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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: JUNE 16, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- 9:50 AM: Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco will deliver the keynote address and participate in a virtual discussion at the “GIR Live: Women in Investigations 2022” conference.

### **SCOTUS**

- Conference.

### **CONGRESS**

- 9:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Executive Business Meeting.

## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

**AP: Buffalo supermarket gunman charged with federal hate crimes**, Carolyn Thompson and Michael R. Sisak, June 15, 2022, 11:00 AM

The white gunman who killed 10 Black people in a racist attack at a Buffalo supermarket was charged Wednesday with federal hate crimes that could potentially carry a death penalty. The criminal complaint filed Wednesday against Payton Gendron coincided with a visit to Buffalo by Attorney General Merrick Garland. He met with the families of the people who were killed and placed a bouquet of white flowers at a memorial outside the Tops Friendly Market, which has been closed since the May 14 attack. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Justice Department backs measures to bolster judges' protection**, Sarah N. Lynch and Costas Pitas, June 15, 2022, 2:14 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said on Wednesday the Justice Department supports congressional legislation aimed at boosting protections for federal judges, as jurists face mounting threats and intimidation. Garland, the top U.S. law enforcement official, offered support for a bill that won final congressional approval on Tuesday that would bolster security for the nine Supreme Court justices and a second bill that remains stalled on Capitol Hill aimed at increasing security and privacy of all federal judges and their families. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSJ: House Republicans Request Investigation Into Reports of Vandalism, Arson at Antiabortion Offices**, Ben Kesling, June 15, 2022, 8:53 PM

A group of 122 Republicans in the House of Representatives sent a letter Wednesday asking Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate more than a dozen acts of vandalism and arson at locations run by organizations that seek to persuade women not to have abortions. According to local media reports in locations including Madison, Wis., and Buffalo, N.Y., the acts of vandalism have taken place at numerous so-called pregnancy crisis centers over the past two months as well as the offices of antiabortion organizations [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Harris to launch task force on online harassment, abuse**, Chris Megerian, June 16, 2022, 5:58 AM  
Vice President Kamala Harris will launch a new task force dedicated to fighting online harassment and abuse, according to senior Biden administration officials. [...] The National Security Council is working with the White House Gender Policy Council on the initiative, and Attorney General Merrick Garland and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy were scheduled to attend the first meeting Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox: Republican senators pile pressure on Garland to prosecute Supreme Court home protesters**, Bradford Betz, June 15, 2022, 5:37 PM

Republican senators are ramping up the pressure on Attorney General Merrick Garland to prosecute those who participated in protests outside the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh last week just hours after a man was charged with planning to assassinate him. "We continue to be baffled over the lack of prosecutions under Title 18, Section 1507 of the U.S. Code. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Times](#)

**CNN: Merrick Garland says threats against Supreme Court justices are taken 'extraordinarily seriously', Whitney Wild**, Evan Perez, Manu Raju and Hannah Rabinowitz, June 15, 2022, 1:58 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Wednesday that the Justice Department takes threats against Supreme Court justices "extraordinarily seriously" as he voiced support for a bill that extends security protections to justices' immediate family members. Garland reiterated that justices now receive "24-7 protection," including at their residences, and he said he's met with the Marshal of the Supreme Court, the FBI

and others, "to be sure that we were assessing all possible threats and providing all resources available."

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*Washington Examiner*: **Garland should investigate attacks on anti-abortion groups as domestic terrorism: GOP**, Jerry Dunleavy,, June 15, 2022, 3:55 PM

More than 100 House Republicans are calling on Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate the rash of attacks and vandalism targeting anti-abortion groups as acts of domestic terrorism. The letter was signed by at least 124 House Republicans and was co-authored by Reps. Scott Franklin (R-FL), Claudia Tenney (R-NY), and Mike Johnson (R-LA). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Newsweek*: **[OPINION] No, Merrick Garland Can't Save America From Donald Trump**, Doug Gordon, June 16, 2022, 5:58 AM

In their first few hearings, the committee investigating Jan. 6 has done a masterful job laying out a clear and indisputable case that former President Donald Trump headed a criminal conspiracy that led to a deadly coup attempt that tried to overturn the results of a free and fair election. But the tragic truth is, thanks to the work Republicans in Congress did last year to defeat a non-partisan 9/11-style Commission, the committee is basically powerless to do anything more about the explosive criminal plot they have spent a year uncovering. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Newsweek*: **Why Merrick Garland Is Unlikely to Indict Donald Trump**, Ewan Palmer, June 15, 2022, 11:07 PM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump may still escape prosecution over his role in the January 6 attack even after the House Select Committee has presented all its evidence, experts have warned. Even before the panel started laying out its findings in live televised hearings, there were calls for the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to indict the former president over his attempts to overturn the 2020 election results and the subsequent January 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY)*: **AG Merrick Garland says death penalty a possibility for Tops shooter, but that decision will come later**, Maki Becker, June 15, 2022, 11:00 PM

Federal charges filed Wednesday against the man accused in the May 14 massacre at the Tops Markets on Jefferson Avenue lay out how he reportedly methodically planned and executed the mass shooting with the intent of killing as many Black people as possible. Payton Gendron, 18, of Conklin, already indicted by an Erie County court, is now facing 26 federal charges, including 10 counts hate crime resulting in death for each of the 10 people killed a crime that could be eligible for the death penalty. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WGRZ-NBC (Buffalo, NY)*: **U.S. Attorney General visit raises focus on federal charges against Buffalo shooting suspect**, Ron Plants, June 15, 2022, 9:02 PM

We now know that 18-year-old Payton Gendron will be making his first Federal court appearance on Thursday morning, as he is now charged in a federal complaint. He will have three attorneys from the Federal Public Defender's Office. That is in addition to the three court-appointed attorneys handling his state level case with its indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

*Reuters*: **U.S. charges three, including an Oath Keepers volunteer, for roles in Capitol attack**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 15, 2022, 2:10 PM

Three Florida residents were charged on Wednesday in connection with the January 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, including one of whom prosecutors said sought to volunteer with the far-right Oath Keepers militia.

The Justice Department said that Leslie Gray, 56, Traci Isaacs, 52, and her husband, Luis Hallon, 67, of St. Cloud, Florida were all arrested on Wednesday. Gray is facing felony charges of civil disorder and obstruction of an official proceeding and other misdemeanors, while Isaacs is charged with destruction of documents and other lesser offenses, while Hallon is facing several misdemeanors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WKMG-CBS \(Orlando, FL\)](#), [WOFL-Fox \(Orlando, FL\)](#), [WTOG-CBS \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

**WSJ: Senior ISIS Leader Captured in Syria, U.S. Military Officials Say, Arson at Antiabortion Offices**, Gordon Lubold and Nancy A. Youssef, June 15, 2022, 10:50 PM

U.S.-led coalition forces seized a man that officials described as a senior leader of Islamic State in an operation in northeast Syria late Wednesday. Military forces detained Hani Ahmed al-Kurdi, assessed to be a bomb maker and facilitator who had become one of Islamic State's senior leaders in Syria, U.S. military officials said in a statement. They didn't disclose more details about the raid that led to Mr. al-Kurdi's arrest. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#)

**WSJ: Steve Bannon Loses Bid to Have Contempt Case Dismissed**, Alexa Corse, June 15, 2022, 5:14 PM

A federal district judge denied a motion from former Trump strategist Steve Bannon to dismiss his indictment on contempt charges for defying a subpoena from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The decision by U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols in Washington, an appointee of former President Donald Trump, moves the case closer to trial. Mr. Bannon is scheduled to go on trial next month, although his attorney said he might ask to delay the trial date, citing media coverage of the ongoing hearings by the Jan. 6 committee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Insider](#), [MSNBC](#), [Seattle Times \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

**WaPo: Confederate flag-wielding man and son convicted in Capitol breach**, Spencer S. Hsu, June 15, 2022, 4:38 PM

A federal judge Wednesday found a Confederate-flag wielding father and his adult son who breached the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, guilty of obstructing lawmakers as they met to certify President Biden's 2020 election victory. U.S. District Judge Trevor N. McFadden found Kevin Seefried, 52, and Hunter Seefried, 24, guilty of the felony obstruction charge, as well as trespassing and related misdemeanor offenses. His verdict came after a two-day bench trial in which U.S. prosecutors and law enforcement witnesses alleged that the men overran police lines and were among the first 15 rioters who broke into the Capitol building. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WHYY-FM \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#), [WTFX-Fox \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

**ABC: Encrypted planning, high-power firearms make extremist threat in US unique: DOJ official**, Luke Barr, June 15, 2022, 5:54 PM

The United States is facing the most "complex" threat landscape in quite some time, a top Justice Department official told a conference in Washington, D.C., Wednesday. Lone-wolf actors, and their access to high-capacity firearms -- like what allegedly occurred in Buffalo, New York -- are very difficult for law enforcement to combat, Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division Matthew Olsen told attendees at the George Washington University Program on Extremism symposium. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [VOA](#)

**CBS: Before Jan. 6, Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio was given plans to occupy congressional buildings, Supreme Court**, Robert Legare, June 15, 2022, 3:01 PM

In the week leading up to the Jan. 6 Capitol assault, Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio received a nine-page memo titled "1776 Returns" that laid out detailed plans to occupy congressional office buildings to protest the counting of the Electoral College votes from the 2020 presidential election. The memo, which was filed in

court as part of a recent motion made by one of Tarrio's co-defendants, outlined a goal to "maintain control over as select few, but crucial buildings in the DC area for a set period of time, presenting our demands in unity." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

**Law360: Biden Loosens Terror Restrictions For Fleeing Afghans**, Alyssa Aquino, June 15, 2022, 5:48 PM

The Biden administration has loosened terrorism-related entry restrictions for Afghan nationals who were forced to work for or pay the Taliban, saying their "inescapable proximity to war" should not prevent them from coming to the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **JAN. 6 HEARINGS**

**Reuters: U.S. Capitol Jan. 6 panel turns attention to Pence at Thursday's hearing**, Patricia Zengerle and Richard Cowan, June 16, 2022, 5:19 AM

The congressional committee investigating last year's deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol turns its attention on Thursday to then-President Donald Trump's multiple attempts to pressure former Vice President Mike Pence to overturn his 2020 election defeat. The House of Representatives Select Committee has scheduled a hearing for 1 p.m. EDT (1700 GMT), looking at efforts by Trump and some of his associates to convince Pence not to formally certify Democrat Joe Biden's victory in the November 2020 presidential election. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [NBC](#)

**AP: 1/6 panel probes Trump pressure on Pence to reject election**, Lisa Mascaro And Mary Clare Jalonick, June 15, 2022, 12:05 PM

The 1/6 committee is set to plunge into Donald Trump's last-ditch effort to salvage the 2020 election by pressuring Vice President Mike Pence to reject the electoral count — a highly unusual and potentially illegal strategy that was set in motion in the run-up to the U.S. Capitol riot. With two live witnesses Thursday, the House panel intends to show how Trump's false claims of a fraudulent election left him grasping for alternatives as courts turned back dozens of lawsuits challenging the vote. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#)

**USA Today: Trump raised millions to fight election fraud before Jan. 6. Here's how that money was spent**, Erin Mansfield, June 16, 2022, 5:02 AM

A fundraising committee affiliated with former President Donald Trump sent out an urgent message to supporters on election night 2020 saying the president had activated an "Official Election Defense Fund" to protect the integrity of the election. Throughout November and December, the committee sent out dozens more similar emails soliciting money. One sent from Team Trump in mid-December warned, "The truth is, we are pacing BEHIND our Election Defense Fund Goal." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: 'They probably would have killed him': Jan. 6 hearing to show Trump put Pence in danger**, Sarah D. Wire, June 16, 2022, 12:00 AM

When the House committee investigating Jan. 6, 2021, meets Thursday, the highest-ranking member of House leadership serving on the panel will be in an unusual position: praising a leader of the opposing party. The hearing will focus on the intense pressure then-President Trump and conservative lawyer John Eastman put on then-Vice President Mike Pence to either reject certain states' electoral college votes or delay Congress from certifying the results of the 2020 presidential election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Ginni Thomas corresponded with John Eastman, sources in Jan. 6 House investigation say**, Jacqueline Alemany, Josh Dawsey and Emma Brown, June 15, 2022, 7:19 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol has obtained email correspondence between Virginia “Ginni” Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, and lawyer John Eastman, who played a key role in efforts to pressure Vice President Mike Pence to block the certification of Joe Biden’s victory, according to three people involved in the committee’s investigation.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

**NYT: Your Questions About the Jan 6. House Committee, Answered**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 3:40 PM

After spending nearly a year investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, the House select committee that was tasked with scrutinizing the riot is holding a series of public hearings to lay out the full magnitude of former President Donald J. Trump’s attempts to remain in power after the 2020 election.

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**NYT: [OPINION] After the Jan. 6 Hearings, Will Trump Face Criminal Charges?**, Spencer Bokot-Lindell, June 15, 2022, 3:00 PM

Last week, the chair of the bipartisan House panel investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, Bennie Thompson, opened the committee’s televised hearings by assigning moral responsibility to former President Donald Trump for “a sprawling, multi-step conspiracy” to overturn the presidential election. But did he commit a crime? Liz Cheney, the committee’s vice chair, seemed to say so, calling Trump’s efforts to obstruct the electoral vote count on Jan. 6 not just “unconstitutional” but also “illegal.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: Trump Lawyer Cited ‘Heated Fight’ Among Justices Over Election Suits**, Luke Broadwater and Maggie Haberman, June 15, 2022, 12:05 PM

A lawyer advising President Donald J. Trump claimed in an email after Election Day 2020 to have insight into a “heated fight” among the Supreme Court justices over whether to hear arguments about the president’s efforts to overturn his defeat at the polls, two people briefed on the email said. The lawyer, John Eastman, made the statement in a Dec. 24, 2020, exchange with a Wisconsin lawyer and Trump campaign officials over whether to file legal papers that they hoped might prompt four justices to agree to hear an election case from Wisconsin. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**LAT: House Jan. 6 committee uses video to press GOP congressman on Jan. 5 Capitol tour**, Sarah D. Wire, June 15, 2022, 11:04 AM

The House Committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection pressed Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-Ga.) on Wednesday to discuss a tour he gave of the Capitol complex on Jan. 5 by releasing security footage of an unidentified person on the tour taking photos and video of mundane areas of the building. “Individuals on the tour photographed and recorded areas of the complex not typically of interest to tourists, including hallways, staircases, and security checkpoints,” committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) wrote in a letter to Loudermilk. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#)

**CNN: Retired Republican judge says January 6 was ‘well-developed plan’ by Trump to cling to power**, Jamie Gangel, Jeremy Herb and Elizabeth Stuart, June 16, 2022, 6:00 AM

Retired federal judge J. Michael Luttig, a Republican who is testifying at Thursday’s January 6 committee hearing, will provide a sharp condemnation of former President Donald Trump’s attempts to overturn the 2020 election, saying Trump and his allies “instigated” a war on democracy “so that he could cling to power,” according to a written statement he intends to submit for the committee’s record obtained exclusively by CNN.

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**CNN: January 6 committee division on criminal referrals surfaces long-simmering debate behind**

**the scenes**, Zachary Cohen, Ryan Nobles and Annie Grayer, June 15, 2022, 3:00 PM

Members of the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol are in wide agreement that former President Donald Trump committed a crime when he pushed a conspiracy to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. But they are split over what to do about it, including whether to make a criminal referral of Trump to the Justice Department, four sources connected to the panel tell CNN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Politico: The Guilfoyle email that illustrates Cheney's pre-Jan. 6 assistance to Trump World**, Betsy Woodruff Swan, June 16, 2022, 4:30 AM

It reads like a time capsule from an alternate universe: Kimberly Guilfoyle, a card-carrying Trump World insider, heaping praise upon Rep. Liz Cheney for helping the former president's reelection. In a previously unreported email obtained by POLITICO, Guilfoyle the former Fox News host now engaged to Donald Trump's elder son thanked the Wyoming Republican for supporting Trump's 2020 bid as a "congressional co-captain" and asked her to do more. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Axios: Jan. 6-linked candidates are outperforming expectations**, Andrew Solender, June 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

Across the country, candidates who were at the Capitol on Jan. 6 are running for office and, in some cases, finding shocking success. Driving the news: Ryan Kelley, a leading Republican candidate for Michigan governor, was arrested by the FBI last week on misdemeanor charges related to the Capitol riot, including engaging in violence on restricted grounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: Feds indict Calif. man found with gun near Kavanaugh's home**, Michael Balsamo, June 15, 2022, 7:56 PM

A federal grand jury has indicted a California man who was found with a gun, knife and pepper spray near the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh after telling police he was planning to kill the justice, prosecutors said Wednesday. Nicholas John Roske, 26, of Simi Valley, Calif., was charged in a single-count indictment with attempting to murder a Justice of the United States. Prosecutors say Roske traveled from California to the justice's home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, with the intent of killing Kavanaugh. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WBTV-CBS \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WRC-NBC \(Washington, DC\)](#)

**Reuters: Ghislaine Maxwell says she should get less than 20-year sentence for sex abuse conviction**, Luc Cohen, June 15, 2022, 9:15 PM

Ghislaine Maxwell should spend fewer, and perhaps far fewer, than 20 years in prison for helping deceased financier Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls, her lawyers said on Wednesday, arguing that Epstein was the "mastermind" behind the abuse. Maxwell, 60, "cannot and should not bear all the punishment for which Epstein should have been held responsible," her lawyers wrote in a sentencing memorandum filed in Manhattan federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DaVita Must Return Rather Than Destroy No-Poach Docs**, Bryan Koenig, June 15, 2022, 7:52 PM

A Colorado federal judge on Wednesday ordered DaVita to return rather than destroy confidential documents produced by the U.S. Department of Justice in its failed criminal no-poach case against the dialysis giant, giving a minor win to follow-on civil plaintiffs who hoped the documents would be preserved for possible use in their litigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]



*Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier*: **Three sentenced to prison on gun charges**, Jeff Reinitz, June 15, 2022, 10:00 PM

Three men who were found with guns and drugs in Waterloo and Cedar Falls homes in 2021 have been sentenced to federal prison. On Friday, Qunshaundes Davion McNealy, 27, was sentenced to 10 years in prison on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm. Also sentenced Friday were William McNealy III, 22, sentenced to seven years and three months, and Sahjit Mcyle Phillips, 23, sentenced to eight years and four months, both on charges of felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Nonpareil (Council Bluffs, IA)*: **Cass County man sentenced to seven years in prison for receiving child pornography**, David Golbitz, June 15, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Cass County man was sentenced this week to seven years in prison for receiving child pornography. United States Attorney Richard D. Westphal of the Southern District of Iowa announced that Aaron William Butcher, 34, was sentenced in federal court on June 14 to 84 months in prison for receipt of child pornography. Upon release, he will be placed on supervised release for an additional seven years, and be required to register as a sex offender. Butcher was also ordered to pay \$12,000 in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Nonpareil (Council Bluffs, IA)*: **Woodbine man sentenced to 12 years for receiving child pornography**, David Golbitz, June 15, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Harrison County man was sentenced this week to 12 years in prison for receiving child pornography. United States Attorney Richard D. Westphal of the Southern District of Iowa announced that Curtis Lee Jensen, 47, of Woodbine, Iowa, was sentenced in federal court on June 14 to 144 months in prison for receipt of child pornography. Upon release, he will be placed on supervised release for an additional eight years, and be required to register as a sex offender. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOWT-NBC \(Omaha, NE\)](#)

*NJ Metro Breaking News*: **Federal Jury Convicts Newark Man for Possession Of Weapons, Narcotics in East Orange**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 6:59 PM

A Newark man was convicted today on weapons and drug charges, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Federal officials said Teriek Edwards, 44, of Newark, was convicted on two counts of possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon; one count of possession with intent to distribute heroin, cocaine, and oxycodone; and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of his possession with intent to distribute heroin, cocaine, and oxycodone, following a six-day trial before U.S. District Judge John Michael Vazquez in Newark federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Brattleboro Reformer (Vermont)*: **What is the 'boyfriend loophole' in the bipartisan gun deal announced by senators?**, Mike Donoghue, June 15, 2022, 6:30 PM

A Brattleboro man pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Burlington on Wednesday afternoon to a charge of illegal possession of four firearms by a convicted felon. Joshua R. Stratton, 36, also is facing a separate charge of violating three supervised release conditions imposed in 2020 for an unrelated case of being a convicted felon in illegal possession of nine firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH)*: **Ex-Discovery Tours VP pleads guilty to embezzlement that led to dozens of canceled school trips**, Mark Feuerborn, June 15, 2022, 6:06 PM

A former executive of Mayfield Village-based Discovery Tours pleaded guilty Wednesday to embezzling about \$600,000. The scheme forced the company to abruptly close in 2018 and cancel school trips for some 5,000 students. Joseph Cipolletti, 47, of Hudson admitted to stealing the money from the company during a hearing held via teleconference in federal court in Cleveland. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WEWS-ABC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WJW-Fox \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WKYC-NBC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WOIO-CBS \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

*Kingsport Times-News (Kingsport, TN):* **Kingsport man convicted on child pornography charges**, Cliff Hightower, June 15, 2022, 5:30 PM

A Kingsport man was convicted in federal court this week on child pornography charges. Gary Lynn Hammonds, 53, was found guilty after a trial in the United States District Court for knowingly distributing child pornography, knowingly receiving child pornography and knowingly possessing child pornography involving a child less than 12 years old. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCYB-NBC/CW \(Bristol, VA\)](#), [WJHL-CBS/ABC \(Johnson City, TN\)](#)

*NJ Metro Breaking News:* **Voorhees Woman Admits Stealing \$2.67 Million in Rent Checks From Work, Failing to Pay Taxes**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 5:08 PM

A Camden County woman today admitted stealing approximately 700 checks and money orders from her employer and failing to pay taxes on the income, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Lori Andrew, 61, Voorhees, pleaded guilty to an information charging her with interstate transportation of stolen property and one count of income tax evasion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Houston Chronicle (Houston, TX):* **Former federal agent accused of groping a woman at IAH in Houston**, Jose R. Gonzalez, June 15, 2022, 4:37 PM

A Conroe man has been arrested on federal charges alleging he tried covering up having grabbed a female passenger's breasts while working as a Customs and Border Protection officer at George Bush Intercontinental Airport. Christopher Edwards Dowell, 34, was taken into custody Wednesday on the felony counts of violating a person's civil rights and obstruction of justice. Dowell was indicted June 9 by a federal jury, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KPRC-NBC \(Houston, TX\)](#)

*The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA):* **Man arrested in Steelton while 'fishing' for mail sentenced for aggravated identity theft**, Sean Adams, June 15, 2022, 4:32 PM

A judge in the Middle District of Pennsylvania has sentenced a New York man to 24 months in prison after he was convicted of aggravated identity theft for using stolen checks and debit cards fished out of mail boxes. Marlon Valoy De La Rosa, 23, of the Bronx, New York City, was sentenced Jun 8 after pleading guilty to the charge. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WPMT-Fox \(York, PA\)](#)

*Hartford Courant:* **Three men charged in connection with string of convenience store, smoke shop robberies across Connecticut**, Mike Mavredakis, June 15, 2022, 3:58 PM

Three men were indicted in federal court Wednesday on charges in connection to a string of robberies at retail locations across the state, according to federal authorities. Efrain Deleon, 58, and Gilberto Deleon, 56, both of New Britain, and Steven Galarza, 24, of Seymour, were each charged with eight counts of Hobbs Act Robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit Hobby Act Robbery, according to federal authorities. If convicted, the three face a maximum prison sentence of 20 years on each count. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [New Haven Register](#), [Patch \(Across Connecticut\)](#)

*Wausau Pilot & Review (Wausau, WI):* **2 Wausau-area men indicted on federal drug charges in separate cases**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 3:30 PM

Two Wausau-area men were indicted this week in separate cases alleging distribution of significant amounts of drugs in the area, according to a news release from the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Kou Yang, 27, of Weston faces two counts of distributing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that he distributed 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on August 30 and September 8, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Hartford Courant*: **New Britain man indicted on charges of illegal gun possession**, Mike Mavredakis, June 15, 2022, 2:52 PM

A New Britain man was indicted in federal court on unlawful gun possession charges, according to federal authorities. Luis Javier Lopez, 23, was indicted by a grand jury and charged with one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of possession of ammunition by a felon, according to federal authorities. The maximum prison time for each charge is 10 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WHAS-ABC (Louisville, KY)*: **Two local men charged in conspiracy to steal mail from Louisville post office**, Kennedy Thompson, June 15, 2022, 11:36 PM

Two local men have been charged with conspiring to steal mail from USPS boxes and unlawfully possessing a postal key that opened official mail collection boxes. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Jeffersontown Police Department are investigating the case. A federal grand jury in Louisville returned the indictment on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAVE-NBC \(Louisville, KY\)](#), [WDRB-Fox \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

*WBFF-Fox (Baltimore, MD)*: **Previously convicted child sex offender pleads guilty to abusing 'generations of victims'**, Tim Swift, June 15, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Baltimore man pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges that he sexually abused five young girls. Some of his victims were young as six years old when the abuse began. Prosecutors said Garnell Eugene Graves, 58, inflicted abuse on "generations of victims." Graves threatened his victims as they got older that if they did not comply with his demand he would abuse their younger family members. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTTG-Fox \(Washington, DC\)](#)

*WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH)*: **Drug robbery turned deadly: Columbus man pleads guilty to murder**, Mark Feuerborn, June 15, 2022, 7:38 PM

One of five people indicted in a drug robbery plot turned deadly has now plead guilty for his involvement, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio announced Wednesday. Kyle Castle, 29, could see a potential sentence of life in prison. He went to trial for the following charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WKRG-CBS (Mobile, AL)*: **Mobile man sentenced to 6 years, found with meth and gun**, Aspen Popowski, June 15, 2022, 6:25 PM

A Mobile man was sentenced to six years in prison after his partner was found with several kilos of meth, according to officials with the south Alabama District Attorney's Office. William Joshua Ikner was sentenced after his co-conspirator Angela Faye Keebler was pulled over by Saraland police at Interstate 65. Keebler was found with meth and a gun, according to a news release from the South Alabama U.S. District Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ)*: **Arizonan with domestic violence history pleads guilty to illegally obtaining pistol**, Czarina Sukkar, June 15, 2022, 6:00 PM

Bobby Lee Seely, Jr. will spend more than six months in prison after he was sentenced for lying about obtaining a firearm he was prohibited from possessing Tuesday. When Seely filled out a form in September of 2020 for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives when purchasing a pistol, he allegedly claimed to had not been convicted of any felonies or domestic violence that would prohibit him from purchasing a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KMVT-CBS (Twin Falls, IA)*: **Idaho men sentenced for unlawful taking of a Golden Eagle**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 5:48 PM

Two Idaho men have been sentenced to two years of probation and 15 hours of community service for the unlawful taking of a golden eagle without permission. According to court records, 20-year-old Colten R. Ferdinand and 23-year-old Wyatt G. Noe were charged by information with one count of taking the eagle in April of last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): What is the 'boyfriend loophole' in the bipartisan gun deal announced by senators?**, Harper Emch, June 15, 2022, 4:42 PM

A Raleigh County man pleaded guilty today to possession of Heroin, Meth, Fentanyl, and large amounts of prescription medications. According court information, on September 21, 2021, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Larry Wayne Meadows' Shady Spring home. During the search, officers found approximately 28 grams of meth, several grams of a heroin and fentanyl mixture, and a large assortment of prescription pills. Meadows admitted that he had these drugs with the intent to distribute them. Meadows further admitted to possessing four firearms that officers also found inside his house. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Court docs: Man who traded guns for drugs sentenced to 5 1/4 years in prison**, Jeff Wiehe, June 15, 2022, 3:54 PM

A federal judge sentenced a 49-year-old Fort Wayne man to more than five years in prison Wednesday for selling firearms to a convicted felon. Andrew S. Thompson had initially been accused of selling five handguns to two people he knew were convicted felons back in late 2018 and early 2019, according to U.S. District Court documents. These people were working with law enforcement as part of a sting against Thompson. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): St. Charles man sentenced to prison for possessing thousands of child pornography images, videos**, Matt Woods, June 15, 2022, 3:18 PM

Marcus E. Gardner was sentenced Wednesday to more than six years in prison for possessing thousands of images and hundreds of videos containing child pornography. Gardner, 48 and of St. Charles, was also ordered to pay \$78,000 in restitution to underage victims identified in the photos and videos found on Gardner's computer and hard drives. About 11,000 photos and 500 videos were found on Gardner's devices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): South Florida man who gave girls 'hush money' for sex gets 40 years for child porn**, Chris Gothner, June 15, 2022, 3:12 PM

A South Florida man, accused of paying two girls, aged 12 and 14, "hush money" for oral sex and recording it, has been sentenced to 40 years in prison, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. In March, 23-year-old Keivon McBride pleaded guilty in federal court to producing and distributing child pornography. Broward County deputies first arrested him on Sept. 28, 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Katy woman accused of defrauding Medicaid out of more than \$600K using her ex-husband's therapist information**, Amanda Cochran, June 15, 2022, 2:21 PM

A 47-year-old Katy resident has been indicted for defrauding Medicaid of more than \$600,000, a federal official said Wednesday. U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery said authorities took Kay Le Farmer into custody and she is expected to make her initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Dena Hanovice Palermo at 1 p.m. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KRIV-Fox \(Houston, TX\)](#)

**KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): Ex-SLC school board member sentenced for producing, transporting child pornography**, Unattributede, June 15, 2022, 2:21 PM

A former member of the Salt Lake City School District Board of Education has been sentenced to 180 months in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to two felony counts related to the production and

transportation of child pornography. Joel Lehi Organista, 29, of Salt Lake City, was sentenced by a U.S. District Court Judge on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Daily Voice (Carroll County, MD): New Windsor Businessman Sentenced For \$940K USPS Facilities Fraud Scheme**, Zak Failla, June 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Maryland businessman will spend more than a year behind bars for conspiring to commit wire fraud and overcharging the US Postal Service (USPS) for maintenance and repair services through his company. New Windsor resident Joseph Liberto, 47, has been sentenced to 18 months in federal prison, followed by 12 months of home detention and three years of supervised release for a wire fraud conspiracy in connection with his company's contract to perform work at USPS facilities [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WFMD \(Frederick, MD\)](#)

**WSFA-NBC (Montgomery, AL): Man in custody after Covington County shooting death**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 12:48 PM

A man is in custody after a fatal shooting Tuesday, according to Covington County Sheriff Blake Turman. James Derek Peoples, of Opp, is considered a suspect in the death of Brandon Keith Foley, also of Opp. The incident happened around 10:45 a.m., Turman said. Officers were called to a home on Jackson Town Toad in the Horn Hill Community. At the scene, officers found Foley with a fatal gunshot wound. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KELO-AM (Sioux Falls, SD) Spearfish woman sentenced for theft of government funds**, Kullynn Meffert, June 15, 2022, 9:38 AM

A Spearfish woman will have to repay thousands of dollars after being convicted of Theft of Government Funds. The United States Attorney's Office says 37-year-old Christi Johnson was sentenced to five years probation, and will have to pay just under \$16,594.50 in restitution.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KELO-AM (Sioux Falls, SD): Former officer sentenced; grandfather dies after crash; state fair gate hikes**, Marissa Lute, June 15, 2022, 8:35 AM

[...] A former Box Elder Police Officer will spend years behind bars after pleading guilty to Aggravated Sexual Abuse. The U.S. Department of Justice says that 35-year-old Ricardo Olandez forced a young girl to have sex with him while he was living at Ellsworth Air Force Base in 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**New Jersey Advance Media: Feds settle suit with N.J. town over discriminatory Orthodox Jewish zoning ordinances**, Chris Sheldon, June 15, 2022, 9:42 PM

The Justice Department settled a lawsuit Wednesday it filed against Jackson Township and its planning board which alleged that the town enacted zoning ordinances that discriminated against the Orthodox Jewish community by preventing them from opening religious boarding schools in the town, officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTTN (Trenton, MO): Former police officer indicted for sexually assaulting a female crime victim**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 11:36 PM

A former police officer with the Memphis Police Department was charged in an indictment unsealed in the Western District of Tennessee for sexually assaulting a woman while he was on duty. According to the indictment, Bridges Randle, 47, who has also used the names Ajamu Abiola Banjoko and Oluwafemi Abiola Banjoko, sexually assaulted the woman after he was dispatched to a vandalism call at the woman's residence on June 24. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBTV-CBS (Charlotte, NC): Davidson nail salon owner sentenced to 15 years in prison for assault, forcing labor on employee**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 8:34 PM

A former executive of Mayfield Village-based Discovery Tours pleaded guilty Wednesday to embezzling about \$600,000. The scheme forced the company to abruptly close in 2018 and cancel school trips for some 5,000 students. Joseph Cipolletti, 47, of Hudson admitted to stealing the money from the company during a hearing held via teleconference in federal court in Cleveland. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CIVIL LAW**

**Law360: MD Helicopters To Pay \$31.5M In DOJ Fraud Settlement**, Jeff Montgomery, June 15, 2022, 3:01 PM

Former Lynn Tilton-piloted MD Helicopters Inc. has landed a mediated \$31.5 million federal False Claims Act settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice and whistleblowers, saying in a Delaware bankruptcy court filing that the deal heads off nearly \$110 million in triple damages liability in Alabama. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Feds Hit Nursing Home With FCA Suit Over 'Nonexistent' Care**, P. J. Danunzio, June 15, 2022, 2:37 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has sued a nursing home operator in Pennsylvania federal court, accusing it of fraudulently billing Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for often "nonexistent care," including one instance which allegedly resulted in a mental health patient dying by suicide. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Cleary Notes Off-Limits In Ex-Citi Trader's Forex Probe Suit**, Rachel Scharf, June 15, 2022, 1:38 PM

A former Citigroup Inc. trader can't access Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP's reports of U.S. Department of Justice meetings in his lawsuit alleging the bank framed him to save itself during a foreign exchange-rigging probe, a Manhattan federal judge said Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**Washington Times: Biden sets new monthly record for illegal border jumpers**, Stephen Dinan, June 15, 2022, 10:20 PM

Border authorities nabbed nearly 240,000 illegal immigrants at the southern border in May, according to numbers released late Wednesday that show the month marked a new record level of chaos for the Biden administration. Just 42% of those were expelled under the Title 42 pandemic emergency policy, while the rest were processed under normal immigration rules which under the Biden administration usually means being released into communities to await eventual court proceedings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: DHS Wants 5th Circ. To Restore ICE's Immigration Guidelines**, Alyssa Aquino, June 15, 2022, 8:46 PM

Immigration officers have turned to the Fifth Circuit to pause a court order vacating their enforcement priorities, saying a Texas judge had overstepped his authority and left immigration officers "rudderless" when he threw out the prioritization scheme. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): Buffalo man charged with attempt to possess heroin after cops find 1 kilo of drug**, Thad Green, June 15, 2022, 4:00 PM

Homeland Security Investigations arrested a Buffalo man, charging him with attempting to possess heroin with

the intent to distribute it. On June 4 at a UPS hub in Louisville, Ky., a dog trained to find narcotics alerted a Customs and Border Protection officer to a package containing 1.1 kilograms of heroin, according to a federal agent. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KDVR-Fox (Denver, CO): ICE detainee described as hardworking father of 4**, Rogelio Mares, June 15, 2022, 11:40 PM

Victor Barrandey-Garcia was arrested by agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. His daughter told the Problem Solvers he's more than just a person taken into custody he's a hardworking father raising four children and running his own business. "I'm not sure what happened, I just know that he got picked up outside of the auto shop," Deyanire Barrandey said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WKRC-CBS (Cincinnati, OH): Local CBP officers seize \$300,000 worth of ketamine being shipped to other countries**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 9:00 PM

Customs and Border Protection officers in Cincinnati stopped pounds of the drug ketamine from being shipped to a number of international locations. The drugs were found in four shipments trying to pass through the Port of Cincinnati on June 8. They came in a shipment of cosmetics and protein supplements from Canada. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KGNS-NBC/ABC (Laredo, TX): Undocumented immigrants attempt to cross Eagle Pass Port of entry**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 5:27 PM

Over two dozen undocumented immigrants are apprehended by federal agents after allegedly attempting to cross a port of entry in Eagle Pass. According to a media outlet out of Piedras Negras, Tuesday at around 5 p.m. several undocumented people allegedly escaped the National Institute of Migration Facility causing damage to the federal compound. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KGNS-NBC/ABC (Laredo, TX): CBP seizes hard narcotics totaling over \$1 million**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 5:04 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized hard narcotics totaling over \$1 million in street value. Packages and a bucket containing \$1.1 million in cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine were seized by CBP officers at the Colombia-Solidarity International Bridge back on June 9. It happened after officers came across an SUV with the driver claiming he was carrying statues from Mexico. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Customs and Border Protection agent from Conroe accused of sexually groping passenger at Bush IAH**, US Attorney says, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 1:36 PM

A 34-year-old Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer is accused of violating a passenger's civil rights and obstruction, the U.S. Attorney's Office has announced. Christopher Edwards Dowell, a Conroe resident, was arrested on Wednesday. The charges allege Dowell deprived a woman of her civil rights at George Bush Intercontinental Airport. While conducting a secondary inspection, he allegedly touched the victim's breasts without her consent. He then engaged in obstruction by attempting to cover up the incident with information he submitted in the secondary inspection report, according to a federal indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTVJ-NBC (Miami, FL): Immigration Activists Call for Action 10 Years After DACA Established**, Cherney Ahmara, June 15, 2022, 12:28 PM

It's been 10 years since the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals was established by former President Barack Obama. But even a decade later, the Obama-era policy which stalls deportation for some undocumented young people who arrived here as children has no permanent solution. Now, several South Florida immigration activists are taking their fight to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as ICE, to call for changes to the immigration system. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **ANTITRUST**

**NYT: Justice Dept. Asks Court to Limit Scope of M.L.B.'s Antitrust Exemption**, Benjamin Hoffman, June 16, 2022, 12:05 AM

In a filing on Wednesday, the Department of Justice asked a federal court to limit the scope of Major League Baseball's antitrust exemption to "conduct that is central to the offering of professional baseball exhibitions." Calling the century-old exemption an aberration — no such exemption exists for other United States-based sports leagues — the filing said the Supreme Court ruling that created the exemption was based on a "repudiated" interpretation of the Constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ESPN: Department of Justice asks federal court to limit MLB's antitrust exemption**, Joon Lee, June 16, 2022, 1:00 AM

The Department of Justice, making a request on behalf of three former minor league teams suing Major League Baseball after the league stripped them of their affiliation, asked a federal court Wednesday to limit the antitrust exemption given to MLB. The three teams suing MLB were among 43 that lost their affiliation when the league downsized the minors to 120 teams in 2020. MLB has asked that the lawsuit be dismissed, citing the antitrust exemption. In the filing with the U.S. District Court in New York, the Justice Department asked the court to "define the exemption narrowly." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: [OPINION] Antitrust populism would shift US from free market to managed economy**, Jonathan M. Barnett, June 15, 2022, 12:00 PM

