessive force, conspiring to cover it up and illegally entering a home. A federal grand jury in London returned a superseding indictment charging current trooper 28-year-old Jeremy Elliotte, and former trooper 30-year-old Derrek Lovett with willfully depriving an arrestee to be free from unreasonable force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Judge: Suit by group critical of immigration can proceed, Philip Marcelo, August 17, 2022, 2:00 PM

A group calling for sharply limiting immigration has scored a legal victory in its federal lawsuit arguing the Biden administration violated environmental law when it halted construction of the U.S. southern border wall and sought to undo other immigration policies by former President Donald Trump. A federal judge in Washington, D.C., ruled last week that a lawsuit brought by the Massachusetts Coalition for Immigration Reform against three federal agencies can proceed, at least in part. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Marshals Service drafts sanctuary policy, limiting cooperation with ICE, Stephen Dinan, August 17, 2022, 4:00 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service is drafting a sanctuary policy that would limit the agency's ability to hold illegal immigrants for pickup by ICE, The Washington Times has learned. Under the policy, marshals would not be able to hold illegal immigrants for pickup by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on the say-so of an immigration warrant, or "detainer" request. Once the Marshals Service is finished processing an immigrant for its custody purposes, the person is to be released even if ICE has asked for a hold. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Texan: Border Patrol Agents Have Arrested 1.8 Million Illegal Aliens So Far This Fiscal Year, Konni Burton, August 17, 2022, 6:00 PM

The federal government reported a drop in the number of illegal aliens arrested from June to July, though illegal immigration so far this fiscal year has surpassed the total for Fiscal Year 2021. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a news release detailing the updated numbers. The agency stated that border guards have arrested illegal aliens more than 1.8 million times nationwide since the beginning of the fiscal year in October 2021. There were 1.66 million total apprehensions in Fiscal Year 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. reports spike in weapons smuggling to Haiti and the Caribbean, Brian Ellsworth, August 17, 2022, 6:37 PM

U.S. authorities have seen a spike in weapons smuggling to Haiti and the Caribbean in recent months, officials said on Wednesday, promising to boost efforts to combat the trade that is fueling rampant gang violence in Haiti and rising crime in the region. The announcement follows several bloody outbreaks of gang violence in Haiti that included gun battles in downtown Port-au-Prince, and comes as countries such as The Bahamas and Jamaica are reporting rising incidence of gun-linked homicides. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

LAT: [OPINION] How an antitrust trial could reshape the books we read — and who writes them,

Douglas Preston, August 18, 2022, 6:09 AM

The outcome of an antitrust trial currently underway in Washington could reshape the kind of books Americans read — and who writes them. Last November, the Department of Justice sued to stop the proposed merger of two of the country's largest publishers, Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster. At the time, U.S. Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland said: "If the world's largest book publisher is permitted to acquire one of its biggest rivals, it will have unprecedented control over this important industry." The consolidated company, according to Garland, would control half the market for top-selling books. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Judge tosses testimony on 'unverified' data from Penguin Random House executive, Emily Zantow, August 17, 2022, 9:00 PM

A federal judge threw out testimony on Wednesday from Penguin Random House's senior vice president after the government pointed out that the data he referenced, while testifying about his company's \$2.175 billion dollar bid to buy Simon & Schuster, was not properly verified. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

LAT: FBI finds dozens of possible human-trafficking victims in California, Christian Martinez, August 17, 2022, 10:58 PM

Dozens of possible victims of human trafficking, including some children, were found in California during a two-week, nationwide FBI operation, the agency said. Operation Cross Country XII was held over the first two weeks of August and found more than 200 possible victims, the FBI said in a news release. The operation included the participation of local law enforcement and state agencies. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KATV-ABC \(Little Rock, AR\)](#)

CNN: Biden 'rejects' defunding the FBI amid calls from some Republicans, Khamaya Donelson, Betsy Klein, August 17, 2022, 10:57 PM

The White House is strongly condemning calls from some members of the Republican Party, including some elected lawmakers, to "defund the FBI" in the wake of last week's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. The pushback marks the White House's most aggressive response to the FBI's search to date and comes as other Republicans, including former Vice President Mike Pence, are sounding alarms on this message amid heightened threats to law enforcement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Today: FBI documents reveal further information about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's 2016 plane incident, Diana Dasrath, Andrew Blankstein and David K. Li, August 17, 2022, 10:29 PM

Angelina Jolie said Brad Pitt accused her of "ruining this family" during a heated — and at times physical — confrontation aboard their private jet in 2016, according to an FBI report of the incident shared with both parties originally in 2017. The report, which has not been made public, was obtained by NBC News on Tuesday. A recently sealed Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed against the FBI listed a "Jane Doe" as seeking the release of the FBI documents. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#), [NBC](#)

Politico: 'It's unfathomable': No arrests made 6 months after HBCU bomb threats, Bianca Quilantan, August 18, 2022, 4:30 AM

Leaders of historically Black colleges want answers. Their institutions have been targeted since the start of the year. Eight HBCUs received bomb threats on Jan. 4, each from callers who used racial slurs. On Jan. 31, at least seven schools received similar calls. And on Feb. 1, the start of Black history month, 18 schools were called with campus bomb threats — and more threats followed throughout the month. In total, more than a third of all HBCUs were targeted this year. The Biden administration launched an FBI investigation into the February threats, labeling the incidents "hate crimes" and "Racially or Ethnically

Motivated Violent Extremism.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Texas executes man for slaying of Dallas real estate agent, Juan A. Lozano and Michael Graczyk, August 17, 2022, 9:00 AM

Texas on Wednesday put to death a man who fatally stabbed a suburban Dallas real estate agent more than 16 years ago, the second execution this year in what has been the nation’s busiest death penalty state. Kosoul Chanthakoummane, 41, received a lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville and was pronounced dead at 6:33 p.m. He was condemned for fatally stabbing 40-year-old Sarah Walker in July 2006. She was found stabbed more than 30 times in a model home in McKinney, about 30 miles (48 km) north of Dallas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Post-Roe differences surface in GOP over new abortion rules, Hannah Fingerhut and Scott Bauer, August 18, 2022, 5:00 AM

When the U.S. Supreme Court repealed in June a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion, Wisconsin’s 1849 law that bans the procedure except when a mother’s life is at risk became newly relevant. Republicans in the Legislature blocked an attempt by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers to overturn the law. Yet there’s disagreement inside the GOP over how to move forward when they return to the state Capitol in January. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

AP: Judge: Pharmacies owe 2 Ohio counties \$650M in opioids suit, Mark Gillispie, August 17, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge in Cleveland awarded \$650 million in damages Wednesday to two Ohio counties that sued CVS, Walgreens and Walmart over the way the national pharmacy chains distributed opioids to their communities. U.S. District Judge Dan Polster said in his ruling that the money will be used to the fight [sic] the opioid crisis in Lake and Trumbull counties outside Cleveland. Attorneys for the counties put the total price tag at \$3.3 billion for the damage done. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

CONGRESS

Politico: Senators press DOJ on Brookings’ FARA compliance, Caitlin Oprysko, August 17, 2022, 6:13 PM

Four of the top Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee are pressing the Justice Department to determine whether the Brookings Institution has complied with FARA requirements stemming from the think tank’s since-ended partnership with the Qatari government to establish an outpost in Doha. — In a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland on Tuesday, Judiciary ranking member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas), Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) asked Garland to provide more information on the think tank’s registration obligations and its past interactions with DOJ’s FARA Unit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: House probes DOJ, FBI, and ICE over use of private data sets to evade warrants, Christopher Hutton, August 17, 2022, 11:41 AM

Several leaders in the House of Representatives are probing federal law enforcement over the practice of gathering citizen data through private data sets. Members of the Judiciary Committee sent a letter on Tuesday to Attorney General Merrick Garland, as well as leaders from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Department of Homeland Security, and other

federal agencies, about data practices. The letter specifically requests information on the agencies' practice of acquiring private data sets through brokers, evading the need for a warrant to investigate private citizens. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Fact check: GOP senators blocked Merrick Garland's Supreme Court nomination, not Trump, Sudiksha Kochi, August 17, 2022, 10:07 PM

FBI agents searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida on Aug. 8 as part of a federal investigation into whether Trump illegally removed classified documents from the White House upon leaving office. Just days after the search, Attorney General Merrick Garland said he "personally approved" the decision to seek a search warrant. Some social media users claim that Garland's purported history with Trump may have played a role in that decision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: [EDITORIAL] The FBI just arrested a California Democrat. Where's the GOP's outrage now?, Editorial Board, August 17, 2022, 6:35 PM

After agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation searched former President Trump's Florida residence at Mar-a-Lago last week, seizing several boxes containing classified documents, some conservatives launched a flood of apoplectic responses. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) tweeted: "Impeach [U.S. Atty. Gen.] Merrick Garland, gut the DOJ, defund the corrupt FBI, and Impeach Biden." Fox News' Tucker Carlson said during one of his shows that "no honest person believes the raid on Donald Trump's home last week was a legitimate act of law enforcement." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 17, 2022

- Former VP Pence has announced he hasn't ruled out testifying before the Jan. 6th committee, saying he "would consider" it if invited. This comes as Rudy Giuliani appeared before a special grand jury in Georgia, which is investigating possible attempts to overturn the election. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Wyoming Republicans sent a clear message in last night's primary election by ousting Trump critic and three-term Congresswoman Liz Cheney. Cheney was defiant in defeat, warning voters that their embrace of former Pres. Trump is a threat to democracy itself. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC announced a major shakeup of its leadership following recent criticism of the agency's response to COVID, monkeypox and other public health threat. This comes amid a report that uncovered deep concerns over the culture and day-to-day practices. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Five people were shot in Philadelphia, including a teenager who is in critical condition after six suspects fired nearly 100 shots. While gun violence is skyrocketing in major cities nationwide, Philadelphia is now one of the deadliest in the country. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- CVS, Walgreens and Walmart are facing a big financial hit after a federal judge ordered them to pay two counties in Ohio \$650 million for their roles in fueling the opioid epidemic. All three companies plan to appeal the judge's ruling. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The man charged with stabbing Salman Rushdie on a lecture stage in western New York said in an interview that he was surprised to learn the accomplished author had survived the attack. [[ABC](#)]
- One year since the Taliban takeover, there's growing instability with an estimated 25 million people living in poverty where babies are often the most malnourished. [[CBS](#)]
- California residents are being urged to cut their electric usage as another heat wave pushes power supplies to their limit and 30 million people in the West face heat alerts. [[CBS](#)]
- Another set of human remains were found in Lake Mead near Las Vegas, the second time this month that remains have been found in the country's largest reservoir, officials said Wednesday. [[ABC](#)]
- A Florida court has ruled a 16-year-old girl is not "sufficiently mature" enough to terminate her pregnancy. [[ABC](#)]

- The Syrian government on Wednesday denied it is holding or has any information on the whereabouts of Austin Tice, an American journalist who vanished a decade ago while reporting on the Middle Eastern nation's civil war. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: GOP candidate says call for Garland's death was 'facetious', Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 10:30 PM

A Republican candidate for Congress in western New York said in a radio interview that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland "should be executed" for authorizing a search of former President Donald Trump's home, before clarifying later in the show that he wasn't being serious. Buffalo-area businessman Carl Paladino made the comment in an interview with Breitbart News Saturday on Aug. 13. During the interview, Paladino was criticizing President Joe Biden for what he said was a lack of leadership and disengagement from government. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Rolling Stone](#)

LAT: L.A.'s Eastside Playboys gang target of massive sweep by FBI, LAPD, Richard Winton, August 18, 2022, 4:18 PM (EDT)

The FBI and Los Angeles police joined other law enforcement agencies in a predawn gang sweep Thursday, arresting 28 members of the Eastside Playboys gang as part of racketeering, narcotics and firearms cases that name about 40 of the gang's leading members. Heavily armed FBI agents and police officers fanned out across L.A. and into various surrounding communities, arresting those named in federal criminal court documents as being part of a scheme that sold narcotics, assaulted foes and sometimes led to murder. [...] "This case is the culmination of years of work by our agents and prosecutors, alongside our local law enforcement partners, to remove violent gang members from our streets and dismantle the criminal organizations that fuel violent crime," said Atty. Gen. Merrick B. Garland in a statement announcing the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [City News Service](#), [Fox-11 \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [KCBS-CBS \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [Patch \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