Antitrust law has long relied on two cardinal principles: the consumer welfare standard and the "rule of reason" balancing test. Both principles reflect the view that antitrust is hard and that it is easy for regulators and courts to make errors. The consumer welfare standard ensures that antitrust law is only deployed against business practices that injure competition, rather than practices that disadvantage less-adept competitors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**WSJ: EPA Lowers Bar for Toxic Chemicals Contamination**, Kris Maher, June 15, 2022, 5:02 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency sharply lowered safe-consumption levels for so-called forever chemicals in drinking water, signaling its conclusion that the widely found substances are more hazardous than previously thought. While not enforceable, the new levels could have far-reaching effects on state drinking water regulations, pending federal rules and thousands of lawsuits involving chemicals found in firefighting foam and contamination from legacy uses of the chemicals. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

**Law360: Court Stands By Feds' Review Of Alaskan Mining Road**, Grace Dixon, June 15, 2022, 4:29 PM

An Alaska federal court backed an earlier decision giving the federal government leeway to review a prior approval of a \$1 billion mining access road project, finding that work allowed to continue in the meantime will have minimal effects. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Environmental groups sue Biden administration over western drilling permits**, Zack Budryk, June 15, 2022, 3:34 PM

Three environmental organizations on Wednesday sued the Biden administration for granting thousands of fossil fuel drilling permits, alleging the permits violate federal law. In the lawsuit, filed in the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, plaintiffs accused the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of violating the



Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act by granting 3,500 permits in Wyoming and New Mexico. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **TAX**

**Law360: Pa. Man Owes \$3.5M Restitution, Prison Time For Tax Fraud**, Emlyn Cameron, June 15, 2022, 3:47 PM

A Pennsylvania man must pay over \$3.5 million in restitution and spend two-and-a-half years in prison and a year in supervised release for tax fraud, the U.S. Department of Justice said Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**See also:** [Patch \(Levittown, PA\)](#)

**Law360: FBAR Penalties Apply To Each Account, US Tells 2nd Circ.**, Theresa Schliep, June 15, 2022, 5:15 PM

The Second Circuit should undo a lower court ruling determining that the maximum penalty for unintentionally failing to disclose foreign accounts to the IRS is \$10,000 per annual form rather than [...] [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WDSU-NBC (New Orleans, LA): New Orleans judge tosses one count ahead of Jason Williams federal tax fraud trial**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 5:15 PM

Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason Williams is just a few weeks away from a federal tax fraud trial, but will now face lesser charges. On Wednesday, a judge tossed one count from Williams' original 11-count indictment. Williams still faces 10 counts of tax fraud ahead of his July 18 trial. This comes less than a week after the judge in Williams' case ruled his defense team cannot claim he was indicted for racial or political reasons in the upcoming trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WMBF-NBC (Myrtle Beach, SC): Owner of NC tax prep business arrested for fraud, attempted to board flight out of country**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 5:14 PM

The owner of a North Carolina tax preparation business has been arrested after attempting to board a flight out of the country. The U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday that Emmanuel Wesner Jean was taken into custody at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport while trying to board a flight to Haiti. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**See also:** [WBTW-CBS \(Florence, SC\)](#)

**Patch (Levittown, PA): Bucks Business Owner Sentenced In \$1.3M Tax Fraud Scheme: DOJ**, John Fey, June 15, 2022, 1:28 PM

A Bucks County construction business owner has been sentenced to prison and to pay restitution for their orchestration of a tax fraud scheme. Samuel Bullock, 72, of Langhorne, was sentenced to two and a half years in prison and one year of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$3,501,261 restitution by United States District Court Judge Michael M. Baylson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**AP: 3 hurt in fire in row homes on block where pride flag burned**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 6:11 PM

Three people were hospitalized after a fire tore through four row homes on the same north Baltimore block where a pride flag was burned early Wednesday, officials said. [...] Fire Chief Niles R. Ford said his department would work with city police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and FBI "to determine who is responsible for setting the fire." Investigators are still determining the details and motives behind the fires, Police Commissioner Michael Harrison said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: U.S. probing how American electronics wound up in Russian military gear**, Jeanne Whalen, June 15, 2022, 6:55 PM

Federal agents have begun questioning U.S. technology companies on how their computer chips ended up in Russian military equipment recovered in Ukraine. Commerce Department agents who enforce export controls are conducting the inquiries together with the FBI, paying joint visits to companies to ask about Western chips and components found in Russian radar systems, drones, tanks, ground-control equipment and littoral ships, according to people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive investigations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Examiner: Has the FBI become a threat to democracy?**, Thomas J. Baker, June 16, 2022, 1:00 AM

Last month, in the District of Columbia, a jury could not bring itself to find Michael Sussmann guilty of lying to the FBI. Nonetheless, we learned a lot during that trial. An FBI agent testified that he is under investigation for withholding exculpatory material during the investigation of the Trump campaign. Other revelations in that courtroom highlighted the eagerness of FBI brass, "the 7th floor," to proceed with the investigation of that presidential campaign. Withholding exculpatory information about someone is a threat to that individual's civil rights; withholding exculpatory material about a presidential campaign is a threat to democracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Newsweek: Bone-Chilling FBI Audio Recording of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks Resurfaces**, Sara Santora, June 15, 2022, 2:56 PM

An uninterrupted audio recording of the 9/11 terrorist attacks has resurfaced online. The 90-minute audio recording was initially uploaded to YouTube by ElReyDeNorte. However, it was later shared in Reddit's "Today I Learned" (TIL) forum, where it has amassed over 60,000 upvotes and inspired thousands of commenters to recount their own memories from the day of the attacks. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH): FBI: Rare wine, whiskey scheme bilked \$13 million from elderly across U.S., including 89-year-old Highland Heights man**, Adam Ferrise, June 15, 2022, 4:39 PM

A scheme targeting the elderly across the country bilked some 150 people out of \$13 million by promising high returns on investments in rare wine and whiskey, according to the FBI. One of the victims, an 89-year-old Highland Heights man, lost \$300,000, according to criminal charges filed in federal court in Cleveland. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WATE-ABC (Knoxville, TN): Cities nationwide not reporting crime data to FBI**, Dray Clark, Devan Markham, June 16, 2022, 1:43 AM

In America's heartland, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska are among the states with dozens of cities not reporting their data, according to data analysis by The Marshall Project. Although the New York Police Department is listed as one of the law enforcement agencies accused of not reporting its 2021 crime data to the FBI, criminologists say the NYPD still has a very good idea of what's happening crime-wise in New York City because of its own sophisticated system of tracking crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KHON-Fox/CW- (Honolulu, HI): FBI, KPD find explosives in Kauai residence**, Elizabeth Ufi, June 16, 2022, 1:12 AM

In a joint operation, Kauai law enforcement served search warrants on a residence and vehicle in Hanamaulu for explosive devices. According to the Kauai Police Department, bomb technicians found five homemade pyrotechnic devices and an item that resembled a metallic pipe bomb. Unknown powders, cardboard tubing, hobby-type fuse and other items consistent with manufacturing PED explosives were also found. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KMSP-Fox (Minneapolis, MN):* **[VIDEO] FBI says there may be 1,000 victims in St. Paul man's sextortion case**, June 15, 2022, 11:00 PM

The suspect at the center of a massive online sextortion scheme is behind bars, but agents at FBI Minneapolis say their work is far from over. Over the last two years, the FBI has invested time and resources investigating, 31-year-old Yue Vang from St. Paul. [\[Watch\]](#)

*WSVN-Fox (Miami, FL):* **Her SUV Seized After Boyfriend's Arrest**, Patrick Fraser, Kelara Ehfad, June 15, 2022, 9:00 PM

The DEA arrested her boyfriend, accusing him of selling drugs, and when they did that they also took her SUV that she used for her business. When she couldn't get it back, she called Help Me Howard with Patrick Fraser to find out if the government could keep her vehicle. If Derica is in a kitchen, her face is smiling. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV):* **FBI holds first Information Sharing Summit**, Makayla Schindler, June 15, 2022, 8:56 PM

The FBI CJIS Division partnered with FBI Pittsburgh's Office to hold an Information Summit Sharing on the early morning of June 15. This summit is a way for FBI Pittsburgh and FBI CJIS to really connect with their local partners throughout West Virginia, to share information, tools, resources, network, and strategize to combat a lot of the crimes and things that are affecting our communities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KARE-NBC (Minneapolis, MN):* **FBI believes there are more victims of St. Paul man's sextortion scheme**, Sharon Yoo, June 15, 2022, 7:59 PM

A St. Paul man has pleaded guilty to a massive sextortion scheme that the FBI says targeted at least 500 minors through a number of social media sites. But they believe there could be many more victims. However, before getting to that, what exactly is sextortion? [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KOAM-CBS (Pittsburg, KS):* **U.S Marshals say last Barry County fugitive captured planned to flee the U.S.**, Andre Louque, June 15, 2022, 7:35 PM

U.S. Marshals say the last of the Barry County Jail escapees had plans to flee to the country. Just last night, the Barry County Sheriff's office announced that U.S. Marshals had taken Lance Stephens, the third and final jail escapee into custody. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WHNT-CBS (Huntsville, AL):* **FBI warns of elder fraud and abuse, gives resources**, Emily Moessner, June 15, 2022, 7:27 PM

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) recognizes June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The awareness day is to draw attention to abuse, neglect, and fraud committed against older Americans. The DOJ reports elder abuse impacts at least 10% of older Americans each year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTVA-ABC/ABC \(Tupelo, MS\)](#)

*WBAL-NBC (Baltimore, MD):* **Police investigating Wednesday morning fire in Baltimore City**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

An intense fire in Baltimore's Charles Village neighborhood damaged four rowhomes and sent three people to the hospital on Wednesday. [...] "As this investigation moves forward, we will continue to work with the Baltimore City Police Department, ATF and the FBI to determine who is responsible for setting the fire. I am also extremely proud of the work performed by our members to help bring this fire under control in just under an hour, while preventing the fire from spreading to additional homes." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WPBF-ABC (West Palm Beach, FL):* **FBI joins search for 12-year-old Boynton Beach boy**, Taylor Lang, June 15, 2022, 6:34 PM

The FBI has joined the search to help locate a 12-year-old boy missing from Boynton Beach. A Missing Child Alert was issued Wednesday for Yves Clervoir, who was last seen in the 400 block of NE 11th Avenue. Clervoir is 5 feet, 3 inches tall, according to law enforcement. He weighs about 125 pounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WGRZ-NBC (Buffalo, NY):* **[VIDEO] FBI affidavit reveals new information about Tops shooting**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 6:15 PM

The details include incite into the timeline of events, as well as evidence which led prosecutors to bring charges under the hate crime statute. [[Watch](#)]

*KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA):* **2 arrested in Centralia for trafficking fentanyl, meth**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 4:40 PM

Two men were arrested Tuesday in possession of 8 pounds of methamphetamine and 10,000 suspected fentanyl pills, the Centralia Police Department announced Wednesday. The arrests were made by the Joint Narcotics Enforcement Team (JNET), made up of members from the Centralia and Chehalis police departments, the Washington State Department of Corrections, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID):* **SPD, FBI to hold joint news conference on Shamia Little case**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 4:00 PM

The FBI New Orleans and Shreveport Police Department will hold a joint news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday to update the investigation into the death of a Shreveport teenager. The body of Shamia Little, 17, was found behind a business on Curtis Lane on July 12, days after she was reported missing from near Douglas Williams Park. The coroner said she was shot to death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WDTV-CBS (Weston, WV):* **FBI information summit hosts WV law enforcement**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 3:46 PM

Law enforcement from around the region met at the FBI headquarters in Bridgeport Wednesday morning. They were there to discuss and learn about information gathering and sharing between law enforcement and federal agencies. The FBI showed officers some of the latest technology and methods while focusing heavily on cybercrime and data sharing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WRGT (Dayton, OH):* **Attorney General Yost announces partnership that will analyze firearms faster**, Lydia Bice, June 15, 2022, 3:00 PM

On Wednesday, June 15, Attorney General Dave Yost announced a partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that will allow the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to analyze firearms evidence significantly faster for law enforcement agencies statewide. This partnership will also help Ohio law enforcement agencies match evidence with evidence gathered from crimes in other states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

*Reuters:* **U.S. President Reagan's shooter John Hinckley fully released after 41 years**, Jonathan Allen, June 15, 2022, 9:11 PM

John Hinckley, who wounded then U.S. President Ronald Reagan and three others in a 1981 assassination attempt, was released without conditions on Wednesday in compliance with a federal judge's order. He had

received full-time conditional release in 2016 after 30 years in a psychiatric hospital in Washington and had lived with his mother in Virginia until her death last year. A jury had found him not guilty by reason of insanity in his 1982 trial, prompting Congress and some states to pass laws restricting the use of insanity as a defense. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Oregon's prison chief in lead for top federal prisons job**, Michael Balsamo and Michael R. Sisak, June 15, 2022, 7:00 PM

Colette Peters, the director of Oregon's prison system, has now emerged as the leading contender to run the federal prison system, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Peters, who has run the state's corrections department since 2012, is at the top of the list of candidates to replace Bureau of Prisons Director Michael Carvajal, who submitted his resignation in January but said he would stay on until a successor was named, the person said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NY Daily News: Inmate planned to strangle Ghislaine Maxwell in her sleep at Brooklyn federal jail: lawyer**, Molly Crane-Newman, June 15, 2022, 7:56 PM

One of Ghislaine Maxwell's fellow detainees at the Brooklyn federal lockup plotted to murder her, a defense lawyer said in a court filing Wednesday aimed at lightening Maxwell's sentence on sex trafficking charges for procuring young women for Jeffrey Epstein. "(One) of the female inmates in Ms. Maxwell's housing unit told at least three other inmates that she had been offered money to murder Ms. Maxwell and that she planned to strangle her in her sleep," wrote lawyer Bobbi Sternheim. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **US SUPREME COURT**

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court deals major blow to California worker class actions**, Daniel Wiessner, June 15, 2022, 3:32 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday said a unique California law allowing workers to sue their employers in the state's name does not permit them to circumvent agreements to bring legal disputes in individual arbitration rather than court. The court's 8-1 ruling in a case involving Viking River Cruises Inc is a major victory for business groups who had backed the company, and is likely to stem a flood of lawsuits filed in recent years accusing companies of widespread wage law violations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Justices dismiss Trump-era immigration case, in a Biden win**, Jessica Greesko, June 15, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Supreme Court said Wednesday it was wrong to wade into a dispute involving a Trump-era immigration rule that the Biden administration has abandoned, so the justices dismissed the case. The court had said it would answer the question of whether Republican-led states, headed by Arizona, could pick up the legal defense of the Trump-era "public charge" rule that denied green cards to immigrants who use food stamps or other public benefits. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court rejects its own precedent in death row decision**, Hassan Kanu, June 15, 2022, 1:53 PM

A U.S. Supreme Court decision on Monday demonstrates its conservative justices' disregard for well-established judicial norms and longstanding legal rights, even in cases that present literal life-or-death stakes. The court's decision on June 13 rejected a petition to reevaluate a death sentence in *Andrus v. Texas*, with its three liberal justices dissenting in an opinion by Justice Sonia Sotomayor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court faults Medicare cuts to hospitals for outpatient drugs**, Andrew Chung,

June 15, 2022, 12:02 PM

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) exceeded its authority when it cut billions of dollars in annual Medicare reimbursements to a group of nonprofit hospitals that cater to poor and uninsured people, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday. The justices, in a 9-0 decision authored by Justice Brett Kavanaugh, sided with the hospitals, which sued after HHS starting in 2018 reduced by \$1.6 billion the government's yearly Medicare payments for outpatient drugs that had helped subsidize the operations of these hospitals. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [WSJ](#)

**NYT: Bracing for the End of Roe v. Wade, the White House Weighs Executive Actions**, Charlie Savage, June 15, 2022, 5:00 AM

President Biden's top aides are weighing whether he can or should take a series of executive actions to help women in Republican-controlled states obtain abortions if the Supreme Court eliminates a woman's right to end her pregnancy, according to senior administration officials. Some of the ideas under consideration include declaring a national public health emergency, readying the Justice Department to fight any attempt by states to criminalize travel for the purpose of obtaining an abortion, and asserting that Food and Drug Administration regulations granting approval to abortion medications pre-empt any state bans, the officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: When will the Supreme Court make a decision on the fate of Roe vs. Wade?**, Unattributed, June 15, 2022, 8:00 AM

The Supreme Court will soon announce its decision in a historic abortion case that will affect millions of Americans. Here's what we know about the timing of the decision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ABC: Ahead of Supreme Court decision on abortion, Texas is already a 'post-Roe world,'** advocates say, Katie Kindelan, June 16, 2022, 5:02 AM

Down a dirt road, inside a church in Dallas, Texas, the cellphone of Zuleka Edwards buzzes constantly. "I was just trying to seek termination of a pregnancy," one caller tells Edwards, abortion coordinator for The Afiya Center, the only Black-women-led abortion fund in North Texas. "I just need some assistance, OK, if that's possible." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [VIDEO] Toobin: SCOTUS says this is history, we're dealing in the present**, Jessica Schneider, June 15, 2022, 12:40 PM

The Supreme Court dismissed a case brought by Republican led states attempting to defend a Trump-era immigration policy. The "public charge" immigration rule was rescinded when the Biden administration took office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NPR: Dana Remus made legal history in the White House. Now she's moving on**, Carrie Johnson, June 15, 2022, 9:03 AM

The top lawyer in the White House is stepping down after more than a year-and-a-half in the role, NPR has learned. White House counsel Dana Remus made history by helping to confirm the first Black woman for the U.S. Supreme Court. She also set records for appointing dozens of lower court judges with diverse professional experiences, selecting public defenders and civil rights attorneys for posts that carry a lifetime tenure.

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**SCOTUSblog: Justices broaden trial courts' discretion in child-custody disputes under Hague Convention**, Amy Howe, June 15, 2022, 5:32 PM

The Supreme Court on Wednesday gave federal trial courts more discretion over whether children in some

international custody disputes must be returned to their home countries. The unanimous decision in *Golan v. Saada* was the latest in a series of cases interpreting the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, an international agreement adopted in 1980 to deal with international child abduction during domestic disputes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**SCOTUSblog: [OPINION] In an opinion that shuns Chevron, the court rejects a Medicare cut for hospital drugs**, James Romoser, June 15, 2022, 2:24 PM

In *American Hospital Association v. Becerra*, the Supreme Court had a chance to upend the administrative state. Though the dispute involved a technical Medicare reimbursement formula, business groups and conservative legal organizations had urged the justices to use the case as a vehicle to overhaul or even overturn the 38-year-old doctrine known as Chevron deference. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS**

**Reuters: Biden's seven new judicial nominees include first Latino for D.C. Circuit**, Nate Raymond, June 15, 2022, 12:49 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday unveiled seven new judicial nominees, including U.S. Justice Department official Bradley Garcia, who would become the first Latino to serve on the influential federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. Garcia, a veteran appellate lawyer and a former law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan now at the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, was nominated to join the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law, Law360](#)

**Fox: Biden nominates Minnesota prosecutor in Derek Chauvin case for federal judgeship**, Ronn Blitzer, June 15, 2022, 1:37 PM

The White House announced Wednesday that President Biden is nominating Derek Chauvin prosecutor Jerry Blackwell to be a federal district court judge for the District of Minnesota. Blackwell was part of the legal team that successfully secured a guilty verdict against Chauvin for the 2020 murder of George Floyd. He is one of seven new judicial picks the president named, and the White House specifically mentioned diversity in its press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Arizona Republic: Biden nominates Arizona attorney who fought attempts to overturn election as judge for 9th Circuit**, Ryan Randazzo, June 15, 2022, 3:59 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday nominated Arizona attorney Roopali Desai, who was on the front lines of several high-profile election challenges in Arizona, to fill a vacancy on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Desai has represented Democrats and the Democratic Party in a host of high-profile issues in Arizona and served as legal counsel and campaign attorney for U.S. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, who advocated for her nomination. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: Reps. Back Subpoena Power For Indian School Panel**, Caleb Symons, June 15, 2022, 8:33 PM

Federal lawmakers declined Wednesday to eliminate the subpoena power of a commission that, if created, would detail the government's past efforts to erase Native American culture by forcing children to attend coercive and often abusive boarding schools. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Cherokee Nation will display Oklahoma flag after removal from tribal properties**, Kaelan Deese, June 15, 2022, 5:22 PM

The Cherokee Nation announced Tuesday it will allow the Oklahoma flag to fly on its properties after Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. reversed his decision to remove the flag due to negative feedback from within the tribe. “I was particularly moved by concerns of some members of the Council that my executive order created unnecessary division at a time when I have called for cooperation,” Hoskin wrote in a press statement Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **OPIOID CRISIS**

**Law360: SF Opioid Crisis Not From Allergan's Market Share, Judge Told**, Bonnie Eslinger, June 15, 2022, 11:05 PM

An economics expert for Allergan testified Wednesday in a bellwether opioid bench trial that the "extremely small" market share and promotion done for the company's two branded opioids could not have substantially contributed to San Francisco's opioid crisis. Margaret Kyle, who holds a Ph. D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also told the court that there wasn't evidence that the marketing done for Allergan's branded opioids Kadian and Norco caused or substantially contributed to San Francisco's overdose and addiction crisis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**AP: Harris to launch task force on online harassment, abuse**, Chris Megerian, June 16, 2022, 4:23 AM  
Vice President Kamala Harris will launch a new task force dedicated to fighting online harassment and abuse, according to senior Biden administration officials. Although the problem isn't new, it has taken on new urgency following shooting massacres in Texas and New York that were predated by misogynist and racist commentary on social media and message boards. The National Security Council is working with the White House Gender Policy Council on the initiative, and Attorney General Merrick Garland and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy were scheduled to attend the first meeting Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Reuters](#)

**WSJ: Biden Seeks to Strengthen LGBT Protections With Executive Order**, Catherine Lucey, June 15, 2022, 5:50 PM

President Biden signed an executive order Wednesday aimed at improving protections for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people that includes efforts to counter GOP-led state laws regarding transgender youths. The order charges the Department of Health and Human Services with “protecting LGBTQI+ children and families from attacks on their access to health care” and directs the department to release new policies for states on how to expand access to healthcare for those patients. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#)

## **CONGRESS**

**WaPo: Bipartisan bill aims to curb foreign influence in U.S. democracy**, Isaac Stanley-Becker, June 16, 2022, 6:00 AM

A House bill due to be introduced Thursday seeks to curb foreign influence in U.S. democracy by imposing a lifetime ban on members of Congress, senior military leaders and senior executive branch officials from lobbying for a foreign government or political party, among other measures. [[Continue Reading](#)]



**LAT: [EDITORIAL] During Watergate, Republicans made ‘the system’ work. Today’s GOP is failing the nation**, Jackie Calmes, June 16, 2022, 6:00 AM

Friday is the 50th anniversary of the Watergate burglary that would end Richard M. Nixon’s presidency two years later. By then, his vice president and successor, Gerald R. Ford Jr., would tell Americans, “Our long national nightmare is over.” Little could Ford or his audience have imagined the nation’s current nightmare, one that’s far from over. We’re enduring the biggest presidential scandal since Watergate, or ever: Donald Trump’s continued assault on democracy, following his unprecedented refusal to accept the 2020 election result and allow for the peaceful transfer of power to the winner. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: House Passes ‘Unprecedented’ Wildlife Protection Act**, Joyce Hanson, June 15, 2022, 4:48 PM

The U.S. House in a bipartisan vote has passed a wildlife protection measure that proposes to pay out \$1.3 billion to states, territories and tribes to help accelerate the recovery of 1,600 species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: Reps. Back Subpoena Power For Indian School Panel**, Stephen Dinan, June 15, 2022, 3:00 PM

Congressional Democrats have proposed an amnesty for immigrants with a history of marijuana use, saying those records should not be used to prevent them from gaining a more permanent legal status. The proposal was tucked inside House Democrats’ 2023 spending plan for homeland security programs. The language would prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from using immigrants’ history of personal marijuana use, including criminal conviction, against them if they are applying for admission to the U.S., or for an immigration benefit such as a green card or citizenship. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 15, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O’Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- The Federal Reserve intensified its fight against high inflation on Wednesday, raising its key interest rate by three-quarters of a point — the largest bump since 1994 — and signaling more rate hikes ahead as it tries to cool off the U.S. economy without causing a recession. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]
- The U.S. announced it will send an additional \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, as America and its allies provide longer-range weapons they say can make a difference in a fight where Ukrainian forces are outnumbered and outgunned by their Russian invaders. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Jan. 6 Committee on Wednesday released new footage of a man who on Jan. 6 outside the Capitol made violent verbal threats against top Democratic lawmakers and who the day before had been taken on a tour of House office buildings by Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The white gunman who killed 10 Black people in a racist attack at a Buffalo supermarket was charged Wednesday with federal hate crimes that could potentially carry a death penalty. The criminal complaint

filed Wednesday against Payton Gendron coincided with a visit to Buffalo by Attorney General Merrick Garland. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Rep. Tom Rice was one of ten Republicans who voted to impeach former President Trump after the January 6th insurrection and never wavered from his vote. This cost Rice as he lost his primary to Trump-endorsed candidate state Rep. Russell Fry. [[NBC](#)]
- COVID-19 vaccine shots for U.S. infants, toddlers and preschoolers moved a step closer Wednesday. The Food and Drug Administration's outside vaccine advisers gave a thumbs-up to Moderna's two-shot vaccine and also to Pfizer-BioNTech's three-shot series for the young age group. [[ABC](#)]

## **MORNING HEADLINES**

- “European Leaders Visit Irpin, a Site of Atrocities in Ukraine” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- “Fed announces biggest interest rate increase since 1994 in effort to tame inflation” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “The Next Steps for Moderna and Pfizer Vaccines for the Youngest Children” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- “U.S. defends weapons aid to Ukraine as ‘numbers clearly favor the Russians’” [[WaPo](#)]

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## MORNING HEADLINES

- “Fed Weighs 0.75-Point Hike as Stock Futures Rise” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
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- “U.S. abortion rate rises, reversing three decades of declines” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Analysis: Far-Right Republicans Press Closer to Power Over Future Elections” [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**CBS: Attorney General Garland to visit Buffalo mass shooting site and meet with victims' families and survivors**, Robert Legare, June 15, 2022, 5:22 AM

Just over a month after an 18-year-old White man opened fire inside a Buffalo Tops supermarket, killing 10 and wounding three others, Attorney General Merrick Garland is traveling to the site of the massacre to pay his respects to the victims' families. In the wake of the massacre, Garland announced the Justice Department would investigate the matter as a hate crime and an act of racially-motivated violent extremism. Investigators allege the suspect detailed his plans and his racist motivation for the violence in hundreds of pages of writings he posted online shortly before the shooting. According to authorities, 11 of the 13 individuals who were shot were Black. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Buffalo News \(Buffalo, NY\)](#), [Fox](#), [Spectrum News \(New York, NY\)](#), [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#), [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

**Fox: Missouri Sen. Hawley rips AG Garland for failing to act on protests at Supreme Court justices homes**, Bradford Betz, June 14, 2022, 5:20 PM

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., is accusing Attorney General Merrick Garland of inaction on the protesters who flocked to the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh last week following an alleged assassination attempt on his life. In a Tuesday letter sent to Garland, Hawley raised concerns that despite demonstrations outside Kavanaugh’s home and an increase in pro-abortion attacks on pregnancy resource centers, no significant action has been taken. Federal law stipulates that picketing at the homes of judges with the intent to intimidate them or influencing their rulings is illegal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Spy agencies’ focus on China could snare Chinese Americans**, Nomaan Merchant And Eric Tucker, June 14, 2022, 12:25 PM

As U.S. intelligence agencies ramp up their efforts against China, top officials acknowledge they may also end up collecting more phone calls and emails from Chinese Americans, raising new concerns about spying affecting civil liberties. A new report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence makes several recommendations, including expanding unconscious bias training and reiterating internally that federal law bans targeting someone solely due to their ethnicity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Judge to decide trial for Confederate flag-toting dad, son**, Michael Kunzelman, June 14, 2022, 7:05 PM

A man carrying a Confederate battle flag stormed the U.S. Capitol with his son because they intended to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden’s 2020 electoral victory, prosecutors argued Tuesday

at the close of the men's trial. A federal judge, not a jury, will decide if Delaware residents Kevin Seefried and his adult son, Hunter, are guilty of a felony obstruction charge and several misdemeanor offenses stemming from the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: A Ragtag Band of Hackers Is Waging Cyberwar on Putin's Supply Lines**, Ryan Gallagher, June 15, 2022, 12:01 AM

Russia's military began sending large numbers of weapons and troops into Belarus in late January. The official purpose of the movement was a joint military exercise, but Belarus, which has a 650-mile border with Ukraine and a government closely aligned with Moscow, was also a logical staging point for Russian President Vladimir Putin to carry out an invasion. Several days after the troops arrived weird things started happening to the computer systems that ran the Belarus national railway system, which the Russian military was using as part of its mobilization. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: White House has security concerns about any deal for NSO hacking tools**, Ellen Nakashima and Craig Timberg, June 14, 2022, 4:00 PM

A major American defense firm, L3Harris, is in talks with the blacklisted Israeli spyware company, NSO Group, to buy its phone-hacking capability in a deal that would give the U.S. company control of one of the world's most sophisticated and controversial hacking tools, according to people familiar with the talks. The unusual deal appears to be an attempt to salvage some utility from a firm facing serious financial straits, by selling its most valuable product — its hacking code and access to the software's developers — to a company that would restrict its use to the United States and trusted Western allies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Federal judge to consider Steve Bannon's motion to dismiss contempt indictment**, Pete Williams, June 15, 2022, 4:32 AM

Lawyers for former Trump White House adviser Steve Bannon will urge a federal judge Wednesday to dismiss an indictment charging him with contempt of Congress for failing to respond to a subpoena from the House Jan. 6 committee. They argue that prosecuting Bannon violates longstanding Justice Department policies concerning executive branch officials. They also maintain that the committee had no authority to issue the subpoena and that the law making contempt of Congress a crime is unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Biden administration eases terrorism-related restrictions for Afghan evacuees**, Priscilla Alvarez, June 15, 2022, 3:00 AM

The Biden administration is loosening certain terrorism-related exemptions for Afghan evacuees who worked with or on behalf of the US government so they can qualify for immigration benefits, the Department of Homeland Security announced Tuesday. "These actions will also ensure that individuals who have lived under Taliban rule, such as former civil servants, those required to pay service fees to the Taliban to do things like pass through a checkpoint or obtain a passport, and those who fought against the Taliban are not mistakenly barred because of overly broad applications of terrorism-related inadmissibility grounds (TRIG) in our immigration law," the department said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CBS: What is the Patriot Front? Prominent white supremacist group tied to mass arrest near Idaho Pride event**, Alex Sundby, June 14, 2022, 3:29 PM

The nearly three dozen people arrested for allegedly conspiring to riot near an Idaho Pride event over the weekend appear to be affiliated with the hate group Patriot Front, police said. The group was called "one of the most prominent white supremacist groups in the country" by the Southern Poverty Law Center earlier this year. [...] In 2021, Attorney General Merrick Garland warned of an "elevated threat to the homeland" posed by domestic violent extremists. "In the FBI's view, the top domestic violent extremist threat comes from racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists, specifically those who advocated for the superiority of the white race," Garland said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ABC: Prolific ads featuring right-wing icons push questionable claims about US 'crime wave',**

Mike Levine, June 14, 2022, 7:23 AM

You may have seen ads for the anti-fraud service Home Title Lock on national TV, heard them on talk radio, or watched them on social media -- often featuring right-wing personalities such as Rudy Giuliani or Newt Gingrich. The prolific ads urgently warn of a scam called "home title theft," when a con artist fraudulently claims ownership of someone else's home to swindle lenders or even sell the property. In several commercials, Giuliani, Gingrich and other pitchmen claim the FBI classifies home title theft as "one of the fastest-growing" crimes in America. Some marketing materials also showcase people who've been identified as "real victims" -- a "devastated" Texas cowboy and a Florida-raised grandmother whose "heart-wrenching story of losing her rightfully-owned home is occurring all too often nationwide."

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**Courthouse News: Proud Boys member who called for civil war days after Capitol riot pleads guilty,**

Emily Zantow, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

Getting the more serious charges against him dropped in the process, a 21-year-old member of the Proud Boys who called for a civil war days after rioting at the U.S. Capitol pleaded guilty on Tuesday to entering and remaining in a restricted area. Ryan Ashlock struck a plea deal with the Justice Department in which he admitted guilt to a misdemeanor charge that carries a statutory sentence of up to one year in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Examiner: FBI official had unauthorized contacts with reporters for years: DOJ watchdog,**

Jerry Dunleavy, June 14, 2022, 9:36 PM

A top FBI national security official involved in Crossfire Hurricane had dozens of unauthorized contacts with the media over several years, the Department of Justice's watchdog concluded. Justice Department inspector general Michael Horowitz's office concluded in a newly released investigative report that retired FBI official Michael Steinbach violated numerous bureau rules through his meetings and communications with reporters, though prosecution against him was declined by DOJ. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Pa. Capitol riot suspect pens letter from jail saying politicians 'need to go,' a woodchipper 'sounds good',**

Jonathan Bergmueller, June 14, 2022, 6:54 PM

A Jan. 6 defendant accused of toppling a police barricade is now accused of writing a letter talking about getting rid of politicians with a woodchipper, according to court documents filed Monday. 'All these poltions(sic) in office need to go, a woodchiper(sic) sounds good' Ryan Samsel, 38, of Bristol, Bucks County, said in the June 2 letter riddled with misspellings from the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia. "I'll tell people get your wepons (sic) kiss your kidds (sic) goodbye and let's (expletive) go!"