Fox: How Garland may have hurt the DOJ's fight to keep Trump raid affidavit sealed, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 10:30 PM

Fox News contributor Andy McCarthy broke down how Attorney General Merrick Garland may have hurt the Justice Department's argument to keep the affidavit on the FBI's raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence sealed Thursday on "The Story." ANDY MCCARTHY: Yeah. I think, Gillian, that, you know, he gets it kind of coming and going because, you know, if you don't speak, and you just follow the Justice Department's normal protocols, then everybody assumes that you just reject everything that President Trump is saying publicly. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Forbes: The Coming Explosion Of Medicare Advantage Fraud And Penalties, David Lareau, August 19, 2022, 6:00 AM

Over the past several years, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has assessed combined penalties of more than \$350 million — specifically, \$57.25 million, \$155 million and \$145 million to three vendors of electronic health record (EHR) systems related to the meaningful use programs set up as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: After the Mar-a-Lago raid, the ADL sees an 'alarming' number of anti-Semitic threats targeting Merrick Garland and the Jewish judge who signed the warrant, Haven

Orecchio-Egresitz and Laura Italiano, August 18, 2022, 10:30 PM

The FBI raid of Mar-a-Lago has led to a spike in extremist language online, including anti-Semitic threats against Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Florida judge who signed the search warrant. They are both Jewish. Threats against Judge Bruce Reinhart were so specific and credible that the south Florida synagogue where he worships canceled Friday services. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): **Justice Dept. joins fight against Florida election law,**

Todd Wilson, August 18, 2022, 7:22 PM

The United States Department of Justice is joining the fight against the state of Florida's voting restrictions Bill S.B. 90. Wednesday, the department filed a petition stating Florida Republicans intentionally targeted Black voters when Gov. Ron. DeSantis signed the bill into law in 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

Washington Examiner: **US attorney backs Boston hospital under fire over trans procedures for minors,** Abigail Adcox, August 18, 2022, 5:57 PM

U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins has weighed in on alleged threats against a program providing procedures for transgender youth at Boston Children's Hospital, calling them "disturbing to say the least." The hospital said Tuesday that it had received complaints and threats of violence directed at its Gender Multispecialty Service, a program that provides treatment for "gender-diverse children, teens, and young adults." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Caller](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

WSJ: **U.S. Extradited Russian Accused of Money-Laundering Tied to Ryuk Ransomware Gang,** Mengqi Sun, August 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

A Russian national who was extradited from the Netherlands to Portland, Ore., this week pleaded not guilty to charges of allegedly laundering cryptocurrency proceeds from ransomware attacks in the U.S. and abroad, the Justice Department said. Denis Dubnikov, a 29-year-old Russian, was arraigned in federal court for the District of Oregon on Wednesday. Prosecutors alleged that Mr. Dubnikov and his co-conspirators laundered bitcoin extracted from victims of Ryuk ransomware attacks through financial transactions, in both crypto and fiat currencies, to conceal the source of the funds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: **Trump supporter who flew on private jet to Jan. 6 riot and threw media equipment outside the Capitol pleads guilty,** Ryan J. Reilly, August 18, 2022, 6:44 PM

A woman who flew on a private plane to the nation's capital ahead of the Jan. 6 riot pleaded guilty Thursday to engaging in disruptive or disorderly conduct in a restricted building. Katherine Schwab of Texas, who said she accepted an offer to fly on the personal aircraft of a Facebook friend, admitted to writing in messages before the Capitol attack that "s--t will go down" and that she needed to "stop the steal." Schwab traveled to Washington, D.C., with co-defendants Jenna Ryan and Jason Lee Hyland, and admitted she was the first of the trio to enter the Capitol on Jan. 6. Hyland was sentenced to a week behind bars earlier this month, while Ryan who had declared she was "not going to jail" was sentenced in November to 60 days in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [UPI](#)

NBC: A Jan. 6 participant has been harassing police officers at a Capitol attack trial, Ryan Reilly, August 18, 2022, 11:06 AM

A man who was at the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol but has not been arrested confronted two law enforcement officers this week who were witnesses at the trial of another man facing felony charges related to the insurrection. The man, Tommy Tatum, of Mississippi, who has posted extensively online about Jan. 6 and refers to himself as an independent investigative journalist, has been posting videos of himself harassing officers who fought off the mob on Jan. 6. "Do you think you honored your father's memory by trying to kill me that day?" Tatum asked a D.C. Metropolitan Police officer in one video as he followed him down the street outside the courthouse following the officer's testimony on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Secret Service withheld Pelosi threat from Capitol Police until Jan. 6 riot was underway: watchdog, Caroline Vakil, August 18, 2022, 8:32 AM

The Secret Service did not inform Capitol Police about a threat made against Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) related to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot until after the attack was underway, according to a watchdog group. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) published a report on Wednesday that included a copy of email communications the group said it had obtained between officials around the time of the Capitol riot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Press Herald: Prosecutors rest their case against Maine man accused of storming U.S. Capitol, Emily Allen, August 18, 2022, 10:00 PM

Federal prosecutors rested their case Thursday in the trial of a Maine man charged with violent acts in the storming of the U.S. Capitol after hearing extensive testimony from the three officers he is accused of assaulting. Kyle Fitzsimons, 38, of Lebanon, faces 11 charges for his role in the attempted insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, including two counts of bodily injury against an officer and one count of attempting to assault an officer with a dangerous or deadly weapon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Kansas City Star: Missouri man among first to breach U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 pleads guilty to misdemeanor, Judy L. Thomas, August 18, 2022, 12:59 PM

An eastern Missouri man who breached the Capitol in the early minutes of the Jan. 6 insurrection pleaded guilty Thursday to a single misdemeanor count. Joshua Dressel, 32, of Jefferson County, entered a guilty plea to parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. His hearing was held via video conference in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. U.S. District Judge Christopher R. Cooper set Dressel's sentencing for Nov. 22. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAVY-NBC (Portsmouth, VA): Norfolk man sentenced in connection with Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Julius Ayo, August 18, 2022, 12:27 AM

A Norfolk man has been sentenced to 45 days behind bars after pleading guilty to charges in connection with the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Kene Brian Lazo was sentenced Thursday to 45 days in jail along with \$500 in restitution. He was arrested back in late May 2021, and he initially pleaded not guilty in August that same year during a court hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPEC-CBS (West Palm Beach, FL): Cyberattacks on schools are on the rise, experts offer advice on keeping kids safe, Melanie Torre, August 18, 2022, 1:00 PM

Back-to-school safety isn't only important in-person but online, too. New data found cyberattacks

in education are up 114% from 2020. Experts believe increased remote learning is partly to blame as more people use school devices on home networks that may not have the software needed to protect their data. Cybersecurity firm Check Point Software Technologies found globally, the education sector is now a top target for cybercriminals with education/research institutes facing upwards of 2,000 cyberattacks every week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: U.S. judge says he leans toward releasing some evidence for Trump search, Brian Ellsworth and Sarah N. Lynch, August 18, 2022, 9:14 PM

A U.S. judge on Thursday said he is leaning toward releasing some of the evidence presented by the U.S. Justice Department to justify its search of Donald Trump's Florida home last week, in a case pitting news organizations against federal prosecutors. Despite objections by the Justice Department, U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart said he believes "there are portions of the affidavit that could be unsealed," referring to the sworn statement laying out the evidence for why there was probable cause to search Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Roll Call](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WPTV-NBC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

USA Today: [ANALYSIS] 'Can I count on you?' Trump revs up fundraising pitches after FBI's Mar-a-Lago search, Erin Mansfield, Candy Woodall, Rachel Looker, August 18, 2022, 6:01 PM

Former President Donald Trump is aggressively fundraising off the FBI's seizure of confidential documents at his Mar-a-Lago home, sending a blitz of emails that urge supporters to donate to an "Official Trump Defense Fund." The money is being solicited through a fundraising vehicle that can dump money into Donald Trump's leadership PAC, Save America, and to another fund, Make America Great Again PAC, which evolved out of his first presidential campaign. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Bruce Reinhart, the Magistrate Judge Who Approved the Mar-a-Lago Search, Zach Montague and Frances Robles, August 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

Ever since the F.B.I. searched the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald J. Trump for classified documents, the federal judge in Florida who signed the warrant authorizing the move, Bruce E. Reinhart, has been thrust into the spotlight. His suggestion on Thursday that he was inclined to unseal parts of the affidavit used to justify the search warrant once the government proposed redactions only intensified the scrutiny. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Trump: Release the full affidavit! Trump's lawyers in court: Meh, Aaron Blake, August 18, 2022, 3:24 PM

After the FBI's unprecedented raid of his Mar-a-Lago estate, for days Donald Trump and his allies decried the search as an abuse of power. One thing Trump didn't do was actually release his copy of the search warrant that might shed light on what had just happened. It was leaked to news outlets including Trump-friendly Breitbart and Fox News only after Attorney General Merrick Garland forced Trump's hand by announcing the Justice Department had filed in court to unseal the document and giving the former president a chance to lodge objections against that unsealing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Trump Touts Baseless Claims, Hints at Defense in Attacks on FBI, Zoe Tillman and Mark Niquette, August 18, 2022, 7:00 AM

Former President Donald Trump and his allies spent the week following the FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago home blasting out attacks on the investigation, deflecting blame, and floating baseless conspiracy theories. Some of the assertions hint at possible legal defenses if Trump is charged, including that agents wrongfully seized privileged materials, that he declassified them, or that he's not responsible for staff who packed the boxes at the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Why the Mar-a-Lago affidavit could become one of the most scrutinized documents in American politics, Stephen Collinson, August 19, 2022, 12:01 AM

The FBI search of Donald Trump's Florida resort and the removal of classified information raise a compelling need for maximum public disclosure given the involvement of an ex-president who's a likely 2024 candidate. The Florida magistrate judge overseeing the case implicitly acknowledged this reality with his decision on Thursday to start the process of potentially releasing some of the critical affidavit that the Justice Department used to justify the search at Mar-a-Lago last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Sean Hannity: FBI agents who did the Russian collusion witch hunt conducted Trump raid, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 12:04 AM

Fox News host Sean Hannity asserted that the same FBI agents who conducted the Russian collusion witch hunt executed the Trump raid in Thursday's opening monologue of "Hannity." [...] But wait, Attorney General Merrick Garland - he promised that the DOJ is not political and that he will speak through his court filings. Court filings and a flurry of anti-Trump leaks. And there are rumblings, by the way, tonight that the DOJ absolutely, positively kept the Biden White House in the loop the entire time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Salon: [ANALYSIS] After Mar-a-Lago: A panel of experts on the grave danger just ahead, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 6:00 AM

Last week the FBI conducted a lawful search of Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Palm Beach. There they discovered highly classified and other top secret documents, which reportedly may have included information about the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Trump could face a variety of criminal charges, including violations of the Espionage Act. Predictably, since the FBI search, Trump has been using social media and other means to encourage his followers to defend him, perhaps through violence if need be. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Former FBI special agent reveals if DOJ or FBI was pushing to execute warrant for Trump raid, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 8:28 PM

Former FBI special agent Maureen O'Connell explained why the Department of Justice was "trying to push" the FBI to execute the warrant for the Trump raid Thursday on the "Special Report" panel. O'CONNELL: Sometimes I think it's just a real good idea to sit back and let the chips fall where they may. But when I look at the totality of the situation here, I really think when we talk about spirited conversations going on for a couple of weeks, and DOJ it seems to me the DOJ is the heavy in this situation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Trump search worsens FBI's surveillance politics headache with GOP, Jordain Carney, August 19, 2022, 4:30 AM

GOP fury stoked by the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago is about to upend a long-running fight over intelligence agencies' surveillance powers. Republicans are warning that the search of Donald