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**Newsweek: Jan. 6 Defendant Blames Stephen Colbert for Negative Media Coverage,**

Jack Dutton, June 14, 2022, 12:42 PM

An attorney representing Joseph Biggs, a Proud Boys organizer linked to the deadly January 6 Capitol riot, has argued that Biggs' trial should be moved out of Washington D.C. due to negative coverage of the far-right group by CBS' The Late Show With Stephen Colbert and MSNBC's Morning Joe. Biggs is charged with conspiracy, as well as obstructing an official Congress proceeding, illegal entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## JAN. 6 HEARINGS

**AP: Jan. 6 hearings: What we've learned, and what's next,** Mary Clare Jalonick, June 14, 2022, 8:00 PM

House investigators are trying to make a methodical case that President Donald Trump's lies about the

2020 election led directly to his supporters' insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. The House panel investigating the attack has held the first two in a series of hearings providing its initial findings after a yearlong probe and more than 1,000 interviews. The committee has shown clips not only from the violent attack on the Capitol, but also from its own closed-door interviews with Trump aides and associates who were trying to dissuade him from spreading falsehoods about an election he lost. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: Police: House Republican's tour of Capitol wasn't suspicious**, Michael Balsamo, June 14, 2022, 12:16 PM

Police have determined that there is nothing suspicious about a tour of U.S. Capitol office buildings that a House Republican gave about 15 people the day before the Jan. 6 attack by rioting supporters of then-President Donald Trump. The House committee investigating the 2021 insurrection examined whether rioters had been involved in reconnaissance and surveillance before the attack, and Democrats suggested some Republican members may have helped them. But there has been no public evidence of that. Rep. Barry Loudermilk, a Republican from Georgia, was simply showing his constituents around, Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger in a letter sent Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: 1/6 Panel postpones hearing with ex-Justice Dept. officials**, Eric Tucker, June 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol has postponed a hearing that was to feature Trump-era Justice Department officials. The hearing had been set for Wednesday, but the committee on Tuesday morning said that it had been postponed. It did not give a reason or a new date for the hearing. The next hearing is set to take place on Thursday. The witnesses at Wednesday's hearing were to include Jeffrey Rosen, who was the acting attorney general at the time of the Capitol insurrection, as well as two other former top officials, Richard Donoghue and Steven Engel. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#), [NPR](#)

**USA Today: Bill Barr's complicated relationship with Donald Trump: From vital advocate to damning witness**, Kevin Johnson, June 15, 2022, 5:00 AM

Just more than a month after the 2020 election, Bill Barr recalled a meeting with Donald Trump in which the then-attorney general began to question the state of mind of his boss – the president of the United States. Over and over, Barr recently told a House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, he tried to convince Trump that his efforts to cling to power based on false claims of election fraud were “nonsense.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Puts Trump Fund-Raising Tactics Under Scrutiny**, Kenneth P. Vogel and Rachel Shorey, June 15, 2022, 12:22 AM

Since Election Day in 2020, Donald J. Trump and his close allies have raised more than \$390 million through aggressive fund-raising solicitations promising bold political actions, including fighting to overturn his re-election campaign defeat, helping allied candidates win their own campaigns and fighting “to save America from Joe Biden and the radical left.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**LAT: [EDITORIAL] Even if the DOJ prosecutes Trump, it's the American people who need to repudiate the 'Big Lie'**, Harry Litman, June 14, 2022, 3:32 PM

As the Jan. 6 committee continues to roll out an overwhelming case of corrupt conduct by Donald Trump, the calls grow louder for the Department of Justice to bring criminal charges against the former president. Even if that happens, it would be a fundamental mistake to view the department as the avenging angel that alone can restore accountability and truth to our deeply damaged politics. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSJ: Jan. 6 Committee Splits Over Possible Criminal Referral for Trump**, Scott Patterson and Sadie Gurman, June 14, 2022, 1:44 PM

As the Jan. 6 select committee investigating the attack on the Capitol continues its public hearings, a public disagreement has emerged between committee members about whether it would consider referring criminal charges against former President Donald Trump to the Justice Department. In comments to reporters late Monday, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D., Miss.), chairman of the committee, cast doubt on whether it would make a criminal referral to the Justice Department. “We’re going to tell the facts,” Mr. Thompson said. [Continue Reading](#) **See also:** [WaPo](#)

**CNN: January 6 committee teases next hearing with video of Trump lawyer warning John Eastman**, Ryan Nobles, Kristin Wilson, Zachary Cohen and Annie Grayer, June 15, 2022, 1:00 AM  
The House select committee investigating the January 6 attack on the Capitol teased their upcoming hearing on Thursday, by releasing a video clip from their deposition of former Trump White House attorney Eric Herschmann. In the clip, Herschmann outlines how he warned conservative attorney John Eastman to back off plans to file appeals in Georgia based on the election results after the events of January 6, 2021. Thursday’s hearing is expected to focus on the pressure campaign applied to former Vice President Mike Pence to stand in the way of the certification of the election. [Continue Reading](#)  
**See also:** [NBC](#)

**NBC: Trump’s pick for Pennsylvania governor says he sees ‘parallels’ to Hitler’s power grab in Capitol riot**, Ryan J. Reilly, June 14, 2022, 3:24 PM  
The Donald Trump-endorsed nominee for Pennsylvania governor compared the Jan. 6 attack to historical events staged by Nazis, responding to a question by saying that he saw ‘parallels’ between the response to the Jan. 6 attack and the 1933 Reichstag fire, which Adolf Hitler used to seize additional power. Doug Mastriano was at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Mastriano, a Pennsylvania state senator, has been subpoenaed by the House Jan. 6 committee. He organized buses to D.C. that day, according to receipts his campaign’s lawyer previously acknowledged turning over to the Jan. 6 committee. [Continue Reading](#)

**MSNBC: The battle that preceded the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol**, Steve Vladeck, June 15, 2022, 5:36 AM  
If there was a single moment when President Donald Trump’s effort to remain in power and unlawfully overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election hung in the balance, it appears to have been not sometime on Jan. 6, 2021, as a violent mob disrupted the joint congressional session while it formally certified Joe Biden’s victory, but three days earlier, on Jan. 3. [Continue Reading](#)

**The Hill: Democrats pressure Jan. 6 panel to pursue criminal referrals of Trump**, Mike Lillis, June 15, 2022, 5:30 AM  
The committee investigating last year’s attack on the U.S. Capitol says it is undecided on the question of whether to issue a criminal referral of former President Trump for his role in the rampage. For a growing number of Democrats watching from the sidelines, however, the answer is already clear. “I think they should do criminal referrals,” said Rep. Juan Vargas (D-Calif.). “Obviously, with what they’ve uncovered, there’s criminal conspiracy there. And having the information, I think they should refer it to the Department of Justice for prosecution. It all starts at the top.” [Continue Reading](#)

**Forbes: Can Trump Be Charged As Result Of The Jan. 6 Committee Investigation? Here’s What To Know**, Alison Durkee, June 14, 2022, 3:59 PM  
The House January 6 Committee has started making a public case against former President Donald Trump and his allies in a series of hearings, arguing the former president “oversaw and coordinated” an unlawful plan to overturn the 2020 election—but the Justice Department, not Congress, is the only entity that could bring criminal charges against Trump or his allies. [Continue Reading](#)

## CRIMINAL LAW

**AP: Guilty plea entered in theft of COVID-19 relief funds**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 7:00 PM  
A former West Haven City Hall employee has pleaded guilty to a federal wire fraud charge for his part in the theft of more than \$600,000 in federal money that was supposed to be spent for pandemic relief. John Bernardo, 66, who served as a housing specialist for the city, pleaded guilty Tuesday in U.S. District Court. According to state business records, Bernardo and former state Rep. Michael DiMassa, a West Haven Democrat, formed Compass Investment Group LLC, which received federal COVID-19 relief funds from the city of West Haven for consulting, lobbying and legal services to its health department that were never provided. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CT Mirror](#)

**WaPo: Agent allegedly used law enforcement database to track acquaintances**, Devlin Barrett, June 14, 2022, 4:04 PM  
A federal agent has been charged with misusing cellphone tracking technology to look up the locations of people with whom he had personal relationships — and lying to investigators when confronted about it, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday. Deputy U.S. Marshal Adrian Pena was charged in a 14-count indictment with misconduct dating back to 2016. Officials say he misused law enforcement data for personal reasons while assigned to a task force in the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office — one of the law enforcement agencies now under intense scrutiny for waiting more than an hour to confront a gunman who killed 19 children and two teachers inside an elementary school last month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [WRIC-ABC \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

**AP: Officials: Fraud suspect caught heading to Cuba on Jet Ski**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 4:36 PM  
A Cuban man charged in a \$4.2 million Medicare fraud scheme is being held as a flight risk after officials said he tried to flee the U.S. on a Jet Ski. A federal judge in Miami ordered Ernesto Cruz Graveran, 54, of Hialeah, to be detained pending trial Monday, according to court records. He has been charged with health care fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [Bradenton Herald \(Bradenton, FL\)](#), [Times Union \(Albany, NY\)](#)

**Middletown Press (Middletown, CT): Feds: Hartford man faces up to 20 years in prison for firearm theft**, Liz Hardaway, June 14, 2022, 10:00 PM  
A Hartford man pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges stemming from the theft of dozens of guns from a warehouse in South Windsor last year, according to federal prosecutors. At the time of his arrest, police found Shameik Camara, 32, with one of the stolen firearms, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTVE-NBC (El Dorado, AR): Louisiana man gets 10 year plus sentence for Illegal Possession of Firearms, Furtherance of Drug Trafficking**, Sherie Johnson, June 14, 2022, 7:47 PM  
On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, Western District United States Attorney Brandon B. Brown announced that United States District Judge Terry A. Doughty sentenced 50-year-old Brandon Khesahn Cooper of Dubach, La., to 11 years and six months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release. Cooper's sentence followed authorities charging him with Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon and Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WYFF-NBC (Greenville, SC): Upstate man indicted on gun trafficking**, Jenni Williams, June 14, 2022, 6:04 PM  
Two people, including an Upstate man, were charged with trafficking guns across state lines. U.S. Attorney Jennifer Williams announced that Ontavious Plumer, 32, of Due West, and Terrance Darby, 41, of Philadelphia, schemed and trafficked nearly 60 firearms from southern states to Philadelphia. This is known as the "iron pipeline," and authorities have already indicted multiple people for involvement with this pipeline. [[Continue Reading](#)]



**KYW-CBS (Philadelphia, PA): Man Sentenced To 15 Years In Prison For North Philadelphia ATM Blast During 2020 Civil Unrest**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 2:30 PM

A Philadelphia man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for blowing up an ATM and possessing an illegal firearm during unrest in the city during the aftermath of George Floyd's murder in 2020. Federal prosecutors said Tuesday that 26-year-old David Elmakayes has been sentenced to a 15-year prison term, along with three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Milford Mirror](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**WaPo: Video contradicts police in Texas boy's shooting death, family says**, Arelis R. Hernández and Joshua Lott, June 14, 2022, 7:39 PM

The family of a 13-year-old San Antonio boy who was shot and killed by police earlier this month says body-camera footage of the incident contradicts the official account and they plan to bring a civil rights lawsuit against the city's police department. Andre "AJ" Hernandez Jr. was driving a car — which police later said was determined to have been stolen — with two other teens on June 3 when he encountered city police officers responding to reports of a shooting near the Southwest Side neighborhood where he lived. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL LAW

**Bloomberg Law: KBR Settles 15-Year Iraq Kickback Lawsuit for \$14 Million**, Daniel Seiden, June 14, 2022, 11:31 AM

Houston-headquartered Kellogg Brown & Root Services Inc. and three other companies have agreed to a settlement of nearly \$14 million to resolve False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Act allegations and for breach of contract, the Department of Justice said Tuesday. The lawsuit dealt with subcontracts that KBR awarded while it was under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program III contract, awarded in 2001, which required KBR to provide logistics support to Army forces in Iraq, according to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**Washington Examiner: Border Patrol agents to be disciplined for horseback 'whipping' incident**, Anna Giaritelli, June 14, 2022, 9:14 PM

The Border Patrol is preparing to discipline agents whom Biden administration officials accused of "whipping" Haitian migrants while on horseback in Del Rio, Texas, last September, the Washington Examiner has learned. U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the federal agency that investigated the incident, will accuse the horse patrol agents of "administrative violations," according to two agency officials, confirming an earlier report from Fox News. It is unlikely they will be fired, one of the sources said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: ICE chief adopts new 'free speech' rules to limit investigations of journalists**, Stephen Dinan, June 14, 2022, 10:00 AM

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced a new policy to limit the agency's entanglements with reporters, including requiring pre-approval before arresting journalists or subpoenaing their records. Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson said "compulsory" tools should only be used as a last resort and in cases where a crime is believed to have been committed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Miami Herald: More migrant boats are crossing the Mona Passage. U.S. Border Patrol is looking**

**for them**, Syra Ortiz, June 14, 2022, 5:23 PM

The small U.S. Customs and Border Protection plane took off on a recent morning from the northwestern Puerto Rican town of Aguadilla, the rows of homes against coastal forests and sandy beaches becoming smaller and smaller. The aircraft flew 11,500 feet over the 80 miles of deep, unpredictable waters of the strait that separates Puerto Rico and Hispaniola, the island shared between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

*Reuters*: **Antitrust cops' quixotic PE warning**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 6:04 PM

U.S. Federal Trade Commission boss Lina Khan says private equity is in the crosshairs. While Blackstone (BX.N) and Apollo Global Management (APO.N) may well be on notice, it's unclear whether she's really going to do more than just make threats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Bloomberg*: **Senate Passes State Venue Antitrust Bill That Google Opposed**, Leah Nysten, June 14, 2022, 8:07 PM

The Senate passed legislation Tuesday evening to allow state attorneys general to pick the location where their federal antitrust suits are heard, a blow to Alphabet Inc.'s Google, which had opposed the bill. The chamber passed the measure by unanimous consent. An amendment removed a provision that would have applied the measure retroactively to a 2020 antitrust suit filed by Texas and 14 other states and territories against the operator of the world's largest search engine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSJ*: **Antitrust Authorities Take Aim at Private-Equity Healthcare Deals**, Chris Cumming, June 14, 2022, 5:56 PM

U.S. antitrust enforcers on Monday took action against a private-equity firm they say sought to stifle competition, in what regulators suggest could be the first strike against allegedly anticompetitive behavior by buyout firms in the healthcare sector. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill*: **[OPINION] Abandoning decades of antitrust precedent won't reduce inflation**, Richard J. Pierce, Jr., June 14, 2022, 4:30 PM

The inflation rate is now 8.6 percent — the highest rate in 40 years. President Biden says that reducing the level of inflation is his top domestic priority. Yet, the chair of the Federal Trade Commission and the head of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice are obsessed with the need to throw consumers under the bus and force sellers to increase the prices they charge for goods and services. Both FTC Chair Lina Khan and the head of the Antitrust Division, Jonathan Kanter, have made it a high priority to eliminate the consumer welfare standard that the Supreme Court and most antitrust scholars have embraced for 50 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ENVIRONMENT

*Law360*: **Oklahoma Seeks Early Win In Coal Mining Fight With Feds**, Andrew Westney, June 14, 2022, 8:36 PM

Oklahoma has asked a federal judge for an early win in its suit seeking to regulate coal mining on Native American tribal lands, saying the Supreme Court's McGirt decision doesn't give the U.S. Department of the Interior the leverage to take away the state's authority over coal mining. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Bloomberg Law*: **EPA, DOJ Agree to Close Knoxville Utilities Board Consent Decree**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 2:27 PM

The EPA and the Department of Justice filed a motion to terminate the consent decree with the Knoxville Utilities Board concerning a 2005 Clean Water Act settlement about the sewer system, according to the

agency Tuesday. KUB reported on Jan. 28 that all work under the amended consent decree, which focused on deficiencies at the Fourth Creek and Kuwahee wastewater treatment plants, had been completed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## TAX

**Law360: Roger Stone Ordered To Turn Over Tax Records, Financial Info**, Theresa Schliep, June 14, 2022, 6:15 PM

Roger Stone must furnish tax records and answer questions about financial accounts after a federal judge Tuesday ordered him and his wife to comply with document and information requests from the U. S. in its \$2 million tax case against them. A Florida federal magistrate judge said Roger Stone and his wife must comply with document and information requests from the U. S. government, which has contended that the couple used Stone's business Drake Ventures to hide their income. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**Rolling Stone: Del Records Execs Arrested for Working With Promoter Tied to Mexican Cartel**, Tomás Mier , June 15, 2022, 12:25 AM

On Tuesday, the FBI arrested two música Mexicana record label executives for doing business with a concert promoter with alleged ties to Mexican drug cartels in 2018. Angel Del Villar, CEO of Del Records, and Luis Scalisi, CFO of subsidiary Del Entertainment, were arrested and later released on bail for allegedly conspiring to violate the Kingpin Act, which prohibits Americans from conducting business with foreign narcotics traffickers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Philly police underreported crime data to FBI in 2021 | Today in Pa.**, Claudia Dimuro, June 15, 2022, 5:31 AM

You can listen to the latest episode of "Today in Pa" at this link, or on any of your favorite apps including Alexa, Apple, Spotify, and Stitcher. Episodes are available every weekday on PennLive. Feel free to subscribe, follow or rate "Today in Pa." as you see fit! "Today in Pa." Daily Podcast | June 15, 2022. The Philadelphia Police Department is part of the roughly 60 percent of law enforcement agencies nationwide who underreported crime data to the FBI last year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Oregonian (Portland, OR): Federal investigators looking into 'suspicious' fire at Gresham pregnancy center**, Zaeem Shaikh, June 14, 2022, 6:34 PM

Federal investigators are looking into the cause of a fire at a Gresham pregnancy center last week apparently caused when someone threw an incendiary device through a window. No one was hurt. First Image, the organization that owns the center, said in a post on its website that the device and fire set off alarms about 3 a.m. last Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KNBC-NBC (Los Angeles, CA): 'These Two Men Were Loved': Two Officers Die in El Monte Shooting**, Eric Leonard, June 14, 2022, 9:00 PM

Two El Monte Police officers were shot to death Tuesday afternoon while handling a domestic violence call at a motel, and the man investigators said opened fire on the officers was shot dead at the scene, authorities said. [...] The investigation into the officers' murder and the death of the alleged attacker was turned-over to the LA County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, and the ATF said agents were already on scene and assisting. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRGB-CBS (Schenectady, NY): Undercover DEA agent details amazing NYS bust that uncovered millions in buried gold**, Anne McCloy, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

An undercover federal agent is sitting down with CBS 6 to detail one of the most unique drug busts the New York Capital Region has ever seen. A case that involved millions of dollars in buried gold. We first told you about it last week when CBS 6's Anne McCloy interviewed Eric Canori, the former marijuana dealer who hid the buried treasure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: US judge keeps Nevada execution challenge alive, for now**, Ken Ritter, June 14, 2022, 2:27 PM  
A federal judge declined Monday to either decide or dismiss a condemned Nevada killer's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state plan for what would its first lethal injection in more than 16 years. U.S. District Judge Richard Boulware II left open Zane Michael Floyd's case — at least for now — and set an Oct. 11 date for attorneys representing Floyd and the state to return to court in Las Vegas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ABC: 1st federal prison to experience COVID-19 outbreak now short-staffed: Officials**, Luke Barr, June 14, 2022, 2:52 PM

The first federal prison to experience a COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020 is now severely short-staffed, the Louisiana congressional delegation and members of the Bureau of Prison union say. FCI Oakdale in Louisiana experienced a severe COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020, so bad the Justice Department inspector general was critical of the BOP for how it failed to separate inmates at the facility during the first weeks of the pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US SUPREME COURT

**Reuters: U.S. Congress votes to expand Supreme Court security**, Moira Warburton and Nate Raymond, June 14, 2022, 6:38 PM

The U.S. House of Representatives gave final congressional approval on Tuesday to a bill to bolster Supreme Court security in light of threats made against justices ahead of their anticipated ruling curtailing abortion rights. The legislation, which had already cleared the Senate, passed the House on a 396-27 vote. The measure expands police protection to the families of the justices and senior officers of the court. President Biden will sign it into law, the White House said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [WSJ](#)

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

**The Hill: Dems eye marijuana bill as vehicle for justice measures**, Aris Folley and Karl Evers-Hillstrom, June 15, 2022, 5:39 AM

Senate Democrats are eyeing a cannabis banking bill that has bipartisan support as a potential vehicle for long-sought restorative justice measures. Prominent Democrats have been pushing to pass the SAFE Banking Act, which would enable legally operating cannabis firms to use banking services, as part of a larger China competition package being conferenced in both the House and Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CONGRESS

**Reuters: Trump-backed challenger ousts Republican incumbent in South Carolina midterm race**, Eric Beech and Jason Lange, June 14, 2022, 11:58 PM

Republican U.S. Representative Tom Rice, who voted to impeach Donald Trump after the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot, lost his re-election bid in South Carolina on Tuesday, while a second Republican incumbent

targeted by the former president prevailed. A prime target in Trump's midterm revenge campaign against perceived political enemies, Rice lost the Republican nomination to Russell Fry 24.6% to 51%, with 99% of the vote counted, according to Edison Research. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: In a boost, McConnell backs Senate bipartisan gun deal**, Alan Fram, June 14, 2022, 5:00 PM  
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell announced his support Tuesday for his chamber's emerging bipartisan gun agreement, boosting momentum for modest but notable election-year action by Congress on an issue that's deadlocked lawmakers for three decades. The Kentucky Republican said he hoped an outline of the accord, released Sunday by 10 Democrats and 10 Republicans, would be translated into legislation and enacted. McConnell's backing was the latest indication that last month's gun massacres in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, had reconfigured the political calculations for some in the GOP after years of steadfastly opposing even incremental tightening of firearms curbs. [[Continue Reading](#)]  
**See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**USA Today: What is the 'boyfriend loophole' in the bipartisan gun deal announced by senators?**, Merdie Nzanga, June 15, 2022, 5:00 AM

In response to mass shootings, a bipartisan group of senators tentatively reached a deal on a gun bill that would expand "red flag" laws, spend more on mental health and close the "boyfriend loophole" that allows some domestic abusers to buy firearms. Gun control activists have tried to close the loophole for years, but like most gun legislation, the efforts fizzled out. After massacres in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, as well as other mass shootings, there is fresh momentum for gun control, including ensuring that all domestic abusers are barred from acquiring guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 14, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- More than 170 million Americans are bracing for temperatures above 90 degrees. But virtually every corner of the country is being impacted by weather from wildfires, floods, tornadoes and heat. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The upcoming Federal Reserve meeting could bring the biggest interest rate hike in 28 years as everything from gas to food and travel has seen the largest annual increase in nearly four decades. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- With Russian forces closing in, the people of the Donbas region are fleeing for their lives as bridges out of the city are being blown up and those remaining are being ordered to "surrender or die." [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A somber ceremony was held in Buffalo today marking one month since 10 people were killed in a mass shooting at a supermarket. Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell signaled his support for the bipartisan gun reform proposal that's expected to be finished this week. [[CBS](#)]
- A high-stakes meeting is underway in Southern California where delegates from the Southern Baptist Convention are choosing new leaders and confronting shocking allegations of sexual abuse. [[CBS](#)]
- The House has overwhelmingly voted to extend police protection to the families of Supreme Court justices, now sending the bill to President Biden. This comes as concern is rising over threats to justices as the Court prepares to issue a ruling on abortion rights. [[CBS](#)]
- The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 riots announced Tuesday morning that its hearing set for Wednesday has been postponed and offered conflicting explanations as to why. [[ABC](#)]
- Sweltering temperatures across Texas have led to skyrocketing energy demand and now, some

providers are struggling. [[NBC](#)]

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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: JUNE 15, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- 10:00 AM: AG Merrick Garland to meet with families of Tops shooting victims during Buffalo (NY) visit today. After meeting with family members and survivors, AG Garland will hold a press conference at 11:45 a.m. at the Apollo Theater, 1346 Jefferson Ave.

### **SCOTUS**

- Opinions



## CONGRESS

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Protecting America's Children From Gun Violence.
- 2:30 PM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Baby Formula and Beyond: The Impact of Consolidation on Families and Consumers.
- 10:00 AM: House Judiciary Committee: H.R. 282, the Territorial Judgeship Retirement Equity Act of 2021; H.R. 3034, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Western District of Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 6538, the Active Shooter Alert Act of 2022; H.R. 5768, the Violent Incident Clearance and Technological Investigative Methods Act of 2021 or the VICTIM Act of 2021; H.R. 7181, the Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2022; and H.R. 3285, the 21st Century President Act.

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**CBS: Attorney General Garland to visit Buffalo mass shooting site and meet with victims' families and survivors**, Robert Legare, June 15, 2022, 5:22 AM

Just over a month after an 18-year-old White man opened fire inside a Buffalo Tops supermarket, killing 10 and wounding three others, Attorney General Merrick Garland is traveling to the site of the massacre to pay his respects to the victims' families. In the wake of the massacre, Garland announced the Justice Department would investigate the matter as a hate crime and an act of racially-motivated violent extremism. Investigators allege the suspect detailed his plans and his racist motivation for the violence in hundreds of pages of writings he posted online shortly before the shooting. According to authorities, 11 of the 13 individuals who were shot were Black.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Buffalo News \(Buffalo, NY\)](#), [Fox](#), [Spectrum News \(New York, NY\)](#), [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#), [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

**Fox: Missouri Sen. Hawley rips AG Garland for failing to act on protests at Supreme Court justices homes**, Bradford Betz, June 14, 2022, 5:20 PM

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., is accusing Attorney General Merrick Garland of inaction on the protesters who flocked to the home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh last week following an alleged assassination attempt on his life. In a Tuesday letter sent to Garland, Hawley raised concerns that despite demonstrations outside Kavanaugh's home and an increase in pro-abortion attacks on pregnancy resource centers, no significant action has been taken. Federal law stipulates that picketing at the homes of judges with the intent to intimidate them or influencing their rulings is illegal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Spy agencies' focus on China could snare Chinese Americans**, Nomaan Merchant And

Eric Tucker, June 14, 2022, 12:25 PM

As U.S. intelligence agencies ramp up their efforts against China, top officials acknowledge they may also end up collecting more phone calls and emails from Chinese Americans, raising new concerns about spying affecting civil liberties. A new report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence makes several recommendations, including expanding unconscious bias training and reiterating internally that federal law bans targeting someone solely due to their ethnicity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Judge to decide trial for Confederate flag-toting dad, son**, Michael Kunzelman, June 14, 2022, 7:05 PM

A man carrying a Confederate battle flag stormed the U.S. Capitol with his son because they intended to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory, prosecutors argued Tuesday at the close of the men's trial. A federal judge, not a jury, will decide if Delaware residents Kevin Seefried and his adult son, Hunter, are guilty of a felony obstruction charge and several misdemeanor offenses stemming from the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: A Ragtag Band of Hackers Is Waging Cyberwar on Putin's Supply Lines**, Ryan Gallagher, June 15, 2022, 12:01 AM

Russia's military began sending large numbers of weapons and troops into Belarus in late January. The official purpose of the movement was a joint military exercise, but Belarus, which has a 650-mile border with Ukraine and a government closely aligned with Moscow, was also a logical staging point for Russian President Vladimir Putin to carry out an invasion. Several days after the troops arrived weird things started happening to the computer systems that ran the Belarus national railway system, which the Russian military was using as part of its mobilization. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: White House has security concerns about any deal for NSO hacking tools**, Ellen Nakashima and Craig Timberg, June 14, 2022, 4:00 PM

A major American defense firm, L3Harris, is in talks with the blacklisted Israeli spyware company, NSO Group, to buy its phone-hacking capability in a deal that would give the U.S. company control of one of the world's most sophisticated and controversial hacking tools, according to people familiar with the talks. The unusual deal appears to be an attempt to salvage some utility from a firm facing serious financial straits, by selling its most valuable product — its hacking code and access to the software's developers — to a company that would restrict its use to the United States and trusted Western allies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Federal judge to consider Steve Bannon's motion to dismiss contempt indictment**, Pete Williams, June 15, 2022, 4:32 AM

Lawyers for former Trump White House adviser Steve Bannon will urge a federal judge Wednesday to dismiss an indictment charging him with contempt of Congress for failing to respond to a subpoena from the House Jan. 6 committee. They argue that prosecuting Bannon violates longstanding Justice Department policies concerning executive branch officials. They also maintain that the committee had no authority to issue the subpoena and that the law making contempt of Congress a crime is unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Biden administration eases terrorism-related restrictions for Afghan evacuees**, Priscilla Alvarez, June 15, 2022, 3:00 AM

The Biden administration is loosening certain terrorism-related exemptions for Afghan evacuees who worked with or on behalf of the US government so they can qualify for immigration benefits, the Department of Homeland Security announced Tuesday. "These actions will also ensure that individuals who have lived under Taliban rule, such as former civil servants, those required to pay service fees to the Taliban to do things like pass through a checkpoint or obtain a passport, and those who fought against the Taliban are not mistakenly barred because of overly broad applications of terrorism-related inadmissibility grounds (TRIG) in our immigration law," the department said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**CBS: What is the Patriot Front? Prominent white supremacist group tied to mass arrest near Idaho Pride event**, Alex Sundby, June 14, 2022, 3:29 PM

The nearly three dozen people arrested for allegedly conspiring to riot near an Idaho Pride event over the weekend appear to be affiliated with the hate group Patriot Front, police said. The group was called "one of the most prominent white supremacist groups in the country" by the Southern Poverty Law Center earlier this year. [...] In 2021, Attorney General Merrick Garland warned of an "elevated threat to the homeland" posed by domestic violent extremists. "In the FBI's view, the top domestic violent extremist threat comes from racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists, specifically those who advocated for the superiority of the white race," Garland said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**ABC: Prolific ads featuring right-wing icons push questionable claims about US 'crime wave'**, Mike Levine, June 14, 2022, 7:23 AM

You may have seen ads for the anti-fraud service Home Title Lock on national TV, heard them on talk radio, or watched them on social media -- often featuring right-wing personalities such as Rudy Giuliani or Newt Gingrich. The prolific ads urgently warn of a scam called "home title theft," when a con artist fraudulently claims ownership of someone else's home to swindle lenders or even sell the property. In several commercials, Giuliani, Gingrich and other pitchmen claim the FBI classifies home title theft as "one of the fastest-growing" crimes in America. Some marketing materials also showcase people who've been identified as "real victims" -- a "devastated" Texas cowboy and a Florida-raised grandmother whose "heart-wrenching story of losing her rightfully-owned home is occurring all too often nationwide." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Courthouse News: Proud Boys member who called for civil war days after Capitol riot pleads guilty**, Emily Zantow, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

Getting the more serious charges against him dropped in the process, a 21-year-old member of the Proud Boys who called for a civil war days after rioting at the U.S. Capitol pleaded guilty on Tuesday to entering and remaining in a restricted area. Ryan Ashlock struck a plea deal with the Justice Department in which he admitted guilt to a misdemeanor charge that carries a statutory sentence of up to one year in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Examiner: FBI official had unauthorized contacts with reporters for years: DOJ watchdog**, Jerry Dunleavy, June 14, 2022, 9:36 PM

A top FBI national security official involved in Crossfire Hurricane had dozens of unauthorized contacts with the media over several years, the Department of Justice's watchdog concluded. Justice Department inspector general Michael Horowitz's office concluded in a newly released investigative report that retired FBI official Michael Steinbach violated numerous bureau rules through his meetings and communications with reporters, though prosecution against him was declined by DOJ. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Pa. Capitol riot suspect pens letter from jail saying politicians 'need to go,' a woodchipper 'sounds good'*, Jonathan Bergmueller, June 14, 2022, 6:54 PM

A Jan. 6 defendant accused of toppling a police barricade is now accused of writing a letter talking about getting rid of politicians with a woodchipper, according to court documents filed Monday. 'All these poltions(sic) in office need to go, a woodchipper(sic) sounds good' Ryan Samsel, 38, of Bristol, Bucks County, said in the June 2 letter riddled with misspellings from the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia. "I'll tell people get your wepons (sic) kiss your kidds (sic) goodbye and let's (expletive) go!" [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Newsweek: Jan. 6 Defendant Blames Stephen Colbert for Negative Media Coverage*, Jack Dutton, June 14, 2022, 12:42 PM

An attorney representing Joseph Biggs, a Proud Boys organizer linked to the deadly January 6 Capitol riot, has argued that Biggs' trial should be moved out of Washington D.C. due to negative coverage of the far-right group by CBS' The Late Show With Stephen Colbert and MSNBC's Morning Joe. Biggs is charged with conspiracy, as well as obstructing an official Congress proceeding, illegal entry and disorderly conduct on restricted Capitol grounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **JAN. 6 HEARINGS**

*AP: Jan. 6 hearings: What we've learned, and what's next*, Mary Clare Jalonick, June 14, 2022, 8:00 PM

House investigators are trying to make a methodical case that President Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election led directly to his supporters' insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. The House panel investigating the attack has held the first two in a series of hearings providing its initial findings after a yearlong probe and more than 1,000 interviews. The committee has shown clips not only from the violent attack on the Capitol, but also from its own closed-door interviews with Trump aides and associates who were trying to dissuade him from spreading falsehoods about an election he lost. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*AP: Police: House Republican's tour of Capitol wasn't suspicious*, Michael Balsamo, June 14, 2022, 12:16 PM

Police have determined that there is nothing suspicious about a tour of U.S. Capitol office buildings that a House Republican gave about 15 people the day before the Jan. 6 attack by rioting supporters of then-President Donald Trump. The House committee investigating the 2021 insurrection examined whether rioters had been involved in reconnaissance and surveillance before the attack, and Democrats suggested some Republican members may have helped them. But there has been no public evidence of that. Rep. Barry Loudermilk, a Republican from Georgia, was simply showing his constituents around, Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger in a letter sent Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*AP: 1/6 Panel postpones hearing with ex-Justice Dept. officials*, Eric Tucker, June 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol has postponed a hearing that was to feature Trump-era Justice Department officials. The hearing had been set for Wednesday, but the committee on Tuesday morning said that it had been postponed. It did not

give a reason or a new date for the hearing. The next hearing is set to take place on Thursday. The witnesses at Wednesday's hearing were to include Jeffrey Rosen, who was the acting attorney general at the time of the Capitol insurrection, as well as two other former top officials, Richard Donoghue and Steven Engel. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NPR](#)

**USA Today: Bill Barr's complicated relationship with Donald Trump: From vital advocate to damning witness**, Kevin Johnson, June 15, 2022, 5:00 AM

Just more than a month after the 2020 election, Bill Barr recalled a meeting with Donald Trump in which the then-attorney general began to question the state of mind of his boss the president of the United States. Over and over, Barr recently told a House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, he tried to convince Trump that his efforts to cling to power based on false claims of election fraud were "nonsense." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Puts Trump Fund-Raising Tactics Under Scrutiny**, Kenneth P. Vogel and Rachel Shorey, June 15, 2022, 12:22 AM

Since Election Day in 2020, Donald J. Trump and his close allies have raised more than \$390 million through aggressive fund-raising solicitations promising bold political actions, including fighting to overturn his re-election campaign defeat, helping allied candidates win their own campaigns and fighting "to save America from Joe Biden and the radical left." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: [EDITORIAL] Even if the DOJ prosecutes Trump, it's the American people who need to repudiate the 'Big Lie'**, Harry Litman, June 14, 2022, 3:32 PM

As the Jan. 6 committee continues to roll out an overwhelming case of corrupt conduct by Donald Trump, the calls grow louder for the Department of Justice to bring criminal charges against the former president. Even if that happens, it would be a fundamental mistake to view the department as the avenging angel that alone can restore accountability and truth to our deeply damaged politics. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: Jan. 6 Committee Splits Over Possible Criminal Referral for Trump**, Scott Patterson and Sadie Gurman, June 14, 2022, 1:44 PM

As the Jan. 6 select committee investigating the attack on the Capitol continues its public hearings, a public disagreement has emerged between committee members about whether it would consider referring criminal charges against former President Donald Trump to the Justice Department. In comments to reporters late Monday, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D., Miss.), chairman of the committee, cast doubt on whether it would make a criminal referral to the Justice Department. "We're going to tell the facts," Mr. Thompson said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

**CNN: January 6 committee teases next hearing with video of Trump lawyer warning John Eastman**, Ryan Nobles, Kristin Wilson, Zachary Cohen and Annie Grayer, June 15, 2022, 1:00 AM

The House select committee investigating the January 6 attack on the Capitol teased their upcoming hearing on Thursday, by releasing a video clip from their deposition of former Trump White House attorney Eric Herschmann. In the clip, Herschmann outlines how he warned conservative attorney John Eastman to back off plans to file appeals in Georgia based on the election results after the events of January 6, 2021. Thursday's hearing is expected to focus on the pressure campaign applied to former Vice President Mike Pence to stand in the way of the certification of the election. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

**NBC: Trump's pick for Pennsylvania governor says he sees 'parallels' to Hitler's power grab in Capitol riot**, Ryan J. Reilly, June 14, 2022, 3:24 PM

The Donald Trump-endorsed nominee for Pennsylvania governor compared the Jan. 6 attack to historical events staged by Nazis, responding to a question by saying that he saw 'parallels' between the response to the Jan. 6 attack and the 1933 Reichstag fire, which Adolf Hitler used to seize additional power. Doug Mastriano was at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Mastriano, a Pennsylvania state senator, has been subpoenaed by the House Jan. 6 committee. He organized buses to D.C. that day, according to receipts his campaign's lawyer previously acknowledged turning over to the Jan. 6 committee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**MSNBC: The battle that preceded the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol**, Steve Vladeck, June 15, 2022, 5:36 AM

If there was a single moment when President Donald Trump's effort to remain in power and unlawfully overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election hung in the balance, it appears to have been not sometime on Jan. 6, 2021, as a violent mob disrupted the joint congressional session while it formally certified Joe Biden's victory, but three days earlier, on Jan. 3. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Democrats pressure Jan. 6 panel to pursue criminal referrals of Trump**, Mike Lillis, June 15, 2022, 5:30 AM

The committee investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol says it is undecided on the question of whether to issue a criminal referral of former President Trump for his role in the rampage. For a growing number of Democrats watching from the sidelines, however, the answer is already clear. "I think they should do criminal referrals," said Rep. Juan Vargas (D-Calif.). "Obviously, with what they've uncovered, there's criminal conspiracy there. And having the information, I think they should refer it to the Department of Justice for prosecution. It all starts at the top." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Forbes: Can Trump Be Charged As Result Of The Jan. 6 Committee Investigation? Here's What To Know**, Alison Durkee, June 14, 2022, 3:59 PM

The House January 6 Committee has started making a public case against former President Donald Trump and his allies in a series of hearings, arguing the former president "oversaw and coordinated" an unlawful plan to overturn the 2020 election but the Justice Department, not Congress, is the only entity that could bring criminal charges against Trump or his allies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: Guilty plea entered in theft of COVID-19 relief funds**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 7:00 PM

A former West Haven City Hall employee has pleaded guilty to a federal wire fraud charge for his part in the theft of more than \$600,000 in federal money that was supposed to be spent for pandemic relief. John Bernardo, 66, who served as a housing specialist for the city, pleaded guilty Tuesday in U.S. District Court. According to state business records, Bernardo and former state Rep. Michael DiMassa, a West Haven Democrat, formed Compass Investment Group LLC, which received federal COVID-19 relief funds from the city of West Haven for consulting,

lobbying and legal services to its health department that were never provided. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**See also:** [CT Mirror](#)

**WaPo: Agent allegedly used law enforcement database to track acquaintances**, Devlin Barrett, June 14, 2022, 4:04 PM

A federal agent has been charged with misusing cellphone tracking technology to look up the locations of people with whom he had personal relationships and lying to investigators when confronted about it, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday. Deputy U.S. Marshal Adrian Pena was charged in a 14-count indictment with misconduct dating back to 2016. Officials say he misused law enforcement data for personal reasons while assigned to a task force in the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office one of the law enforcement agencies now under intense scrutiny for waiting more than an hour to confront a gunman who killed 19 children and two teachers inside an elementary school last month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [WRIC-ABC \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

**Daily Beast: Florida Exec Wanted for Fraud Is Nabbed on a Jet Ski Bound for Cuba**, Alan Halaly, June 14, 2022, 5:06 PM

A Florida man awaiting trial for allegedly submitting more than \$4 million in fraudulent health-care claims was detained on a jet ski as he tried to vamoose to Cuba, authorities said Tuesday. Ernesto Cruz Graveran, a 54-year-old Cuban citizen, owned Xiko Enterprises, Inc., a company based in Hialeah that provided equipment to Medicare beneficiaries, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bradenton Herald \(Bradenton, FL\)](#), [Times Union \(Albany, NY\)](#)

**NY Daily News: Federal jury finds Brooklyn English teacher guilty of tricking children into sending him sexually explicit images, videos**, John Annese, June 14, 2022, 10:51 PM

A popular Brooklyn teacher was found guilty of tricking young children into sending him sexually explicit photos by posing as someone else to seduce them in creepy Facebook chats. A federal jury Tuesday found Jonathan Deutsch, 38, guilty of multiple counts of sexual exploitation of a minor and attempted sexual exploitation of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Chattanooga Times Free Press (Chattanooga, TN): Chattanooga police still asking for public's help after three suspects charged in McCallie Avenue shooting**, La Shawn Pagan, June 14, 2022, 10:13 PM

Chattanooga police continue to ask for the public's help in identifying suspects in the June 5 mass shooting on McCallie Avenue even as another individual was charged in connection with the case Tuesday. Tuesday's developments brought to three the number of individuals who face charges in relation to the incident in front of Mary's Bar & Grill that injured 14 people and left three dead. Two individuals died from gunshots, and another was struck and killed by a car fleeing the scene. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDEF-CBS \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#)

**Middletown Press (Middletown, CT): Feds: Hartford man faces up to 20 years in prison for firearm theft**, Liz Hardaway, June 14, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Hartford man pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges stemming from the theft of dozens of guns from a warehouse in South Windsor last year, according to federal prosecutors. At the time of his arrest, police found Shameik Camara, 32, with one of the stolen firearms, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Morristown Daily Record: Parsippany man sentenced to prison for role in Passaic County cocaine ring**, Kaitlyn Kanzler, June 14, 2022, 9:10 PM

A Parsippany man was sentenced Tuesday to 6½ years in prison after he pleaded guilty in federal court to being part of a cocaine distribution conspiracy in Passaic County. Victor Pimentel, 46, was one of eight North Jersey residents arrested in 2017 as part of Operation Snow, an eight-month drug investigation where 30 kilograms of suspected cocaine was found. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Mid Hudson News (New York, NY): Greene County man pleads guilty to attempting to entice minor to have sex with him**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 7:34 PM

A 37-year-old Cairo, New York man pled guilty on Tuesday in Albany federal court to attempting to coerce and entice a 14-year-old to engage in sexual acts with him. As part of his guilty plea, Thomas “Tommy” Squires admitted that between July and August 2020, he sent graphic, sexually explicit text messages to an under investigator who was posing as the 14-year-old child. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Detroit Free Press: Crooked Detroit cop gets sentencing break in towing scandal: 15 months in prison**, Tresa Baldas, June 14, 2022, 6:47 PM

A retired Detroit police officer convicted of collecting cash bribes while driving around in a cruiser and wearing his badge failed to convince a judge to give him probation though he still caught a break. The judge gave him 15 months in prison well below the two-year minimum sentence that his plea deal called for, and almost half the 27 months that prosecutors sought. U.S. District Judge George Caram Steeh sentenced retired DPD Officer Alonzo Jones Tuesday for accepting \$3,200 in bribes over two years from an individual in the towing industry and an undercover federal agent. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [Detroit News](#), [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

**NY Daily News: Gambino wiseguy killed Luchese loanshark over money dispute, Brooklyn Federal Court jury says**, Noah Goldberg, June 14, 2022, 6:13 PM

A Gambino wiseguy was convicted Tuesday of murdering an associate of the Luchese crime family in a feud over \$750,000 in loansharking cash. A Brooklyn Federal Court jury took 90 minutes to deliberate its guilty verdict in the case of Anthony Pandrella, 62, who was charged with killing loanshark Vincent Zito, 78, in Zito’s home. Pandrella had agreed to hold on to \$750,000 of illicit cash from Zito’s loanshark business because Zito was nervous that he was under investigation by law enforcement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Brooklyn Paper](#)

**KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Las Vegas man pleads guilty to mail fraud conspiracy**, Julia Romero, June 14, 2022, 10:50 PM

A Las Vegas man has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud in connection to illegally possessing unemployment benefit debit cards. On Tuesday, Vincent Okoye, 40, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud. Okoye told a judge he conspired with others including co-defendant Jasmine-Royshel Kanisha Black to obtain DETR and DES debit cards by submitting fraudulent unemployment insurance claims using personal information, such as names, dates of birth, and social security numbers of other people without their knowledge, according to court documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WMTV-NBC (Madison, WI): Sauk County woman sentenced for role in methamphetamine conspiracy**, Abriela Thiel, June 14, 2022, 10:13 PM



A Sauk County woman pleaded guilty and was sentenced Tuesday to 30 months in federal prison for her role in conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Tonia Greenwood, 45, of North Freedom, Wisconsin, was sentenced to 30 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTVE-NBC (El Dorado, AR): Louisiana man gets 10 year plus sentence for Illegal Possession of Firearms, Furtherance of Drug Trafficking**, Sherie Johnson, June 14, 2022, 7:47 PM

On Tuesday, June 14, 2022, Western District United States Attorney Brandon B. Brown announced that United States District Judge Terry A. Doughty sentenced 50-year-old Brandon Khesahn Cooper of Dubach, La., to 11 years and six months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release. Cooper's sentence followed authorities charging him with Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon and Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPIX-CBS (San Francisco, CA): Leader of SF Tenderloin drug dealing network sentenced to federal prison**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 6:58 PM

An East Bay man who led a network of drug dealers on the streets of San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood was sentenced for his role in the scheme, federal prosecutors said. According to U.S. Attorney Stephanie Hinds' office, 27-year-old Andy Manuel Reanos-Moreno was sentenced to six years federal prison on Tuesday. Reanos-Moreno was arrested in 2019 and pleaded guilty last year to conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Patch (Evanston, IL): Gun Possession Sends Evanston Man To Federal Prison For Nearly 8 Years**, Jonah Meadows, June 14, 2022, 6:27 PM

An Evanston man was sentenced to seven years and 10 months in federal prison last week after a jury found him guilty of illegal gun possession. Darius Morales, 32, was arrested on May 8, 2019, and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in connection following a high-speed chase through downtown Evanston that triggered lockdowns of local schools. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KFI-AM (Los Angeles, CA): 2 Music Executives Accused of Illegal Ties to Mexican Concert Promoter**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 8:59 PM

A pair of Southland music executives were arrested today for allegedly conspiring to do business with a Guadalajara-based concert promoter with ties to Mexican drug cartels. Angel Del Villar, 41, of Huntington Beach, and Luca Scalisi, 56, of West Hollywood, are each charged with a federal county of conspiracy to transact in property of specially designated narcotics traffickers, in violation of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KESQ-ABC (Palm Springs, CA): Former Indio resident pleads guilty for his role in a \$15.6 million Ponzi scheme**, Jesus Reyes, June 14, 2022, 6:25 PM

A former Indio resident pled guilty to federal charges for his role in a Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors of more than \$15 million. Joey Stanton Dodson, 58, formerly of Indio and now residing in the Hollywood Dell neighborhood of Los Angeles, engaged in a scheme between November 2012 and May 2015 to defraud investors while serving as the executive chairman and managing partner of Citadel Energy Partners. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WYFF-NBC (Greenville, SC):* **Upstate man indicted on gun trafficking**, Jenni Williams, June 14, 2022, 6:04 PM

Two people, including an Upstate man, were charged with trafficking guns across state lines. U.S. Attorney Jennifer Williams announced that Ontavious Plumer, 32, of Due West, and Terrance Darby, 41, of Philadelphia, schemed and trafficked nearly 60 firearms from southern states to Philadelphia. This is known as the "iron pipeline," and authorities have already indicted multiple people for involvement with this pipeline. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW (Wilmington, NC):* **Wilmington man sentenced to 40 years for production of child pornography**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Wilmington man who photographed his sexual abuse of a four-year old child was sentenced today to 40 years in prison for production of child pornography. The Court also ordered him to pay more than \$285,000 in restitution. 48-year-old Luke Michael Churchill pled guilty to one count of production of child pornography in connection with conduct that took place over the course of several months in 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Patch (New Haven, CT):* **New Haven Man, 29, Faces Federal Gun Charge: US Attorney**, Ellyn Santiago, June 14, 2022, 5:46 PM

A 29-year-old New Haven man has been charged federally for being a felon in possession of a firearm, prosecutors said. U. S. Attorney for Connecticut Vanessa Roberts Avery announced Tuesday that a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Shaquil Gary. He entered a plea of not guilty in a New Haven federal courtroom, per Avery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KLRT-Fox (Little Rock, AR):* **Two Arkansans sentenced to 28 years in Federal prison for white supremacist activities**, Alex Kienlen, June 14, 2022, 5:03 PM

Two members of the white supremacist New Aryan Empire gang were sentenced to over 28 years in prison the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas announced June 14. Carey Mooney, 46, of Dover, was sentenced to 223 months in federal prison for her role in kidnapping and assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering. Michael J. Roberts, 39, of Hattiesville, was sentenced to 118 months imprisonment for his involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH):* **Bexley probation officer pleads guilty to extorting parolees**, Daniel Griffin, June 14, 2022, 10:51 PM

A Bexley woman has pleaded guilty to extorting parolees under her supervision as a federal probation officer, accepting money, drugs, goods, and services from people she supervised. Helwa H. Qasem, 44, of Bexley, pleaded guilty to extortion under color of official right, the U.S. Attorney Office for the Southern District of Ohio said in a press release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KAWE-PBS (Bemidji, MN):* **Red Lake Man Sentenced to 7 Years in Prison for Shooting Two People**, Emma Hudziak, June 14, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 21-year-old Red Lake man was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court to seven years in prison for shooting two people on the Red Lake Reservation in 2021. According to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, on May 5th, 2021, Brennon Allen James Sayers had been arguing loudly with his girlfriend in a vehicle outside of a residence around the Ponemah area of the Red Lake Reservation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO):* **St. Louis man sentenced for distributing fatal fentanyl dose,**

Kevin S. Held, June 14, 2022, 3:07 PM

A St. Louis man who sold a dose of fentanyl to a Florissant man who later overdosed and died was sentenced Tuesday. Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of Missouri said Markquis Bryant pleaded guilty in March to knowingly and intentionally distributing a controlled substance resulting in death. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

*WTGS-Fox (Hardeeville, SC):* **Savannah man pleads guilty to production, possession of child pornography: Attorney,** Courtney Rowles, June 14, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Savannah man has pled [sic] guilty to child exploitation charges, which canceled his trial that had been set for this week in Brunswick, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Georgia. Rodney Bryant, 37, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to the production of child pornography and possession of child pornography, according to David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KYW-CBS (Philadelphia, PA):* **Man Sentenced To 15 Years In Prison For North**

**Philadelphia ATM Blast During 2020 Civil Unrest,** Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 2:30 PM

A Philadelphia man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for blowing up an ATM and possessing an illegal firearm during unrest in the city during the aftermath of George Floyd's murder in 2020. Federal prosecutors said Tuesday that 26-year-old David Elmakayes has been sentenced to a 15-year prison term, along with three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Milford Mirror](#)

*WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA):* **Four indicted in federal court for illegal firearms possession, drugs,** Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 1:00 PM

Four defendants are among those facing federal charges including drug trafficking and illegal possession of firearms after separate indictments by a grand jury in the Southern District of Georgia, while recent actions in U.S. District Court include guilty pleas and criminal sentences related to illegal gun possession. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

*WaPo:* **Video contradicts police in Texas boy's shooting death, family says,** Arelis R.

Hernández and Joshua Lott, June 14, 2022, 7:39 PM

The family of a 13-year-old San Antonio boy who was shot and killed by police earlier this month says body-camera footage of the incident contradicts the official account and they plan to bring a civil rights lawsuit against the city's police department. Andre "AJ" Hernandez Jr. was driving a car which police later said was determined to have been stolen with two other teens on June 3 when he encountered city police officers responding to reports of a shooting near the Southwest Side neighborhood where he lived. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Sacramento Bee:* **Professor told pregnant student to take 'responsibility,' drop class in Utah, feds say,** Daniella Segura, June 14, 2022, 7:32 PM

A federal investigation found that a community college in Utah violated a pregnant student's rights, officials announced Tuesday, June 14. The complaint said a college professor at Salt Lake Community College in Utah encouraged a student to drop a course because she was pregnant

and told her to “accept responsibility for her pregnancy,” according to a letter from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights to the school’s president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***The Commercial Appeal (Memphis, TN): Former Memphis Police Department officer indicted on civil rights violations charge***, Lucas Finton, June 14, 2022, 3:39 PM

A former Memphis police officer was indicted for a civil rights violation involving sexual assault Tuesday. Bridges Randle, 47, is charged with violating the civil rights of a woman in 2000 when she called him to investigate her car being vandalized. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Memphis said the civil rights violation includes an aggravated sexual assault. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHBQ-Fox \(Memphis, TN\)](#), [WREG-CBS \(Memphis, TN\)](#)

***WWSB-ABC (Sarasota, FL): Jackson Township Enters into Settlement Agreement with U.S. Department of Justice***, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 7:52 PM

The Jackson Township Council approved a resolution this evening to enter into a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) resolving the department's lawsuit alleging religious discrimination in the township's zoning practices. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the township does not concede liability with respect to the claims alleged in DOJ's lawsuit and has committed to a series of actions to ensure compliance with all laws governing religious rights in land use and fair housing practices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***WJTV-CBS (Jackson, MS): Man, woman indicted for interstate sex trafficking in multiple states***, Bianca Ball, June 14, 2022, 2:15 PM

A federal judge in the Southern District of Mississippi unsealed an indictment that showed a California man and a Nevada woman have been charged for interstate sex trafficking. According to the indictment, Michael D. Fulcher, 52, and Jonzie Hamilton, 33, have been charged with one count each of sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion; conspiracy to commit sex trafficking by force, fraud and coercion; and interstate transportation for purposes of prostitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL LAW**

***Courthouse News: Judge finds Apple may have benefited from gift card theft scheme***, Matthew Renda, June 14, 2022, 4:00 PM

Apple will have to face claims the company profited off of criminal enterprise schemes featuring stolen gift cars after a federal judge declined to dismiss claims the company benefited monetarily from sophisticated schemes that employ fake apps to swindle consumers. U.S. District Judge Edward Davila dismissed some of the claims from a class of plaintiffs that said Apple aided in the fraudulent schemes, but he did say plaintiffs plausibly alleged the company did receive some of the proceeds from the fraud and failed to appropriately reimburse the victims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Bloomberg Law: KBR Settles 15-Year Iraq Kickback Lawsuit for \$14 Million***, Daniel Seiden, June 14, 2022, 11:31 AM

Houston-headquartered Kellogg Brown & Root Services Inc. and three other companies have agreed to a settlement of nearly \$14 million million to resolve False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Act allegations and for breach of contract, the Department of Justice said Tuesday. The lawsuit dealt with subcontracts that KBR awarded while it was under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program III contract, awarded in 2001, which required KBR to provide logistics support to Army forces in Iraq, according to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

*Post Register (Idaho Falls, ID):* **Blackfoot nurse ordered to pay feds \$30,000 for mishandling drugs**, Jonathan Hogan, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

A nurse practitioner in Blackfoot has been ordered to pay the federal government \$30,000 in a civil judgment. Kenneth Lowther was sued by the U.S. Department of Justice after an investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services concluded he unlawfully prescribed narcotics 15 times, a United States Attorney's Office District of Idaho news release said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

*AP: Officials:* **Fraud suspect caught heading to Cuba on Jet Ski**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 4:36 PM

A Cuban man charged in a \$4.2 million Medicare fraud scheme is being held as a flight risk after officials said he tried to flee the U.S. on a Jet Ski. A federal judge in Miami ordered Ernesto Cruz Graveran, 54, of Hialeah, to be detained pending trial Monday, according to court records. He has been charged with health care fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Washington Examiner:* **Border Patrol agents to be disciplined for horseback 'whipping' incident**, Anna Giaritelli, June 14, 2022, 9:14 PM

The Border Patrol is preparing to discipline agents whom Biden administration officials accused of "whipping" Haitian migrants while on horseback in Del Rio, Texas, last September, the Washington Examiner has learned. U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the federal agency that investigated the incident, will accuse the horse patrol agents of "administrative violations," according to two agency officials, confirming an earlier report from Fox News. It is unlikely they will be fired, one of the sources said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Washington Times:* **ICE chief adopts new 'free speech' rules to limit investigations of journalists**, Stephen Dinan, June 14, 2022, 10:00 AM

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced a new policy to limit the agency's entanglements with reporters, including requiring pre-approval before arresting journalists or subpoenaing their records. Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson said "compulsory" tools should only be used as a last resort and in cases where a crime is believed to have been committed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Post and Courier (Charleston, SC):* **Mount Pleasant man accused of sex trafficking minor allegedly spent \$45K for sex acts, drugs**, Kelli Dugan, June 14, 2022, 7:00 PM

Pictures and text messages belonging to a Mount Pleasant businessman included in new court documents reveal more information about his relationship with the minor he is accused of trafficking for sex. The vulgar messages became public as Earl Dawson Caldwell IV filed a motion June 3 to suppress that very evidence, which his defense attorneys argue was obtained through an unconstitutional search and seizure of his iPhone. [...] Homeland Security Investigations placed a notification in the databases of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement so the agency would be alerted if Caldwell left or entered the United States, the motion states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Miami Herald:* **More migrant boats are crossing the Mona Passage. U.S. Border Patrol is looking for them**, Syra Ortiz, June 14, 2022, 5:23 PM

The small U.S. Customs and Border Protection plane took off on a recent morning from the northwestern Puerto Rican town of Aguadilla, the rows of homes against coastal forests and sandy beaches becoming smaller and smaller. The aircraft flew 11,500 feet over the 80 miles of deep, unpredictable waters of the strait that separates Puerto Rico and Hispaniola, the island shared between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Laredo Morning Times: Laredo CBP officers seize \$1.1M in narcotics at Colombia-Solidarity Bridge**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 3:57 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations officers seized hard narcotics in one enforcement action that totaled over \$1,100,000 in street value. “CBP’s overall mission is to protect American communities from cross-border crime that threatens public safety,” said Port Director Alberto Flores, Laredo Port of Entry. “Laredo cargo facilities have excelled in enhancing border security by preventing the flow of suspected narcotics from seeping into our communities.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): Narcotics worth more than \$1.1 million seized at Texas-Mexico crossing**, Kelli Dugan, June 14, 2022, 10:29 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Laredo, Texas, thwarted a smuggling attempt Thursday at the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge. According to the agency, a sport utility vehicle was carrying far more than the “informal shipment” of statues arriving from Mexico that its driver declared. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WJLA-ABC (El Paso, TX): 2 women arrested for trying to smuggle fentanyl in their bodies at border**, Fallon Fischer, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

Two women were stopped by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers for attempting to smuggle fentanyl in their vaginal cavities at an El Paso area port of entry. On June 11, a 34-year-old woman from the United States was stopped at Paso Del Norte border crossing for attempting to smuggle 0.14 pounds of fentanyl in her vaginal cavity, according to CBP. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WWMD-CBS (Kalamazoo, MI): Migrants trek to US as White House scrambles for border policies**, Grayce McCormick, June 14, 2022, 3:00 PM

What was predicted to be the largest migrant caravan of the year headed for the U.S. mostly dispersed over the weekend, but U.S. law enforcement at the southern border is still bracing for thousands of incoming migrants hoping to claim asylum in the coming weeks and months. They’re coming at a time of much back-and-forth in temporary U.S. immigration policy measures, and as the administration’s long game to address root causes of migration remains largely unchanged from a year ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

**Reuters: Antitrust cops’ quixotic PE warning**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 6:04 PM

U.S. Federal Trade Commission boss Lina Khan says private equity is in the crosshairs. While Blackstone (BX.N) and Apollo Global Management (APO.N) may well be on notice, it’s unclear whether she’s really going to do more than just make threats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: FTC launches probe into mental-health startup Cerebral - WSJ**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 5:33 PM

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has begun an investigation into SoftBank-backed mental-health startup Cerebral Inc, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday, citing a letter the antitrust body sent to the company. In the letter dated June 1, the FTC said it was investigating whether the company engaged in deceptive or unfair practices related to advertising or marketing of mental-health services, according to the WSJ report. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg: Senate Passes State Venue Antitrust Bill That Google Opposed**, Leah Nylen, June 14, 2022, 8:07 PM

The Senate passed legislation Tuesday evening to allow state attorneys general to pick the location where their federal antitrust suits are heard, a blow to Alphabet Inc.'s Google, which had opposed the bill. The chamber passed the measure by unanimous consent. An amendment removed a provision that would have applied the measure retroactively to a 2020 antitrust suit filed by Texas and 14 other states and territories against the operator of the world's largest search engine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSJ: Antitrust Authorities Take Aim at Private-Equity Healthcare Deals**, Chris Cumming, June 14, 2022, 5:56 PM

U.S. antitrust enforcers on Monday took action against a private-equity firm they say sought to stifle competition, in what regulators suggest could be the first strike against allegedly anticompetitive behavior by buyout firms in the healthcare sector. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: FTC Says Arko To Trim Noncompetes In \$94M Gas Outlet Buy**, Craig Clough, June 14, 2022, 9:18 PM

Arko Corp. and its subsidiary GPM Investments LLC agreed Tuesday to trim certain noncompete provisions from a deal to buy 60 Michigan and Ohio-based Express Stop retail fuel outlets from Corrigan Oil Company that the Federal Trade Commission deemed anti-competitive, the agency said Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: [OPINION] Abandoning decades of antitrust precedent won't reduce inflation**, Richard J. Pierce, Jr., June 14, 2022, 4:30 PM

The inflation rate is now 8.6 percent – the highest rate in 40 years. President Biden says that reducing the level of inflation is his top domestic priority. Yet, the chair of the Federal Trade Commission and the head of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice are obsessed with the need to throw consumers under the bus and force sellers to increase the prices they charge for goods and services. Both FTC Chair Lina Khan and the head of the Antitrust Division, Jonathan Kanter, have made it a high priority to eliminate the consumer welfare standard that the Supreme Court and most antitrust scholars have embraced for 50 years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**Law360: Oklahoma Seeks Early Win In Coal Mining Fight With Feds**, Andrew Westney, June 14, 2022, 8:36 PM

Oklahoma has asked a federal judge for an early win in its suit seeking to regulate coal mining on Native American tribal lands, saying the Supreme Court's McGirt decision doesn't give the U.S. Department of the Interior the leverage to take away the state's authority over coal mining. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Clean Energy Cos. Back Calif.'s Power Over Vehicle Emissions**, Juan Carlos

Rodriguez, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

Utilities and clean energy industry groups on Monday threw their support behind the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in D. C. Circuit litigation challenging the agency's decision to support California's right under the Clean Air Act to create its own greenhouse gas emission standards, saying the Golden State's authority must be preserved. The the proposed intervenors said replacing combustion engine vehicles with electric ones is critical to lowering greenhouse gas emissions and fighting off the worst effects of climate change. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: After Blocking Of Drilling Lease Ban, Biden Admin. Seeks Win**, Eric Heisig, June 14, 2022, 5:43 PM

The Biden administration has asked a federal judge to OK its temporary ban on oil and gas drilling leases on public lands and offshore, though it may face an uphill battle because the same judge blocked the measure after 13 states represented by Republican attorneys general sued.

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**Law360: Alaska Asks 9th Circ. To Restrict Emergency Tribal Hunting**, Caleb Symons, June 14, 2022, 3:46 PM

Alaska urged the Ninth Circuit on Monday to prohibit federal authorities from reopening a hunting season the state has already closed, saying a U.S. Department of the Interior panel acted illegally when it allowed a tribal village to hold an emergency moose and deer hunt two years ago.

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**Bloomberg Law: EPA, DOJ Agree to Close Knoxville Utilities Board Consent Decree**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 2:27 PM

The EPA and the Department of Justice filed a motion to terminate the consent decree with the Knoxville Utilities Board concerning a 2005 Clean Water Act settlement about the sewer system, according to the agency Tuesday. KUB reported on Jan. 28 that all work under the amended consent decree, which focused on deficiencies at the Fourth Creek and Kuwahee wastewater treatment plants, had been completed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WVLA-NBC (Baton Rouge, LA): Louisiana man sentenced after admitting to training pit bulls for dogfighting**, Michael Scheidt, June 14, 2022, 11:35 AM

Dangelo Dontae Cornish, age 36, of Greensburg, is going to spend the next 14 months behind bars after pleading guilty to "possessing pit bulls for use in a dogfighting venture," according to the United States Department of Justice. The sentencing comes four and half years after Cornish's home was searched by federal law enforcement agents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## TAX

**Law360: Roger Stone Ordered To Turn Over Tax Records, Financial Info**, Theresa Schliep, June 14, 2022, 6:15 PM

Roger Stone must furnish tax records and answer questions about financial accounts after a federal judge Tuesday ordered him and his wife to comply with document and information requests from the U. S. in its \$2 million tax case against them. A Florida federal magistrate judge said Roger Stone and his wife must comply with document and information requests from the U. S. government, which has contended that the couple used Stone's business Drake Ventures to hide their income. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)



## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

### *Rolling Stone*: **Del Records Execs Arrested for Working With Promoter Tied to Mexican Cartel**, Tomás Mier , June 15, 2022, 12:25 AM

On Tuesday, the FBI arrested two música Mexicana record label executives for doing business with a concert promoter with alleged ties to Mexican drug cartels in 2018. Angel Del Villar, CEO of Del Records, and Luis Scalisi, CFO of subsidiary Del Entertainment, were arrested and later released on bail for allegedly conspiring to violate the Kingpin Act, which prohibits Americans from conducting business with foreign narcotics traffickers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

### *The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA)*: **Philly police underreported crime data to FBI in 2021 | Today in Pa.**, Claudia Dimuro, June 15, 2022, 5:31 AM

You can listen to the latest episode of "Today in Pa" at this link, or on any of your favorite apps including Alexa, Apple, Spotify, and Stitcher. Episodes are available every weekday on PennLive. Feel free to subscribe, follow or rate "Today in Pa." as you see fit! "Today in Pa." Daily Podcast | June 15, 2022. The Philadelphia Police Department is part of the roughly 60 percent of law enforcement agencies nationwide who underreported crime data to the FBI last year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

### *Albuquerque Journal*: **Feds: Las Cruces man plotted murder for hire**, Colleen Heild, June 15, 2022, 12:05 AM

A 32-year-old Las Cruces man repeatedly contacted what he thought was a murder-for-hire website in April allegedly to order a hit on his mother-in-law. "Kill that b ch," he allegedly declared at one point, threatening he would "do it himself" if he couldn't get fast action. The rent-a-hitman website was a spoof, but federal authorities took the alleged threat seriously. [[Continue Reading](#)]

### *Cleveland Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH)*: **Akron man arrested in beating death of 1-year-old child**, Cliff Pinckard, June 14, 2022, 10:27 PM

A 38-year-old Akron man accused of the beating death of a 1-year-old child was arrested Tuesday by federal agents, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. Members of the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force took Latrell Wilson into custody while he was working at a business on the 2400 block of Romig Road in the Rolling Acres neighborhood. Wilson was wanted by Akron police on a warrant for homicide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

### *The Oregonian (Portland, OR)*: **Federal investigators looking into 'suspicious' fire at Gresham pregnancy center**, Zaeem Shaikh, June 14, 2022, 6:34 PM

Federal investigators are looking into the cause of a fire at a Gresham pregnancy center last week apparently caused when someone threw an incendiary device through a window. No one was hurt. First Image, the organization that owns the center, said in a post on its website that the device and fire set off alarms about 3 a.m. last Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

### *KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ)*: **FBI warns of increase in sextortion schemes involving young children**, Shelle Jackson , June 14, 2022, 12:30 AM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is warning parents to stay vigilant this summer, as sextortion schemes targeting young children are on the rise. "Sextortion is a crime where adults target children, usually through social media and develop a relationship with them to the point where the child shares explicit photos thinking they're sharing with a child of the same age," said FBI

Supervisory Special Agent, Mary Gleason. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KRON (San Francisco, CA): F.B.I and law enforcement react to recent pride event disturbance**, Haaziq Madyun, June 14, 2022, 11:00 PM

We are learning more about the investigation into alleged members of a far-right extremist group disrupting a pride month event at an East Bay library. And if police see this, as a sign of a rise in white nationalist hate groups here in the Bay Area. Tonight, investigators with the F.B.I confirm they are aware of the incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WGXA-Fox/ABC (Macon, GA): US Marshals arrest man in Byron for deserting US Marine Corps**, Claire Helm, June 14, 2022, 10:27 PM

Authorities in Peach County confirm a man has been taken into custody on charges concerning military desertion. Byron police put out a watch earlier on Tuesday when US Marshals were still looking for Private First Class Andrew Puckett. But police later said that Puckett had been located and arrested. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTVZ-NBC (Bend, OR): Oregon FBI Tech Tuesday: Avoiding adoption fraud**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 9:33 PM

This week, the FBI Portland Tech Tuesday segment focuses on ways to avoid falling victim to adoption fraud. Image this scenario: You've talked through all the concerns and you're ready to do it. You're ready to adopt a child. So, you get online and find the perfect adoption service provider and EVEN BETTER they've found a match for you. But is it too good to be true? [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KNBC-NBC (Los Angeles, CA): 'These Two Men Were Loved': Two Officers Die in El Monte Shooting**, Eric Leonard, June 14, 2022, 9:00 PM

Two El Monte Police officers were shot to death Tuesday afternoon while handling a domestic violence call at a motel, and the man investigators said opened fire on the officers was shot dead at the scene, authorities said. [...] The investigation into the officers' murder and the death of the alleged attacker was turned-over to the LA County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, and the ATF said agents were already on scene and assisting. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCJB-BC/CW (Gainesville, FL): ATF bust nets Gilchrist store clerk**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 6:21 PM

A convenience store owner in Bell is behind bars after Gilchrist County deputies say he illegally sold alcohol and tobacco products. Mamunur Rashid was arrested yesterday. The Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco helped deputies with the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRGB-CBS (Schenectady, NY): Undercover DEA agent details amazing NYS bust that uncovered millions in buried gold**, Anne McCloy, June 14, 2022, 6:00 PM

An undercover federal agent is sitting down with CBS 6 to detail one of the most unique drug busts the New York Capital Region has ever seen. A case that involved millions of dollars in buried gold. We first told you about it last week when CBS 6's Anne McCloy interviewed Eric Canori, the former marijuana dealer who hid the buried treasure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Patch (Bensalem, PA): 40K Fentanyl Pills, 11 lbs. Of Meth Seized In Bensalem: DA**, John Fey, June 14, 2022, 4:40 PM

The Bensalem Township Police Special Investigations Unit, in a joint operation with the Philadelphia DEA HIDTA Task Force, seized a supply of narcotics with an estimated street worth of \$1,000,000 this past Wednesday. During the investigation, four men from Riverside, California were arrested in relation to the possession of narcotics and \$5,000 cash. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Patch (Pittsburgh, PA): Woman Convicted In Pittsburgh FBI Officer's Death Is Released: Report**, Michelle Rotuno-Johnson, June 14, 2022, 3:29 PM

The Pennsylvania woman who pleaded guilty in shooting death of an FBI agent in 2011 has been released from prison, a report said. Christina Korbe left a federal detention center in Philadelphia on Tuesday, according to WTAE. In 2008, a team of law enforcement officers raided the home Korbe shared with her husband in Indiana Township. The officers were trying to arrest Korbe's husband on drug charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Patch (Wall, NJ): Wall Officer Graduates From FBI Academy**, Pat McDaniel, June 14, 2022, 2:14 PM

Lt. Sean O'Halloran has graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., Chief Kenneth Brown Jr. has announced. O'Halloran becomes the eighth Wall Township police officer to attend the National Academy in the history of the agency. O'Halloran has been a Wall Township Police Officer for 21 years, and is a Wall resident, the department said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: US judge keeps Nevada execution challenge alive, for now**, Ken Ritter, June 14, 2022, 2:27 PM

A federal judge declined Monday to either decide or dismiss a condemned Nevada killer's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state plan for what would its first lethal injection in more than 16 years. U.S. District Judge Richard Boulware II left open Zane Michael Floyd's case at least for now and set an Oct. 11 date for attorneys representing Floyd and the state to return to court in Las Vegas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**ABC: 1st federal prison to experience COVID-19 outbreak now short-staffed: Officials**, Luke Barr, June 14, 2022, 2:52 PM

The first federal prison to experience a COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020 is now severely short-staffed, the Louisiana congressional delegation and members of the Bureau of Prison union say. FCI Oakdale in Louisiana experienced a severe COVID-19 outbreak in March of 2020, so bad the Justice Department inspector general was critical of the BOP for how it failed to separate inmates at the facility during the first weeks of the pandemic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**Reuters: U.S. Congress votes to expand Supreme Court security**, Moira Warburton and Nate Raymond, June 14, 2022, 6:38 PM

The U.S. House of Representatives gave final congressional approval on Tuesday to a bill to bolster Supreme Court security in light of threats made against justices ahead of their anticipated ruling curtailing abortion rights. The legislation, which had already cleared the Senate, passed the House on a 396-27 vote. The measure expands police protection to the families of the justices and senior officers of the court. President Biden will sign it into law, the White House said.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [WSJ](#)

*SCOTUSblog*: **[OPINION] The demise of rights-protective statutory interpretation for detained immigrants and the rise of “piecemeal” textualism**, Shalini Bhargava Ray, June 14, 2022, 9:58 PM

On Monday, the Supreme Court sided with the government in a pair of cases brought by noncitizens who are under deportation orders and were in lengthy detention, rejecting lower courts’ rights-protective interpretation of the relevant detention statute and blocking an important avenue for injunctive relief in immigration detention cases. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*SCOTUSblog*: **[OPINION] Focusing on the meaning of “offense,” a divided court throws salt on double jeopardy claim**, Heather Whiteman Runs Him, June 14, 2022, 8:38 PM

An intriguingly divided court ruled Monday in *Denezpi v. United States*, upholding the federal court conviction of a defendant previously prosecuted and sentenced by a Court of Indian Offenses for charges stemming from the same incident. Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote for the majority, joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, and Brett Kavanaugh. Justice Neil Gorsuch filed a dissenting opinion, joined in part by Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*SCOTUSblog*: **[OPINION] Procedural rule for correcting “mistakes” applies to all mistakes, legal or factual**, Ronald Mann, June 14, 2022, 6:13 PM

Monday’s opinion in *Kemp v. United States* provided what the argument suggested: a straightforward decision that reads Rule 60(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to mean just what it says. Rule 60(b) is the rule that allows you to get relief from an incorrect judgment, and it seems pretty clear that the judgment here was incorrect. The order held untimely a motion of Dexter Earl Kemp seeking to overturn a conviction under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, but all accept that the judge miscalculated the deadline for filing that motion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

*Law360*: **NJ Senate Panel OKs 11 Reappointed Judges, 2 New Judges**, Nick Muscavage, June 14, 2022, 3:22 PM

A New Jersey Senate committee has approved the renominations of 11 judges, along with the nominations of two potential new jurists for initial terms on the bench. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

*Law360*: **Feds Seek Early Win In Cherokee Suit Seeking Audit Of Trust**, Caleb Symons, June 14, 2022, 6:38 PM

The U. S. government is asking a Washington, D. C. , federal court to put a stop to the Cherokee Nation's bid for a full audit of tribal funds held in federal trust, claiming it has complied with all of its accounting responsibilities and that the Cherokee missed their chance to review those assets. In a motion for summary judgment Monday, federal officials said their accounting duties for the Cherokee trust fall under only two statutes: an 1893 law that covered payments owed under treaties from earlier that century and the 1994 American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Kansas City Star: Missouri man accused of illegally excavating protected Native American site: indictment**, Bill Lukitsch, June 14, 2022, 6:59 PM

A 70-year-old man is accused of illegally excavating items of archaeological value from a prehistoric Native American site near Tightwad, Missouri. Johnny Lee Brown, of Clinton, faces charges of conspiracy, illegal excavation of resources and injury to government property. A federal grand jury convened in April in the Western District of Missouri returned an 11-count indictment against Brown, which was made public following his arrest Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSHB-NBC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [WDAF-Fox \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

**The Hill: Dems eye marijuana bill as vehicle for justice measures**, Aris Folley and Karl Evers-Hillstrom, June 15, 2022, 5:39 AM

Senate Democrats are eyeing a cannabis banking bill that has bipartisan support as a potential vehicle for long-sought restorative justice measures. Prominent Democrats have been pushing to pass the SAFE Banking Act, which would enable legally operating cannabis firms to use banking services, as part of a larger China competition package being conferenced in both the House and Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CONGRESS

**Reuters: Trump-backed challenger ousts Republican incumbent in South Carolina midterm race**, Eric Beech and Jason Lange, June 14, 2022, 11:58 PM

Republican U.S. Representative Tom Rice, who voted to impeach Donald Trump after the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot, lost his re-election bid in South Carolina on Tuesday, while a second Republican incumbent targeted by the former president prevailed. A prime target in Trump's midterm revenge campaign against perceived political enemies, Rice lost the Republican nomination to Russell Fry 24.6% to 51%, with 99% of the vote counted, according to Edison Research. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: In a boost, McConnell backs Senate bipartisan gun deal**, Alan Fram, June 14, 2022, 5 00 PM

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell announced his support Tuesday for his chamber's emerging bipartisan gun agreement, boosting momentum for modest but notable election-year action by Congress on an issue that's deadlocked lawmakers for three decades. The Kentucky Republican said he hoped an outline of the accord, released Sunday by 10 Democrats and 10 Republicans, would be translated into legislation and enacted. McConnell's backing was the latest indication that last month's gun massacres in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, had reconfigured the political calculations for some in the GOP after years of steadfastly opposing even incremental tightening of firearms curbs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**USA Today: What is the 'boyfriend loophole' in the bipartisan gun deal announced by senators?**, Merdie Nzanga, June 15, 2022, 5:00 AM

In response to mass shootings, a bipartisan group of senators tentatively reached a deal on a gun bill that would expand "red flag" laws, spend more on mental health and close the "boyfriend loophole" that allows some domestic abusers to buy firearms. Gun control activists have tried to close the loophole for years, but like most gun legislation, the efforts fizzled out. After massacres

in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas, as well as other mass shootings, there is fresh momentum for gun control, including ensuring that all domestic abusers are barred from acquiring guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 14, 2022

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- More than 170 million Americans are bracing for temperatures above 90 degrees. But virtually every corner of the country is being impacted by weather from wildfires, floods, tornadoes and heat. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The upcoming Federal Reserve meeting could bring the biggest interest rate hike in 28 years as everything from gas to food and travel has seen the largest annual increase in nearly four decades. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- With Russian forces closing in, the people of the Donbas region are fleeing for their lives as bridges out of the city are being blown up and those remaining are being ordered to “surrender or die.” [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A somber ceremony was held in Buffalo today marking one month since 10 people were killed in a mass shooting at a supermarket. Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell signaled his support for the bipartisan gun reform proposal that’s expected to be finished this week. [[CBS](#)]
- A high-stakes meeting is underway in Southern California where delegates from the Southern Baptist Convention are choosing new leaders and confronting shocking allegations of sexual abuse. [[CBS](#)]
- The House has overwhelmingly voted to extend police protection to the families of Supreme Court justices, now sending the bill to President Biden. This comes as concern is rising over threats to justices as the Court prepares to issue a ruling on abortion rights. [[CBS](#)]
- The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 riots announced Tuesday morning that its hearing set for Wednesday has been postponed and offered conflicting explanations as to why. [[ABC](#)]
- Sweltering temperatures across Texas have led to skyrocketing energy demand and now,

some providers are struggling. [\[NBC\]](#)

## MORNING HEADLINES

- “Fed Weighs 0.75-Point Hike as Stock Futures Rise” [\[WSJ\]](#), [\[NYT\]](#), [\[WaPo\]](#)
- “Ukraine’s NATO Allies Strain to Keep Up Pressure on Russia” [\[WSJ\]](#), [\[NYT\]](#), [\[LAT\]](#)
- “U.S. abortion rate rises, reversing three decades of declines” [\[WSJ\]](#), [\[NYT\]](#), [\[LAT\]](#)
- “Analysis: Far-Right Republicans Press Closer to Power Over Future Elections” [\[NYT\]](#), [\[WaPo\]](#), [\[LAT\]](#)

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## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**Reuters: U.S. attorney general calls Senate gun legislation 'meaningful progress'**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 13, 2022, 4:06 PM  
U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday endorsed a bipartisan Senate gun-safety proposal as "meaningful progress" as he announced new gun-trafficking charges in an effort to crack down on the gun violence plaguing America. "We do think that at least the framework that I read about this morning with respect to the bipartisan negotiations would be meaningful progress in that direction," Garland said at a news conference. Garland's comments came one day after a bipartisan group of senators announced a gun safety bill designed to win approval by Republicans and Democrats alike. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper](#), [Courthouse News](#), [PBS](#), [Wash Times](#),

**CNN: Garland says he and prosecutors are watching the House January 6 hearings**, Hannah Rabinowitz and Shawna Mizelle, June 13, 2022, 7:02 PM  
Attorney General Merrick Garland said Monday that he plans to watch all the hearings held by the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol -- and that prosecutors handling criminal cases stemming from the insurrection are watching, too. "I am watching, and I will be watching all the hearings, although I may not be able to watch all of it live," Garland said. "But I will be sure that I am watching all of it. And I can assure you that the January 6 prosecutors are watching all of the hearings as well." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#), [MSNBC's Hallie Jackson Reports](#)

**Fox: Justice Department says gun trafficker purchased more than 70 firearms in six months, some used in crimes**, Louis Casiano, June 13, 2022, 6:49 PM



A 31-year-old man allegedly purchased more than 70 guns over six months, some of which were found to have been used in crimes in two states and Canada, in a gun trafficking scheme, the Justice Department said Monday. Demontre Antwon Hackworth was indicted last week on charges of dealing firearms without a license and making false statements during the purchase of a firearm. He was arrested Friday by agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Dallas. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Dallas Morning News](#), [The Hill](#), [KXAS-NBC \(Fort Worth, TX\)](#),

**Washington Times: White House says it's Justice Department's call on whether to indict Trump**, Jeff Mordock, June 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

The White House said Monday it's up to Attorney General Merrick Garland whether to indict former President Donald Trump for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that it's Mr. Garland's call whether criminal prosecution is warranted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**Reuters: White nationalists accused of planning riot are bailed out of Idaho jail**, Joseph Ax, June 13, 2022, 10:49 PM

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## **JAN 6.**

**WaPo: As hearing's star witness, Barr says Trump was 'detached from reality'**, Devlin Barret, June 13, 2022, 6:13 PM

Appearing larger than life on a giant screen above the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, former attorney general William P. Barr on Monday offered a blistering assessment of the man he'd spent years defending: In 2020, after losing the election, President Donald Trump appeared "detached from reality" and obsessed with fantastical notions of voter fraud, Barr said. That blunt assessment amounted to a kind of rhetorical dagger aimed at his former boss, even if it was delivered from a previously taped, closed-door questioning session and included many criticisms Barr had already aired in tell-all books written by him and others. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [The Hill-2](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [US News](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Barr kneecaps Trump: 'Never an indication of interest' in facts**, Philip Bump, June 13, 2022, 1:02 PM