Trump's Florida residence is throwing an early curveball into reauthorization of a program known on the Hill as Section 702. Meant to gather electronic communications of foreign targets, it has caused no shortage of controversy over the years given its ability to also inadvertently sweep up the communications of Americans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Justice Department feared Trump would destroy evidence if search warrant weren't secret, Jeff Mordock, August 18, 2022, 7:01 PM

Justice Department officials urged a federal judge to keep under wraps the search warrant used in the FBI raid of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, fearing he would destroy evidence, according to court documents unsealed Thursday. In a motion filed three days before more than 30 armed agents stormed Mr. Trump's Palm Beach, Florida, residence, the Justice Department said a public search warrant "poses a risk to [the] safety" of the materials sought in the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Trump: DOJ should not redact affidavit for Mar-a-Lago search, Jeff Mordock, August 18, 2022, 5:30 PM

Former President Trump on Thursday said the affidavit used by the FBI to justify last week's search of his Mar-a-Lago estate should not be redacted, calling the Justice Department's effort to shield portions of the affidavit "a cynical attempt" to hide their corruption. Earlier, U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart ruled that portions of the affidavit should be unsealed but also gave the Justice Department a week to submit proposed redactions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Judge rules new details from FBI's Trump raid will be revealed, Jerry Dunleavy, August 18, 2022, 1:49 PM

A magistrate judge will unseal further Justice Department records related to the FBI's unprecedented raid of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home though how much of the affidavit itself will be made public remains unknown. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart, who signed the Aug. 5 warrant for the Aug. 8 raid by the FBI, ruled that he would make public with redactions the DOJ motion to seal the warrant and affidavit, the previous court order sealing those records, and the criminal cover sheet for the search warrant, according to media reports. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Law360: Long Island Woman Stole \$4 Million From Employer, Feds Say, Elliot Weld, August 18, 2022, 2:47 PM

A Massapequa, New York, woman was charged Tuesday with embezzling about \$4 million from her entertainment industry company and its clients in Manhattan in a scheme prosecutors say spanned about seven [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Suffolk County, NY\)](#), [Newsday](#), [Patch \(Massapequa, NY\)](#)

Rochester First: Two New York women sentenced for separate COVID-19 fraud cases, George Gandy, August 18, 2022, 8:57 PM

Two New York women were sentenced to prison after they were involved in two separate fraud cases involving COVID-19. 37-year-old Danielle Tooley of Batavia was sentenced to serve six months in prison and pay \$18,000 in restitution after she was convicted of wire fraud. Tooley applied for and received unemployment benefits between July and December 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHAM-ABC \(Rochester, NY\)](#)

Sun (San Joaquin Valley, CA): **Man stole \$4.8mil from Valley-based tractor dealer. He blew \$1mil on iPhone app game purchases**, Les Hubbard, August 18, 2022, 8:33 PM (EDT)

A Sacramento man is headed to Federal prison for 10 years after being sentenced on Thursday. His crimes, to most, seem improbable. Kevin Lee Co, a 51-year-old residing in the Sacramento suburb of Rocklin, was convicted of wire fraud and money laundering in 2016 for embezzling an estimated \$4.8 million from his then-employer, Holt of California, one of the Golden State's largest Caterpillar dealers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Kansas City Star: **Kansas City man gets 8 years in federal prison for apartment building arson**, Bill Lukitsch, August 18, 2022, 7:14 PM

A 36-year-old man was sentenced Thursday to spend eight years in federal prison after he admitted to starting a large apartment fire in Kansas City's Independence Plaza neighborhood last year that seriously injured three people and caused catastrophic damage to their building. Rodney Boyles, of Kansas City, was assigned the sentence by U.S. District Judge Brian C. Wimes during a hearing in the Western District of Missouri's Kansas City courthouse. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

Patch (Puyallup, WA): **Puyallup Man Arrested, Accused Of Child Sex Abuse**, Lucas Combos,, August 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

Federal authorities arrested a Puyallup man Wednesday night at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, who prosecutors allege produced and shared child pornography. Shawn Stone, 21, was intercepted by FBI agents after arriving on a flight from Amsterdam and appeared in U.S. District Court in Seattle for an initial hearing Thursday. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI investigators linked Stone to a username posting on an online forum where abusers share imagery depicting child abuse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA): **Alabama man sentenced for transporting pipe bombs to New Iberia business**, Claire Taylor, August 18, 2022, 5:30 PM

An Alabama man who allegedly detonated pipe bombs at a New Iberia business has been sentenced to 19 months in prison for transportation of destructive devices in violation of the National Firearms Act. Furmon Earl Bozeman, 61, was sentenced in federal court in Lafayette on Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Anne Arundel County, MD): **Former Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Worker Sentenced For Fraudulent License Scheme**, Zack Failla, August 18, 2022, 4:54 PM

A former Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) employee will spend months behind bars after being sentenced for providing fraudulent driver's licenses to unqualified motorists - many in the country illegally - who were willing to pay a fee, federal authorities announced. Harwood resident Marion Rose Payne, 55, was sentenced in US District Court to 15 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release for conspiracy to produce and transfer identification documents without lawful authority, specifically, Maryland driver's licenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSOC-ABC (Charlotte, NC): **Charlotte bank robber who wore disguises sentenced to 5+ years in prison**, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 9:30 PM

Charlotte man sentenced to 5+ years in prison for robbing banks in Gaston, Union counties. A 62-year-old Charlotte man was sentenced Wednesday to more than five years in prison after

pleading guilty to robbing banks in Gaston and Union counties, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of North Carolina. David Plyler robbed the banks between December 2019 and February 2020 and wore disguises during the crimes, officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [WJZY-Fox \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WNCT-CBS/CW \(Greenville, NC\)](#)

KPIX-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): San Rafael man charged with attacking wife during trip to Yosemite, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 9:23 PM (EDT)

A Marin County man is facing a domestic violence charge after he was accused of attacking his wife during a trip to Yosemite National Park earlier this month, federal prosecutors said. U.S. Attorney Phillip Talbert's office announced Thursday that a federal grand jury has charged 59-year-old Stefan Niels Wieste Kirkeby of San Rafael. Court documents said Kirkeby and his wife were visiting the park on August 4 when the pair got into what was described as a verbal confrontation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WINS-AM (New York, NY): NJ child welfare caseworker charged for child pornography, attempted sex trafficking of a minor, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 8:00 PM

A former New Jersey child welfare caseworker was charged for possession of child pornography and attempting to solicit sex from a minor on Thursday, according to the Department of Justice. Trent Collier, a 56-year-old who worked for the New Jersey Department of Children and Family Services' Division of Child Protection and Permanency, was arrested after authorities searched his cell phone when he arrived at Newark Liberty International Airport from the Dominican Republic on Sept. 28, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTLO (Mountain Home, AR): Former police officer sentenced for drug trafficking, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 5:18 PM (EDT)

A Huntsville man was sentenced Thursday to 144 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release on one count of Distribution of Methamphetamine. The Honorable Judge Timothy L. Brooks presided over the sentencing hearing in the United States District Court in Fayetteville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTLO (Mountain Home, AR): Fort Smith man sentenced for firearms possession, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 5:16 PM (EDT)

A Fort Smith man was sentenced Thursday to 110 months in federal prison followed by three years supervised release on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The Honorable Judge P.K. Holmes, III, presided over the sentencing hearing in the United States District Court in Fort Smith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTAR-FOX (Phoenix, AZ): Georgia man sentenced to decade in prison by judge in Arizona in romance scam case, Kevin Stone, August 18, 5:00 PM (EDT)

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a Georgia man to nearly 11 years in prison for conspiring to defraud more than \$1 million in a romance scam that targeted elderly victims, authorities said Thursday. Onovughe Ighorhiohwunu, 47, of Kennesaw, was sentenced in a Tucson court last week to 130 months in prison, fined \$25,000 and ordered to pay more than \$1.3 million in restitution, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBAL-NBC (Baltimore, MD): Cecil County man in prison on drug charges faces more time for child pornography, Melissa Kim, August 18, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Cecil County man who is already serving time in prison on drug charges will have his sentence extended for the production of child pornography. Luis Rivera, 34, of Elkton, will spend an additional 20 years in federal prison, followed by 20 years of supervised release. According to the plea, when Rivera was arrested for drug charges in 2018, he was found in bed with a 15-year-old. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO): Kansas City man sentenced to over 10 years in federal prison for forcibly resisting federal law enforcement, Addi Weakley, August 18, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Kansas City, Missouri, man was sentenced Thursday to 10 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole for forcibly resisting federal law enforcement. Ray E. Clevenger, 47, pleaded guilty in January to two counts of forcibly resisting a federal law enforcement officer. Clevenger injured two U.S. deputy marshals while attempting to flee in a stolen Ford Explorer on Dec. 30, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDAF-Fox \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Beckley man sentenced for drug crime, Danielle Sandler, August 18, 2022, 4:32 PM

Today, August 18, 2022, a man from the Beckley area was sentenced to one year and one day in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for distribution of heroin. According to court documents, Leon Eugene Smith, Jr., 41, of Beckley, admitted to selling 0.5 grams of heroin to an undercover officer in Raleigh County for \$80.00. The West Virginia State Police Forensic Lab confirmed the controlled substance was a mixture of heroin and fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): East St. Louis man sentenced to 13 years in prison for possession with intent to sell fentanyl and cocaine, hid drugs under infant, Joshua Robinson, August 18, 2022, 4:33 PM

An East St. Louis man will serve time for possessing and attempting to sell drugs. Court documents show Mario Foster was stopped and arrested by police following a call regarding a parental abduction. Officials discovered a three-month-old infant sitting in a child safety seat. When they removed the child from the seat, they discovered the baby had been sitting on a bag containing fentanyl and another one containing cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Greenbrier County man sentenced to prison for gun crime, Danielle Sandler, August 18, 2022, 4:05 PM

A Greenbrier County man was sentenced to four years and three months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Andrew Allen Arnold, 35, of White Sulphur Springs, according to court documents, an officer responded to a disturbance that occurred on February 7, 2019 at White Sulphur Springs convenience store. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOAY-ABC \(Oak Hill, WV\)](#)

WTGS-Fox (Savannah, GA): Savannah man arrested in Project Safe Neighborhood convicted on gun charges, Parker Fluke, August 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

Chatham County man could face significant prison time after a jury convicted him of charges surrounding illegal gun possession. Raheem DaSheen Jackson, 30, who was arrested as a part of Project Safe Neighborhood, now awaits sentencing after being found guilty. A U.S. District Court jury found Jackson guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to David Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:**

[WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#)

KTBS-ABC (Shreveport, LA): Last 'Operation Lost and Found' defendants sentenced in federal court, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

Five defendants who were indicted as a result of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) "Operation Lost and Found" have been sentenced by U.S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote for their involvement in a drug trafficking conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPVI-NBC \(Pocatello, ID\)](#)

KELO (Sioux Falls, SD): Oregon Meth Dealer sentenced for bringing drugs to Sioux Falls, Rich Keller, August 18, 2022, 3:40 PM

An Oregon Drug dealer bringing meth to South Dakota has learned his fate. A Wilsonville, Oregon, man convicted of Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance was sentenced on August 15 Leonardo Vazquez, Jr., age 22, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Queen City News (Charlotte, NC): Armed Charlotte carjacker sentenced to seven years: DOJ, Connor Lomis, August 18, 2022, 3:31 PM

A man was sentenced to seven years in prison, followed by another five of supervised release for wielding a firearm during a carjacking, according to the Department of Justice. Jermaine Lee Moss, 21, is currently in federal custody and will be moved to the federal Bureau of Prisons after he's designated to a federal facility. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRTV-CBS (Great Falls, MT): Heart Butte man sentenced for trafficking meth, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 3:28 PM

Gary Allen Jimenez of Heart Butte, who admitted to trafficking meth on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, was sentenced in federal court in Great Falls on Thursday, August 18, 2022. Jimenez, 27 years old, pleaded guilty in May to possession with intent to distribute meth.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WINK-CBS (Fort Myers, FL): Lehigh Acres woman sentenced for PPP fraud of nearly \$400,000, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 2:28 PM

A Lehigh Acres woman was sentenced for Payroll Protection Program fraud of nearly \$400,000. Edrica Leann Watson, 40, was sentenced to 15 months in Federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release for making false statements to a financial institution. As part of her sentence, the court also entered an order of forfeiture in the amount of \$392,563, the proceeds of the offense of conviction. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBBH-NBC \(Fort Myers, FL\)](#)

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): Rapid City woman sentenced to federal prison for drug conspiracy, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 2:11 PM

Amber Atchley, 32, from Rapid City, has been sentenced to eight years in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in South Dakota. Atchley was incarcerated in July, 2021 and pleaded guilty in February 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): DOJ: Atlanta-based drug traffickers sentenced to years in prison in DEA sting, Reeves Jackson, August 18, 2022, 1:44 PM

A ring of repeat drug traffickers who moved large amounts of cocaine through Atlanta have been sentenced, the Department of Justice said Thursday. In addition to moving drugs throughout the

city, they were also convicted of laundering criminal proceeds using a network of bank accounts, business entities and purchase of luxury cars, homes and jewelry, according to a statement.

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WINK-CBS (Fort Myers, FL): North Fort Myers man indicted for possessing firearm, ammo as a felon, Joey Pellegrino, August 18, 2022, 12:50 PM

A North Fort Myers man was indicted on charges of possessing firearms and ammunition as a convicted felon. Samuel Robert Bruner, 46, if convicted, faces a minimum mandatory penalty of 15 years, up to life, in federal prison. According to the superseding indictment, Bruner had previously been convicted of 13 felony offenses when he possessed firearms and ammunition in Fort Myers on Dec. 1, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WIBW-CBS (Topeka, KS): Cottonwood Falls man federally indicted on child pornography charges, Sarah Motter, August 18, 2022, 12:22 PM

A Cottonwood Falls man previously convicted of child sex crimes has been indicted by a federal grand jury for alleged child pornography crimes. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas says a federal grand jury in Wichita indicted Walter Haskin, 27, of Cottonwood Falls, on child pornography crimes. The Office indicated that Haskin was charged with one count of attempted distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Emporia Gazette \(Emporia, KS\)](#), [KSAL-Fox \(Salina, KS\)](#), [KSNT-NBC \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

KELO-AM (Sioux Falls, SD): Todd County man sentenced for abusive sexual contact with child, Kullynn Meffert, August 18, 2022, 11:59 AM

A Todd County man will spend two decades behind bars after pleading guilty to sex crimes earlier this year. The U.S. Attorney's Office says that from March 2019 to March 2021, 27-year-old Conrad Good Voice Jr. had sexual contact with a child between the ages of 7 and 9.

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WLBT-NBC (Jackson, MS): Clarksdale woman admits to running rental assistance scheme, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 11:50 AM (EDT)

A Clarksdale, Mississippi, woman has admitted to running a scheme involving the RAMP rental assistance program - the same program Gov. Tate Reeves ended earlier this month. According to documents, Sylvania Saffold, 30, devised a scheme to defraud and obtain RAMP funds by filing false and fraudulent rental assistance applications as part of the CARES Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man indicted on firearm, drug charges, James Wesser, August 18, 2022, 11:57 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted by a federal grand jury on drug trafficking and firearm charges. According to U.S. Attorney Gerard M. Karam, 25-year-old Kyle Jones was indicted due to an incident on March 17, 2021, where he allegedly possessed with the intent to distribute over 500 grams of meth and over 40 grams of fentanyl in Dauphin County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKBT-CBS (La Crosse, WI): Dunn County man will spend 12 years behind bars for trafficking meth, Sam Shilts, August 18, 2022, 9:49 AM

A 42-year-old man from Downing will spend the next 12 years in prison for trafficking meth to

Wisconsin. A U.S. District Judge sentenced Adam Beliveau Wednesday to 12 1/2 years. Beliveau was convicted for intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Gun advocacy groups sue more Colorado cities over controls, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

Two gun rights organizations filed federal court lawsuits Thursday challenging bans on semi-automatic weapons and magazine ammunition restrictions adopted by two Colorado cities after the state allowed local municipalities to enact tougher gun control measures than called for by state law. The lawsuits against Boulder and Louisville by Rocky Mountain Gun Owners and the National Foundation for Gun Rights follow two others the groups lodged against the state and county over similar gun control measures. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: WVa Deputy Charged With Violating Suspect's Civil Rights, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

A West Virginia sheriff's deputy was charged with a federal civil rights violation after he allegedly punched and pepper sprayed a suspect, the U.S. Justice Department said Thursday. Monongalia County Deputy Lance Kuretza, who was arrested Thursday, also is accused of writing a false report on the January 2018 incident, the Justice Department said in a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [Tri-City Herald \(Kennewick, WA\)](#), [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#), [WDTV-CBS \(Weston, WV\)](#), [WV News \(Clarksburg, WV\)](#), [WOAY-ABC \(Oak Hill, WV\)](#)

NYT: Starbucks Is Ordered to Reinstate Fired Activist Employees, Isabella Simonetti, August 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

A federal judge on Thursday ordered Starbucks to reinstate seven employees who were fired in February after they spearheaded efforts to unionize the branch in Memphis where they worked. The workers, who refer to themselves as the Memphis Seven, were fired after the company said they violated safety and security policies. Judge Sheryl H. Lipman of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee gave Starbucks five days to rehire the employees in response to the lawsuit filed by M. Kathleen McKinney, the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Bloomberg: Florida's 'Stop Woke Act' for Workplaces Blocked by Federal Judge, Jennifer Kay, August 18, 2022, 3:43 PM

A Florida law restricting workplace bias or diversity training violates the First Amendment and can't be enforced, a federal judge ruled Thursday. The preliminary injunction granted by Chief Judge Mark Walker of the US District Court for the Northern District of Florida doesn't address application of the law (H.B. 7) in Florida schools. A group of students and educators represented by the ACLU filed a separate federal lawsuit Thursday challenging the law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Beast](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

Washington Times: Federal court rejects Muslim student's lawsuit over controversial quiz about Islamic terrorism, Alex Swoyer, August 18, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal court ruled this month that an Arizona community college professor's quiz about jihad and Islamic terrorism did not force a Muslim student to violate his faith. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit's opinion highlights teachers' immunity from liability over curriculum choices.

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WCIA-CBS (Champaign, IL): **Family faces life in prison for human trafficking**, Christy Jankowski, Bradley Zimmerman, August 18, 2022, 10:24 PM (EDT)

A trio of siblings were indicted by a federal grand jury on Thursday on nine counts charging them with conspiracy to commit forced labor and kidnapping. Guatemalan nationals Domingo Francisco-Juan, Lorenza Domingo-Castaneda and Catarina Domingo-Juan are facing the possibility of life in prison and mandatory restitution for their alleged crimes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WLKY-CBS (Louisville, KY): **3 Kentucky State Police troopers indicted for civil rights violations, conspiracy**, Alexis Mathews, August 18, 2022, 5:09 PM

A federal grand jury has indicted two current Kentucky State Police troopers and a former trooper with civil rights violations and conspiracy. The indictments were announced by the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and FBI Louisville Special Agent in Charge. A federal investigation revealed that Jeremy Elliotte, Derrek Lovett and Michael Howell were involved in using excessive force on an arrestee, conspiring to cover it up, and illegally entering a home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHAS-ABC \(Louisville, KY\)](#), [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

CIVIL LAW

USA Today: **California man sentenced in 'grandparent scam' network that stole thousands from elderly**, Saleen Martin, August 18, 2022, 3:16 PM

A California man will serve 46 months in prison after convincing elderly people to pay thousands of dollars to scammers who claimed the money would help their grandchildren or loved ones, federal officials say. Jack Owuor, 25, was sentenced Wednesday for what authorities call a "grandparent scam" that netted up to tens of thousands of dollars from elderly people. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Ventura County Star (Ventura County, CA): **Local health systems to pay more than \$70 million in settlement over Medi-Cal claims**, Tom Kiskan, August 18, 2022, 10:13 PM

Gold Coast Health Plan, which runs Medi-Cal health insurance in Ventura County, and three other local health systems will pay \$70.7 million in a settlement over allegations of false Medi-Cal claims. Announced Thursday by the U.S. Department of Justice, the agreement ends a 7-year-old dispute triggered by an increase in Medi-Cal funding designed to provide care to more people. Gold Coast and the other health systems deny the allegations of false claims, agreeing to a settlement reached with the help of a mediator. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KEYT-ABC \(Santa Barbara, CA\)](#), [KVTA \(Ventura County, CA\)](#)

Greenville Online (Greenville, SC): **Mastermind of \$300 million Ponzi scheme targeting veterans sentenced to 10 years**, Tamia Boyd, August 18, 2022, 3:42 PM

The mastermind behind a \$300 million Ponzi scheme has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for his role in exploiting military veterans in desperate financial straits, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina. Scott Kohn, 68, of Newport, California, who was indicted in March 2019, was accused alongside coconspirators of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud in connection with the buying and selling of military benefits. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIS-NBC \(Columbia, SC\)](#)

WZTV-Fox (Nashville, TN): **Two Nashville pharmacies to pay \$250k in penalties for**

controlled substance violations, Cindy Murphy, August 18, 2022, 3:00 PM

Two Nashville pharmacies have agreed to pay civil penalties to resolve allegations that they violated the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Bradley Home Health Care Center, Inc. and Bradley Extended Care, Inc. have agreed to pay \$250,000 in civil monetary penalties to resolve allegations that they violated the recordkeeping requirements of the CSA, announced U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin for the Middle District of Tennessee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): Valley flight school agrees to pay \$7M to resolve whistleblower complaint, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 1:36 PM

A Valley-based flight training company has agreed to pay \$7 million to resolve complaints it had allegedly misled the Department of Veteran Affairs regarding its enrollment numbers. The U.S. Department of Justice announced this week that Universal Helicopters Inc. and Dodge City Community College in Kansas had agreed to pay a settlement to resolve a whistleblower complaint. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Truck driver acquitted in crash appears in immigration court, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

A commercial truck driver from Ukraine who was taken into custody by immigration officials shortly after he was acquitted of causing the deaths of seven motorcyclists will ask for relief from possible removal from the United States, his attorney said at a hearing Thursday. Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 26, of West Springfield, Massachusetts, appeared before an immigration judge via video. He is being held in Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBTS-NBC \(Nashua, NH\)](#)

CBS: U.S. border enforcement chief acknowledges "human cost" of Title 42 migrant expulsions, Camilo Montoya, August 18, 2022, 8:57 PM

Chris Magnus, the head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), acknowledged on Thursday that Title 42, a Trump-era border rule that the Biden administration has enforced for a year and a half, has had a "human cost" on migrants, stranding them in parts of Mexico where they endure poor conditions and insecurity. During an exclusive interview with CBS News at CBP headquarters, Magnus, who became commissioner in December 2021, highlighted humanitarian and operational woes fueled by Title 42, which allows U.S. border agents to quickly expel migrants on public health grounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Thousands of 'rainbow fentanyl' pills seized as authorities warn of possible new 'trend' targeting kids, Adam Sabes, August 18, 2022, 4:40 PM

Customs and Border Protection agents in Arizona seized more than 15,000 fentanyl pills that were strapped to a person's legs on Wednesday, and one official says that it could be the start of a trend targeting younger people. The "candy"-looking pills were seized in Arizona at the Nogales Port of Entry on Wednesday, and Port Director Michael W. Humphries said that it marked the second consecutive day that such pills were found. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DHS Can't Escape Sex Trafficking Victim's T Visa Suit, Rae Varona, August 18, 2022, 6:55 PM

An Illinois federal judge on Thursday denied the government's request to toss a lawsuit lodged by an alleged sex trafficking victim, saying it overlooked a provision concerning who was authorized to grant inadmissibility waivers to trafficking victim visa applicants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Border Patrol accused of violating protocol by allowing migrants in through fence on private land, Anna Giaritelli, August 18, 2022, 6:35 PM