Until Nov. 3, 2020, history's depiction of William P. Barr's second tenure as attorney general would have been straightforward. He was a stalwart defender of executive power who helped Donald Trump navigate some of the trickiest parts of his presidency. He was, in short, the loyalist Trump had long sought within the executive branch. But that legacy became more complicated after Trump lost his reelection bid. A few weeks after the race had been called, Barr became the first senior member of the administration to publicly reject Trump's claims about election fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Thompson's claim that Jan. 6 committee won't criminally refer Trump or others to DOJ meets resistance from committee**, Ryan Nobles, Annie Grayer and Zachary Cohen, June 13, 2022, 9:50 PM

The chairman of the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol told reporters Monday that the panel will not make any criminal referral of former President Donald Trump or anyone else to the Justice Department -- a claim that met swift pushback from members of the panel. "No, you know, we're going to tell the facts. If the Department of Justice looks at it, and assume that there's something that needs further review, I'm sure they'll do it," Democratic Rep. Bennie Thompson said when asked whether the committee would refer Trump or others to the department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

**CNN: [OPINION] The January 6 committee is methodically building the case for a criminal conspiracy**, Norman Eisen, Noah Bookbinder and Fred Wertheimer, June 14, 2022, 4:56 AM

It's appropriate that on Monday, within a few days of the 50th anniversary of the Watergate break-in, the House select committee investigating the January 6 attack presented a hearing focused on the question "What did President Donald Trump know, and when did he know it?" This deep dive into the first of what the committee says is a seven-part conspiracy revealed Trump's choice to disregard the truth and the law. The focus on the former President's state of mind is critical to building the case for the American people -- and for possible prosecutions like those that ensued a half-century ago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: Inside the explosive Oval Office confrontation three days before Jan. 6**, Michael Kranish, June 14, 2022, 6:00 AM

Three days before Congress was slated to certify the 2020 presidential election, a little-known Justice Department official named Jeffrey Clark rushed to meet President Donald Trump in the Oval Office to discuss a last-ditch attempt to reverse the results. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: Lawmaker's Capitol Complex Tour on the Eve of Jan. 6 Was Innocent, Police Say**, Luke Broadwater, June 13, 2022, 11:00 PM

A tour of parts of the Capitol complex given by a Republican lawmaker the day before the Jan. 6 riot appears to have been innocuous, the Capitol Police said on Monday, describing a visit that had attracted scrutiny from the House committee examining the attack as simply a meeting with constituents. "We train our officers on being alert for people conducting surveillance or reconnaissance, and we do not consider any of the activities we observed to be suspicious," J. Thomas Manger, the chief of the Capitol Police, wrote in a letter about the tour, which was conducted by Representative Barry Loudermilk of Georgia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: [EDITORIAL] Trump's aides told him the truth. Now they are finally telling us'**, Editorial Board, June 13, 2022, 4:12 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack heard Monday from a cavalcade of former officials who worked for President Donald Trump around the time of the 2020 election. They all wanted Mr. Trump to win. Yet they all testified that they were confident that the election was not stolen and that they told Mr. Trump so. Anyone in Trumpworld with a shred of intellectual honesty apparently concluded that the claims of Mr. Trump and other 2020 crackpots were obviously false — "bull---t," as former attorney general William P. Barr put it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Latest: Trump Team Raised \$250 Million on Fraud Claims**, Billy House and Chris Strohm, June 13, 2022, 1:15 PM

The Jan. 6 committee resumed its public hearings Monday with a session focused on Donald Trump's culpability in the 2021 storming of the US Capitol, seeking to make the case that he

kept pushing his stolen-election claim knowing it wasn't true. Witnesses in the more than two hours of testimony included Byung J. Pak, who resigned as an Atlanta-based US Attorney on Jan. 4, 2021; Chris Stirewalt, a former Fox News political editor who's call Biden had won Arizona raised the ire of Trump; election attorney Benjamin Ginsberg and former Philadelphia city commissioner Al Schmidt. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Kimberly Guilfoyle was paid \$60,000 speaking fee for Ellipse rally intro, Jan. 6 committee member says**, Zachary Cohen, June 14, 2022, 12:00 AM

Kimberly Guilfoyle, a former member of the Donald Trump presidential campaign, was paid a \$60,000 speaking fee for introducing Donald Trump Jr., her fiancé, at the "Stop the Steal" rally on the Ellipse that acted as a precursor to the US Capitol riot, a member of the House select committee that's investigating January 6, 2021, told CNN on Monday. Speaking with CNN's Jake Tapper, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, who played a key role in Monday's committee hearing, said the panel has evidence that members of the Trump family and inner circle-- including Guilfoyle -- personally benefited from money that was raised based on the former President's false election claims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Trump responds to Jan. 6 hearings with 12-page rebuttal**, Abigail Adcox, June 13, 2022, 11:24 PM

Former President Donald Trump issued a 12-page rebuttal to the evidence and testimonies presented by the Jan. 6 committee, arguing that Democrats are trying to distract from domestic issues such as record inflation and gas prices. Democrats are "desperate to change the narrative of a failing nation" by distracting people with the hearings and the investigation into the events surrounding the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Trump said in a statement shared by his Save America PAC hours after the panel investigating the attack held a hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: South Texas Mayor Arrested, Accused of Bribery, Fraud**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 8:34 PM

A South Texas mayor was arrested Monday after a federal indictment accused him of committing bribery and fraud. Peñitas Mayor Rodrigo Lopez was arrested as he re-entered the country at the Hidalgo Port of Entry, according to a statement by the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**NBC: Migrants are falling off Trump's 30-foot steel border wall into the U.S. and going to the hospital**, Julia Ainsley and Didi Martinez, June 14, 2022, 4:32 AM

When President Donald Trump's commissioner of Customs and Border Protection toured a stretch of the new 30-foot high border wall here in August 2020, he told the local newspaper that its steel beams were "impressive." "It really does, I think, physically represent exactly

what we've been trying to do since Day One," Commissioner Mark Morgan told the El Paso Times. "That is to give Border Patrol increased operational capacity to do what they they need to do to protect the country." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

**Reuters: U.S. bill to rein in Big Tech backed by dozens of small and big companies**, Diane Bartz, June 13, 2022, 5:51 PM

Dozens of companies and business organizations sent a letter to U.S. Congress members on Monday, urging them to support a bill that would rein in the biggest tech companies such as [Amazon.com](#) (AMZN.O) and Alphabet's (GOOGL.O) Google. Last week, Democratic U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and lawmakers from both parties said they had the Senate votes needed to pass legislation that would prevent tech platforms, including Apple (AAPL.O) and Facebook, from favoring their own businesses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Democrats ask FTC to tackle online baby formula price gouging**, Rebecca Klar, June 13, 2022, 10:55 AM

Reps. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) and Frank Pallone Jr. (D-N.J.) have asked the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address online price gouging of baby formula during the nationwide shortage. The Democrats sent a letter on Monday requesting that the agency issue a public advisory to encourage online marketplaces to put measures in place to detect and prevent exploitative practices by third-party vendors selling infant formula. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**Louisville Courier Journal (Louisville, KY): This gun-tracing technology is cutting violent crime in Louisville, feds say**, Krista Johnson, June 14, 2022, 5:40 AM

As hundreds of people marched on Louisville's streets during the height of the 2020 racial justice protests, shots rang out. Two police officers were injured. Despite the chaos and commotion on the street that night – Sept. 23, 2020 – police were able to quickly zero in on the source of the gunshots. [...] "It took away the guesswork," said Special Agent Cassandra Mullins with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives — the federal agency that maintains NIBIN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): 97 Arrests In Multi-Agency Crackdown On Crime In Minneapolis**, Reg Chapman, June 13, 2022, 5:01 PM

WCCO is giving you an inside look at the teamwork it takes to tackle crime in Minneapolis. Recently, WCCO's Reg Chapman rode along with police for a first-hand look at Operation Safe Summer, the only reporter allowed to do so. [...] Police say they could not have completed this detail successfully without the help of their partners. The Hennepin County Sheriff's office, ATF, DEA, FBI, BCA and Department of Homeland Security were all focused on bringing safety to a city under seize by gun violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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**WAVE-NBC (Louisville, KY): Does ATF check on people prohibited from buying guns?**

David Ochoa, June 13, 2022, 4:56 PM

As lawmakers debate new, stricter gun laws in response to mass shootings, many wonder, is it enough? What else can be done to stop the slaughter? Some gun owners believe that before new laws are created, the current ones should be enforced, such as checking on and prosecuting people who lie and try, which is lying on federal forms to get a gun. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**AP: Tennessee execution pause through 2022 could last longer**, Jonathan Mattise, June 13, 2022, 3:11 PM

After Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee halted a lethal injection in April because he learned the drugs hadn't been tested as required, he ordered an independent investigation and paused all executions through the end of the year. Now, it's clear that Tennessee's problems in following its own lethal injection protocol are more extensive and complicated than state officials have acknowledged — and sorting through them may take longer, possibly years, before an execution that passes constitutional muster can take place. Many of the problems surfaced as part of challenges of Tennessee's execution process by two death row inmates in federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NY Post: Feds search for smuggled gun at troubled NYC lockup**, Ben Feuerherd, June 13, 2022, 3:11 PM

A firearm may have been smuggled into the Brooklyn federal jail complex that houses a number of high-profile criminals, including convicted sex predators Ghislaine Maxwell and R. Kelly. Officers have been scouring the troubled lockup for the gun for nearly a week, but it has yet to turn up, the federal Bureau of Prisons confirmed Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Daily News](#)

## **US SUPREME COURT**

**Reuters: VP Harris to meet with law professors ahead of potential overturn of Roe v. Wade**, Jarrett Renshaw, June 13, 2022, 10:51 PM

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday will meet with constitutional law, privacy, and technology experts to discuss what happens if the Supreme Court overrules the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide, according to a White House official. The discussion will seek to highlight the real-world implications if Roe falls, including in areas such as privacy, contraception, and in vitro fertilization, the official said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Justices rule against detained immigrants seeking release**, Mark Sherman, June 13, 2022, 2:59 PM

The Supreme Court has ruled against immigrants who are seeking their release from long periods of detention while they fight deportation orders. In two cases decided Monday, the court said that the immigrants, who fear persecution if sent back to their native countries, have no right under a federal law to a bond hearing at which they could argue for their freedom no matter how long they are held. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [NYT](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

**AP: Supreme Court rules against Navajo Nation member**, Jessica Gresko, June 13, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that Native Americans prosecuted in certain tribal courts

can also be prosecuted based on the same incident in federal court, which can result in longer sentences. The 6-3 ruling is in keeping with an earlier ruling from the 1970s that said the same about a more widely used type of tribal court. The case before the justices involved a Navajo Nation member, Merle Denezpi, accused of rape. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [SCOTUSblog](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court takes no action on Bayer bid to nix weedkiller suits**, Lawrence Hurley, June 13, 2022, 1:43 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday took no action on Bayer AG's bid to dismiss legal claims by customers who contend its Roundup weedkiller causes cancer as the German company seeks to avoid potentially billions of dollars in damages. The case was not mentioned on a list issued by the court on Monday as it decided on whether to hear pending appeals, raising at least the possibility that the justices are considering hearing it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Supreme Court won't hear appeal of Texas death row inmate**, Pete Williams, June 13, 2022, 2:06 PM

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up the appeal of a man sentenced to death in Texas even though it earlier found that his lawyer ignored "an apparent tidal wave" of evidence that could have spared him the death penalty. In 2008, 20-year-old Terence Andrus unsuccessfully tried to carjack a vehicle in a grocery store parking lot while under the influence of marijuana laced with PCP, also known as angel dust. He shot and killed the driver and a person in another car that was approaching. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [SCOTUSblog](#)

## **CONGRESS**

**WSJ: Senate Negotiators Move Cautiously to Turn Gun Framework Into Legislation**, Natalie Andrews and Cameron McWhirter, June 13, 2022, 5:24 PM

Over the weekend, a bipartisan group of senators struck a deal to reduce gun violence after a series of mass shootings. Now, the lawmakers need to stick together to sell it to colleagues with sharply different stances on gun ownership to pass any legislation into law this summer. The 20 senators, 10 from each party, are looking to pass what could be the broadest federal legislation on guns in decades. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#)

**CBS: Congressional Republicans target Hunter Biden's Hollywood mega-lawyer**, Catherine Herridge, Graham Kates, Matthew Mosk, June 13, 2022, 5:07 PM

Republicans in Congress want to know why a high-powered Hollywood attorney lent Hunter Biden millions of dollars while providing him legal and media assistance. In a letter on Sunday, Rep. James Comer of Kentucky requested documents from attorney Kevin Morris related to a reportedly \$2 million loan designed to help the president's son pay back taxes, as well as any records related to the Federal Election Commission or communications with the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: House to vote on security bill for Supreme Court family members**, Mychael Schnell June 13, 2022, 10:26 PM

The House is scheduled to vote on a bill Tuesday that seeks to expand security protections for family members of Supreme Court justices. The bill, dubbed the Supreme Court Police Parity Act, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent last month, which required that all 100 senators sign off on the measure in order for it to clear without holding a formal vote. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 13, 2022**

- The S&P fell to its lowest point this year as investors come to terms with consumer prices rising at their fastest pace in 40 years. The drop is just the latest in a string of downturns for the markets. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: JUNE 14, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- No scheduled events.

### **CONGRESS**

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Protecting Our Democracy's Frontline Workers.
- 2:30 PM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Strengthening our Workforce and Economy through Higher Education and Immigration.

## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

*Reuters*: **U.S. attorney general calls Senate gun legislation 'meaningful progress'**, Sarah N. Lynch, June 13, 2022, 4:06 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday endorsed a bipartisan Senate gun-safety proposal as "meaningful progress" as he announced new gun-trafficking charges in an effort to crack down on the gun violence plaguing America. "We do think that at least the framework that I read about this morning with respect to the bipartisan negotiations would be meaningful progress in that direction," Garland said at a news conference. Garland's comments came one day after a bipartisan group of senators announced a gun safety bill designed to win approval by Republicans and Democrats alike. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [PBS](#)

*CNN*: **Garland says he and prosecutors are watching the House January 6 hearings**, Hannah Rabinowitz and Shawna Mizelle, June 13, 2022, 7:02 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Monday that he plans to watch all the hearings held by the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol -- and that prosecutors handling

criminal cases stemming from the insurrection are watching, too. "I am watching, and I will be watching all the hearings, although I may not be able to watch all of it live," Garland said. "But I will be sure that I am watching all of it. And I can assure you that the January 6 prosecutors are watching all of the hearings as well." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#)

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Katyal: January 6 hearings are 'hard for Merrick Garland to ignore'**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 11:00 AM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell speaks to Neal Katyal, a former acting U.S. Solicitor General and MSNBC legal analyst, about revelations from the January 6th Select Committee's second public hearing and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland saying that the prosecutors for the Justice Dept. are monitoring the hearings. [\[Watch\]](#)

**Washington Times: White House says it's Justice Department's call on whether to indict Trump**, Jeff Mordock, June 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

The White House said Monday it's up to Attorney General Merrick Garland whether to indict former President Donald Trump for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that it's Mr. Garland's call whether criminal prosecution is warranted. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Newsweek: Joe Biden Won't Pressure Merrick Garland to Indict Trump**, Katherine Fung, June 13, 2022, 5:30 PM

President Joe Biden won't coerce Attorney General Merrick Garland into indicting former President Donald Trump for his alleged role in the January 6 Capitol riot. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, when asked whether Garland should indict Trump, said that the administration would let him make the final decision, and that Biden would continue to support the work by the House panel investigating January 6. This comes even as Garland's department is facing increasing pressure to prosecute Trump amid the ongoing hearings from the committee investigating the insurrection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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A former senior FBI official who oversaw the bureau's politically sensitive investigations in 2016 into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server and Donald Trump's ties to Russia had "extensive contacts" with the news media in violation of FBI policy, a Justice Department watchdog report found. A Justice Department Inspector General review released in 2018 and an investigative summary issued last year did not name the former official, but the report made public Monday identified him as Michael Steinbach, who served as the executive assistant director of the FBI's National Security Bureau. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTHV-CBS (Little Rock, AR): FBI says Arkansans should watch out for potential cyber hacking,** Ashley Godwin, June 14, 2022, 12:08 AM

The FBI in Little Rock has issued an alert to the public of potential cyber security attacks from beyond our borders. These attacks have not only hit places across the nation, but they could potentially hit here in Arkansas as well. The FBI warns that hackers have been looking to get a 'leg up.' [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): 3 family members from Puyallup arrested for alleged involvement in Capitol riot,** Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 6:19 PM

A Puyallup father and his two sons were arrested on Monday and charged for their alleged involvement in the U.S. Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. According to charging documents, 51-year-old Kevin Cronin and his sons 25-year-old Dylan Cronin and 29-year-old Kevin Cronin II, flew from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to the Washington National Airport on Jan. 5 to participate in former President Donald Trump's 'Stop the Steal' rally in Washington, D.C. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KING-NBC \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

## **JAN 6. HEARINGS**

**AP: Jan. 6 panel hears: Trump 'detached from reality' in defeat,** Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick, June 13, 2022, 4:00 PM

Donald Trump's closest campaign advisers, top government officials and even his family were dismantling his false claims of 2020 election fraud ahead of Jan. 6, but the defeated president seemed "detached from reality" and kept clinging to outlandish theories to stay in power, the committee investigating the Capitol attack was told Monday. With gripping testimony, the panel is laying out in step-by-step fashion how Trump ignored his own campaign team's data as one state after another flipped to Joe Biden, and instead latched on to conspiracy theories, court cases and his own declarations of victory rather than having to admit defeat. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [The Hill-2](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [US News](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**AP: Takeaways: Trump's mind 'made up' on fraud ahead of Jan. 6,** Mary Clare Jalonick, Kevin Freking and Farnoush Amiri, June 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

The House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection systemically made the case in its second hearing Monday that several of Trump's advisers warned him against making false claims of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election that he lost. But the president would not listen. The nine-member panel is trying to make the case that Trump, and those allies who helped him, were deliberately lying as he pushed those election falsehoods in the weeks ahead of the violent insurrection. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [LAT](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: Inside the explosive Oval Office confrontation three days before Jan. 6,** Michael Kranish, June 14, 2022, 6:00 AM

Three days before Congress was slated to certify the 2020 presidential election, a little-known Justice Department official named Jeffrey Clark rushed to meet President Donald Trump in the Oval Office to discuss a last-ditch attempt to reverse the results. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Lawmaker's Capitol Complex Tour on the Eve of Jan. 6 Was Innocent, Police Say,** Luke Broadwater, June 13, 2022, 11:00 PM

A tour of parts of the Capitol complex given by a Republican lawmaker the day before the Jan. 6 riot appears to have been innocuous, the Capitol Police said on Monday, describing a visit that had attracted scrutiny from the House committee examining the attack as simply a meeting with constituents. "We train our officers on

being alert for people conducting surveillance or reconnaissance, and we do not consider any of the activities we observed to be suspicious,” J. Thomas Manger, the chief of the Capitol Police, wrote in a letter about the tour, which was conducted by Representative Barry Loudermilk of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: As hearing’s star witness, Barr says Trump was ‘detached from reality’**, Devlin Barret, June 13, 2022, 6:13 PM

Appearing larger than life on a giant screen above the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, former attorney general William P. Barr on Monday offered a blistering assessment of the man he’d spent years defending: In 2020, after losing the election, President Donald Trump appeared “detached from reality” and obsessed with fantastical notions of voter fraud, Barr said. That blunt assessment amounted to a kind of rhetorical dagger aimed at his former boss, even if it was delivered from a previously taped, closed-door questioning session and included many criticisms Barr had already aired in tell-all books written by him and others. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#)

**WaPo: [EDITORIAL] Trump’s aides told him the truth. Now they are finally telling us’**, Editorial Board, June 13, 2022, 4:12 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack heard Monday from a cavalcade of former officials who worked for President Donald Trump around the time of the 2020 election. They all wanted Mr. Trump to win. Yet they all testified that they were confident that the election was not stolen and that they told Mr. Trump so. Anyone in Trumpworld with a shred of intellectual honesty apparently concluded that the claims of Mr. Trump and other 2020 crackpots were obviously false “bull---t,” as former attorney general William P. Barr put it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Byung J. Pak, a former U.S. attorney in Atlanta, is testifying about his investigation of voter fraud in Georgia.**, Katie Benner, June 13, 2022, 1:41 PM

Byung J. Pak, a former U.S. attorney in Atlanta, is testifying Monday on his decision to resign in January 2021 before President Donald J. Trump fired him for refusing to say that widespread voter fraud had been found in Georgia. In more than three hours of closed-door testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Aug. 11, 2021, Mr. Pak said that he had done his best “to be thoughtful and consistent, and to provide justice for my fellow citizens in a fair, effective and efficient manner.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Yahoo](#)

**Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Latest: Trump Team Raised \$250 Million on Fraud Claims**, Billy House and Chris Strohm, June 13, 2022, 1:15 PM

The Jan. 6 committee resumed its public hearings Monday with a session focused on Donald Trump’s culpability in the 2021 storming of the US Capitol, seeking to make the case that he kept pushing his stolen-election claim knowing it wasn’t true. Witnesses in the more than two hours of testimony included Byung J. Pak, who resigned as an Atlanta-based US Attorney on Jan. 4, 2021; Chris Stirewalt, a former Fox News political editor who’s call Biden had won Arizona raised the ire of Trump; election attorney Benjamin Ginsberg and former Philadelphia city commissioner Al Schmidt. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Barr kneecaps Trump: ‘Never an indication of interest’ in facts**, Philip Bump, June 13, 2022, 1:02 PM

Until Nov. 3, 2020, history’s depiction of William P. Barr’s second tenure as attorney general would have been straightforward. He was a stalwart defender of executive power who helped Donald Trump navigate some of the trickiest parts of his presidency. He was, in short, the loyalist Trump had long sought within the executive branch. But that legacy became more complicated after Trump lost his reelection bid. A few weeks after the race had been called, Barr became the first senior member of the administration to publicly reject Trump’s claims about election fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [OPINION] The January 6 committee is methodically building the case for a criminal conspiracy**, Norman Eisen, Noah Bookbinder and Fred Wertheimer, June 14, 2022, 4:56 AM

It's appropriate that on Monday, within a few days of the 50th anniversary of the Watergate break-in, the House select committee investigating the January 6 attack presented a hearing focused on the question "What did President Donald Trump know, and when did he know it?" This deep dive into the first of what the committee says is a seven-part conspiracy revealed Trump's choice to disregard the truth and the law. The focus on the former President's state of mind is critical to building the case for the American people – and for possible prosecutions like those that ensued a half-century ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [ANALYSIS] January 6 committee is testing whether Americans can still agree on a shared reality**, Ronald Brownstein, June 14, 2022, 12:01 AM

With the powerful case it has assembled against former President Donald Trump, the bipartisan House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, insurrection may provide the clearest – and potentially most ominous – measure yet available of how completely red and blue America have separated into divergent information bubbles that no longer share even the most rudimentary agreement on the basic facts of American life. "This will tell us something that we don't know right now: How impenetrable is the tribalism? How locked down is the tribalism?" says Robert P. Jones, founder and CEO of the Public Religion Research Institute, a nonpartisan think tank that has extensively studied the relationship between media consumption and political attitudes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Kimberly Guilfoyle was paid \$60,000 speaking fee for Ellipse rally intro, Jan. 6 committee member says**, Zachary Cohen, June 14, 2022, 12:00 AM

Kimberly Guilfoyle, a former member of the Donald Trump presidential campaign, was paid a \$60,000 speaking fee for introducing Donald Trump Jr., her fiancé, at the "Stop the Steal" rally on the Ellipse that acted as a precursor to the US Capitol riot, a member of the House select committee that's investigating January 6, 2021, told CNN on Monday. Speaking with CNN's Jake Tapper, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, who played a key role in Monday's committee hearing, said the panel has evidence that members of the Trump family and inner circle—including Guilfoyle – personally benefited from money that was raised based on the former President's false election claims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Thompson's claim that Jan. 6 committee won't criminally refer Trump or others to DOJ meets resistance from committee**, Ryan Nobles, Annie Grayer and Zachary Cohen, June 13, 2022, 9:50 PM

The chairman of the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol told reporters Monday that the panel will not make any criminal referral of former President Donald Trump or anyone else to the Justice Department – a claim that met swift pushback from members of the panel. "No, you know, we're going to tell the facts. If the Department of Justice looks at it, and assume that there's something that needs further review, I'm sure they'll do it," Democratic Rep. Bennie Thompson said when asked whether the committee would refer Trump or others to the department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

**MSNBC: Rep. Adam Schiff on Second Jan. 6 Hearing**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 12:00 AM

Fmr. Attorney General Bill Barr told the Jan. 6 Committee that the Department of Justice wasn't an extension of Donald Trump's legal team. Except when Barr's DOJ intervened in the Roger Stone and Michael Flynn cases. Committee Member Adam Schiff says Barr had a change of heart after the 2020 election. "Like so many people in the Trump administration, they reached a point Bill Barr got there very late but he got there where he could go no further to support the immoral act of this president." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Jan. 6 panel delves into Trump's motives with eye to DOJ**, Harper Neidig and Rebecca Beitsch, June 14, 2022, 5:26 AM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on Monday sought to establish a key element of its public case against former President Trump that he knew his claims of election fraud had little merit or likelihood of success but sought to overturn the election anyway. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Trump responds to Jan. 6 hearings with 12-page rebuttal**, Abigail Adcox, June 13, 2022, 11:24 PM

Former President Donald Trump issued a 12-page rebuttal to the evidence and testimonies presented by the Jan. 6 committee, arguing that Democrats are trying to distract from domestic issues such as record inflation and gas prices. Democrats are "desperate to change the narrative of a failing nation" by distracting people with the hearings and the investigation into the events surrounding the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Trump said in a statement shared by his Save America PAC hours after the panel investigating the attack held a hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: South Texas Mayor Arrested, Accused of Bribery, Fraud**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 8:34 PM

A South Texas mayor was arrested Monday after a federal indictment accused him of committing bribery and fraud. Peñitas Mayor Rodrigo Lopez was arrested as he re-entered the country at the Hidalgo Port of Entry, according to a statement by the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Avenatti To Plead Guilty Without Deal Over Calif. Client Fraud**, Lauren Berg, June 13, 2022, 9:48 PM

Michael Avenatti, who's serving five years for attempting to extort \$25 million from Nike and for defrauding ex-client Stormy Daniels, told a California federal judge Sunday he wants to plead guilty to "multiple" charges in his remaining wire, bank and tax fraud case, despite not reaching a plea deal with prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Courthouse News: Beverly Hills man pleads guilty to seeking hitman to kill woman who rebuffed him**, Edvard Pettersson, June 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Beverly Hills man pleaded guilty to trying to hire a hitman to kill a woman who didn't want to see him anymore after they had spent a few days together. Scott Quinn Berkett, 25, on Monday pleaded guilty to using interstate facilities to commit murder for hire. Although the maximum sentence for this crime is 10 years in prison, prosecutors have agreed to ask for no more than 5 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTLA-CW \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

**Rutland Herald (Rutland, VT): Two drug traffickers ordered to jail**, Mike Donoghue, June 13, 2022, 3:10 PM

Two people, including a convicted Rutland County arsonist, wanted for a major drug trafficking investigation have been ordered jailed. Steven T. Browne, 37, of Shoreham, and Kayla Ramos, 22, of Rutland, are charged with knowingly and intentionally possessing cocaine, fentanyl and heroin on Oct. 25, 2021, with intent to distribute each. The grand jury also filed a forfeiture notice requiring the defendants to surrender proceeds from their drug business. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Newport Dispatch (Newport, VT): Two-time federal felon from Middlebury sentenced to 37 months for firearms offense**, Mike Donoghue, June 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

Kyle Tetreault, 31, of Middlebury, was sentenced today to serve 37 months imprisonment and three years of



supervised release. Tetreault also agreed to forfeit the firearms recovered from his residence. Tetreault had previously pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of firearms, which carried a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WGAL-NBC (Lancaster, PA): Maryland man pleads guilty to participating in Franklin County murder of a federal witness, two others**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 10:26 PM

A Maryland man pleads guilty to participating in the murder of a federal witness and two other people back in June of 2016. The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that Jerell Adgebegan, 34, of Baltimore and Hagerstown, Maryland pleaded guilty on June 13, 2022, to participate in the June 25, 2016, murders of three people in Mercersburg, Franklin County, one of which was cooperating with state and federal drug investigators. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

**KTLA-CW (Los Angeles, CA): Palm Springs man pleads guilty to distributing sexually explicit videos of children via Zoom**, Sareen Habeshian, June 13, 2022, 8:07 PM

A Palm Springs man pleaded guilty Monday to streaming sexually explicit videos of children some of them toddlers in a Zoom online meeting room for individuals "interested in child exploitation," officials said. Michael John Andersen, 53, pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography a federal criminal charge, the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KSNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): California, Nevada men sentenced to prison on human trafficking-related offenses**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 7:30 PM

Two men were sentenced to prison last week following two separate human trafficking-related investigations in Las Vegas. One man, 26-year-old Tyler Sampson of San Bernadino, was sentenced by a U.S. District Court Judge to six and half years in prison followed by 15 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to felon in possession of a firearm and possession of child pornography back in March. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KLAS-CBS \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [KTNV-ABC \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#)

**WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Man pleads guilty to role in \$2.5 million romance scam**, Will Carroll, June 13, 2022, 7:09 PM

A Maryland man pleaded guilty on Monday for his role in a scheme that defrauded more than 200 victims. According to the Department of Justice, Oluwabamische Awolesi, sometimes known as Oluwabamise Johnson, used a romance scam to defraud many elderly victims out of nearly \$2.5 million. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KMPH-Fox (Fresno, CA): Woman caught submitting fraudulent employment claims, faces 20 years in prison**, Peter Lopez, June 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

A woman could face the next 20 years in prison after she was caught submitting fraudulent unemployment claims from prison.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) says Sholanda Thomas, 38, worked alongside Christina Smith to submit fake unemployment claims to the Employment Development Department (EDD). All this was done, the DOJ says, out of the women's prison in Chowchilla. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WMTV-NBC (Madison, WI): Middleton man to serve over 3 years in federal prison for illegal gun possession**, Juliana Tornabene, June 13, 2022, 6:40 PM

A Middleton man will serve over three years in federal prison after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a weapon, the U.S. Department of Justice announced. Ramar Brown, 26, was sentenced to 40 months in prison on Friday after pleading guilty to the charge on March 7. The charge stems back to Oct. 12, 2021, when Fitchburg Police Department had planned to arrest Brown for unrelated investigations and saw

him allegedly driving a stolen vehicle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Man sentenced to 16 months in prison after threatening young boys with machete during carjacking**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 6:31 PM

A man who carjacked a vehicle and threatened three boys at knifepoint was sentenced to 16 months in prison on Monday, according to the United States Department of Justice. Nicolas Joseph James Johnson, a 33-year-old enrolled member of the Makah Tribe, pleaded guilty to robbery in March 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WFMZ (Allentown, PA): Former employee of gaming and casino company charged with insider trading**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

A former employee of a company owned by Wyomissing-based Penn National Gaming is being charged with insider trading. U.S. Attorneys say David Roda, 36 of Philadelphia, used knowledge of an upcoming acquisition to net \$560,000 of profit. They say while he was the Director of Backend Architecture for Penn Interactive, he learned Penn National was considering buying Score Media and Gaming. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Former elementary school counselor pleads guilty in child pornography case**, Jessica Patterson, June 13, 2022, 6:14 PM

A former Kanawha County elementary school counselor has pleaded guilty in a child pornography case. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, court documents show Todd Christopher Roatsey, 43, of Elkview pleaded guilty to charges of attempted production of child pornography and attempted enticement of a minor. At the time of the allegations, Roatsey was working as a school counselor at Pinch Elementary School in Kanawha County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTBC-Fox (Austin, TX): Round Rock woman sentenced for embezzling over \$775,000 from employer**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 5:01 PM

A Round Rock woman was sentenced to 51 months in prison for embezzling from her employer. According to court documents, 52-year-old Cynthia Linette Jones was the office manager for a Central Texas business. In that role, she had access to the company's accounting system and checkbook. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): Man sentenced for having devices which convert glocks into automatic weapons**, Phil Villarreal, June 13, 2022, 4:29 PM

A Tucson man was sentenced to prison for having devices that convert a glock into an automatic weapon. According to the U.S. Justice Department, 24-year-old Anthony Michael Brumfield was sentenced to 57 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WDTV-CBS (Weston, WV): Preston County woman sentenced for wire fraud**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 4:26 PM

A Preston County woman was sentenced Monday for wire fraud. Cynthia Miller, 36, of Newburg, West Virginia, was sentenced to five years of probation with the first four months on home detention for wire fraud, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRDW-CBS (Augusta, GA): Hephzibah resident charged with COVID aid fraud**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 3:37 PM

A CSRA resident is among five people facing charges including bank and wire fraud for allegedly using false information to secure thousands of dollars in COVID-19 relief funds. The defendants are accused of applying for Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act funding by using false financial information, according to David H. Estes, U.S. attorney. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KPIX-CBS (San Francisco, CA): Contra Costa man gets 4 years prison in bank fraud, mail theft scheme**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 3:25 PM

An East Bay man has been sentenced to federal prison for his role in a mail theft and bank fraud scheme that involved victims throughout Northern California, prosecutors said. According to U.S. Attorney Phillip Talbert's office, a judge sentenced 28-year-old Richard Beldon Waters III of Contra Costa County to four years in prison for the scheme. Waters, along with 28-year-old Desiree Bello, also known as Desiree Sanchez, had previously pleaded guilty to bank fraud and possession of stolen U.S. Mail. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WAFB-CBS (Baton Rouge, LA): U.S. Attorney's Office: Baton Rouge man sentenced for defrauding elderly veteran**, Michael Simoneaux, June 13, 2022, 2:38 PM

Shawn Phillips, 44, has been sentenced to 33 months in federal prison for stealing money from a veteran, according to United States attorney Ronald C. Gathe, Jr. His office said Phillips became friends with the victim and stole more than \$50,718 between January of 2020 and May of 2021. Authorities said Phillips got the victim to loan him the money by claiming he needed to borrow money before his large inheritance arrived. But Phillips was never actually expecting any inheritance, according to authorities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCSC-CBS (Charleston, SC): Self-proclaimed Charleston gang member enters guilty plea on gun charge**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 2:12 PM

A 29-year-old Charleston man was sentenced after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Authorities say evidence presented in court showed Travis Stefenon Daquan Lawrence was a felon and self-professed member of a street gang. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTMA-AM \(Charleston, SC\)](#)

**WTAJ-CBS (Altoona, PA): Clearfield man pleads guilty in 38-person drug bust**, Bill Shannon, June 13, 2022, 1:10 PM

A Clearfield man pleaded guilty in federal court after being caught in a drug bust in 2020 that saw 38 people across Pennsylvania get indicted. According to a release from the federal court, 44-year-old Andrew Knepp took a guilty plea nearly two years after the 38 people were busted. An investigation that took 18 months and saw multiple kilos of meth being trafficked from Atlanta into Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WPTZ-NBC (Plattsburgh, NY): Vermont man convicted of drug crimes after selling to undercover agent**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 12:10 PM

A Vermont man charged with selling drugs to an undercover agent and other drug-related crimes was convicted on five of six counts on Friday in Burlington. Carl Martin, 37, of Colchester was charged in October 2020 with participating in a conspiracy to sell cocaine and selling cocaine to an undercover Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent in 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Patch (Tampa, FL): Predatory Mortgage Services Caused Hispanics To Lose Their Homes: DOJ**, D'Ann Lawrence White, June 14, 2022, 1:00 AM

The Department of Justice announced that the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida has entered a consent order resolving the department's Fair Housing Act claims against Advocate Law Groups of Florida P.A.; Jon B. Lindeman Jr.; Ephigenia K. Lindeman; Summit Development Solutions USA LLC; and Haralampos "Bob" Kourouklis. The department's lawsuit alleged the defendants discriminated on the basis of national origin when they targeted Hispanic homeowners for predatory mortgage loan modification services and interfered with those individuals' ability to keep their homes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL LAW

*Reuters*: **Fed workers can't sue govt over late plan payments due to shutdown**, Barbara Grzincic, June 13, 2022, 7:27 PM

Federal employees cannot sue the USA for the profits they allegedly lost when a 34-day government shutdown forced agencies to temporarily suspend employer contributions to their retirement savings accounts, an appellate court held Monday. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed last year's ruling by a lower-court judge in Philadelphia, who allowed four "John and Jane Doe" FBI investigators to proceed with a potential class action on behalf of all executive-branch employees who participated in the government's \$500 billion Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) at the time of the December 2018 shutdown. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*AP*: **Compounding pharmacy agrees to stop distributing some drugs**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Vermont compounding pharmacy has agreed to stop producing adulterated and misbranded drugs, the U.S. Justice Department said Monday. Edge Pharma of Colchester and its owners and operators signed a consent decree with the Justice Department on Friday that requires Edge Pharma Inc. of Colchester to take specific remedial measures to ensure its products are safe and demonstrate to the Food and Drug Administration that they will comply with federal law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **USPTO Officials Say High Court Decision Aids Immunity Claim**, Britain Eakin, June 13, 2022, 9:10 PM

Former and current U.S. Patent and Trademark Office officials told a Tennessee federal judge Monday that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision bolsters their claim that they are immune from allegations they've rigged the inter partes review system against patent owners. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **States Urge 8th Circ. To Keep Contractor Vax Mandate Blocked**, Daniel Wilson, June 13, 2022, 8:47 PM

Ten states on Monday urged the Eighth Circuit not to dissolve an injunction against the federal government's COVID-19 vaccination mandate for federal contractors, saying the policy was a clear overreach of the administration's authority over federal procurement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **Justices Pass On Challenge To Post-9/11 Mass Surveillance**, Alyssa Aquino, June 13, 2022, 2:59 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday refused to touch a long-running lawsuit challenging the federal government's warrantless surveillance of citizens in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks, effectively burying the 14-year-old Fourth Amendment case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Philadelphia Inquirer*: **Local 98 agrees to oversight of internal election after lawsuit alleged intimidation by Johnny Doc**, Robert Moran, June 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

The city's politically powerful electricians union has settled a lawsuit filed by the federal government and agreed to conduct its next internal leadership election under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Labor, prosecutors announced Monday. The civil suit alleged that John J. Dougherty and his allies intimidated and threatened other members of Local 98 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers who sought to challenge incumbent leaders in the union's June 2020 election, causing the members to withdraw from nominations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**LAT: [VIDEO] LA Times Today: ICE released sick detainees, avoided liability for deaths**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 10:09 PM

In 2019, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement reported nine detainee deaths while in ICE custody. An investigation by the L.A. Times revealed a pattern of releasing critically ill detainees to hospitals, underscoring longstanding concerns by advocates about the completeness of ICE reporting. [[Listen](#)]

**NBC: Migrants are falling off Trump's 30-foot steel border wall into the U.S. and going to the hospital**, Julia Ainsley and Didi Martinez, June 14, 2022, 4:32 AM

When President Donald Trump's commissioner of Customs and Border Protection toured a stretch of the new 30-foot high border wall here in August 2020, he told the local newspaper that its steel beams were "impressive." "It really does, I think, physically represent exactly what we've been trying to do since Day One," Commissioner Mark Morgan told the El Paso Times. "That is to give Border Patrol increased operational capacity to do what they they need to do to protect the country." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Feds Deny Ongoing Harm To Haitians In Border Whipping Suit**, Rae Varone, June 13, 2022, 7:19 PM

The Biden administration asked a D.C. federal judge to toss a proposed class action from Haitian asylum-seekers accusing border patrol officers of whipping migrants, saying the migrants could not prove they'd likely be injured in the near future. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Immigrant Investor Sues USCIS Over EB-5 Processing Delay**, Andrew McIntire, June 13, 2022, 6:54 PM

An immigrant investor family is suing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services over an alleged yearslong delay in processing the family's form for conditional lawful permanent resident status as part of the EB-5 program, according to a suit filed in D.C. federal court on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: 9th Circ. Says BIA Erred In Presuming Conviction Was Serious**, Nicole Rosenthal, June 13, 2022, 5:28 PM

Mexican national Diego Mendoza-Garcia has another shot at staying in the U.S. after the Ninth Circuit ruled that the Board of Immigration Appeals violated legal standards in assessing his burglary conviction as a "particularly serious crime." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Biden's attempt to limit ICE arrests of immigrants faces uphill court battle**, Anna Giaritelli, June 13, 2022, 5:13 PM

The Biden administration faces an uphill battle in court after a federal judge ruled that its attempt to limit severely which illegal immigrants federal law enforcement may arrest and remove from the United States overstepped its congressional authority. Judge Drew Tipton of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas ruled on Friday that the Biden administration once again violated the law with its directive that limited who Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers could target for removal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: Border control advocates want Americans to snitch on ICE's immigration flights**, Stephen Dinan, June 13, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Federation for American Immigration Reform said Monday it wants to recruit Americans to inform on the government's attempts to fly illegal immigrants to destinations in the interior of the U.S. FAIR said it will run digital ads across the country asking people to report whatever they see, as the group tries to get a sense of how the Biden administration is using the flights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KQDS-Fox (Duluth, MN): Federal Agency Investigating After Viking Cruise Crew Member Didn't**

**Return To Ship**, Alexandra Burnley, June 13, 2022, 10:00 PM

The search continues for a missing crew member from the Viking cruise ship. It's unclear where the individual is from, but they did not return to the ship after it stopped in Duluth on May 30th. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX): Customs officers in Texas bust woman allegedly smuggling bundles of narcotics in rectal cavity**, Kenisha Huitt, June 13, 2022, 6:39 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers working at El Paso area ports of entry over the past week seized "substantial" amounts of fentanyl, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine, including the seizure of a two bundles of narcotics hidden in a woman's rectal cavity. On June 6, 2022, CBP officers working at the Ysleta border crossing intercepted a vehicle with two occupants attempting to smuggle fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

**Reuters: U.S. bill to rein in Big Tech backed by dozens of small and big companies**, Diane Bartz, June 13, 2022, 5:51 PM

Dozens of companies and business organizations sent a letter to U.S. Congress members on Monday, urging them to support a bill that would rein in the biggest tech companies such as [Amazon.com](#) (AMZN.O) and Alphabet's (GOOGL.O) Google. Last week, Democratic U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and lawmakers from both parties said they had the Senate votes needed to pass legislation that would prevent tech platforms, including Apple (AAPL.O) and Facebook, from favoring their own businesses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Qualcomm faces renewed consumer antitrust lawsuit in U.S. court**, Mike Scarcella, June 13, 2022, 3:12 PM

Qualcomm Inc was hit with an amended class action in California federal court on Friday from consumers alleging the chipmaker's business conduct forced them to pay artificially inflated prices for mobile phones, tablets and other cellular devices. The civil complaint filed in San Jose on behalf of tens of millions of California consumers marked a second effort in the case to hold Qualcomm liable for alleged market abuses. A U.S. appeals court in September blocked the plaintiffs from pursuing federal antitrust claims and wiped out a nationwide class that was estimated to include up to 250 million members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: FTC Dems Put PE On Blast In Vet Clinic Merger Settlement**, Bryan Koenig, June 13, 2022, 8:49 PM

The Federal Trade Commission's five members used a unified vote Monday approving a clearance settlement for a \$1.1 billion merger of veterinary clinics to air out simmering disputes over potential concerns about broad corporate concentration, private equity-backed consolidation, and the tools FTC Democrats are using to police them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Judge OKs \$26M Atty Fee In Apple App Store Antitrust Deal**, Dave Simpson, June 13, 2022, 8:41 PM

A California federal judge gave final approval to Apple's \$100 million deal resolving class antitrust claims by app developers, and she signed off on \$26 million for class counsel attorney fees, splitting the difference between their \$27 million request and the \$25 million "presumptively reasonable" benchmark. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: FTC Probing UnitedHealth's \$5.4B Home Care Buy**, Matthew Perlman, June 13, 2022, 4:56 PM

The Federal Trade Commission has requested more information about UnitedHealth Group unit Optum's \$5.4 billion deal for home and hospice care provider LHC Group as the U.S. Department of Justice pushes its bid

to block another Optum transaction. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill*: **Democrats ask FTC to tackle online baby formula price gouging**, Rebecca Klar, June 13, 2022, 10:55 AM

Reps. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) and Frank Pallone Jr. (D-N.J.) have asked the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address online price gouging of baby formula during the nationwide shortage. The Democrats sent a letter on Monday requesting that the agency issue a public advisory to encourage online marketplaces to put measures in place to detect and prevent exploitative practices by third-party vendors selling infant formula.

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## **ENVIRONMENT**

*Law360*: **Feds Ask DC Circuit To Revive Obama-Era Logging Rules**, Caleb Symons, June 13, 2022, 9:47 PM

Federal officials have asked the D.C. Circuit to reinstate Obama-era restrictions on logging in western Oregon, arguing that efforts to save an owl species are consistent with a federal law protecting the timber industry and that the federal government cannot be told how much timber must be sold each year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **Sierra Club Sues To Block Utah Coal Mine Expansion**, Morgan Conely, June 13, 2022, 12:16 PM

The Sierra Club is urging a Utah federal court to halt a mine expansion project authorized in the waning days of the Trump Administration, alleging the climate impacts of the project were downplayed in order to push the approvals through before President Joe Biden took office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Bloomberg Law*: **Alabama City Denied Early Defeat of Federal Water Pollution Suit**, Maya Earls, June 13, 2022, 11:15 AM

The city of Gadsden, Ala., must face a lawsuit by conservation groups over its alleged failure to maintain its sewer system, even though the state filed a similar lawsuit first, a federal judge in the state ruled. Coosa Riverkeeper's and three other groups' complaint is similar to the complaint filed by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, according to the US District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

*Bloomberg Law*: **Conservation Groups Appeal to Block Wyoming Grizzly Killings**, Maya Earls, June 13, 2022, 11:04 AM

The Tenth Circuit should reverse a judge's decision that the federal government can allow the killing of up to 72 grizzly bears in western Wyoming to protect cattle and other livestock, according to a notice of appeal filed in a federal court in that state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

*Fox*: **Justice Department says gun trafficker purchased more than 70 firearms in six months, some used in crimes**, Louis Casiano, June 13, 2022, 6:49 PM

A 31-year-old man allegedly purchased more than 70 guns over six months, some of which were found to have been used in crimes in two states and Canada, in a gun trafficking scheme, the Justice Department said Monday. Demontre Antwon Hackworth was indicted last week on charges of dealing firearms without a license and making false statements during the purchase of a firearm. He was arrested Friday by agents with the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Dallas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Dallas Morning News](#), [The Hill](#), [KXAS-NBC \(Fort Worth, TX\)](#)

*Louisville Courier Journal (Louisville, KY):* **This gun-tracing technology is cutting violent crime in Louisville, feds say**, Krista Johnson, June 14, 2022, 5:40 AM

As hundreds of people marched on Louisville's streets during the height of the 2020 racial justice protests, shots rang out. Two police officers were injured. Despite the chaos and commotion on the street that night Sept. 23, 2020 police were able to quickly zero in on the source of the gunshots. [...] "It took away the guesswork," said Special Agent Cassandra Mullins with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives the federal agency that maintains NIBIN. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN):* **FBI offering \$5,000 reward for information on Red Lake man's murder'**, Alex Chhith, June 13, 2022, 8:26 PM

Federal authorities are offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of a 31-year-old man in Red Lake, Minn. Jacob Hunter was killed at about 11:30 p.m. Oct. 7, 2020, in the East Barton's area of Red Lake, according to a news release from the FBI's Minneapolis office on Monday. The FBI is investigating his death. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Boston Globe:* **'The Marshals are not going to stop looking for her.'** **Suspect in killing of Vt. cyclist in Texas still at large**, Travis Andersen, June 13, 2022, 12:30 PM

The alleged killer of Vermont cyclist Anna Moriah Wilson, a 25-year-old Dartmouth College graduate who was shot to death last month in Austin, Texas, remains at large, and investigators believe the suspect traveled by plane to the East Coast in the days following the slaying. The most recent update on the search for fugitive Kaitlin Marie Armstrong, 34, of Austin, came last week in a statement from the US Marshals Service, which is leading the manhunt. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KABB-Fox (San Antonio, TX):* **Dognapping suspect wanted on multiple charges arrested after 'extensive manhunt'**, Unattributed, June 14, 2022, 12:00 AM

The manhunt for a wanted fugitive out of New Mexico ended in San Antonio Monday. The FBI captured Jon Green at the VA hospital. Green who also went by the alias Ted Maher, had previously been convicted of deadly arson. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WIAT-CBS (Birmingham, AL):* **Tuscaloosa Police and FBI investigate bank burglary in downtown**, Tim Reid, June 13, 2022, 11:03 PM

Tuscaloosa Police and the FBI are looking for whoever is responsible for breaking into a local bank. Captain Kip Hart from Tuscaloosa Police says someone broke into the Tuscaloosa County Credit Union sometime during the weekend and stole an undetermined amount of money. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO):* **Man accused of killing Eudora girl in crash extradited to Douglas County**, Jackson Hicks, June 13, 2022, 8:50 PM

A man accused of killing a 10-year-old girl in a hit and run crash was arrested earlier this month in Indiana and has been transported back to Kansas. Jose Alfredo Galiano Mesa of Overland Park was arrested June 4 by U.S. Marshals in Martinsville, Indiana. Mesa, 28, is now back in Douglas County and face several charges related to the fatal accident that killed Brooklyn Brouhard and injured her grandfather Barry Larson, both who were from Eudora. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WIS-NBC (Columbia, SC):* **4,000 grams of cocaine seized in "safe neighborhood"**, Andrew Fancher, June 13, 2022, 8:31 PM



A federal investigation continues into the arrest of three Florida residents apprehended with 8.8 pounds of cocaine and two stolen firearms within a short-term rental property on Country Road Drive. The arrest warrant was served by the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team, comprised of the Lexington County Sheriff Department (LCSD), South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on June 2nd. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): Recent shootings in Ecorse, River Rouge lead to FBI partnership for crackdown**, Amy Lange and David Komer, June 13, 2022, 8:21 PM

The city of Ecorse is teaming up with the FBI as the Downriver area has seen an uptick in violence. A shootout - in broad daylight - in River Rouge - and another shooting on board a party bus in Ecorse. Senseless gun violence has police partnering with one another and the FBI to track down these armed and dangerous criminals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Hazelwood preschool teacher allegedly killed by husband remembered as loving mother**, Shelley Bortz , June 13, 2022, 7:50 PM

Police said a preschool teacher was killed by her husband, who was later found dead in Philadelphia. Three small children are without a mother and a father, left to be raised by their grandparents. The family would have celebrated Sharay Newson's birthday and one of her children's on Friday. Instead, they're now planning a funeral and say they'll remember her by her maiden name, Sharay Woodson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): FBI speaks exclusively to News 4 about hate crimes as 2 local men face riot charges in Idaho**, Lauren Trager, June 13, 2022, 7:48 PM

Two local men are accused of being part of a white nationalist group that saw 31 members arrested at a pride event in Idaho over the weekend. Asa lives a few houses away from the listed address for Mitchel Wagner in Florissant. She told News 4 she is uncomfortable knowing someone with those views lives so close. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KY3 (Springfield, MO): Ozarks Law Enforcement agencies receive training from FBI and others**, Noah Tucker, June 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

More than 20 law enforcement agencies throughout Missouri and Arkansas traveled to Harrison Monday to receive psychological training from a case study of the 2018 Chris Watts homicide investigation in Colorado. In light of National Law Enforcement week, those who protect and serve gained training on interview and polygraph techniques used during interrogations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): 97 Arrests In Multi-Agency Crackdown On Crime In Minneapolis**, Reg Chapman, June 13, 2022, 5:01 PM

WCCO is giving you an inside look at the teamwork it takes to tackle crime in Minneapolis. Recently, WCCO's Reg Chapman rode along with police for a first-hand look at Operation Safe Summer, the only reporter allowed to do so. [...] Police say they could not have completed this detail successfully without the help of their partners. The Hennepin County Sheriff's office, ATF, DEA, FBI, BCA and Department of Homeland Security were all focused on bringing safety to a city under seize by gun violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WAVE-NBC (Louisville, KY): Does ATF check on people prohibited from buying guns?**, David Ochoa, June 13, 2022, 4:56 PM

As lawmakers debate new, stricter gun laws in response to mass shootings, many wonder, is it enough? What else can be done to stop the slaughter? Some gun owners believe that before new laws are created, the current ones should be enforced, such as checking on and prosecuting people who lie and try, which is lying on federal forms to get a gun. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WWSB-ABC (Sarasota, FL): Sarasota man arrested in Mexico on child porn charges from 2016,* Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 11:31 AM

A Sarasota man has been arrested by US Marshals in Mexico on child pornography charges from 2016. John Pyle, 65 of Sarasota, was arrested in Mexico over the weekend. He was arrested by the Sarasota Police Department in 2016 on charges of child pornography and failed to show up for court in 2017. U.S. Marshals and the Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force Tampa Field Office arrested Pyle and he was extradited to the Miami Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Center in Miami, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

*AP: Tennessee execution pause through 2022 could last longer,* Jonathan Mattise, June 13, 2022, 3:11 PM

After Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee halted a lethal injection in April because he learned the drugs hadn't been tested as required, he ordered an independent investigation and paused all executions through the end of the year. Now, it's clear that Tennessee's problems in following its own lethal injection protocol are more extensive and complicated than state officials have acknowledged and sorting through them may take longer, possibly years, before an execution that passes constitutional muster can take place. Many of the problems surfaced as part of challenges of Tennessee's execution process by two death row inmates in federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Las Vegas Review-Journal: Ruling delayed on quadruple killer Zane Floyd's execution challenge,* Katelyn Newberg, June 13, 2022, 9:08 PM

A federal judge held a hearing Monday but did not determine whether he will dismiss death row inmate Zane Floyd's challenge to his execution. U.S. District Judge Richard Boulware first said in April that the case could be considered moot and dismissed since some of the drugs the state intended to use for Floyd's execution have expired. In May, attorneys on both sides argued in court documents that the case was not moot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*NY Post: Feds search for smuggled gun at troubled NYC lockup,* Ben Feuerherd, June 13, 2022, 3:11 PM

A firearm may have been smuggled into the Brooklyn federal jail complex that houses a number of high-profile criminals, including convicted sex predators Ghislaine Maxwell and R. Kelly. Officers have been scouring the troubled lockup for the gun for nearly a week, but it has yet to turn up, the federal Bureau of Prisons confirmed Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Daily News](#)

## **US SUPREME COURT**

*Reuters: VP Harris to meet with law professors ahead of potential overturn of Roe v. Wade,* Jarrett Renshaw, June 13, 2022, 10:51 PM

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris on Tuesday will meet with constitutional law, privacy, and technology experts to discuss what happens if the Supreme Court overrules the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide, according to a White House official. The discussion will seek to highlight the real-world implications if Roe falls, including in areas such as privacy, contraception, and in vitro fertilization, the official said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*AP: Justices rule against detained immigrants seeking release,* Mark Sherman, June 13, 2022, 2:59 PM

The Supreme Court has ruled against immigrants who are seeking their release from long periods of detention while they fight deportation orders. In two cases decided Monday, the court said that the immigrants, who fear persecution if sent back to their native countries, have no right under a federal law to a bond hearing at which they could argue for their freedom no matter how long they are held. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#), [NYT](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

**AP: Supreme Court rules against Navajo Nation member**, Jessica Gresko, June 13, 2022, 2:00 PM  
The Supreme Court ruled Monday that Native Americans prosecuted in certain tribal courts can also be prosecuted based on the same incident in federal court, which can result in longer sentences. The 6-3 ruling is in keeping with an earlier ruling from the 1970s that said the same about a more widely used type of tribal court. The case before the justices involved a Navajo Nation member, Merle Denezpi, accused of rape. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [SCOTUSblog](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court takes no action on Bayer bid to nix weedkiller suits**, Lawrence Hurley, June 13, 2022, 1:43 PM  
The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday took no action on Bayer AG's ([BAYGn.DE](#)) bid to dismiss legal claims by customers who contend its Roundup weedkiller causes cancer as the German company seeks to avoid potentially billions of dollars in damages. The case was not mentioned on a list issued by the court on Monday as it decided on whether to hear pending appeals, raising at least the possibility that the justices are considering hearing it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Post: [ANALYSIS] Double Jeopardy: Barrett Defeats Gorsuch on Tribal Law**, Noah Feldman, June 13, 2022, 6:07 PM  
In a noteworthy 6-3 decision written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, the Supreme Court has allowed the federal government to retry and reconvict a member of an Indian tribe who was previously tried and convicted in a special federal administrative court for Native Americans. Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote a stinging dissent calling this a clear violation of double jeopardy. The dissent solidifies Gorsuch's role as the court's staunchest defender of tribal sovereignty, one willing to call out historical injustices against American Indians. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NBC: Supreme Court won't hear appeal of Texas death row inmate**, Pete Williams, June 13, 2022, 2:06 PM  
The Supreme Court on Monday declined to take up the appeal of a man sentenced to death in Texas even though it earlier found that his lawyer ignored "an apparent tidal wave" of evidence that could have spared him the death penalty. In 2008, 20-year-old Terence Andrus unsuccessfully tried to carjack a vehicle in a grocery store parking lot while under the influence of marijuana laced with PCP, also known as angel dust. He shot and killed the driver and a person in another car that was approaching. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [SCOTUSblog](#)

**Law360: EPA Tells High Court Wetlands Project Needed Water Permit**, Clark Mindock, June 13, 2022, 4:48 PM  
The Biden administration has told the U.S. Supreme Court a ruling in favor of Idaho landowners who want to build a home on wetlands without a Clean Water Act permit would undermine key protections under the law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**SCOTUSblog: Court opts for plain meaning in dispute over procedural rules for relief from erroneous judgments**, Ronald Mann, June 13, 2022, 1:54 PM  
The Supreme Court on Monday clarified the meaning of "mistake" in the federal procedural rule that allows

litigants to seek relief from erroneous final judgments. In an 8-1 opinion in *Kemp v. United States*, the court ruled that “all mistakes of law made by a judge” constitute “mistakes” under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(1). [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Justices Say Navajo Man Didn't Face Double Jeopardy**, Andrew Westney, June 13, 2022, 10:41 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday ruled that a Navajo Nation member wasn't subjected to double jeopardy when he was convicted on sexual assault charges in federal court following a prosecution in a federally funded Court of Indian Offenses, saying that the Constitution doesn't block successive prosecutions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**KOSU-NPR (Oklahoma City, OK): Will the Supreme Court decision in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta leave states with an unfunded mandate?**, Allison Herrera, June 13, 2022, 6:07 PM

Should the state of Oklahoma have jurisdiction over non-Indians who commit crimes on reservations? That's the question the U.S. Supreme Court is considering. There's a federal law already on the books that would allow the state to have this right. So why is the case before the Court? [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **OPIOID CRISIS**

**AP: Compounding pharmacy agrees to stop distributing some drugs**, Unattributed, June 13, 2022, 5:26 PM

A Vermont compounding pharmacy has agreed to stop producing adulterated and misbranded drugs, the U.S. Justice Department said Monday. Edge Pharma of Colchester and its owners and operators signed a consent decree with the Justice Department on Friday that requires Edge Pharma Inc. of Colchester to take specific remedial measures to ensure its products are safe and demonstrate to the Food and Drug Administration that they will comply with federal law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Judge Breyer Pitches Law Chat As SF Opioid Trial Nears End**, Bonnie Eslinger, June 13, 2022, 11:50 PM

With a high-stakes bench trial winding down over San Francisco's claims that Teva, Allergan, Anda and Walgreens illegally fueled the city's opioid epidemic, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer judge indicated Monday he'd like to schedule a discussion exploring the law governing the case separate from the facts presented at trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Ohio Counties Open To Lowering Opioid Damages Request**, Eric Eisig, June 13, 2022, 10:45 PM

Two Ohio counties told a federal judge Monday they still want billions to address the fallout from the opioid epidemic from three large pharmacy chains that a jury found contributed to the crisis, although the counties also said that questions about the size of the impacted population could warrant a smaller payout. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CONGRESS**

**WSJ: Senate Negotiators Move Cautiously to Turn Gun Framework Into Legislation**, Natalie Andrews

and Cameron McWhirter, June 13, 2022, 5:24 PM

Over the weekend, a bipartisan group of senators struck a deal to reduce gun violence after a series of mass shootings. Now, the lawmakers need to stick together to sell it to colleagues with sharply different stances on gun ownership to pass any legislation into law this summer. The 20 senators, 10 from each party, are looking to pass what could be the broadest federal legislation on guns in decades. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#)

**CBS: Congressional Republicans target Hunter Biden's Hollywood mega-lawyer**, Catherine Herridge, Graham Kates, Matthew Mosk, June 13, 2022, 5:07 PM

Republicans in Congress want to know why a high-powered Hollywood attorney lent Hunter Biden millions of dollars while providing him legal and media assistance. In a letter on Sunday, Rep. James Comer of Kentucky requested documents from attorney Kevin Morris related to a reportedly \$2 million loan designed to help the president's son pay back taxes, as well as any records related to the Federal Election Commission or communications with the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: House to vote on security bill for Supreme Court family members**, Mychael Schnell June 13, 2022, 10:26 PM

The House is scheduled to vote on a bill Tuesday that seeks to expand security protections for family members of Supreme Court justices. The bill, dubbed the Supreme Court Police Parity Act, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent last month, which required that all 100 senators sign off on the measure in order for it to clear without holding a formal vote. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 13, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- The S and P fell to its lowest point this year as investors come to terms with consumer prices rising at their fastest pace in 40 years. The drop is just the latest in a string of downturns for the markets. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Former Attorney General William Barr told the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capital that then-President Trump was "detached from reality" if he believed false fraud allegations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A deal in the Senate could lead to the most sweeping gun reform legislation in decades. While critics say the framework agreement doesn't go far enough, it's a rare moment of bipartisanship in a gridlocked Washington. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Dozens of alleged members of white supremacist group Patriot Front were arrested on suspicion of plotting to violently disrupt a Pride parade in Idaho. New video shows police swarming the U-Haul truck where the suspects were crammed inside. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

## **MORNING HEADLINES**

- “Bull Market’s Winners Dragged the S&P 500 Into a Bear Market” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “For Its Next Zero Covid Chapter, China Turns to Mass Testing” [[NYT](#)]
- “Crypto Plunge Puts a Damper on Deal Making” [[WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “For Ukrainian troops, a need arises: Javelin customer service” [[WaPo](#)]

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**Sunday Shows**  
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**WNBC 06/12/2022 08:06:04 AM:** ...I would argue, though, the real judge should be political accountability. And it is interesting on those poll numbers you cite because eventually you tell me success for these hearings is successfully convincing enough of the country that the Former President was centrally responsible for all of this. It is not about convincing all of the country, and if it's half the Republican Party thinks this, it also means half the Republican Party thinks January 6th was serious. If they can get it to those -- I look at it this way, Donald Trump never gets close to power again, then these hearings did make the difference. I think that's -- look, whether or not he's prosecuted, I think will be a longer debate, the Justice Department has to deal with. But ultimately do they make the case in the court of public opinion? I think they have strong receipts, it is impressive, we'll just see if enough people see those over time as the month wears on. >> And by the way, some of those people you're talking about who know it was a bad day are members of congress who are now saying publicly that we should move on from it. But it is all on tape.

CBS: [Face the Nation](#)



### Interview with Rep. Adam Kinzinger

**WCBS 06/12/2022 10:33:25 AM:** ...2021, which will be a topic the committee looking into that attack. Congressman Kinzinger joins us this morning from Illinois. good morning, Congressman. >> Good morning. >> Dickerson: the committee is called the January 6 Committee, but it seems like January 6 is encased in a larger argument at you're making, that President Trump's series of efforts to over throw the election and the January 6 attack was just one of them? >> Yeah, that's exactly right. it is kind of unfortunate we're focused on the day of January 6. We understand why it was really the visible kind of symptom of everything that led up to it. But what is important and what we're going to delve into this week, and on Wednesday I'm leading a hearing specifically talking about the **Justice Department**, but you saw a president that spreads misinformation, tries to install his own people in the **Justice Department** to do his bidding. Justice, which is supposed to be representative of all of us. Pressures the vice president, and eventually, when he can't get his way, he tries to pressure congress in a public attack. What is very important to notice in that is it is a whole set leading up to January 6, but I think the thing that is most concerning to me is nothing has changed. The only thing that has changed since January 6, if they want to run that play again, they will put more loyal people into the administration. It is important for the American people to see this and make a decision what kind of country we want to live in.



Fox: [Fox News Sunday With Chris Wallace](#)



**WNYW 06/12/2022 10:37:58 AM:** ...Now, what about gas prices, what about food prices, inflation, immigration, guns? Nonetheless, those are people who might hear in these hearings, and they had 20 million people apparently tuning in, might hear things and say you know, this is an attack on democracy itself. Democracy was under attack on January 6th. we now have people who are running for office who continue to perpetrate the big lie and you know what, it's a little unsettling. And that my tribe, people who would turn out or not turn out in the midterms. >> Bret: Josh, are we clear what the blueprint is, where they want to go? whether it's criminal charges or just preventing former President Trump from running again? >> There wasn't a whole lot new, and think that is both significant on the substance and on the politics. We learned a few new details about the Proud Boys and their planning, but this was more of a documentary. We are reminded of the pain that everyone felt on January 6th, and that isn't going to move the political middle a whole lot. People are feeling more pain economically, as Juan was talking about, then wanting to focus on the past, a painful moment in our past. there may be a pretext for the **DOJ to make a move, but I think** this was more a PR display than a pretext for legal action by the White House. >> Bret: I was struck, and I said this to Senator Coons, about the lack of talking about this threat to Justice Kavanaugh in the coverage of it as compared to if this had been a liberal justice with a trump supporter gone wacko outside their house. >> Absolutely. It is sort of personal -- I know Ashley and Brett Kavanaugh personally from our time together in the White House, and it's amazing to me. The law is clear, you quoted it. It goes on to say with the intent of inflicting any judge, and I love it. The American Civil Liberties Union says the outcome of this is the statute but we interpret at the following way. We point to a supreme court case that suggests that as long as they keep moving in front of the house. If they are stationary, they should be arrested but if they are moving in front of the house have a right to try and influence a supreme court justice and that is ridiculous and if it is true, I didn't see Senator Schumer moving very much you had that microphone in front of the U.S. Supreme Court where he had a clear intent of influencing a supreme court justice. We either ought to apply the law or we ought to just simply say it's open season on judges, because that's what we're doing. >> I think you have a right to protest, speak out, but not in front of their house.

NBC: [Meet the Press](#)



**Interview with Rep. Elaine Luria**

**WNBC 06/12/2022 10:36:11 AM:** ... The question now, will our democracy hold former President Trump and his allies accountable? Already, the committee appears to be laying out grounds for a criminal referral of trump to the **Justice Department.** >> AG Garland: We are undertaking one of the largest investigations in our history to hold accountable everyone who is criminally responsible for the January 6th assault on our democracy. We will follow the facts wherever they lead. >> Joining me now is Democratic Congresswoman Elaine Luria from Virginia, she's

going to lead the hearing on how President Trump encouraged the mob and what was going on inside the White House during the moment-by-moment parts of the riot. Congresswoman, welcome. >> Thank you. >> We're going to hear three hearings this week. I wonder if we could go through a few of them. One tomorrow, Trump know he lost and pursued the big lie. A taste of the evidence here? Explain what the vibe will be like tomorrow. >> I think the opening to that was the first clip we showed from former Attorney General Barr that former President Trump was told by multiple people, should have been abundantly clear that there was no evidence that showed the election was stolen and he ignored that, and so the hearing that we're going to have on Monday is really focusing on a deep dive in that, getting into the information of what were all the things to show he knew this was a lie but continued to act on that. >> He was told before the election that he was perhaps going to lose, correct? >> Yes. >> And this is going to be the Jason Miller segment is about that? >> It is, and I think that was framed in a timeframe where the week or so where we were waiting for the final election results to be called, I think that was, him going to lose, once this is said and done, all the votes are counted, he's going to lose, it's confirmed. >> Wednesday is the focus on the pressure campaign at the **Justice Department**. We've heard some stories, was the president trying to orchestrate a change in leadership to get them? >> That hearing is really going to focus, like you said, on the **Department of Justice** and you know what, I think it's going to become clear across the compilation of these hearings that this seven-part plan we'll lay out was every level of government. You're attempting to use those, whichever one they could pull, and have some influence, they move forward with it. So each of these hearings will lay that out, and you know, there was a lot of pressure at the **Department of Justice** and I frequently say if there weren't people in the right place at the right time, that includes at the **Department of Justice** and the former Vice President and this pressure campaign. That's widespread. >> All the depositions, we'll see videotape. Are we going to see Jeffrey Rosen and people like that? >> We interviewed a thousand people. A lot of the names you know are involved in this will be part of it either via taped deposition or interviews or we'll have interviews in person across the course of the hearings as well. >> Later this week is the focus on the pressured campaign on Mike Pence. In that scenario, you've got a lot of witnesses, it's Mike Pence's Chief of Staff. >> Well, we haven't announced who our live witnesses are, but it's clear that he provided information to the committee and that will be incorporated in what we present. I mean, when you have the former Vice President's Chief of Staff speaking to this committee and providing information about just what that pressure was, we have information that's been publicly released about that, but knowing from the inside how intense that was and, you know, the former Vice President, Vice President Pence, he did the right thing at a very critical time.

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WNBC 06/12/2022 11:07:46 AM: ...Most obviously implicating criminal statutes, both at the state and federal level but the question here, Chuck, is will somebody indict someone who may be announcing in the next few months, that he's going to run for president again and immediately become the Republican front-runner for the nomination? That's where the political will comes into play and the more brazen the facts, sort of the less the bold you have to be, and so that's what we don't know is how brazen will the facts get. >> That's the tragic choice. I mean, the fact is that if we know that he needs to be or he's broken the law in some way. But there's a threat of violence if you indict him, and if you don't indict him, there is the end of the rule of law. So it's the tragic choice that Merrick Garland faces right now. >> What would we say about another democracy going through this? >> I think we would have a double standard in what we would say, absolutely, but before we even get to 2024, there's also 2022 and the midterm elections. And I reported earlier this week that last month, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in a closed door meeting told her colleagues that January 6th is not necessarily on the ballot. People are not going to go to the polls on this. People are going to vote on inflation, on gas prices, but house democrats in the January 6th committee are stewards of democracy, so they need to do this. I also talked to a Democratic consultant last night who helped focus groups after the first hearing and said they were actually quite surprised at how much this resonated with the independents, the focus groups were with the independents and how much they knew and didn't know before the Thursday night hearing and how much it really had an impact on them.

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**Interview with Rep. Adam Schiff**

**WABC 06/12/2022 10:10:10 AM:** ...Congressman Schiff, I want to ask you -- >> good morning. >> -- Did we hear your strongest evidence in the first hearing, or are there new revelations in the upcoming hearings that could offer hard proof that Donald Trump was responsible for what happened on January 6th? >> I think you heard a good sampling of what you're going to see in the hearings to come. The evidence is very powerful that Donald Trump began telling this big lie even before the election that he was saying that any ballots counted after election day were going to be inherently suspect. That lie continued after the election and ultimately led to this mob assembling and attacking the Capitol, and I think you heard just a few examples of what those witnesses have said behind closed doors. There's a lot more testimony where that came from, and I think most important is that we're weaving together how each line of effort to overturn the election led to another, led to another, and then ultimately culminated in that violent attack on January 6th. >> Would you like to see former President Trump criminally prosecuted? Would that be good for the country? >> I would like to see the **Justice Department** investigate any credible allegation of criminal activity on the part of Donald Trump or anyone else. The rule of law needs to apply equally to everyone, and there are certain actions, parts of these different lines of effort to overturn the election that I don't see evidence **the Justice Department** is investigating. And, of course, we have now a federal judge saying that he believes based on the limited set of evidence that he has seen which is far smaller than the body that we've accumulated that the president and others may have committed multiple federal crimes, so that should be investigated. Then ultimately once the evidence is accumulated by the **Justice Department**, it needs to make a decision about whether it can prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt the president's guilt or anyone else's, but they need to be investigated if there's credible evidence, which I think there is.

[ABC: This Week With George Stephanopoulos](#)



**WABC 06/12/2022 10:46:11 AM:** ... And, Pierre, I want to turn to the January 6th investigation -- sorry, the hearings. What's the **Justice Department** looking at here? You heard Adam Schiff talk about he thinks it should be President Trump being investigated. How hard is the pressure on **Merrick Garland**, the Attorney General? >> Well, the Attorney General is going to be watching as much as he can. That's the guidance we have. we know that prosecutors will be watching, and I think we need to think about two things. Number one, the **Justice Department** feels like it has proven that there were two conspiracies involving the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers. Were they planned well in advance to attack the U.S. Capitol? In fact, the Proud Boys had something called the Ministry of self-defense, and two days before the insurrection, January 4th, they were talking about how they were going to attack the Capitol. Also, they had a written detailed plan about how they were going to occupy buildings in Washington, D.C. The Oath Keepers had amassed an arsenal, so **DOJ** says, we can prove this because we already have four people with the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers who have pled guilty who said, yes, there was a conspiracy, I was a part of it. The key thing they're going to be looking for, Martha, is, will the hearings shed any light on whether a convergence between the people who organized the rally and who organized the violence?

CBS: [Face the Nation](#)



**WCBS 06/12/2022 10:53:58 AM:** ... In the important category, the House hearing about the attempted overthrow of the 2020 election. Eisenhower's advice was aimed at a truth. If you only attend to the urgent, important problems will become urgent soon enough and you won't be prepared. For example, it was important to knock back Donald Trump's proof-free claim that the election was stolen. >> We will win this. And as far as I'm concerned, we already have. >> Dickerson: That lie became urgent soon enough. >> I was slipping in people's blood. you know, I was catching people as they fell, you know, I was -- it was carnage. It was chaos. >> Dickerson: Officer Carolyn Edwards testified as to what happens when you let important matters slip. >> I ran towards the West Front, and I was trying old the line. >> Dickerson: President Trump's lawyer held the line by threatening to resign when Trump pressed the **Justice Department** to overturn the election. The entire leadership of the **Justice Department held** the line. Vice-president Pence held the line. Are important enough to be considered at the time we focus on the urgent matter of inflation as the hearings redefine what the line is. To hold the line is to put courage and action behind ideas that are true and enduring. We reaffirm strength of those ideas in public events like these hearings. Affirming that in American democracy, the winner of an election is not determined by anger and force, but by the will of the people. That a presidency cannot be oriented entirely around the maintenance of power, as Donald Trump's was after the November election. That wishes are not facts. And, finally, the hearings reaffirm that concern exclusively for things that are immediately before us risks distancing us from our contact with where the brightest are. Which means when the moment comes, those of us who lack Officer Edwards' courage will fail to hold the line because we won't know where to find it.

MSNBC: [The Katie Phang Show](#)



**MSNBC 06/12/2022 08:03:21 AM:** ...Joining me now is Katie Benner, a **Justice Department** reporter for the New York Times. And Joyce Vance is a University of Alabama School of Law professor, former U.S. Attorney, an MSNBC contributor and columnist. Katie, I want to start with you my fellow Katie. What more can we expect to learn from this week's hearings? And how is the January 6 committee laying a roadmap for the **DOJ's** potential indictment of Donald Trump. >> The committee is doing a very good job, I think, of laying at a point against Donald Trump. The way the hearings are structured, they are put together somewhat like a trial. Benny Thompson, Liz Cheney, laying out sounded like opening arguments in a criminal trial. What we are going to hear on Monday is something that would be really important to any criminal case. Which is whether or not Donald Trump knew what he was doing was wrong. Laying the case that he knew. Because people told him over and over again that he lost the election. He was going to try to present that evidence. That is really the foundation for everything else that we are going to hear. Keep in mind, this is not like a criminal trial. There is no defense table. No defense witnesses. No cross examination of the committee's case. What the **Justice** would have to do for criminal trial as much much higher. But you are right. They are looking at

that roadmap. And proving the Trump knew what he was doing was wrong is really the bedrock of that. >> Joyce, we are going to be hearing from Pence's top lawyer. I am personally very interested in that particular testimony. He warned Pence in the 2020 election results, that lawyers testifying on Thursday. How is that testimony going to further aid the select committee in proving that Donald Trump knew that he lost, and that he lied anyway to stay in power? >> So, the memo is a three-page memo. It is written in plain English. It is a great read for everybody who is following along, because what it lays bare is the scheme that is being advanced by John Eastman and presumably President Trump. Saying that it is not within the confines of the law. It is very clearly illegal. It violates the electoral counts down. These ministerial functions, like the ordering which votes have to be considered from the state. The electoral count and requires you to go alphabetically. Eastman has cooked up this plan that in essence lets Trump, from 5 to 7 states votes back to those red controlled state legislatures to say, no, we didn't need to submit our votes for Joe Biden. Our state votes for Donald Trump. Jacobs does a really masterful job of walking you through the illegality and explaining why it is already been recently, at that point, contradicted by a ruling issue of the D.C. Court of Appeals. Very clearly stating that this proposal is illegal. Whether or not this memo was seen by the former president, we don't know. All of the evidence accumulates and becomes quite clear that Trump either knew or should have known that what he was proposing violated the law. And that it - - was just a big lie. >> We are also going to seek testimony from former Department officials. Testimonies, to this day that maybe Donald Trump never read that memo. I don't think he, frankly, read anything. Whatever sources telling you is going through Merrick Garland's mind these days as these hearings are unfolding? These are actual DOJ officials that have not testified in front of congress. >> Well, first, keep in mind it is not going to be just Jeff Rosen is going to be the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Richard Donahue, and the former head of the Offices of Legal Counsel, Steve Angle. These two men were all in a meeting on January 3rd with the president, as he said it whether not he was going to replace them -- with a loyalist to undo what he wanted. And use his power and influence to overturn the election or at least undo the election. Turning everything into chaos and disarray. We know that Merrick Garland is watching the hearings. Or at least watched the first one. We also know when he said in public is exactly what he said in private. Which is that, first of all, keep in mind he is only going to look at the facts and the evidence that his investigations frames to him. He is not sure of any transcripts or any information to allay with, the Justice Department said. So everything he's going to learn from the committee he is going to learn in realtime along with us. It also implies it is very unlikely that Jefferson, Richard Donahue, was anything they have no arsenic list door testimony. So the public and the department also have that. What Merrick Garland is being really clear about is that he's not going to make any statements about whether or not when he thought Donald

Trump did was right or wrong. He does not want to prejudice any case. He doesn't want to say whether there will be a case. There was really tricky political situation, we are investigating just anybody. But the former president of the United States is still the most popular figure in the Republican party, charismatic politician, possibly in the states. Other people love him or hate him. Using the Justice Department for investigating such a figure is highly controversial. This is a democracy in which we law enforcement doesn't intervene in politics. So I think that Garland is aware of, that does not want to do anything that would hurt the case.