The Border Patrol's unlocking of a fence gate on the Texas-Mexico border to let a group of illegal immigrants on private land was a violation of protocol, according to the organization's previous leader. A drone video that has gone viral on Twitter captured the moments after a group of migrants had waded across the Rio Grande from Mexico and walked up the riverbank of Eagle Pass, Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ukrainians Sue USCIS For Immediate Work Access, Alyssa Aquino, August 18, 2022, 4:39 PM

Ukrainians who came to the U.S. after Russia invaded their homeland accused U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of forcing them to apply for work permits in an alleged violation of legislation that offers immediate work eligibility. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Greg Abbott Continues Bussing Legal Asylum Seekers to Northern Cities, Jalen Small, August 18, 2022, 4:02 PM

Southern border crossings are their [sic] highest level in years, according to statistics from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. And since April, more than 170 buses have left the state of Texas under Governor Greg Abbott's "Operation Lone Star" program, filled with more than 6,600 asylum seekers sent on 30+ hour rides to Washington D.C. and New York City often without food, water, medical supplies or rest stops. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: DHS, ICE Use of Social Media Trackers Targeted in Records Suit, Andrea Vittorio, August 18, 2022, 3:30 PM

A think tank is suing the US Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement in pursuit of records related to their use of private sector social media monitoring tools. The agencies track social media activity to conduct investigations, identify potential threats, and screen travelers and immigrants, said the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's Law School. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: ICE Sued For Records On Torture-Risk Removal Policy, Khdrice Rollins, August 18, 2022, 3:09 PM

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has failed to respond to a request for documents about its policies for removing noncitizens who face threats of persecution and torture in certain designated countries, according to a suit filed in Massachusetts federal court Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: [OPINION] Team Biden's politicized plan for federal sanctuary will mean dangerous criminals on the streets, Dan Cadman, August 18, 2022, 10:37 PM

The US Marshals Service, under Attorney General Merrick Garland, is drafting a policy change directing its field offices, marshals, deputies and detention centers to cease honoring immigration detainers filed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, The Washington Times reports. The shift has reportedly already taken effect in some jurisdictions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

City News Service: Incarcerated Cambodian refugee Phoeun You deported, fails to get pardon from Newsom, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 1:53 PM

A reformed convicted murderer with plans to live in Oakland was deported to Cambodia on

Tuesday, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials confirmed Thursday. Phoeun You, 48, sought a pardon from Gov. Gavin Newsom, which never came before his deportation. You's re-entry plan was centered around Oakland. Federal officials said You was convicted of first-degree murder in Los Angeles County in 1996 and sentenced to 35 years to life. You was a member of the Asian Boyz gang, according to ICE. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): \$12M of cocaine, fentanyl found in truck at border, Domenick Candelieri, August 19, 2022, 12:37 AM

Over \$12 million worth of drugs hidden in a truck's shipment of heavy machinery gears were seized earlier this month by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers from the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, authorities said. The narcotics bust occurred Aug. 5 around 9:15 a.m. as a 37-year-old, driving a 2009 Freightliner truck, was applying for entry into the U.S. at the Otay Mesa commercial facility, the border agency stated in a release Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYW-CBS (Philadelphia, PA): More than 40 pounds of cocaine seized on passenger plane at PHL from Dominican Republic, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 9:00 PM

More than 40 pounds of cocaine were seized after arriving in Philadelphia from the Dominican Republic on a passenger plane, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Thursday. The bust happened on Aug. 12. During a routine examination, CBP officers found 16 bricks hidden under a blanket in the plane's equipment space, the agency said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTFX-Fox \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): CT man indicted in MA for alleged attempt to smuggle Brazilian into US, Nick DeGray, August 18, 2022, 8:20 PM

An East Hartford man was indicted Thursday by a federal grand jury in connection to allegedly attempting to smuggle a person from Brazil into the United States. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, 41-year-old Fagner Chaves De Lima of East Hartford, Connecticut was indicted on one count of attempted human smuggling. De Lima was previously arrested and charged in June 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): 'Foot guide' and driver charged in canal crash that killed Guatemalan migrant, Fernie Ortiz, August 18, 2022, 7:20 PM

A Mexican man has been arrested and charged in connection with a human smuggling incident that ended with a deadly crash Monday in El Paso's Upper Valley. Federal authorities, citing court documents, identified Jorge Soto-Ochoa, 34, of Mexico, as a "foot guide" in the smuggling scheme. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLUC-NBC/Fox (Marquette, MI): Border Patrol: Woman crossing border attempts to smuggle meth, fentanyl in laundry basket, Andrew McMunn, August 18, 2022, 7:19 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Texas found more than just dirty clothes when they investigated a basket of laundry making its way across the border. The officers were working at the Paso Del Norte border crossing in El Paso on Aug. 13 when they encountered a 26-year-old female U.S. citizen. They said she was crossing the border from Mexico into the U.S in a vehicle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGTV-ABC (San Diego, CA): CBP seizes \$12M worth of cocaine and fentanyl at Otay Mesa, Pat Mueller, August 18, 2022, 5:55 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers found more than \$12 million worth of cocaine and

fentanyl hidden in a shipment of heavy machinery gears at an Otay Mesa commercial facility. In a press release, CBP says a truck driver applied for entry into the U.S. at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry at around 9:15 a.m. on Aug. 5. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): US officials warn of surge in gun trafficking from Florida to Haiti, Douglas Jones, August 18, 2022, 3:17 PM

U.S. officials say there has been a noticeable surge in high-powered firearms being illegally trafficked from the United States to Haiti, with gangs from the Caribbean nation purchasing firearms and bringing them into Haiti from Florida, in recent months. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), along with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), are the federal law enforcement entities primarily responsible for investigating international smuggling operations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Washington Examiner: Tech leaders unnerved by looming federal privacy crackdown, Jessica Melugin, August 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

News of a potential avalanche of online privacy rules shook up a recent meeting of preeminent tech experts, regulators, and elected officials. At the Technology Policy Institute's annual conference in August, many participants were taken by surprise at the Federal Trade Commission's announcement about its pending first steps to clamp down on user data. Since Congress is already considering legislation on the topic, industry watchers had assumed the commission would defer to the legislative branch. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Court Questions Penguin's Bid Policy In Merger Challenge, Matthew Perlman, August 18, 2022, 9:31 PM

A D.C. federal judge questioned an expert witness Thursday on how well Penguin Random House's promise to allow individual company imprints to bid against each other for books will work after its planned purchase of Simon & Schuster. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Meta Wants More Overseas Rivals' Docs In FTC Case, Bryan Koenig, August 18, 2022, 6:58 PM

Meta asked a D.C. federal judge on Wednesday for more help seeking information from the overseas parent companies of its purported social media and messaging rivals, this time arguing that Tokyo-based Rakuten Group Inc. and Line Corp. have information important to rebutting Federal Trade Commission assertions of Meta's market dominance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Feds Flag Competition Concerns With FERC Grid Policy Plan, Keith Goldberg, August 18, 2022, 4:11 PM

Federal antitrust regulators want the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to abandon a plan to restore a right of first refusal for incumbent utilities to build new transmission projects as part of the agency's overhaul of its grid-planning policies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): CNY residents criticize Upstate, Crouse for evading federal scrutiny before hospital merger, James T. Mulder, August 18, 2022, 9:47 PM

Upstate University and Crouse hospitals were criticized at a public forum Thursday night for trying to evade federal scrutiny of their proposed merger, aggressively suing patients for unpaid bills and not sharing enough information with the public about the merger. Benita Thompson, a

Syracuse resident, said she's concerned by Upstate and Crouse's efforts to take advantage of a rarely used state law that would put the state Health Department entirely in charge of overseeing the merger and block the Federal Trade Commission from vetting the proposal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Rhino horns trafficker sentenced to over 5 years in prison, Larry Neumeister, August 18, 2022, 5:16 PM

A citizen of Liberia and resident of Uganda was sentenced to over five years in prison Thursday after admitting that he participated in wildlife trafficking that authorities say moved rhinoceros horns and elephant ivory worth at least \$3.4 million. Moazu Kromah, 49, of Kampala, Uganda, was sentenced in Manhattan federal court to five years and three months in prison by Judge Gregory H. Woods. Kromah has been held without bail since he was extradited to the United States from Uganda in June 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AFP](#)

The Hill: 92 lawmakers ask EPA to reconsider decreased herbicide allowances, Zach Schonfeld, August 18, 2022, 10:12 PM

A group of 92 House lawmakers wrote a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Monday asking it to reconsider its proposed rule decreasing allowances for a widely used herbicide. EPA Administrator Michael Regan has taken aim at the use of atrazine, commonly used to protect corn, sugarcane and other crops from weeds, as part of a years-long review of the herbicide that included an agency risk assessment in 2016 finding certain levels can pose risks for animals like fish and amphibians. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds Say Kentucky Mining Co. Filed Bogus Coal Dust Data, Al Barbarino, August 18, 2022, 7:09 PM

A Kentucky coal mining company and an employee have been indicted by a federal grand jury, accused of submitting air samples that were taken outside instead of inside a mine, skirting laws that aim to detect potentially deadly air quality issues. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Biden Admin. Floats Offshore Wind Development In Maine, Keith Goldberg, August 18, 2022, 6:10 PM

The Biden administration on Thursday continued its aggressive push to expand U.S. offshore wind development by putting out feelers for any interest in building floating wind farms in the Gulf of Maine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Environmental groups sue US to stop Puerto Rico dredging plan, Alejandra O'Connell-Domenech, August 18, 2022, 3:00 PM

Climate groups have sued the federal government in an effort to stop a dredging project in Puerto Rico's San Juan Bay. A lawsuit was filed in Washington, D.C.'s district court earlier this week by El Puente, CORALations and the Center for Biological Diversity against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): Sewage from septic systems could be contributing to Indian River Lagoon pollution, Dave Bohman, August 18, 2022, 6:27 PM

On the Indian River Lagoon, in the north side of Vero Beach, charter boat captain Paul Fafeita said if the water looks blue, it's just a reflection of the summer sky. Under the surface, he said, the

water is muddy and brown. "We take people fishing and the first thing we have to do is apologize," Fafeita said. [...] A new federal lawsuit filed by three environmental groups Save the Manatee Club, the Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife partly blames pollution from septic tanks for those deaths. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Reuters: Longtime Trump executive Weisselberg pleads guilty, becomes prosecution witness, Karen Freifeld, August 18, 2022, 3:26 PM

A longtime senior executive at Donald Trump's family business pleaded guilty on Thursday to helping the company engineer a 15-year tax fraud, in an agreement that will require him to testify about its business practices at an upcoming trial. Allen Weisselberg, 75, the former chief financial officer at the Trump Organization, entered his plea to all 15 charges he faced in a New York state court in Manhattan. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

CNN: Trump appeals ruling backing IRS release of tax returns to House to full DC Circuit, Tierney Sneed, August 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

Former President Donald Trump asked the full bench of the DC US Circuit Court of Appeals to review a recent appellate panel ruling okaying the Internal Revenue Service's release of Trump's tax returns to a House committee. The DC Circuit panel made "made several errors" in its ruling in favor of the House, Trump said in the new filing Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: House Seeks 'Maximum Pain' In Tax Battle, Trump Tells DC Circ., Theresa Schliep, August 18, 2022, 7:56 PM

Former President Donald Trump on Thursday asked the D.C. Circuit to reconsider allowing a Democratic-led House committee to obtain his tax returns, saying the request isn't meant to inform legislation but [...] [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Daily Voice (Suffolk, MA): Drug Traffickers Tortured Massachusetts Man For Wrongly Thinking He Snitched: Feds, Josh Lanier, August 18, 2022, 5:46 PM

A 39-year-old Rhode Island man who pleaded guilty to heroin trafficking charges this week also videotaped the torture of a Massachusetts man he believed to be working with federal investigators, the DEA said. Anthony Basilici of Pawtucket pleaded guilty Wednesday in a federal court in Boston to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, federal prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA): How Richmond FBI agents combat cyberattacks, Lyndon German, August 18, 2022, 4:38 PM

FBI agents in Richmond on Thursday outlined steps they're taking to address cyberattacks that target business email addresses and other digital areas. A surge in cases came as more people worked remotely during COVID-19. "Our job is to identify, detect and deter," said Supervisory Special Agent Chris Cope. "What we need is for people to let us know they've had an attack."

The FBI invited the media to a roundtable discussion held at its offices on East Parham Road, which oversees operations across multiple Central Virginia counties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): FBI pushed 'hapless' client into Gov. Whitmer kidnap plot, attorney says, John Agar, August 18, 2022, 4:31 PM

Attorney Christopher Gibbons, representing one of two men accused of plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, said Thursday, Aug. 18, he believed the defense had shown that FBI agents and informants pushed the alleged scheme. He said that FBI special agent Jayson Chambers and FBI informant Dan Chappel arranged for a drive to Elk Rapids to surveil Whitmer's summer home in Elk Rapids. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (East Haven, CT): Arrest Made In Connection With Fentanyl Death Of 20-Year-Old Woman: PD, Ellyn Santiago, August 18, 2022, 2:38 PM

After working the case since the winter of 2021, with the help of the FBI and the DEA, East Haven police charged Kvone West, 27, of Meriden. On a March 2021 morning, an East Haven grandmother found her 20-year-old granddaughter in her bed, dead. The young woman had suffered a fatal fentanyl overdose, officials said. She believed the drug she took was heroin. Tragically, her last internet search was, "the effects of snorting heroin." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (New Haven, CT): 'Significant Uptick' Of Guns In New Haven, Especially Ghost Guns: PD, Ellyn Santiago,, August 18, 2022, 10:57 AM

In 2021, during 129 arrests, New Haven police seized 129 guns. Four of those guns were what is known as ghost guns, firearms often made from kits and without serial numbers which makes them difficult, if not impossible, to trace. So far, in 2022, police said this week, 166 guns have been seized. And of those, 35 are ghost guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSFA-NBC (Montgomery, AL): US marshals task force recognized for crime-stopping efforts, Monae Stevens, August 19, 2022, 12:26 AM

The Central Alabama CrimeStoppers recognized the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force for its 2021 Officer of the Year. The Gulf Coast Regional Task Force has cleared 673 felony warrants and captured 487 fugitives in 2021. Notable cases included the arrest of Jamie Williams Jr., of Montgomery, who was a suspect in connection to two homicides, and Xiaoqin Yan, the woman who was accused of burning Montgomery First Baptist Church. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLKY-CBS (Louisville, KY): Man wanted by FBI flees police carrying little boy, gets arrested in Louisville, Matthew Keck, August 18, 2022, 11:09 PM

Louisville Metro Police Department says they have a man wanted by the FBI in custody after a pursuit on 264 Thursday. LMPD said they were assisting the FBI with a wanted subject and when they boxed the man's vehicle in, he struck three officers' cars and several civilian cars. They also said he scraped the safety arm on a Jefferson County Public Schools bus. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHAS-ABC (Louisville, KY): LMPD assist in arrest of FBI suspect, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 11:12 PM

The subject hit at least three police cars and multiple civilian cars, including a Jefferson County Public Schools bus, when trying to flee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHAS-ABC (Louisville, KY): FBI announces 3 arrested in relation to Louisville car

jackings, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 11:04 PM

The FBI announced three arrests in connection to two car-jackings that happened earlier this year in Louisville. They said the arrests come after a joint investigation with the FBI, homeland security, ATF and LMPD. According to the justice department, a federal grand jury returned two indictments Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTTG-Fox (Washington, DC): DEA reports finding 'rainbow fentanyl' pills in DC region, Lindsay Watts, August 18, 2022, 10:38 PM

DEA officials say they've been seizing rainbow colored fentanyl pills resembling candy in the D.C. region. On Thursday, border patrol agents in Arizona say they discovered 15,000 of the colored fentanyl pills strapped to someone's leg. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTAR-FM (Glendale, AZ): Arizona U.S. Marshals shoot man in Tempe who pulled out handgun, Monae Stevens, August 18, 2022, 8:39 PM

A shooting involving law enforcement occurred in Tempe on Thursday after a man pulled out a handgun, authorities said. Just after 6 p.m. a gunshot went off near McClintock Drive and Rio Salado Parkway. The incident began when U.S. Marshals Task Force tried to apprehend a fugitive from the state of Washington that was wanted for robbery, assault, burglary and theft charges, as well as a warrant for escaping from a Washington State Department of Corrections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBFF-Fox (Baltimore, MD): Three accused rapists wanted in crimes against children, Maryland's most wanted, Alexa Ashwell, August 18, 2022, 8:00 PM

The sexual abuse of children is reaching families in the Baltimore region. Federal investigators have joined the search for three men accused in separate and unrelated rape cases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFOR-NBC (Oklahoma City, OK): FBI searching for Shawnee bank robbery suspect, Kaylee Douglas, August 18, 2022, 7:01 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Oklahoma City branch is looking for a woman who demanded money from a Midfirst Bank in Shawnee Thursday afternoon. According to authorities, the suspect drove a black Dodge Avenger to the MidFirst Bank located at 2320 N. Harrison St at approximately 2 p.m., entered the lobby and gave a demand note to a teller for an undisclosed amount of money. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOTV-CBS \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): How untraceable ghost guns are impacting crime in the Twin Cities, Reg Chapman, August 18, 2022, 6:21 PM

It's a kind of fire sale with dealers rushing to sell "ghost guns" before the federal government takes action next week. Ghost guns are made without serial numbers, meaning law enforcement can't trace them when they are used in a crime. Now the federal government is taking action. In the Twin Cities, ghost guns are having an impact on crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHEC-NBC (Rochester, NY): News10NBC Investigates: RPD-ATF method of gun arrests to keep suspects in jail is put to the test, Berkeley Brean, August 18, 2022, 5:25 PM

If you've been watching our investigative work you know we've been telling you about a new method of arresting people in Rochester who have illegal guns so that the defendants stay in jail longer. Today News10NBC was in the courtroom when the method got put to the test. Here's how it works: RPD arrests someone with an illegal gun. If the suspect is a convicted felon, has a

criminal amount of drugs on them, or is alleged to have committed a crime with the gun the RPD calls the ATF which does a background check on the weapon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): St. Louis office of the FBI is hiring, Kay Quinn, August 18, 2022, 4:34 PM

An opportunity we only hear about a few times a year: The FBI is hiring. And there's an effort to recruit diverse candidates. According to Special Agent in Charge Jay Greenberg of the FBI St. Louis Division, "the FBI needs a cadre of special agents who represent diverse cultures, perspectives, and professional backgrounds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WHSV-ABC (Harrisonburg, VA): Ransomware attacks increase by 60%; FBI encourages safe cyber practices, Isabella Ledonne, August 18, 2022, 3:10 PM

As cyber crimes continue to increase throughout the country and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the FBI is reminding residents to be aware of scammers and hackers. The FBI Richmond bureau held a roundtable discussion with reporters and Virginia's cyber task force Thursday to bring awareness to safe cyber practices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): More than 100 guns stolen from South Dakota dealer, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 2:08 PM

Officials announced a \$10,000 reward for information related to the recent burglary of Reloader's Corner in Isabel, S.D. More than 100 firearms were stolen, according to a release from the Bureau of Alcohol, tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The burglary was sometime over last weekend (Aug. 13-14). The ATF investigation notes that the front door of the establishment was forcibly entered and a number of handguns, shotguns and rifles were missing, as well as a variety of accessories. One of the stolen firearms has already been recovered in a traffic stop on the Cheyenne River Reservation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKRG-CBS (Pensacola, FL): Alabama man arrested by U.S. Marshals after year-long search, Kaitlin Kanable, August 18, 2022, 9:53 AM

A New Hope man has been arrested by the U.S. Marshals for illegally possessing 18 firearms, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. 46-year-old Thomas Eric Hollingsworth, of New Hope, was indicted in U.S. District Court on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Hollingsworth has a felony conviction for second-degree receiving stolen property in Madison County in 1993, according to the indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: 3 charged with killing Boston gangster Whitey Bulger in 2018, Alanna Durkin Richer, August 18, 2022, 9:35 PM

Three men, including a Mafia hitman, have been charged in the 2018 prison killing of notorious Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger, the Justice Department said Thursday. Bulger's death raised questions about why the known "snitch" was placed in the West Virginia prison's general population instead of more protective housing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [NY Post](#), [PBS](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Politico: **[OPINION] Where are Stephen Breyer's Papers?**, Michael Schaffer, August 19, 2022, 4:30 AM

When Stephen Breyer stepped down from the Supreme Court in June, he was obliged to pack up 28 years worth of memos, draft opinions, correspondence, notes and other real-time documentation of his tenure. But he was under no obligation whatsoever when it came to the question of what to do with the papers after that. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Tulsa World: **State of Oklahoma backs Tulsa on McGirt-related traffic ticket appeal**, Curtis Killman, August 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

The state of Oklahoma is backing the city of Tulsa in a court appeal regarding the city's right to issue traffic tickets to tribal members. A friend of the court brief filed Wednesday by the state Attorney General's Office in the case cites a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling as evidence backing its claim. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOFL-Fox (Orlando, FL): **Feds argue Seminole Tribe gambling deal should get go-ahead**, Dara Kam, August 18, 2022, 11:08 PM

The Biden administration is urging an appeals court to reinstate a deal that gave the Seminole Tribe control of sports betting throughout Florida, nearly nine months after a Washington, D.C.-based judge ruled that the 30-year agreement violated federal law. A U.S. Department of the Interior brief filed Wednesday offered a full-throated defense of the Biden administration's decision to allow the gambling agreement, known as a compact, to go into effect. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): **Man sentenced for assaulting woman on Mescalero Apache Reservation**, Jordan Honeycutt, August 18, 2022, 7:57 PM

Romeo Martinez, 23, has been sentenced to two years and nine months in prison for assaulting his grandmother's sister during a dispute. According to court records, Martinez went to his grandmother's home on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in June 2021. Martinez is not an enrolled member of any federally-recognized Tribe and is not allowed to be on the Mescalero Apache Reservation after alleged assaults on Tribal members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: **State Cannabis Regulations In Question After 1st Circ. Ruling**, Sam Reisman, August 18, 2022, 7:58 PM

States' ability to regulate cannabis by restricting certain licenses to locals and social equity candidates will be diminished now that a split First Circuit affirmed that the Constitution's dormant commerce clause applies to the industry, experts told Law360. The 2-1 ruling does not immediately pave the way for interstate cannabis commerce, but it does mark the first time that a federal appellate court has placed clear limits on a state's authority to restrict whether out-of-state players can invest in a regulated cannabis entity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: **Federal Court's Marijuana Ruling On Maine Licensing Rules Could Open Door To Interstate Commerce, Experts Say**, Kyle Jaeger, August 18, 2022, 3:24 PM

A federal appellate court ruled on Wednesday that Maine's law prohibiting non-residents from owning medical marijuana businesses in the state violates the U.S. Constitution. But legal experts say that the decision could have more far-reaching implications for interstate cannabis commerce and could create possible complications for social equity programs. Industry stakeholders have been closely monitoring the case, as many have argued that the Constitution's Dormant Commerce Clause at the center of the ruling does, in fact, apply to the marijuana industry, regardless of ongoing federal cannabis prohibition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: **Lanier On \$650M Opioid Win: I'd Have Settled For 'A Lot' Less**, Jeff Overley, Eric Heisig and Cara Salvatore, August 18, 2022, 10:55 PM

Following a \$650 million opioid trial triumph Wednesday against CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens and Walmart, lead plaintiffs counsel W. Mark Lanier told Law360 that the pharmacies "could have settled so much cheaper than this, it's not even funny," and that while the appeal process could take years, he's "not too panicked" about the chains' chances. W. Mark Lanier Wednesday's nine-figure win capped off two opioid trials — one focused on liability and the other on damages — in which Lanier argued for two Ohio counties against the nation's three largest pharmacy retailers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

WaPo: **[OPINION] What Biden could gain from pardoning Trump, Experts Say**, Jason Willick, August 18, 2022, 2:48 PM