CNN: [Inside Politics With Abby Phillip](#)



**CNN 06/12/2022 08:05:44 AM:** ...They have to give people something new. not just the American people, but there is a lot of talk right now about where this is all heading in terms of criminal prosecutions. Not just for the rioters but for the high-profile people who were involved in the conspiracy. What is the message to the Department of Justice from the January 6 committee? >> I found that to be kind of a striking aspect of the first hearing. you even heard in Liz Cheney segment that there is this ongoing investigation by the Justice Department. We know there is anxiety by the Democrats and many around the party about the pace of the Justice Department investigation, but this is a tricky balancing act. because if you're going to have accusations from republicans, from those around Trump, as long as this investigation goes on. the Justice Department as well as January 6. they're going to dismiss it as a partisan attack. So, at the same time, this committee hearing is about informing the public well also sending a message that accountability is required for a threat to democracy. >> Sending a message or building a case? I think they might be slightly different things here. >> It's true. Because, when you talk about sending a message to the public, around a third of the public, of those who are watching it, are not watching, they are watching coverage that wasn't even live coverage of the hearings, right? But the central argument of the first night of the hearings was that this is about criminality. Not just an accounting of what happened. And it is about the former president, former President Trump's criminal culpability. I think those two points are what the committee was going for, ultimately. That if you were a member of the public watching it, you might think you already know a lot of the stuff, or whatever. That was not the point of these hearings >> In terms of building a case, it's not just about that day, not just about January 6th as well. We also saw them outlined the steps from election day to January 6 and the steps to overturn the election.



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After nearly a year and 1,000 interviews — including with members of former president Donald Trump’s family and some of his closest advisers — the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol is ready to share its findings.

Here are six questions the committee expects to answer about Jan. 6, with [more of my analysis here](#).

### **1. How much responsibility for the violence falls on Trump?**

Some committee members have hinted they will aim to prove Trump’s culpability for Jan. 6 in a couple of respects — that he incited the attack on the Capitol and that he broke federal law by trying to stop lawmakers from certifying Joe Biden’s win. It is a crime to obstruct an official proceeding of Congress. But to prove Trump committed a crime, they’ll have to prove he intentionally tried to stop the electoral count.

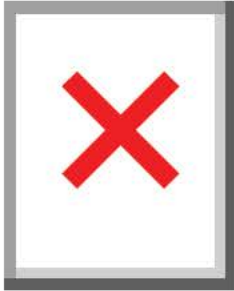
### **2. How did Trump and his allies use the levers of government to try to keep him in power?**

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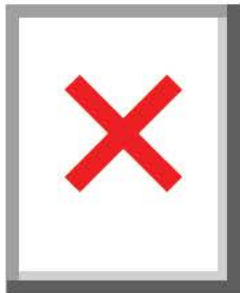
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Trump galvanized support within the Republican Party and the federal government

to fight his loss. Top officials in the White House and Justice Department told him what he wanted to hear, including [that he could seize voting machines](#) and have the military order a redo of the election. A [majority of Republicans](#) in the House voted to reject electors in states that Trump lost. But to what extent did government officials actively help Trump plan to overturn the election results?

### **3. How did so many people come to believe — and act on — Trump’s falsehoods about the election?**



“Stop the Stea” supporters approach the Capito on Jan. 6, 2021. (Michae S. Wi iamson/The Washington Post)

The committee is particularly interested in unraveling the origins of this mass radicalization, which manifested in the most serious attack on the Capitol since the War of 1812 — this time, led by American citizens rather than foreign soldiers.

#### **4. What is the connection between actions by officials actions and the violence on Jan. 6?**

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Trump spent the weeks before the attack falsely claiming in apocalyptic, sometimes violent language that the election was stolen from him. Much of the Republican Party apparatus geared up to support his election-fraud claims. A majority of House Republicans signed onto a baseless, last-ditch lawsuit led by Republican state attorneys general asking the Supreme Court to step in and overturn the results in swing states Trump lost. Republican lawyers took election-fraud claims to courts across the country — and often [got laughed out of court](#). The committee wants to know: Was all this connected to the attack? Was the insurrection a spontaneous outburst led by some bad actors in the crowd? Or is there evidence the violence was fed — or even coordinated — by government officials and the president himself, after months of laying the groundwork for it?

#### **5. How was the Capitol so vulnerable to attack?**

How did those protesters march up to the Capitol, overwhelm police, knock down barricades and take over the House and Senate floors for a time, as well as top lawmakers' offices? Five people died during the Jan. 6 attack or in the aftermath, and 140 police officers were assaulted.

#### **6. What should be done to prevent similar attacks on democracy?**

The committee also wants to share policy prescriptions to keep this from ever happening again.

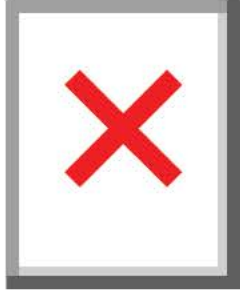


## How to watch the hearings

Thursday's hearing is the first, and it begins at 8 p.m. Eastern. The committee [usually live-streams its hearings](#), and most major TV news stations will be airing Thursday's hours-long hearings in full: ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC and CNN plan to. [Fox News is the only major news network to decide not to.](#)

The Washington Post will have anchored coverage and analysis beginning Thursday night 7 p.m. Eastern on [YouTube](#) and at [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com). [C-SPAN will air all hearings in full.](#)

## What to know about the alleged plot to kill Brett Kavanaugh



A police officer stands guard outside Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's Maryland home as protesters march by this week. (Nathan Howard/Getty Images)

A 26-year-old man who allegedly was carrying a gun and a knife and was detained near the Maryland home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh has been charged with attempted murder of a Supreme Court justice, [my colleagues report](#).

Nicholas John Roske of California allegedly told authorities he was “upset” by the recent school shooting in Uvalde, Tex., and the leaked opinion draft signaling that *Roe v. Wade* is likely to be overturned. Roske said he was trying to think of ways to give his life purpose, so he decided to kill a Supreme Court justice and then kill himself, according to an affidavit filed Wednesday in federal court. Federal investigators allege that Roske traveled from California to D.C. to kill a specific justice.

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### **CONGRESS**

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Examining the 'Metastasizing' Domestic Terrorism Threat After the Buffalo Attack.

### **US ATTORNEYS**

*Detroit News*: **Authorities launch initiative to reduce gun violence in Detroit's high crime areas,**

Hannah Mackay, June 6, 2022, 2:20 PM

Federal and local law enforcement officials Monday announced they are targeting Detroit's most dangerous neighborhoods for a summer crackdown on gun crimes in the latest attempt to stem violence in one of the nation's most dangerous big cities. The initiative will focus on high crime areas in the east and northwest sides

of Detroit that have led to the highest numbers of fatal and non-fatal shootings, robberies, and aggravated assaults with a gun this year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Detroit Free Press](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Proud Boys charged with seditious conspiracy in Capitol riot**, Michael Kunzelman and Alanna Durkin Richer, June 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

The former top leader of the far-right Proud Boys extremist group and other members were charged Monday with seditious conspiracy for what federal prosecutors say was a coordinated attack on the U.S. Capitol to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory. The latest indictment against Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, the former Proud Boys chairman, and four others linked to the group comes as the U.S. House committee investigating the Jan. 6 riot prepares to begin public hearings this week to lay out its findings. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Guardian](#), [Guardian-2](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [KXXV-ABC \(Waco, TX\)](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NPR](#), [NPR-2](#), [NPR-3](#), [NPR-4](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Patch \(Washington DC\)](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WGHP-Fox \(High Point, NC\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: U.S. charges Abramovich with exporting planes to Russia without license**, Luc Cohen and Karen Freifeld, June 6, 2022, 2:49 PM

A U.S. court on Monday issued warrants for the seizure of two luxury planes owned by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich under U.S. measures imposed after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, court records showed. But the U.S. government's likelihood of gaining control of the aircraft worth nearly \$400 million was uncertain. A Department of Justice official said the \$350 million Boeing 787 Dreamliner and \$60 million Gulfstream G650 ER were not in U.S. custody, and the official declined to say if the U.S. government knows their locations. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Gazette \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [Guardian](#), [NPR](#), [NBC](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#)

**USA Today: 'Very strange and somewhat alarming': White House, Justice aides offer insider accounts of Jan. 6 Capitol attack**, Bart Jansen, June 7, 2022, 5:01 AM

Cassidy Hutchinson. Richard Donoghue. Greg Jacob. Benjamin Williamson. Keith Kellogg. None of these former White House and Justice Department staffers have household names but that could change with testimony each provided to the House committee investigating the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021. These behind-the-scenes players provided the panel with insight into the run-up to the attack and how key figures such as former President Donald Trump, his White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows, and former Vice President Mike Pence responded that day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Jan. 6 Hearings Give Democrats a Chance to Recast Midterm Message**, Annie Karni and Luke Broadwater, June 7, 2022, 3:00 AM

Seventeen months after a mob of Donald J. Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol with false claims of a stolen election, House Democrats plan to use a landmark set of investigative hearings beginning this week to try to refocus voters' attention on Jan. 6, aiming to tie Republicans directly to an unprecedented plot to undermine democracy itself. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Fake Trump electors in Ga. told to shroud plans in 'secrecy,' email shows**, Amy Gardner, Beth Reinhard, Rosalind S. Heldermand Jacqueline Alemany, June 6, 2022, 7:36 PM

A staffer for Donald Trump's presidential campaign instructed Republicans planning to cast electoral college votes for Trump in Georgia despite Joe Biden's victory to operate in "complete secrecy," an email obtained by The Washington Post shows. "I must ask for your complete discretion in this process," wrote Robert

Sinners, the campaign's election operations director for Georgia, the day before the 16 Republicans gathered at the Georgia Capitol to sign certificates declaring themselves duly elected. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#)

**WaPo: Kansas woman accused of leading all-female ISIS brigade likely to plead guilty, docket entry shows**, Salvador Rizzo, June 6, 2022, 6:46 PM

A Kansas-born woman who led an all-female brigade for the Islamic State in Syria is likely to plead guilty to federal charges Tuesday, according to a court docket. Allison Fluke-Ekren, 42, was charged with conspiring to provide material support for terrorism in 2019 by federal prosecutors in the Eastern District of Virginia and taken into U.S. custody in January. She is being held at the Alexandria Detention Center, and the deadline for prosecutors to file an indictment is next week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: China secretly building PLA naval facility in Cambodia, Western officials say**, Ellen Nakashima and Cate Cadell, June 6, 2022, 2:01 PM

China is secretly building a naval facility in Cambodia for the exclusive use of its military, with both countries denying that is the case and taking extraordinary measures to conceal the operation, Western officials said. The military presence will be on the northern portion of Cambodia's Ream Naval Base on the Gulf of Thailand, which is slated to be the site of a groundbreaking ceremony this week, according to the officials, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitivity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSJ: The Justice Department's Proactive Approach to Stopping Cybercrime**, Amy Gardner, Beth Reinhard, Rosalind S. Helderman and Jacqueline Alemany, June 6, 2022, 11:30 AM

The mission of the Justice Department's National Security Division, led by Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen, is to defend U.S. interests from malicious nation-state cyber activity, be it terrorism, espionage or cybercrime. Such attacks often are executed by people with or connected with foreign intelligence services. Services in China, Russia and Iran have been implicated. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**ABC: Some students of color fear more police in schools following Uvalde shooting**, Kiara Alfonseca, June 7, 2022, 5:01 AM

For Alexandra Valera, a high school junior, walking into school each day feels like walking into a prison. Like many others around the country, her New York City high school has police officers and metal detectors and students are forced to empty their pockets each day and risk getting patted down each morning. [...] The Justice Department failed to find conclusive data on whether police are effective in overall school safety efforts: "these studies provide no evidence base that suggests that police presence in schools makes a difference in improving safety outcomes." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Roll Call: First of many 'touchstones' starts Thursday in prime time for Jan. 6 committee**, Chris Marquette, June 7, 2022, 5:00 AM

The first time the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection gathered for a public hearing, members heard from law enforcement officers who were physically assaulted, verbally abused and traumatized by pro-Donald Trump rioters who stormed the building. On that day, in late July 2021, lawmakers on the panel thanked four officers — two from the Capitol Police and two from the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department — for defending American democracy from a violent effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Insider: Former Trump advisor says Steve Bannon only touted the former president's baseless voter fraud claims to get a pardon**, Cheryl Teh, June 7, 2022, 4:00 AM

A former Trump campaign aide said in an interview published this week that he didn't think Steve Bannon

believed any of Trump's baseless voter fraud claims but touted them anyway to secure a presidential pardon. Sam Nunberg, a former Trump campaign aide turned political consultant, spoke to The Atlantic for an article on Bannon titled "American Rasputin." Bannon and Nunberg both worked on the Trump campaign in 2016, before Bannon became the former president's chief strategist. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

**USA Today: 'Very strange and somewhat alarming': White House, Justice aides offer insider accounts of Jan. 6 Capitol attack**, Bart Jansen, June 7, 2022, 5:01 AM

Cassidy Hutchinson. Richard Donoghue. Greg Jacob. Benjamin Williamson. Keith Kellogg. None of these former White House and Justice Department staffers have household names but that could change with testimony each provided to the House committee investigating the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021. These behind-the-scenes players provided the panel with insight into the run-up to the attack and how key figures such as former President Donald Trump, his White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows, and former Vice President Mike Pence responded that day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Hearings Aim to Catch America's Attention With Prime-Time TV Debut**, Billy House and Mike Dornig, June 6, 2022, 3:46 PM

The televised hearings that begin Thursday into the deadly attack on the US Capitol will need to produce show-stopping moments to grab a divided, distracted nation that has largely moved on. It's a tall order.

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**Fox: Navarro responds to Jan. 6 committee after FBI treated him 'like an Al Qaeda terrorist' during airport arrest**, Charles Creitz, June 6, 2022, 10:20 PM

Former Trump adviser Peter Navarro responded Monday to his recent arrest for defying a subpoena from Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson and the House January 6 committee, telling Fox News he made numerous overtures to the Justice Department in hopes of avoiding a spectacle. In remarks last week, Navarro said he was arrested by FBI agents at an undisclosed airport while attempting to fly to Nashville to meet with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: January 6 committee to hear from witnesses who dealt with Proud Boys on day of Capitol riot**, Ryan Nobles, Annie Grayer and Zachary Cohen, June 6, 2022, 9:44 PM

The House select committee is planning to present live testimony during its first public hearing Thursday night from two people who interacted directly with the Proud Boys on and around the events of January 6, 2021, according to three sources familiar with the committee's hearing agenda. The panel is expected to call documentarian Nick Quested to testify about his experience filming members of the Proud Boys in the week leading up to and on January 6, and Capitol Police Officer Caroline Edwards, who was injured after she was part of an altercation involving members of the Proud Boys while defending the US Capitol during the riot.

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**The Hill: Justice sends mixed messages on subpoenaing Trump's inner circle**, Rebecca Beitsch and Harper Neidig, June 6, 2022, 6:34 PM

The Justice Department's decision not to charge former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows or deputy communications director Dan Scavino with contempt of Congress is sending mixed messages about the extent those in the president's inner circle can flout lawmaker subpoenas. The Department of Justice sent a letter to the House saying it would not pursue contempt charges against the two men even as it filed charges Friday against Peter Navarro, a former White House economic adviser, for defying a subpoena from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Hill*: **Raskin says Jan. 6 panel has found more on Trump than ‘incitement’**, Mychael Schnell, June 6, 2022, 12:58 PM

Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) on Monday said the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol has found evidence on former President Trump that supports “a lot more than incitement.” The comment from Raskin, a member of the Jan. 6 panel, referenced Trump’s second impeachment in January 2021, when the House voted to impeach the then-president for incitement to insurrection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

*Reuters*: **Whistleblower sues Eli Lilly over drug manufacturing problems**, Dan Levine and Marisa Taylor, June 6, 2022, 7:26 PM

A former human resources officer at Eli Lilly & Co (LLY.N) sued the pharmaceutical company on Monday, alleging she was terminated after pointing out poor manufacturing practices and data falsification involving its blockbuster diabetes drug. The plaintiff, Amrit Mula, alleges violations of an employee protection law and seeks unspecified damages. The U.S. Department of Justice last year launched a criminal investigation into alleged manufacturing irregularities at a Lilly plant in New Jersey following a Reuters story that detailed some of Mula’s allegations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Newsday*: **Southampton woman admits to \$1.5M fraud targeting elderly**, Nicole Fuller, June 6, 2022, 8:38 PM

A Southampton woman pleaded guilty Monday to federal charges alleging she stole more than \$1.5 million through a fraud scheme that targeted the elderly, authorities said. Mara Ficarra, 57, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail, wire and bank fraud before U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert in federal court in Central Islip, according to federal prosecutors. Ficarra faces up to five years in prison and the restitution of the stolen proceeds when sentenced. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Suffolk County, NY\)](#)

*Brooklyn Eagle*: **Brooklyn gang member gets 11 years for rearm violations**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

Danari Aiken, a member of the Mac Baller Brims Bloods street gang as well as the “From Nothing” street gang based in Lincoln Towers in East New York was sentenced Monday by United States District Judge Pamela K. Chen in Eastern District Federal Court in Brooklyn to 11 years for two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Northwest Florida Daily News*: **Fort Walton Beach man with history of drug trafficking sentenced to 17 years in prison**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 5:37 PM

A 47-year-old Fort Walton Beach man, who was once at large on state arrest warrants and a bond violation, was sentenced to 17 1/2 years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and firearm charges. Thomas Joe Obregon, also known as “Tommy Gun,” pleaded guilty to two counts of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Valdosta Daily Times (Valdosta, GA)*: **Gang suspect sentenced to 16-plus years**, Dean Poling, June 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

What started as a police chase for a Remerton traffic violation four years ago has ended in a gang member sentenced to more than 16 years in prison. U.S. District Judge Louis Sands sentenced Quinton Jarod Simmons, 30, of Adel to 200 months for possession of a firearm in the furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession with intent to distribute



methamphetamine last week in Albany, according to a statement from the Middle District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WRBL-CBS \(Columbus, GA\)](#)

**Belleville News-Democrat: Feds say metro-east man had hundreds of images of child porn. Now he's going to prison**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 6:53 PM

A Fairview Heights man was sentenced to six years in a federal prison for amassing a stash with hundreds of images and videos of children being raped. Michael M. Rapa, 68, pleaded guilty in the U.S. Court for the Southern District of Illinois in February to two counts of possession of prepubescent child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. He was sentenced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Seattle Times (Seattle, WA): Auburn couple sentenced to prison, ordered to repay \$65M in gold scheme**, Amanda Zhou, June 6, 2022, 5:44 PM

An Auburn couple was sentenced to prison and ordered to repay more than \$30 million each in restitution on Monday in federal court for operating a Ponzi-like scheme through the now-bankrupt Northwest Territorial Mint in Federal Way. The former president of the mint, Bernard Ross Hansen, 61, was sentenced to 11 years in prison and ordered to pay \$33.7 million in restitution by U.S. District Court Judge Richard A. Jones. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Kalamazoo man sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for distributing meth**, Marie Weidmayer, June 6, 2022, 3:51 PM

A man has been sentenced for distributing methamphetamine in Kalamazoo. Semaj Williams was sentenced May 31 to just over 15 and a half years by Judge Paul Maloney in U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan. He had pleaded guilty Jan. 19 to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WGTU-ABC \(Traverse City, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

**The Gazette (Cedar Rapids, IA): Convicted killer of Chris Bagley pleads guilty to being a drug user in possession of a firearm**, Emily Andersen, June 6, 2022, 3:46 PM

The Marion man convicted in July 2021 of the second-degree murder of Chris Bagley of Walker has pleaded guilty in federal court to being a drug user in possession of a firearm. Drew Blahnik, who changed his name to Johnny Blahnik Church after his murder conviction, pleaded guilty to the firearms charge Monday. He faces up to 10 years in prison without the possibility of parole. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Biloxi Sun Herald: Man sentenced for dealing meth across Mississippi in 'Drama Queen' drug trafficking ring**, Jesse Lieberman, June 6, 2022, 3:19 PM

A Jackson man will spend 25 years in federal prison for distributing meth across the state of Mississippi, including in Biloxi on the Coast, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said Monday in a press release. Elbert Silas, 44, will serve 300 months behind bars for selling meth between August 1, 2017 and April 19, according to court documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Atlanta Journal-Constitution: College Park man who smuggled guns to Barbados gets prison sentence**, Henri Hollis, June 6, 2022, 2:00 PM

A metro Atlanta man who pleaded guilty to smuggling illegal guns to Barbados has been sentenced to nearly four years in prison, according to federal officials. Rashad Sargeant, 27, of College Park, was the last of three defendants to be sentenced for his role in a scheme that sent at least 30 illegal firearms to the Caribbean island nation, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia Ryan K. Buchanan said in a news release. Sargeant's sentence includes three years and 10 months in prison, followed by three more years of probation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAGA- Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

**WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): Indianapolis man sentenced to federal prison for firing shots during May 2020 protests downtown**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 6:55 PM

An Indianapolis man has been sentenced to five years in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm during the May 2020 protests in response to the murder of George Floyd. According to court documents, on May 30, 2020, Tyrone Ross pulled a pistol from his clothing in front of the Birch Bayh Federal Courthouse in downtown Indianapolis, which is federal property, and fired several shots across Ohio Street, which was filled with vehicles and pedestrians. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WISH-CW \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

**WHNT-CBS (Huntsville, AL): Feds: Woman spent PPP loans on sports car, gambling**, David Royer, Mike Suriani, June 6, 2022, 5:54 PM

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

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Jury finds former security guard guilty in 2019 violent armed robbery at Cle Nightclub**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 5:23 PM

A 26-year-old security guard working at a downtown Houston nightclub has been convicted in its 2019 violent armed robbery, the U.S. Attorney Office announced Monday. At the conclusion of the five-day trial, the jury deliberated for 10 minutes before convicting Hakeem Alexander Coles for interference with commerce by robbery and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KMPH-Fox \(Fresno, CA\)](#)

**KPQ-ABC (Wenatchee, WA): Omak Man to Serve 46 Months for Fourth of July 2021 Shooting**, Jason Taylor, June 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

An Omak man and convicted felon will serve nearly four years in federal prison in a shooting after pleading guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury. The federal court for the Eastern District of Washington in Spokane has sentenced 34-year-old Justin Dean Friedlander to 46 months, followed by three years of supervised release. The prison sentence represents a split between the 51-month term U.S. Attorneys asked for and 41 months Friedlander's attorney was seeking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg felon sentenced for firearm possession**, George Stockburger, June 6, 2022, 2:33 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that Kshawn Carter, 25, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to 180 months imprisonment by United States District Court Judge Christopher Conner for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. According to United States Attorney John C. Gurganus, Carter pleaded guilty to possessing a stolen handgun discovered during the execution of a search warrant at his Harrisburg residence on September 23, 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IA): Davenport man sentenced to 1 year in prison for prison escape**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 2:30 PM

A Davenport man was sentenced Thursday to 16 months, or one year and four months, in prison for escape from custody, according to a media release. Marius Lamar Avant, 27, was ordered to serve the sentence consecutively to his previously imposed 60-month sentence for felon in possession of a firearm charge in the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KFGO-AM (Fargo, ND): Three indicted for kidnapping FBI specialist in SD*, Tasha Carvell, June 6, 2022, 12:16 PM

A federal grand jury has indicted three people for allegedly kidnapping an FBI victim specialist. Court records indicate Juan Francisco Alvarez-Soto, Deyvin Morales and Lourdes Alondra Bonilla were indicted on May 19 on charges of kidnapping, carjacking and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. The indictment, which was unsealed late last week, says the trio kidnapped FBI Victim Specialist Curt Lauinger on May 6 while he was engaged in his official duties in Red Shirt, SD on the Pine Ridge Reservation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*AP: Judge blocks Louisiana Congress map with one Black district*, Kevin McGill, June 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

Louisiana's Democratic governor said Monday he will call the Republican-dominated Legislature into special session soon to draw up new congressional district boundaries, now that a federal judge has blocked use of maps that have only one majority-Black district. Gov. John Bel Edwards announced his plan at a news conference at the Capitol in Baton Rouge. He spoke to reporters minutes after the 2022 regular legislative session ended, and a few hours after U.S. District Judge Shelly Dick, also in Baton Rouge, blocked the use of the new maps. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

*Times Union (Albany, NY): Feds join investigation of Catskills school district superintendent*, Roger Hannigan Gilson, June 6, 2022, 3:45 PM

The federal Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights has opened an investigation into this small Delaware County school district and its superintendent after receiving a complaint from a parent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Atlanta Journal-Constitution: DeKalb employee fired after complaining of sexual harassment to get \$190K*, Tyler Estep, June 6, 2022, 11:00 AM

DeKalb County has reached a settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice and a former employee who was fired after making a sexual harassment complaint against her supervisor. The county will pay Cemetra Brooks \$190,000 for lost wages and other damages. It also agreed to develop new policies and give supervisors in the county's facilities management department training on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits retaliation against employees for reporting discriminatory practices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL LAW

*WaPo: Federal judges quash effort to force Va. legislative elections this year*, Gregory S. Schneider, June 6, 2022, 7:28 PM

A panel of federal judges has struck down a lawsuit seeking to force Virginia to hold House of Delegates elections this year under new political boundaries, ruling that the person who brought the suit lacked legal standing. The 31-page technical finding by a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia effectively ends the chances of holding a do-over of last year's General Assembly races, in which Republicans took a slim majority in the House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Herald: Wheeling sleep-testing company settles federal fraud lawsuit*, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 1:30 PM

A Wheeling-based sleep diagnostics company and two of its executives have agreed to pay more than \$3.9

million to settle a federal lawsuit accusing the business of defrauding Medicare and four other federal health care programs. Federal prosecutors said Wheeling-based SNAP Diagnostics LLC will pay \$3.5 million to settle the lawsuit, while Snap's founder Gil Raviv has agreed to pay \$300,000 and the company's marketing vice president, Stephen Burton, will pay \$125,000. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Buffalo Grove, IL\)](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**AP: Time served for Mexican in 2015 San Francisco pier killing**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 3:00 PM

A California federal judge on Monday sentenced the Mexican man acquitted of murder in the 2015 shooting death of a woman on a San Francisco pier to the seven years he's already spent in jail bringing to a legal close the case that ignited a national firestorm over immigration, crime and sanctuary cities. Jose Inez Garcia Zarate was in the U.S. illegally when Kate Steinle, 32, was fatally shot along a crowded Pier 14 where she was walking with her father and a family friend. He faces deportation and U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria told him in court to never return to the U.S. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

**Reuters: Migrant caravan in Mexico heads for U.S. border as Americas Summit starts**, Jose Torres and Lizbeth Diaz, June 6, 2022, 12:19 PM

Several thousand migrants, many from Venezuela, set off from southern Mexico early Monday aiming to reach the United States, timing their journey to coincide with the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles this week. Migration activists said the group could be one of the region's largest migrant caravans in recent years. At least 6,000 people, according to Reuters witnesses, left the border city of Tapachula. Mexico's National Institute for Migration did not provide an estimate of the group's size and provided no additional comment on the caravan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Newsmax](#)

**LAT: Harris to unveil more private investment in Central America to try to deter migration**, Noah Bierman, June 7, 2022, 5:00 AM

Vice President Kamala Harris plans to announce Tuesday nearly \$2 billion in private investment directed to three Central American countries as part of the Biden administration's strategy to reduce migration, more than doubling previously announced commitments. The new investments from private industry bring the total pledged to about \$3.2 billion since Harris began soliciting businesses last year and comes as the administration has faced increased challenges in dealing with the governments of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala and as migrants from those countries continue to head north. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: DHS Must Explain Family Split-Up In Border Suit, Judge Says**, Nicole Rosenthal, June 6, 2022, 8:11 PM

A lawsuit seeking compensation for a Honduran man's forced separation from his toddler after entering the U.S. can proceed for now, with a New York federal judge ruling that the government must first explain its decision to separate them. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Times: Illegal immigrant tried to 'strangle' Border Patrol agent with cord, feds say**, Stephen Dinan, June 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

An illegal immigrant tried to strangle one Border Patrol agent with the cord from the agent's night vision goggles, and grabbed another agent's genitals to try to be set free, federal authorities said in new charges brought in Arizona. Miguel Angel Acatzihua-Temoxtle was spotted sneaking into the U.S. along with three other migrants on the evening of May 31. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#)

**Law360: Chicago Developers Must Pay \$1.65M For Breaking Settlement**, Charlie Innis, June 6, 2022, 3:46 PM

The developers behind the failed Carillon Tower project in Chicago must cough up \$1.65 million in damages for breaching a settlement with EB-5 investors after the roughly \$49 million project went nowhere, an Illinois federal judge ordered Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***The Hill:* [OPINION] Even the National Guard won't be enough to solve border crisis when Title 42 ends**, Nolan Rappaport, June 6, 2022, 11:00 AM

We need to look beyond the current legal arguments over whether or not the Biden administration can or should terminate Title 42 order, which requires U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to process undocumented land border crossers promptly without asylum screening or other Title 8 immigration processes and then to expel them back to the country they came from through the closest port of entry. The simple fact is the Title 42 order instituted in 2020 as part of the previous administration's pandemic response will be terminated eventually. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***Bloomberg Law:* Detainees' Forced Labor Class Claims Against CoreCivic Proceed**, Bernie Pazanowski, June 6, 2022, 11:00 AM

Detainees held at for-profit detention facilities run by CoreCivic Inc. solely because of their immigration status may proceed with three class claims alleging they were forced to work for little or no pay in violation of federal and state law, the Ninth Circuit said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***NY Post:* Feds seize fake Rolex and Cartier watches valued at over \$22M — if real**, David Proper, June 6, 2022, 8:33 PM

The clock's run out on this counterfeit scheme. Federal authorities seized hundreds of fake luxury watches that, if real, would have been valued at more than \$22.5 million, US Customs and Border Protection announced Monday. A package of 584 fraudulent Rolex and Cartier watches was intercepted by CBP officers in Louisville on Thursday, according to the agency. The shipment was sent from Hong Kong and destined for Jamaica, Queens. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WSOC-ABC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

***KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO):* More than 30 arrests made in Homeland Security child exploitation sting**, Jackson Hicks, June 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

The Homeland Security Investigations team in Kansas City and Wichita announced Monday that they arrested more than 30 people suspected of child exploitation in Kansas and Missouri. The department, along with local law enforcement partners, arrested 32 individuals during their Operation Blue Ghost, which ran from May 17 to June 2. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***Patch (Herndon, VA):* Man Tried To Bring Handguns, Ammunition On Flight Leaving VA Airport**, Michael O'Connell, June 6, 2022, 4:37 PM

Customs officials at a Washington Dulles International Airport stopped a man from bringing two handguns, magazines and ammunition onto a flight leaving for Ghana recently without the proper documentation, according to a release. U.S. Customs and Border Protection stopped a man, who is a U.S. citizen, from attempting to board a flight to Accra, Ghana on May 24, when they discovered two hard shell lock box cases in his checked baggage, according to authorities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***KSNT-NBC (Topeka, KS):* Undercover Kansas operation nets 32 for crimes against children**, Michael Dakota, June 6, 2022, 3:12 PM

An undercover operation in Kansas netted 32 individuals who have been taken into custody for crimes against children. Multiple agencies, including Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Kansas City Child Exploitation Taskforce (KCET), were involved in an undercover operation in and around Wichita from May 17 through June 2. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ANTITRUST

**WSJ: JetBlue Boosts Breakup Fee, Pledges Dividend in Bid to Woo Spirit Holders**, Alison Sider and Colin Kellaher, June 6, 2022, 8:43 PM

JetBlue Airways Corp. JBLU 2.10% said it has sweetened its bid for Spirit Airlines Inc., SAVE 7.04% as JetBlue's effort to wrest the carrier from its planned merger with Frontier Group Holdings Inc. ULCC 4.49% enters the final stretch. JetBlue, which has made a hostile cash bid of \$30 a share for Spirit, is trying to persuade Spirit investors to reject a merger with Frontier and pressure Spirit's board to negotiate a deal with JetBlue instead. Spirit has rebuffed JetBlue's overtures, saying a deal with Frontier is more likely to gain regulatory approval. Spirit investors are slated to vote on the matter Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WaPo](#)

**Law360: 9th Circ. Says Hagens Berman Fee Award Is Still Too High**, Hailey Konnath, June 6, 2022, 9:50 PM

A split Ninth Circuit on Monday once again ordered a Washington federal court to recalculate an already revised \$31 million fee award to Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP for securing deals in multidistrict litigation over optical disk drive price-fixing, ruling that the district court began from the wrong "starting point." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Bristol-Myers Inks \$10.8M Deal In Direct Buyers' Antitrust Suit**, Lauren Berg, June 6, 2022, 7:13 PM

A California federal judge gave his blessing Friday to a \$10.8 million settlement resolving direct buyers' claims alleging Bristol-Myers Squibb engaged in anti-competitive conduct to block generics competition and keep HIV medication prices artificially high. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Times: Suit seeks answers on whether FTC has bowed to Biden's pressure on a gas-prices probe**, Ramsey Touchberry, June 6, 2022, 6:06 PM

A government watchdog group is sounding an alarm over concerns that the Federal Trade Commission, under pressure from President Biden and his Democratic allies, is conducting a secret probe into whether oil companies are manipulating prices. The Functional Government Initiative, a nonprofit transparency organization, will file a lawsuit this week against the FTC over its refusal to turn over public records on whether such an investigation is underway, The Washington Times has learned. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**MarketWatch: Biden made big promises on antitrust but Lina Khan's FTC is underachieving, critics say**, Chris Matthews, June 6, 2022, 1:18 PM

Lina Khan's appointment to lead the Federal Trade Commission last June was hailed by progressives as a bold move that would reinvigorate a moribund agency and finally rein in the growing power of large companies in an increasingly concentrated corporate landscape. President Joe Biden picked Khan, then just 32 years old and lacking experience in litigating antitrust cases, on the strength of her reputation among an emerging cohort of scholars in the field of competition policy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg Law: Chicken Industry Execs Face DOJ's Third Trial Over Price-Fixin**, Dan Papsacun, June 6, 2022, 1:12 PM

The Department of Justice is launching its third attempt at convincing a jury that some chicken manufacturing executives violated federal antitrust law by colluding to fix prices. The trial against current and former executives of Claxton Poultry Farms and Pilgrim's Pride Corp., which starts Monday in the US District Court for the District of Colorado, underscores the DOJ antitrust regulators' insistence on seeing their claims

through to the end despite skepticism from industry proponents and even the court's judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Forbes: Bitcoin Leads Crypto Fraud As FTC Confirms \$1 Billion Milestone**, Rosemarie Miller, June 6, 2022, 11:21 AM

Victims have lost over \$1 billion in cryptocurrency scams between January 2021 and March 2022 according to a report released by the Federal Trade Commission on Friday. Over 46,000 people have lost money in crypto fraud since the beginning of 2021 making it the leading source of payment scams. Bitcoin made up 70% of crypto-related scams followed by tether at 10% and Ethereum at 9%. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ENVIRONMENT

**Law360: Montana Tribes Drop Keystone Pipeline Challenge**, Clark Mindock, June 6, 2022, 6:44 PM

A fight between the federal government and Montana tribes over approvals for the TC Energy's Keystone Pipeline came to an end Monday, over a year after President Joe Biden revoked a key permit for the project. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Feds, Developer Say Lithium Mine Challenge Falls Flat**, Morgan Conley, June 6, 2022, 4:37 PM

The federal government and the developer of a lithium mine in Nevada have turned their attention toward fighting efforts by a local ranch and conservation groups to void federal approvals for the mining project, arguing the authorizations adhered to federal land management and environmental law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Feds Assert New Power To Move Species Based On Climate**, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, June 6, 2022, 4:33 PM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday proposed a rule that would for the first time explicitly authorize the agency to reintroduce endangered or threatened species into suitable habitats that may be outside their historical domains. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## TAX

**Law360: US Asks 6th Circ. To Pause Tax Challenge By Ky. And Tenn.**, Maria Koklanaris, June 6, 2022, 6:22 PM

A challenge by Kentucky and Tennessee of a federal law's prohibition against using coronavirus aid to offset tax cuts should be halted until there is a ruling on a similar challenge by Ohio, the U.S. government told the Sixth Circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KETK-NBC (Longview, TX): DOJ sues to close Longview tax preparation company for \$53 million fraud case**, Cynthia Miranda, June 6, 2022, 6:42 PM

The United States Justice Department filed a civil injunction suit to permanently bar JRC Elite Tax Solutions LLC in Longview and several people from preparing federal income tax returns for others. The lawsuit was announced on May 31 and prohibits Jason Elias Briley; Roxann Ladawn Johnson; Alexander McKenzie; Courtney Jones; Derek Brooks; Deanna McKenzie; Erbia Lewis; Patrick McKenzie from providing these services, according to the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**AP: FBI Warns Businesses in 8 Southern States of Fraud Scheme**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 1:23 PM

The FBI in North Carolina is warning businesses in eight states about a scheme in which people are using stolen credit card numbers to make large purchases by telephone. A news release from the agency's Charlotte Division on Monday says victims have been targeted in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, West Virginia, and Kentucky. The FBI said that so far in 2022, more than 100 businesses have been targeted, including tire stores, furniture stores, lumber companies, trailer businesses, and appliance stores. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: 2nd person arrested in Philadelphia mass shooting**, Phil Helsel and Gemma Dicasimirro, June 6, 2022, 10:21 PM

A second person wanted in connection with a deadly mass shooting in Philadelphia has been apprehended, officials said Monday. The person, arrested Monday, was not immediately identified. Philadelphia police said the person was arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service. Three people died and 12 others were injured after gunfire erupted in Philadelphia's bustling South Street entertainment district late Saturday, officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ABC: 3 Missouri inmates still on the run after making holes in ceiling, escaping jail**, Will Mcduffie and Teddy Grant, June 6, 2022, 8:46 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service is looking for three men after they climbed through holes they made in the ceiling of their cells and escaped out the back door of the Barry County Jail in southwest Missouri early Friday morning. The Barry County Sheriff's Office said in Facebook posts that the men, two of whom were booked on drug charges and the other on a stealing charge, broke out of jail overnight. They should be considered armed and dangerous, the sheriff's office said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Honolulu Star-Advertiser (Hawaii): FBI and Maui police make drug and gambling arrests**, Peter Boylan, June 7, 2022, 6:00 AM