It's anyone's guess how the federal investigations around Donald Trump will intersect with the former president's political ambitions. It's possible no indictment will be filed and Trump won't run again. It's also possible he will be indicted on charges related to the 2020 election, the handling of government documents, or both; that he will mount a third presidential campaign, and that America's 2024 election will be clouded by the incumbent administration's novel prosecution of a rival candidate of a major party. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Washington Times: **Grassley demands FBI director help Congress root out 'political infection' of federal investigations**, Jeff Mordock, August 18, 2022, 1:00 PM

Sen. Charles E. Grassley is demanding FBI Director Christopher A. Wray provide Congress with an organizational chart for the bureau's Washington field office, saying the information is necessary to rectify "a deeply-rooted political infection" that has influenced investigations into Hunter Biden and former President Donald Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 18, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Linsay Davis

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- A federal judge on Thursday ordered the Justice Department to put forward proposed redactions as he committed to making public at least part of the affidavit supporting the search warrant for former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The number of migrants apprehended entering the U.S. has already surpassed last year's total. It's intensifying debate over whether asylum-seekers should be bused thousands of miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Federal health officials announced Thursday a major boost to the country's supply of monkeypox vaccine amid a surge in new cases nationwide. The White House said an additional 1.8 million doses of the monkeypox vaccine will be available starting Monday, as cases are up over 30% from just a week ago. [[CBS](#)]
- Infamous mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger was beaten to death while incarcerated four years ago. Three men were charged today with conspiracy to commit murder in connection with his killing. [[NBC](#)]
- Former Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg has pleaded guilty to charges related to an indictment in a tax fraud case involving the company's business dealings. [[ABC](#)]
- A judge in western New York denied bail to the suspect accused of stabbing author Salman Rushdie, who suffered liver and nerve damage and could lose an eye. [[NBC](#)]
- NFL quarterback Deshaun Watson will sit out for the first 11 games without pay and is being fined \$5 million. The decision comes after two dozen women filed lawsuits against Watson for sexual misconduct in massage appointments. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Judge to Unseal Parts of Affidavit in Trump Search" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Mercenaries Enter Spotlight as Russian Troops Struggle in Ukraine" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: 3 charged with killing Boston gangster Whitey Bulger in 2018, Alanna Durkin Richer, August 18, 2022, 9:35 PM

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LAT: L.A.'s Eastside Playboys gang target of massive sweep by FBI, LAPD, Richard Winton, August 18, 2022, 4:18 PM (EDT)

The FBI and Los Angeles police joined other law enforcement agencies in a predawn gang sweep Thursday, arresting 28 members of the Eastside Playboys gang as part of racketeering, narcotics and firearms cases that name about 40 of the gang's leading members. Heavily armed FBI agents and police officers fanned out across L.A. and into various surrounding communities, arresting those named in federal criminal court documents as being part of a scheme that sold narcotics, assaulted foes and sometimes led to murder. [...] "This case is the culmination of years of work by our agents and prosecutors, alongside our local law enforcement partners, to remove violent gang members from our streets and dismantle the criminal organizations that fuel violent crime," said Atty. Gen. Merrick B. Garland in a statement announcing the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [City News Service](#), [Fox-11 \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [KCBS-CBS \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

AP: GOP candidate says call for Garland's death was 'facetious', Unattributed, August 18, 2022,

10:30 PM

A Republican candidate for Congress in western New York said in a radio interview that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland “should be executed” for authorizing a search of former President Donald Trump’s home, before clarifying later in the show that he wasn’t being serious. Buffalo-area businessman Carl Paladino made the comment in an interview with Breitbart News Saturday on Aug. 13. During the interview, Paladino was criticizing President Joe Biden for what he said was a lack of leadership and disengagement from government. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Rolling Stone](#)

Insider: After the Mar-a-Lago raid, the ADL sees an 'alarming' number of anti-Semitic threats targeting Merrick Garland and the Jewish judge who signed the warrant, Haven Orecchio-Egresitz and Laura Italiano, August 18, 2022, 10:30 PM

The FBI raid of Mar-a-Lago has led to a spike in extremist language online, including anti-Semitic threats against Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Florida judge who signed the search warrant. They are both Jewish. Threats against Judge Bruce Reinhart were so specific and credible that the south Florida synagogue where he worships canceled Friday services. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Jan. 6

NBC: Trump supporter who flew on private jet to Jan. 6 riot and threw media equipment outside the Capitol pleads guilty, Ryan J. Reilly, August 18, 2022, 6:44 PM

A woman who flew on a private plane to the nation's capital ahead of the Jan. 6 riot pleaded guilty Thursday to engaging in disruptive or disorderly conduct in a restricted building. Katherine Schwab of Texas, who said she accepted an offer to fly on the personal aircraft of a Facebook friend, admitted to writing in messages before the Capitol attack that “s---t will go down” and that she needed to “stop the steal.” Schwab traveled to Washington, D.C., with co-defendants Jenna Ryan and Jason Lee Hyland, and admitted she was the first of the trio to enter the Capitol on Jan. 6. Hyland was sentenced to a week behind bars earlier this month, while Ryan — who had declared she was “not going to jail” — was sentenced in November to 60 days in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [UPI](#)

NBC: A Jan. 6 participant has been harassing police officers at a Capitol attack trial, Ryan Reilly, August 18, 2022, 11:06 AM

A man who was at the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol but has not been arrested confronted two law enforcement officers this week who were witnesses at the trial of another man facing felony charges related to the insurrection. The man, Tommy Tatum, of Mississippi, who has posted extensively online about Jan. 6 and refers to himself as an independent investigative journalist, has been posting videos of himself harassing officers who fought off the mob on Jan. 6. “Do you think you honored your father’s memory by trying to kill me that day?” Tatum asked a D.C. Metropolitan Police officer in one video as he followed him down the street outside the courthouse following the officer’s testimony on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: U.S. judge says he leans toward releasing some evidence for Trump search, Brian Ellsworth and Sarah N. Lynch, August 18, 2022, 9:14 PM

A U.S. judge on Thursday said he is leaning toward releasing some of the evidence presented by the U.S. Justice Department to justify its search of Donald Trump's Florida home last week, in a case pitting news organizations against federal prosecutors. Despite objections by the Justice Department, U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart said he believes “there are portions of the affidavit that could be unsealed,” referring to the sworn statement laying out the evidence for why there was probable cause to search Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Roll Call](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington](#)

[Times](#), [WPTV-NBC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

USA Today: [ANALYSIS] 'Can I count on you?' Trump revs up fundraising pitches after FBI's Mar-a-Lago search, Erin Mansfield, Candy Woodall, Rachel Looker, August 18, 2022, 6:01 PM

Former President Donald Trump is aggressively fundraising off the FBI's seizure of confidential documents at his Mar-a-Lago home, sending a blitz of emails that urge supporters to donate to an "Official Trump Defense Fund." The money is being solicited through a fundraising vehicle that can dump money into Donald Trump's leadership PAC, Save America, and to another fund, Make America Great Again PAC, which evolved out of his first presidential campaign. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Bruce Reinhart, the Magistrate Judge Who Approved the Mar-a-Lago Search, Zach Montague and Frances Robles, August 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

Ever since the F.B.I. searched the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald J. Trump for classified documents, the federal judge in Florida who signed the warrant authorizing the move, Bruce E. Reinhart, has been thrust into the spotlight. His suggestion on Thursday that he was inclined to unseal parts of the affidavit used to justify the search warrant once the government proposed redactions only intensified the scrutiny. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Trump: Release the full affidavit! Trump's lawyers in court: Meh, Aaron Blake, August 18, 2022, 3:24 PM

After the FBI's unprecedented raid of his Mar-a-Lago estate, for days Donald Trump and his allies decried the search as an abuse of power. One thing Trump didn't do was actually release his copy of the search warrant that might shed light on what had just happened. It was leaked to news outlets including Trump-friendly Breitbart and Fox News only after Attorney General Merrick Garland forced Trump's hand by announcing the Justice Department had filed in court to unseal the document and giving the former president a chance to lodge objections against that unsealing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Why the Mar-a-Lago affidavit could become one of the most scrutinized documents in American politics, Stephen Collinson, August 19, 2022, 12:01 AM

The FBI search of Donald Trump's Florida resort and the removal of classified information raise a compelling need for maximum public disclosure given the involvement of an ex-president who's a likely 2024 candidate. The Florida magistrate judge overseeing the case implicitly acknowledged this reality with his decision on Thursday to start the process of potentially releasing some of the critical affidavit that the Justice Department used to justify the search at Mar-a-Lago last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [OPINION] Trump Is Going After One of the Most Conservative Institutions in the U.S. Government, Garrett Graff, August 19, 2022

Of all the weird and historically discordant moments and news stories of the Donald Trump era, few seem stranger than watching the former president and his allies demonize the F.B.I. as some sort of rogue "woke" Democratic deep state mob. This has been happening for several years now, but in the days since the F.B.I. searched Mr. Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago, the bureau has attracted particularly withering criticism for its supposedly leftist persecution of Mr. Trump, and Republicans have even begun to call to "defund the corrupt F.B.I." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Sean Hannity: FBI agents who did the Russian collusion witch hunt conducted Trump raid, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 12:04 AM

Fox News host Sean Hannity asserted that the same FBI agents who conducted the Russian collusion witch hunt executed the Trump raid in Thursday's opening monologue of "Hannity." [...] But wait, Attorney General Merrick Garland - he promised that the DOJ is not political and that he will speak through his court filings. Court filings and a flurry of anti-Trump leaks. And there are rumblings, by the way, tonight that the DOJ absolutely, positively kept the Biden White House in the loop the entire time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Salon: [ANALYSIS] After Mar-a-Lago: A panel of experts on the grave danger just ahead,

Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 6:00 AM

Last week the FBI conducted a lawful search of Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Palm Beach. There they discovered highly classified and other top secret documents, which reportedly may have included information about the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Trump could face a variety of criminal charges, including violations of the Espionage Act. Predictably, since the FBI search, Trump has been using social media and other means to encourage his followers to defend him, perhaps through violence if need be. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Former FBI special agent reveals if DOJ or FBI was pushing to execute warrant for Trump raid, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 8:28 PM

Former FBI special agent Maureen O'Connell explained why the Department of Justice was "trying to push" the FBI to execute the warrant for the Trump raid Thursday on the "Special Report" panel. O'CONNELL: Sometimes I think it's just a real good idea to sit back and let the chips fall where they may. But when I look at the totality of the situation here, I really think when we talk about spirited conversations going on for a couple of weeks, and DOJ — it seems to me the DOJ is the heavy in this situation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Trump search worsens FBI's surveillance politics headache with GOP, Jordain Carney, August 19, 2022, 4:30 AM

GOP fury stoked by the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago is about to upend a long-running fight over intelligence agencies' surveillance powers. Republicans are warning that the search of Donald Trump's Florida residence is throwing an early curveball into reauthorization of a program known on the Hill as Section 702. Meant to gather electronic communications of foreign targets, it has caused no shortage of controversy over the years given its ability to also inadvertently sweep up the communications of Americans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Justice Department feared Trump would destroy evidence if search warrant weren't secret, Jeff Mordock, August 18, 2022, 7:01 PM

Justice Department officials urged a federal judge to keep under wraps the search warrant used in the FBI raid of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, fearing he would destroy evidence, according to court documents unsealed Thursday. In a motion filed three days before more than 30 armed agents stormed Mr. Trump's Palm Beach, Florida, residence, the Justice Department said a public search warrant "poses a risk to [the] safety" of the materials sought in the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Trump: DOJ should not redact affidavit for Mar-a-Lago search, Jeff Mordock, August 18, 2022, 5:30 PM

Former President Trump on Thursday said the affidavit used by the FBI to justify last week's search of his Mar-a-Lago estate should not be redacted, calling the Justice Department's effort to shield portions of the affidavit "a cynical attempt" to hide their corruption. Earlier, U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart ruled that portions of the affidavit should be unsealed but also gave the Justice Department a week to submit proposed redactions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

KTAR-FOX (Phoenix, AZ): Georgia man sentenced to decade in prison by judge in Arizona in romance scam case, Kevin Stone, August 18, 5:00 PM (EDT)

A federal judge in Arizona sentenced a Georgia man to nearly 11 years in prison for conspiring to defraud more than \$1 million in a romance scam that targeted elderly victims, authorities said Thursday. Onovughe Ighorhiohwunu, 47, of Kennesaw, was sentenced in a Tucson court last week to 130 months in prison, fined \$25,000 and ordered to pay more than \$1.3 million in restitution, the U.S. Attorney's

Office for the District of Arizona said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO): Kansas City man sentenced to over 10 years in federal prison for forcibly resisting federal law enforcement, Addi Weakley, August 18, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Kansas City, Missouri, man was sentenced Thursday to 10 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole for forcibly resisting federal law enforcement. Ray E. Clevenger, 47, pleaded guilty in January to two counts of forcibly resisting a federal law enforcement officer. Clevenger injured two U.S. deputy marshals while attempting to flee in a stolen Ford Explorer on Dec. 30, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [WDAF-Fox \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): DOJ: Atlanta-based drug traffickers sentenced to years in prison in DEA sting, Reeves Jackson, August 18, 2022, 1:44 PM

A ring of repeat drug traffickers who moved large amounts of cocaine through Atlanta have been sentenced, the Department of Justice said Thursday. In addition to moving drugs throughout the city, they were also convicted of laundering criminal proceeds using a network of bank accounts, business entities and purchase of luxury cars, homes and jewelry, according to a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Gun advocacy groups sue more Colorado cities over controls, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

Two gun rights organizations filed federal court lawsuits Thursday challenging bans on semi-automatic weapons and magazine ammunition restrictions adopted by two Colorado cities after the state allowed local municipalities to enact tougher gun control measures than called for by state law. The lawsuits against Boulder and Louisville by Rocky Mountain Gun Owners and the National Foundation for Gun Rights follow two others the groups lodged against the state and county over similar gun control measures. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: WV Deputy Charged With Violating Suspect's Civil Rights, Unattributed, August 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

A West Virginia sheriff's deputy was charged with a federal civil rights violation after he allegedly punched and pepper sprayed a suspect, the U.S. Justice Department said Thursday. Monongalia County Deputy Lance Kuretza, who was arrested Thursday, also is accused of writing a false report on the January 2018 incident, the Justice Department said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [Tri-City Herald \(Kennewick, WA\)](#), [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#), [WDTV-CBS \(Weston, WV\)](#), [WV News \(Clarksburg, WV\)](#), [WOAY-ABC \(Oak Hill, WV\)](#)

WLKY-CBS (Louisville, KY): 3 Kentucky State Police troopers indicted for civil rights violations, conspiracy, Alexis Mathews, August 18, 2022, 5:09 PM

A federal grand jury has indicted two current Kentucky State Police troopers and a former trooper with civil rights violations and conspiracy. The indictments were announced by the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky and FBI Louisville Special Agent in Charge. A federal investigation revealed that Jeremy Elliotte, Derrek Lovett and Michael Howell were involved in using excessive force on an arrestee, conspiring to cover it up, and illegally entering a home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHAS-ABC \(Louisville, KY\)](#), [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): Justice Dept. joins fight against Florida election law, Todd Wilson, August 18, 2022, 7:22 PM

The United States Department of Justice is joining the fight against the state of Florida's voting restrictions Bill S.B. 90. Wednesday, the department filed a petition stating Florida Republicans intentionally targeted Black voters when Gov. Ron. DeSantis signed the bill into law in 2021. [[Continue](#)]

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NYT: Starbucks Is Ordered to Reinstate Fired Activist Employees, Isabella Simonetti, August 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

A federal judge on Thursday ordered Starbucks to reinstate seven employees who were fired in February after they spearheaded efforts to unionize the branch in Memphis where they worked. The workers, who refer to themselves as the Memphis Seven, were fired after the company said they violated safety and security policies. Judge Sheryl H. Lipman of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee gave Starbucks five days to rehire the employees in response to the lawsuit filed by M. Kathleen McKinney, the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Bloomberg: Florida's 'Stop Woke Act' for Workplaces Blocked by Federal Judge, Jennifer Kay, August 18, 2022, 3:43 PM

A Florida law restricting workplace bias or diversity training violates the First Amendment and can't be enforced, a federal judge ruled Thursday. The preliminary injunction granted by Chief Judge Mark Walker of the US District Court for the Northern District of Florida doesn't address application of the law (H.B. 7) in Florida schools. A group of students and educators represented by the ACLU filed a separate federal lawsuit Thursday challenging the law. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Beast](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

Washington Examiner: US attorney backs Boston hospital under fire over trans procedures for minors, Abigail Adcox, August 18, 2022, 5:57 PM

U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins has weighed in on alleged threats against a program providing procedures for transgender youth at Boston Children's Hospital, calling them "disturbing to say the least." The hospital said Tuesday that it had received complaints and threats of violence directed at its Gender Multispecialty Service, a program that provides treatment for "gender-diverse children, teens, and young adults." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Caller](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CBS: U.S. border enforcement chief acknowledges "human cost" of Title 42 migrant expulsions, Camilo Montoya, August 18, 2022, 8:57 PM

Chris Magnus, the head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), acknowledged on Thursday that Title 42, a Trump-era border rule that the Biden administration has enforced for a year and a half, has had a "human cost" on migrants, stranding them in parts of Mexico where they endure poor conditions and insecurity. During an exclusive interview with CBS News at CBP headquarters, Magnus, who became commissioner in December 2021, highlighted humanitarian and operational woes fueled by Title 42, which allows U.S. border agents to quickly expel migrants on public health grounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Law360: Court Questions Penguin's Bid Policy In Merger Challenge, Matthew Perlman, August 18, 2022, 9:31 PM

A D.C. federal judge questioned an expert witness Thursday on how well Penguin Random House's promise to allow individual company imprints to bid against each other for books will work after its planned purchase of Simon & Schuster. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Reuters: Longtime Trump executive Weisselberg pleads guilty, becomes prosecution witness,

Karen Freifeld, August 18, 2022, 3:26 PM

A longtime senior executive at Donald Trump's family business pleaded guilty on Thursday to helping the company engineer a 15-year tax fraud, in an agreement that will require him to testify about its business practices at an upcoming trial. Allen Weisselberg, 75, the former chief financial officer at the Trump Organization, entered his plea to all 15 charges he faced in a New York state court in Manhattan.

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CNN: Trump appeals ruling backing IRS release of tax returns to House to full DC Circuit, Tierney

Sneed, August 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

Former President Donald Trump asked the full bench of the DC US Circuit Court of Appeals to review a recent appellate panel ruling okaying the Internal Revenue Service's release of Trump's tax returns to a House committee. The DC Circuit panel made "made several errors" in its ruling in favor of the House, Trump said in the new filing Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA): How Richmond FBI agents combat cyberattacks,

Lyndon German, August 18, 2022, 4:38 PM

FBI agents in Richmond on Thursday outlined steps they're taking to address cyberattacks that target business email addresses and other digital areas. A surge in cases came as more people worked remotely during COVID-19. "Our job is to identify, detect and deter," said Supervisory Special Agent Chris Cope. "What we need is for people to let us know they've had an attack." The FBI invited the media to a roundtable discussion held at its offices on East Parham Road, which oversees operations across multiple Central Virginia counties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTTG-Fox (Washington, DC): DEA reports finding 'rainbow fentanyl' pills in DC region, Lindsay

Watts, August 18, 2022, 10:38 PM

DEA officials say they've been seizing rainbow colored fentanyl pills resembling candy in the D.C. region. On Thursday, border patrol agents in Arizona say they discovered 15,000 of the colored fentanyl pills strapped to someone's leg. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): More than 100 guns stolen from South Dakota dealer, Unattributed,

August 18, 2022, 2:08 PM

Officials announced a \$10,000 reward for information related to the recent burglary of Reloader's Corner in Isabel, S.D. More than 100 firearms were stolen, according to a release from the Bureau of Alcohol, tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The burglary was sometime over last weekend (Aug. 13-14). The ATF investigation notes that the front door of the establishment was forcibly entered and a number of handguns, shotguns and rifles were missing, as well as a variety of accessories. One of the stolen firearms has already been recovered in a traffic stop on the Cheyenne River Reservation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRG-CBS (Pensacola, FL): Alabama man arrested by U.S. Marshals after year-long search,

Kaitlin Kanable, August 18, 2022, 9:53 AM

A New Hope man has been arrested by the U.S. Marshals for illegally possessing 18 firearms, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. 46-year-old Thomas Eric Hollingsworth, of New Hope, was indicted in U.S. District Court on one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Hollingsworth has a felony conviction for second-degree receiving stolen property in Madison County in 1993, according to the indictment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Tulsa World: State of Oklahoma backs Tulsa on McGirt-related traffic ticket appeal, Curtis Killman,

August 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

The state of Oklahoma is backing the city of Tulsa in a court appeal regarding the city's right to issue traffic tickets to tribal members. A friend of the court brief filed Wednesday by the state Attorney General's Office in the case cites a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling as evidence backing its claim.

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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: Federal Court's Marijuana Ruling On Maine Licensing Rules Could Open Door To Interstate Commerce, Experts Say, Kyle Jaeger, August 18, 2022, 3:24 PM

A federal appellate court ruled on Wednesday that Maine's law prohibiting non-residents from owning medical marijuana businesses in the state violates the U.S. Constitution. But legal experts say that the decision could have more far-reaching implications for interstate cannabis commerce—and could create possible complications for social equity programs. Industry stakeholders have been closely monitoring the case, as many have argued that the Constitution's Dormant Commerce Clause at the center of the ruling does, in fact, apply to the marijuana industry, regardless of ongoing federal cannabis prohibition.

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OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: Lanier On \$650M Opioid Win: I'd Have Settled For 'A Lot' Less, Jeff Overley, Eric Heisig and Cara Salvatore, August 18, 2022, 10:55 PM

Following a \$650 million opioid trial triumph Wednesday against CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens and Walmart, lead plaintiffs counsel W. Mark Lanier told Law360 that the pharmacies "could have settled so much cheaper than this, it's not even funny," and that while the appeal process could take years, he's "not too panicked" about the chains' chances. W. Mark Lanier Wednesday's nine-figure win capped off two opioid trials — one focused on liability and the other on damages — in which Lanier argued for two Ohio counties against the nation's three largest pharmacy retailers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

WaPo: [OPINION] What Biden could gain from pardoning Trump, Experts Say, Jason Willick, August 18, 2022, 2:48 PM

It's anyone's guess how the federal investigations around Donald Trump will intersect with the former president's political ambitions. It's possible no indictment will be filed and Trump won't run again. It's also possible he will be indicted on charges related to the 2020 election, the handling of government documents, or both; that he will mount a third presidential campaign, and that America's 2024 election will be clouded by the incumbent administration's novel prosecution of a rival candidate of a major party.

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CONGRESS

Washington Times: Grassley demands FBI director help Congress root out 'political infection' of federal investigations, Jeff Mordock, August 18, 2022, 1:00 PM

Sen. Charles E. Grassley is demanding FBI Director Christopher A. Wray provide Congress with an organizational chart for the bureau's Washington field office, saying the information is necessary to rectify "a deeply-rooted political infection" that has influenced investigations into Hunter Biden and former President Donald Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 18, 2022

- A federal judge on Thursday ordered the Justice Department to put forward proposed redactions

as he committed to making public at least part of the affidavit supporting the search warrant for former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The number of migrants apprehended entering the U.S. has already surpassed last year's total. It's intensifying debate over whether asylum-seekers should be bused thousands of miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Federal health officials announced Thursday a major boost to the country's supply of monkeypox vaccine amid a surge in new cases nationwide. The White House said an additional 1.8 million doses of the monkeypox vaccine will be available starting Monday, as cases are up over 30% from just a week ago. [[CBS](#)]
- Infamous mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger was beaten to death while incarcerated four years ago. Three men were charged today with conspiracy to commit murder in connection with his killing. [[NBC](#)]
- Former Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg has pleaded guilty to charges related to an indictment in a tax fraud case involving the company's business dealings. [[ABC](#)]
- A judge in western New York denied bail to the suspect accused of stabbing author Salman Rushdie, who suffered liver and nerve damage and could lose an eye. [[NBC](#)]