FBI agents and Maui police Monday announced the arrests of four men who allegedly ran gambling operations behind legitimate business fronts and moved methamphetamine and cocaine from the mainland to sell on Oahu and Maui. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Cherokee Tribune (Canton, Georgia): Cherokee fire department, sheriff's office join forces to create SWAT medic team**, Dana Afana, June 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services and the Cherokee Sheriff's Office have joined forces to create a SWAT medic team. [...] The medics are the first line for care for any team member, citizen, or victim within a SWAT operation. They are often deployed by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), U.S. Marshal's Service, FBI, and other federal and local agencies for high-risk warrant services to provide emergency medicine if needed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW (Wilmington, NC): FBI warns businesses of fraud scheme in NC, and 7 other southern states**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 10:00 PM

The FBI in North Carolina is warning businesses in eight states about a scheme in which people are using stolen credit card numbers to make large purchases by telephone. A news release from the agency's Charlotte Division on Monday says victims have been targeted in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, West Virginia, and Kentucky. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCBD-NBC/CW (Charleston, SC): FBI: Criminal group making large purchases with stolen credit cards in the South**, Scott Den Herder, June 6, 2022, 9:48 PM



A criminal group operating in the South is making large purchases with stolen credit cards and then hiring unsuspecting people online to transport the merchandise, according to the FBI's Charlotte Division. So far this year, the group has used stolen credit cards to make purchases at more than 100 businesses in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, West Virginia, and Kentucky, said Shelley Lynch, public affairs specialist with FBI Charlotte Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCNC-NBC (Charlotte, NC): [VIDEO] FBI is warning businesses of a multi-state fraud scheme**, Unattributed June 6, 2022, 7:42 PM

So far in 2022, more than 100 businesses have been targeted, including tire stores, furniture stores, lumber companies, trailer businesses and appliance stores. [[Watch](#)]

**KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): Casa Grande Police arrest local man for terrorist threats**, Anne Simmons, June 6, 2022, 7:29 PM

Casa Grande Police arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 19, on Sunday, June 5 following an investigation by the FBI into recent terrorist threats he had made online. [...] According to CGPD, the FBI informed the department that Bowen had made various threats to conduct mass shootings at a high school, movie theater and police department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WPXI-NBC (Pittsburgh, PA): FBI warning NC businesses about this scam**, Judith Retana, June 6, 2022, 6:36 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigations is tracking a fraudulent scheme it has detected in eight states including North Carolina. The FBI Charlotte Division said fraudsters are using stolen credit card numbers to make large purchases over the telephone. They said more than 100 businesses have been targeted so far this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KEYE-CBS (Austin, TX): US Marshals offering \$5K reward for woman wanted in murder of pro cyclist in East Austin**, Jessica Taylor, June 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

The search continues for 34-year-old Kaitlin Marie Armstrong, a suspect in the murder of Anna "Moriah" Wilson. U.S. Marshals have upgraded it to a major case and are offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to her arrest. Deputy U.S. Marshal Brandon Filla says as of last week, they've received 40 tips in the case, and 10 were deemed "very credible." Those leads brought them to the Newark Liberty International Airport. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KLKN-ABC (Lincoln, NE): \$20,000 reward offered for info on York, Geneva bank robberies**, Jordan Himes, June 6, 2022, 4:59 PM

The Nebraska Bankers Association is offering an award of up to \$20,000 for information that may lead to the arrest of anyone involved in recent bank robberies. [...] The Fillmore County Sheriff's Office and the FBI are looking for a suspect involved in a bank robbery on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): FBI arrests suspect for allegedly robbing Phoenix credit union**, Jordan Himes, June 6, 2022, 4:53 PM

FBI agents in Phoenix have arrested a suspect accused of robbing a local credit union last month. Claney Taylor, 54, is suspected of conducting a "take-down" robbery on May 12 at Copper State Credit Union, located near Thomas Road and 19th Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Federal judge OKs Oklahoma's lethal injection method**, Sean Murphy, June 6, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal judge in Oklahoma on Monday ruled the state's three-drug lethal injection method is constitutional, paving the way for the state to request execution dates for more than two dozen death row inmates who were plaintiffs in the case. Judge Stephen Friot's ruling followed a six-day federal trial earlier this year in which attorneys for 28 death row inmates argued the first of the three drugs, the sedative midazolam, is not adequate to render an inmate unable to feel pain and creates a risk of severe pain and suffering that violates the U.S. Constitution's Eighth Amendment prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KFOR-NBC \(Oklahoma City, OK\)](#), [NPR](#)

**CBS: Judge rejects Arizona death row inmate's appeal, says Constitution "does not require a pain-free execution"**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 11:09 AM

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

**Law360: Feds Decry Ex-Commissioner's Bid To Slash 28-Year Sentence**, Alyssa Aquino, June 6, 2022, 7:08 PM

Federal prosecutors urged an Ohio federal judge against slashing the majority of an ex-county commissioner's 28-year prison sentence for a bribery scheme, saying that recent developments in the case warranted trimming the original sentence by only a few years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: High court won't hear appeal over McCloskeys' law licenses**, Jim Salter, June 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to hear an appeal from Mark and Patricia McCloskey, the husband-and-wife attorneys whose law licenses were placed on probation for pointing guns at racial injustice protesters outside their St. Louis mansion in 2020. Mark McCloskey, who is seeking the Republican nomination for one of Missouri's U.S. Senate seats in the August primary, said he wasn't surprised by the high court's decision since it takes up relatively few cases. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court rules Southwest Airlines cannot force wage suit into arbitration**, Daniel Wiessner, June 6, 2022, 1:32 PM

Southwest Airlines Co (LUV.N) cannot force a baggage handler's class action lawsuit over overtime pay into private arbitration, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Monday in a decision with costly potential implications for companies including [Amazon.com Inc \(AMZN.O\)](#) and Uber Technologies Inc (UBER.N) that employ many transportation workers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [SCOTUSblog](#), [WSJ](#)

**Reuters: Abortion rights protester locks neck to U.S. Supreme Court fence**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 1:12 PM

An abortion rights protester on Monday chained himself to a perimeter fence set up outside the U.S. Supreme Court to protest its expected decision overturning the landmark 1973 Roe v Wade ruling that legalized the procedure nationwide. The man, who secured a heavy-duty U-shaped bicycle lock around his neck, chanted "Overturn Roe? Hell no!" as a group of anti-abortion protesters marched and shouted back at him, carrying signs with slogans including "Protection at Conception." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court finds 2017 bankruptcy fee increase was unconstitutional**, Dietrich

Knauth, June 6, 2022, 1:01 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Monday that a 2017 law that increased government fees for many Chapter 11 debtors is unconstitutional because it failed to uniformly apply the fees in all U.S. states. The Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of a liquidating trust for Circuit City Stores Inc, which filed for bankruptcy in 2008 in Richmond, Virginia and was still in Chapter 11 when the 2017 law took effect. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**USA Today: Chief Justice John Roberts facing test of leadership amid tense time at Supreme Court,**

John Fritze, June 7, 2022, 5:07 AM

Chief Justice John Roberts had a consistent message at his confirmation hearing 17 years ago: His approach, he said then, would be one of restraint and stability at the Supreme Court. "Given my view of the role of a judge, which focuses on the appropriate modesty and humility, the notion of dramatic departures is not one that I would hold out much hope for," Roberts said at his 2005 hearing when asked if he thought the court's methods would vary from that of his predecessor, Chief Justice William Rehnquist. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: New York Officials Fear Supreme Court Ruling Will Mean More Gun Crime,** Jonah E. Bromwich,

June 6, 2022, 8:00 PM

Every weekday morning in a nondescript office building in downtown Manhattan, representatives from dozens of law enforcement agencies meet to discuss gun arrests and shootings in New York City from the day before. Already this year, the New York Police Department has recovered more than 3,000 guns, and such arrests have hit a 28-year-high. But across the city and state, authorities are bracing for a ruling, expected from the United States Supreme Court this month, which could strike down a century-old New York State law that places strict limits on the carrying of handguns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox: [OPINION] Supreme Court abortion ruling will boost left's court-packing push,** Sen. Mike Lee,

June 7, 2022, 2:00 AM

Roe v. Wade was decided when I was only 17 months old. I've known what it meant for most of my life. When I was about 10, my dad sat me down and explained the decision to me. I reacted by telling him that it seemed doubly problematic, because abortion policy should be a matter of state law rather than federal, to be decided by legislatures rather than judges. My dad was a genuinely happy person — one with a wide range of interests and boundless intellectual curiosity — but he seemed especially delighted by that answer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: White House braces for the death of Roe v. Wade,** Morgan Chalfant and Alex Gangitano, June 7,

2022, 5:23 AM

The White House is quietly preparing for a Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade, a consequential decision expected to come this month that will create immediate pressure to respond and take action. Members of the administration have held listening sessions with state officials, advocacy groups and other stakeholders on abortion rights regarding the legal barriers to abortion already in place in certain states. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**SCOTUSblog: [OPINION] Justices validate states' right to take tort recoveries from Medicaid beneficiaries,** Ronald Mann, June 6, 2022, 9:34 PM

The Supreme Court on Monday resolved a narrow question of statutory interpretation under the Medicaid Act and expanded the ability of states to recoup health care costs from accident victims. The court held that a state Medicaid program seeking to reimburse itself for past medical expenses that it has paid can take from the injured party any portion of a tort settlement that is allocated to medical expenses — even the portion that reflects compensation to the injured party for future medical expenses that the state Medicaid program has not yet paid (and might never pay). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*SCOTUSblog*: **Justices will analyze statute of limitations in Quiet Title Act**, Amy Howe, June 6, 2022, 12:44 PM

The Supreme Court on Monday morning added one new case to its docket for the 2022-23 term, a technical dispute over the binding nature of the statute of limitations for a federal property law. The justices also invited the federal government to submit its views in a dispute over immunity for corporations that work on behalf of foreign governments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*SCOTUSblog*: **[OPINION] Court holds disparate fees in business bankruptcy cases unconstitutional**, Ronald Mann, June 6, 2022, 12:01 PM

The justices took the easy and simple path in Siegel v. Fitzgerald, unanimously agreeing on Monday that a statute that imposes higher fees on bankruptcy filers in 48 states than in the other two states is so far from “uniform” that it transgresses the Constitution’s requirement that Congress provide “uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Miami Herald*: **U.S. Supreme Court rules for Florida, against victim in dispute over Medicaid funding**, Jim Saunders, June 6, 2022, 1:55 PM

Nearly 14 years after a Lee County girl was catastrophically injured when she was hit by a truck, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday said Florida’s Medicaid program can recoup a chunk of the money it paid for her initial care. Justices, in a 7-2 opinion, sided with the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration in a case that drew attention from officials across the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

*AP*: **Los Angeles-based lawyer nominated as district U.S. attorney**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 8:00 PM  
President Joe Biden on Monday nominated E. Martin Estrada as U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, the most populous district in the country. Estrada was an assistant U.S. attorney in the district from 2007 to 2014 and is now a Los Angeles-based partner at San Francisco-based Munger, Tolles, & Olson LLP, where he has practiced since 2014. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#)

*AP*: **Biden nominates Wight for Oregon’s top federal prosecutor**, Unattributed, June 6, 2022, 6:00 PM  
President Joe Biden has nominated Natalie K. Wight to serve as U.S. Attorney for Oregon. Wight has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for Oregon since 2012. She previously worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Northern California and as an attorney at the Federal Bureau of Prisons from 2003 to 2008. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Oregonian \(Portland, OR\)](#):

*WCSC-CBS (Charleston, SC)*: **Biden nominates new U.S. attorney for Los Angeles region, Patrick Phillips**, June 6, 2022, 7:29 PM

President Joe Biden announced he will nominate a woman to serve as the next U.S. Attorney for the state of South Carolina. Biden named Adair Ford Boroughs as his nominee for the role Monday afternoon. If she is confirmed, she would be only the second woman to serve in the role. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

*Law360*: **Tribe Asks 9th Circ. To Revisit Arbitration Row With Union**, Andrew Westney, June 6, 2022, 8:48 PM

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation has urged the Ninth Circuit to rethink its ruling that an arbitrator

must handle a dispute with a union seeking to represent the tribe's casino workers, saying it's up to federal courts to determine whether unions must follow the National Labor Relations Act in efforts to unionize tribal employees. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Oklahoma Judge Won't Block Fort Sill Apache Casino**, Caleb Symons, June 6, 2022, 4:33 PM

A new casino run by the Fort Sill Apache Tribe may open as planned this month after a federal judge in Oklahoma rebuffed two other tribes' bid to temporarily shutter the facility while they contest ownership of its location within their shared reservation. In his ruling Friday, U. S. District Judge Charles B. Goodwin seemed unconvinced by the lawsuit, which the Kiowa Tribe and the Comanche Nation filed last month, that claims the Fort Sill Apache had unlawfully acquired 160 acres on their reservation for that tribe's new Warm Springs Casino. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

**Marijuana Moment: U.S. Mayors Approve Resolution Demanding Congress Fix Marijuana Banking Issues And End Prohibition**, Kyle Jaeger, June 6, 2022, 2:30 PM

An organization representing mayors from across the U.S. adopted a resolution imploring Congress to pass a bill to safeguard banks that work with state-legal marijuana businesses from federal penalties. The U.S. Conference of Mayors approved the measure during the body's 90th annual meeting on Monday. Last year, the organization adopted a separate measure calling for an end federal cannabis prohibition and promoting social equity in the industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: A Growing Industry Navigates Conflicting State and Federal Cannabis Laws**, Kyle Jaeger, June 6, 2022, 1:30 PM

Recent years have seen major shifts in the legal landscape governing cannabis. Nearly all states have passed varying levels of legalization, spanning from medical and/or recreational use to permitting the use of low-THC products. This has resulted in a patchwork of state laws and regulations for the growing field of cannabis products, which is only made more complex by contrasting federal law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Marijuana Moment: Marijuana Regulators And Stakeholders Hold Closed-Door Conference To Discuss Future Of Reform And Industry Challenges**, Kyle Jaeger, June 6, 2022, 9:30 PM

Marijuana government regulators, trade associations and businesses are meeting for a two-day conference beginning on Monday to help chart a path forward as the state-by-state legalization movement continues to grow amid relative federal stagnation. The cannabis stakeholders will strategize about a wide range of policy considerations ranging from promoting equity in the industry to interstate commerce to creating rules around emerging cannabinoids. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## OPIOID CRISIS

**Bloomberg: Sackler Criminal Case Sought by Connecticut AG Over Opioids**, Jef Feeley and Jeremy Hill, June 6, 2022, 6:30 PM

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said he'll ask the state's top prosecutor to consider criminal charges against members of the billionaire Sackler family over improper marketing of the opioid painkiller OxyContin by their company, Purdue Pharma LP. While the Sacklers agreed in March with Connecticut and other states to pay as much as \$6 billion to resolve all opioid lawsuits against Purdue and themselves as part of a bankruptcy case, that deal doesn't preclude prosecutors from exploring a criminal case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

*USA Today*: **Biden wants action on guns even if he doesn't get everything he asked for: White House**, Maureen Groppe, June 6, 2022, 5:53 PM

President Joe Biden views any legislation Congress might pass to address gun violence as better than no legislation, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Monday. Sen. Chris Murphy, the Democrat leading negotiations with Senate Republicans on gun measures, has said incremental steps are more likely than a sweeping bill. While Biden is "always going to call for more," Jean-Pierre said, "we want to see action." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CONGRESS

*The Hill*: **The Memo: Gun reform advocates will take what they can get from Senate talks**, Niall Stanage, June 7, 2022, 5:23 AM

Any change to the gun laws after mass shootings in Buffalo, N.Y., and Uvalde, Texas, looks sure to be modest. But the fact that it might happen at all is giving hope to reformers. Talks in the Senate spearheaded by Sens. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and John Cornyn (R-Texas) are for now focused on providing incentives for states to introduce "red flag" laws and expanding background checks. Lots of changes that the anti-gun violence movement wants are off the table for now. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 6, 2022

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Tom Llamas**

- At least 17 people were killed and nearly 70 others were injured in a string of mass shootings from Philadelphia to Chattanooga over the weekend. So far this year, there have been 246 mass shootings, and more than 700 children have been killed by firearms. [\[ABC, CBS, CBS-2, NBC\]](#)
- Five top members of the right-wing group the Proud Boys are facing new federal charges of seditious conspiracy for their alleged roles in the Jan 6th assault on the Capitol. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- US authorities moved to seize two luxury jets belonging to Russian oligarch and former Chelsea Football Club owner, Roman Abramovich. Meanwhile, President Zelenskyy said Russian troops are closing in on key cities in the southeast after launching new missile strikes on Kyiv. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Boris Johnson has narrowly survived a vote of no confidence by his own conservative party. The vote, which could have cost him his job as Prime Minister, was prompted by a string of scandals, including the so-called "Partygate." [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
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A retired judge in Wisconsin was shot and killed in his home on Friday by a gunman with a purported hit list that included several prominent elected leaders. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- More storms are in the forecast this week with severe thunderstorms, hail and damaging winds from the Plains to the midwest. Elsewhere, heat advisories warnings are in effect across Texas as temperatures are expected to top 100 degrees. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Fourth-grade teacher Arnulfo Reyes was wounded but survived the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde. He shared his story [[ABC](#)]
- The average cost for a gallon of gas has reached another historic high at \$4.86. The state average in California is \$6.34 and one station is even asking for nearly \$10 a gallon. [[NBC](#)]
- President Biden is hosting the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, this week. Today, the President of Mexico announced that he is refusing to attend as the U.S. is not inviting Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua over their lack of Democratic values. [[CBS](#)]

## MORNING HEADLINES

- “Russia Is Weaponizing Food Supplies, Europe Says” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Proud Boys Charged With Sedition in Capitol Attack” [[NYT](#)]
- “Fake Trump electors in Ga. told to shroud plans in ‘secrecy,’ email shows” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Confidence in LAPD plunges, poll finds, but voters don’t want to shrink force” [[LAT](#)]

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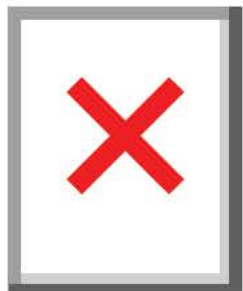
*Welcome to The Daily 202! Tell your friends to [sign up here](#). On this day in 1961, playwright, director, and caustic wit George S. Kaufman, 71, died in New York. So many great lines to choose from. Here's one of my favorite Kaufman stories. Watching a particularly grating leading-man performance, Kaufman sent the actor a telegram: "Watching your performance from the rear of the theater. Wish you were here."*

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## The big idea

Five questions about U.S. help for Ukraine



National Security Agency Director Gen. Paul Nakasone, the head of the U.S. Cyber Command, told SkyNews that the U.S. has conducted offensive cyber operations against Russia in support of Ukraine. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

**President Biden** has made it official: Ukraine will be getting a new \$700 million wave of military aid, including the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) that will expand its ability to strike Russian positions more accurately and from much farther away.

To limit the risk of escalation — well, ok, further escalation, since Russia is hopping mad about the HIMARS — **the United States has secured promises from Ukraine not to use the system to strike targets on Russian soil.**

Tucked away in a White House telephone briefing held Tuesday night “on background” (one in which the officials’ names are known to the reporters but the information can only be attributed anonymously) was **a very interesting question**. One which — spoiler — didn’t get an answer.

I’m using it as my first of five new questions about U.S. assistance for Ukraine.

**ONE:** *Is this the first/only time Washington has imposed a restriction on how Kyiv’s forces may use a weapons system provided by the United States or its allies?*

Take it away, “Senior Administration Official.”



**“Beyond what I just described in terms of assurances that we got from Ukrainians, I’m not going to get into any further operational discussions that we’ve had with them about how they will or won’t use the systems they’re being provided.”**

The reporter tried again.

**“I’m not going to get into any other restrictions, assurances, or anything else that may or may not have been provided by the Ukrainians,”** the official said.

That’s a really interesting question, one made even more interesting by [this report](#) from Mike Stone of Reuters on Wednesday: **“The Biden administration plans to sell Ukraine four MQ-1C Gray Eagle drones that can be armed with Hellfire missiles** for battlefield use against Russia, three people familiar with the situation

said.”

Mike, who cautioned the plan could still fall through, noted the Gray Eagle can fly longer and farther than unmanned aerial vehicles Ukraine has received and used in the conflict to date, and can carry eight Hellfires.

**“The sale is significant because it puts an advanced reusable U.S. system capable of multiple deep strikes on the battlefield against Russia for the first time,” Mike wrote.**

Would Biden obtain assurances for HIMARS, but not for a long-range, missile-equipped drone?

**TWO:** *When is a U.S. cyberattack not a violation of Biden’s policy of avoiding direct conflict with Russia?*

This came up because of a report from Alexander Martin of **Sky News**, who quoted **Army Gen. Paul M. Nakasone**, the head of the U.S. Cyber Command and director of the National Security Agency, as saying the U.S. has conducted offensive cyber operations against Russia in support of Ukraine.

“General Nakasone confirmed for the first time that **the US was conducting offensive hacking operations in support of Ukraine** in response to the Russian invasion.”



“He told Sky News: ‘We’ve conducted a series of operations across the full spectrum; offensive, defensive, [and] information operations.’”

**There’s obviously a difference** between a cyberattack that collapses a power grid or shuts down a hospital and a “hunt forward” effort to identify and neutralize enemy cyberweapons. Still, Biden has repeatedly promised no “direct” conflict between the United States and Russia. **Isn’t there a contradiction there?**

“We just don’t see it as such,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters at her briefing. She did not elaborate.

A National Security Council official said Jean-Pierre was reiterating “the longstanding U.S. position to work to disrupt malicious cyber activity and disinformation, and defend the U.S. and our allies and partners around the world from a range of threats.”

**THREE:** *How bad are Ukraine’s losses in its eastern Donbas region?*

**Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky** told Newsmax in an interview that aired Tuesday “**we are losing 60-100 soldiers per day**, as killed in action, and something around like 500 people as wounded in action.”

Around the time **Russian President Vladimir Putin** expanded the war, on Feb. 24, Ukraine was estimated to have a standing military of about 200,000.

**FOUR:** *What can the United States and its allies do about Russia's Black Sea blockade of Ukrainian ports, which has stranded the country's wheat, barley, and sunflower oil exports, threatening dozens of countries with prospects of a food crisis?*

My colleague Mary Ilyushina reported Wednesday how Russia keeps blaming the sanctions it's under for what may be shaping up to be "**quite a profound food crisis**," in the words of Kremlin spokesman **Dmitry Peskov**.

"The war and Russia's blockade of Ukraine's Black Sea ports have halted much of these exports. The Ukrainian transport hubs are also heavily mined. Moscow linked the resumption of food supplies to clearing the ports of mines, but the Ukrainians fear this could lead to a renewed Russian attempt to seize key locations on the coastline with amphibious assaults," Mary noted.

The United States has rejected calls to ease sanctions. There have been efforts to get the food exports out by train, but the process is much slower than by ship. An American general recently hinted the U.S. military might have to get involved, even as world leaders seek a diplomatic breakthrough.

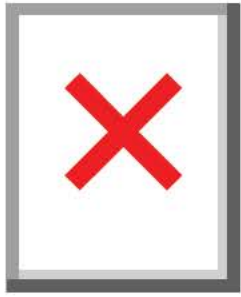
**FIVE:** *What arms will Ukraine ask for next?*

It's been a pretty good barometer of how they think they're doing against Russia.

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## **What's happening now**

WSJ poll: Most Americans support upholding *Roe v. Wade*



Michele Peterson of Silver Spring, Md., holds a sign as she protests against the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion decision outside the Supreme Court on May 24. (Oiver Contreras/The Washington Post)



“More than two-thirds of Americans want to uphold *Roe v. Wade*, and most favor women having access to legal abortion for any reason, according to a new **Wall Street Journal** poll that shows a four-decade evolution in the country’s viewpoints regarding the procedure,” the WSJ's Catherine Lucey reports.

- “In the survey, 68% of respondents said they wouldn’t like to see the court completely overturn *Roe*, while 30% said they support that move.”

### Tulsa gunman’s motive in killing 4 at hospital under investigation

“Authorities are investigating the motive behind a shooting at a Tulsa hospital on Wednesday in which a man killed at least four people before turning a gun on himself, police said, in the latest mass shooting to beset the nation... **Investigators declined to identify the gunman Wednesday, citing the preliminary nature of the investigation, but said the attack was not random,**” Timothy Bella and Bryan Pietsch report.

### House Judiciary Committee poised to advance emergency gun measures

“Today, the House Judiciary Committee is poised to advance legislation billed as an emergency response to recent mass shootings, including the school massacre in Uvalde, Tex. **The Protecting Our Kids Act, among other things, would raise the purchase age of an assault weapon from 18 to 21 and attempt to crack down on large-capacity magazines and 'ghost guns.'** It does not include an assault weapons ban,” John Wagner and Eugene Scott report for Post Politics Now.

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## THE WAR IN UKRAINE

### Zelensky says Russia holds 20% of nation

“Ukraine is suffering significant setbacks in parts of the country’s east, amid grueling street-by-street battles in the key city of Severodonetsk, with the British Defense Ministry saying that most of the city is now in Russian hands. After nearly 100 days of fighting, Russian forces now control 20 percent of the country, according to Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelensky**,” [Rachel Pannett, Amy Cheng, Victoria Bisset and Ellen Francis report](#).

### More key updates:

- [Ukraine’s first lady urges Americans: ‘Don’t get used to our pain’](#)
- [Russian missile strikes in Lviv region damage infrastructure](#)

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## Lunchtime reads from The Post

### Watchdog opens probe into huge Social Security fines to poor, disabled

“An independent watchdog this week opened a broad investigation into Social Security Inspector General **Gail Ennis** and her office following a Washington Post report that revealed how an anti-fraud program has imposed massive penalties on disabled and elderly people,” [Lisa Rein reports](#).

“The inquiry by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), a group that investigates misconduct allegations against inspectors general, comes as **Ennis has been directed by the acting Social Security commissioner to suspend the program amid mounting political pressure.**”

### Funeral after funeral, Uvalde’s only Catholic priest leans on faith

“Scribbled on the whiteboard affixed to a rectory wall inside Sacred Heart Catholic Church was a somber list: funeral after funeral, sometimes two in one day, that will all take place here for students and teachers killed last week at Robb Elementary School,” Teo Armus reports.

“Inside the rectory, **Father Eduardo Morales** met with families of victims, took calls from ministries around the country and prepared to lead an evening Mass for a small group of parishioners — a prelude of sorts to the relentless sorrow that awaits him for the next two weeks.”

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## ... and beyond

Five years. Five shootings. 87 dead in Texas. What gun laws could've applied in each case?



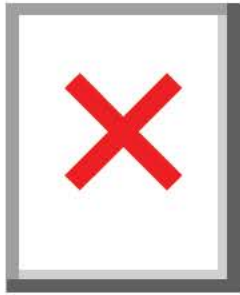
Matthew Soano leaves sunflowers at a memorial on Wednesday to honor the victims killed in last week's elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Tex. (Jae C. Hong/AP)

“The **Dallas Morning News** looked into the preventive measures, criminal penalties or enforcement mechanisms raised after each of these five mass shooting events and reviewed which would have applied in each case. Then, we asked state leaders whether they support any of these proposals,” the DMN’s Lauren McGaughy reports.



## The Biden agenda

As gas prices soar, Biden leans toward visiting Saudi Arabia



President Biden speaks to members of the media following meeting virtually with baby formula manufacturers on Wednesday. (A Drago/Bloomberg News)

“President Joe Biden is leaning towards making a visit to Saudi Arabia — a trip that would likely bring him face-to-face with the Saudi crown prince he once shunned as a killer,” the **Associated Press**'s Aamer Madhani and Ellen Knickmeyer report.

Education Dept. to clear \$5.8B in debt of Corinthian Colleges students

“In the Education Department’s largest group cancellation of federal student loans, the Biden administration will forgive \$5.8 billion in debt held by 560,000 former students of the defunct for-profit chain Corinthian Colleges, the department said Wednesday,” Danielle Douglas-Gabriel reports.

### Biden says he heard late about baby formula shortage

“President Biden said Wednesday that he did not become aware of the baby formula shortage until about two months after industry leaders knew they faced a major crisis, raising new questions about the administration’s monitoring and handling of the problem,” Tyler Pager reports.

### Trade dialogue between U.S. and Taiwan begins

“The Biden administration said on Wednesday that it would pursue negotiations to strengthen trade and technology ties with Taiwan, a move that is aimed at countering China’s influence in the Asia-Pacific region and one that is likely to rankle Beijing,” the New York Times's Ana Swanson reports.

### Biden administration announces railroad infrastructure grants

“A passenger line extension in central Florida, removal of at-grade crossings in Texas and a new engineering program at a historically Black university in Baltimore are all beneficiaries of more than \$368 million in railroad infrastructure grants being announced Thursday by the Biden administration,” Roll Call's Niels Lesniewski reports.

### Biden administration to cut costs for wind and solar energy projects

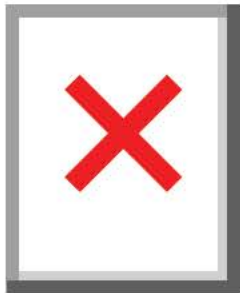
“The Biden administration said on Wednesday it would cut in half the amount it charges companies to build wind and solar projects on federal lands, a move designed to encourage development of renewable energy,” the NYT's Lisa Friedman reports.



## Buffalo's food desert, visualized

"An 18-year-old gunman opened fire on Tops Friendly Market grocery store on Jefferson Avenue on May 14, killing 10 shoppers and employees — all of whom were Black — and injuring three more," Jacob Bogage reports.

"Locals say the attack feels like a symptom of generations of destructive policies in Buffalo. **Now it has worsened another persistent problem: With its main grocery store closed, the East Side is running low on food.**"



**Hot on the left**

## California calls for ‘comprehensive reparations’ for Black Americans

“In a 500-page report released Wednesday, a legislatively-mandated task force argues that the present-day wealth gap between Black and White Americans in California and the rest of the country is the direct result of slavery, Jim Crow laws, redlining and other government policies that locked Black Americans into failing schools and over-policed communities,” [Emmanuel Felton reports](#).

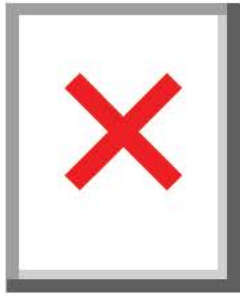
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## Hot on the right

House Republicans to unveil conservative road map on climate, energy





House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) on May 11. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

**“The strategy calls for streamlining the permitting process for large infrastructure projects, increasing domestic fossil fuel production and boosting exports of U.S. liquefied natural gas, which proponents say is cleaner than gas produced in other countries, according to the individuals, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe details that are not yet public,”** Maxine Joselow and Jeff Stein reports.



## Today in Washington

Biden will depart the White House for Rehoboth Beach, Del., at 5:30 p.m., where he is scheduled to arrive at 6:30.

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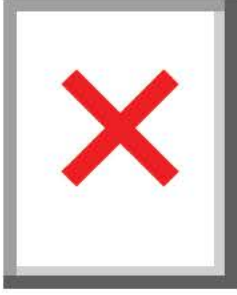


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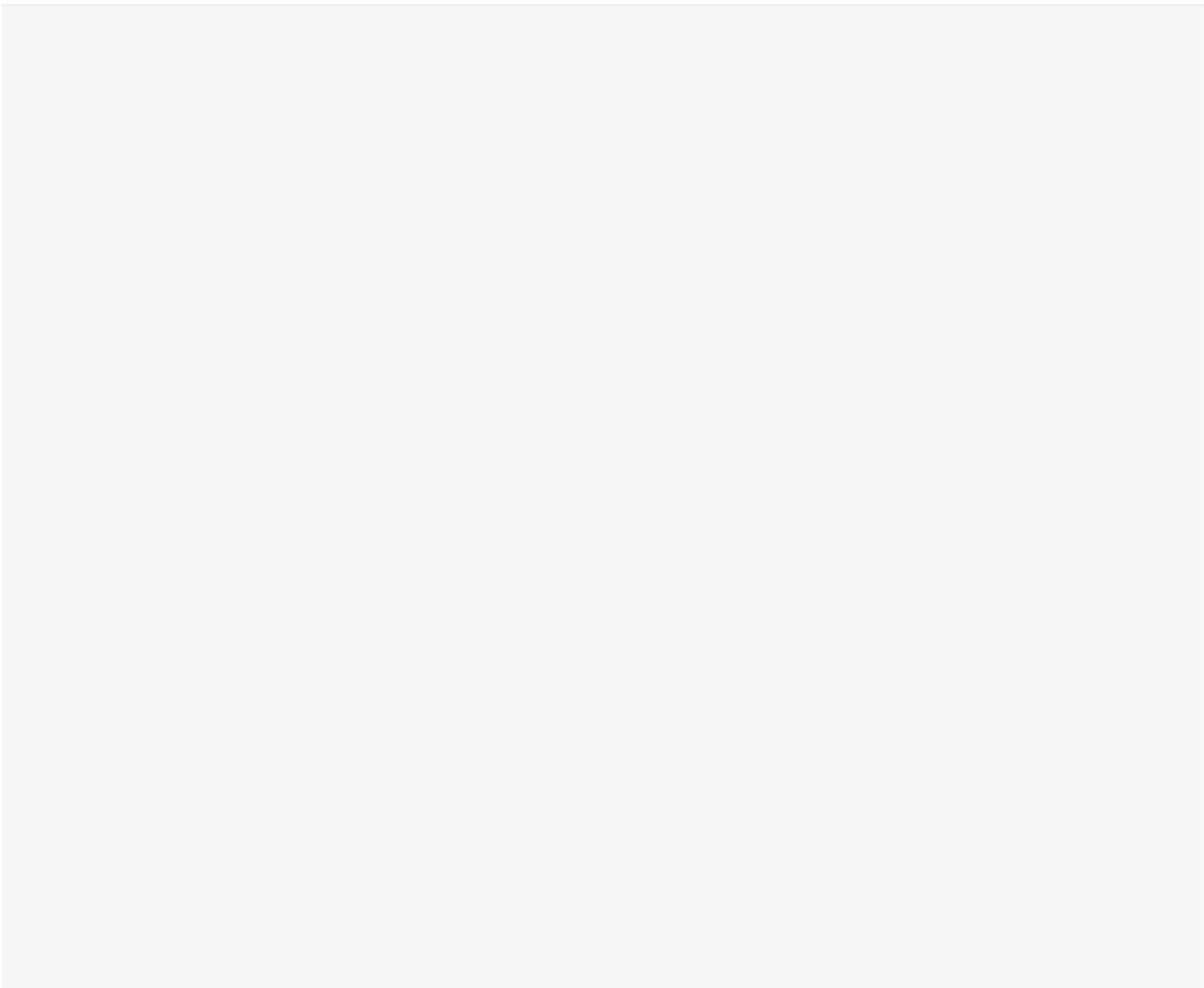
Time for a Turkey rebrand? Introducing: Türkiye

**“Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu has sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting that his country be referred to as ‘Türkiye,’** the state-run news agency reported. The move is seen as part of a push by Ankara to rebrand the country and dissociate its name from the bird, turkey, and some negative connotations that are associated with it,” **the AP reports.**

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## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

**USA Today: 'Unacceptable, dangerous': AG Garland slams threats against Supreme Court justices amid Roe protests**, Kevin Johnson, John Fritze, May 18, 2022, 6:54 PM  
Attorney General Merrick Garland Wednesday condemned rising threats targeting Supreme Court justices amid continuing protests over a leaked draft opinion that would overturn the landmark abortion decision Roe v. Wade. Following a meeting with federal law enforcement officials including the Supreme Court's chief security official, Garland said authorities would "take all appropriate actions to further enhance the security of justices and the court."  
[\[Continue Reading\]](#) [Axios](#), [Axios-2](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**WaPo: Urgency mounts for Justice Dept's Buffalo probe**, David Nakamura, May 18, 2022, 5:54 PM  
The day after a gunman killed 10 Black people in a Buffalo grocery store, Damon Hewitt's phone rang. On the line was Attorney General Merrick Garland. Garland was contacting civil rights leaders to reinforce his pledge that the Justice Department would pursue a hate-crime investigation. Hewitt, the president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, did not mince words: What is needed to combat domestic extremism and racist violence, he told Garland, is a Marshall Plan-style approach to galvanize federal attention and resources.  
[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**LAT: Former L.A. public defender picked to lead federal Access to Justice office**, Sarah D. Wire, May 19, 2022, 5:00 AM  
During a college internship at the Orange County Public Defender's office, Rachel Rossi was sent to the local jail. She was given a simple instruction: Ask people who had recently been arrested what they need. "Do you need medication? Is your family OK? Are your kids OK?" In that role and seeing the racial disparities of people who are in the system, but also seeing

just the humanity of the people, it sold me that this was where my passion, my fight would be,” Rossi told The Times in an interview. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: 'Garland, NAACP president will meet on danger of white supremacy**, Kevin Johnson, John Fritze, May 18, 2022, 6:46 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland will meet with NAACP President Derrick Johnson on Friday to discuss the danger of white supremacy and how it is being fed online. The meeting comes after a gunman killed 10 people and wounded three at a supermarket in Buffalo, N.Y., in a predominantly Black neighborhood. The suspect arrested in the killings shared plans of his attack online before the shootings and made it clear he hoped others would follow him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Justice Dept. Employees Urge Administration to Grant Leave for Out-of-State Abortions**, Katie Benner, May 18, 2022, 6:07 PM

Justice Department employees pressed the Biden administration on Wednesday to grant federal employees time off if they or their family members need to travel out of state to obtain abortions. The request puts the administration in a potentially tricky position: either denying a benefit even as several large companies have made accommodations in the area, or granting one that pits it against state governments that restrict access to the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#)

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**AP: Court considers whether US can seize a Russian yacht in Fiji**, Nick Perry, May 19, 2022, 5:00 AM

At Lautoka harbor in the heart of Fiji's sugar cane region, five U.S. federal agents boarded the Russian-owned Amadea, a luxurious superyacht the length of a football field. “They want to take 20 crew and sail east!” the ship's captain wrote in a frantic May 5 WhatsApp message to lawyer Feizal Haniff, who represents the company that legally owns the superyacht. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Spy agencies urged to fix open secret: a lack of diversity**, Nomaan Merchant, May 18, 2022, 10:00 PM

The peril National Security Agency staff wanted to discuss with their director didn't involve terrorists or enemy nations. It was something closer to home: the racism and cultural misunderstandings inside America's largest intelligence service. The NSA and other intelligence agencies held calls for their staff shortly after the death of George Floyd. As Gen. Paul Nakasone listened, one person described how they would try to speak up in meetings only to have the rest of the group keep talking over them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: US expands probe of schemes against Chinese dissidents**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 1:35 PM

U.S. prosecutors are widening their case over alleged schemes to stalk and harass Chinese dissidents in the United States, including seeking to derail the election bid of a little-known congressional candidate. An indictment in New York announced on Wednesday named four new defendants in the probe, all described as agents for China's Ministry of State Security. All are presumed to be in China. The document also formally charged Shujun Wang, 73, a U.S. citizen and New York City resident. Wang, who's free on bail, is to be arraigned in federal court in Brooklyn at a later date. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

**WaPo: How the Biden administration let right-wing attacks derail its disinformation**

**efforts**, Taylor Lorenz, May 18, 2022, 10:28 AM

On the morning of April 27, the Department of Homeland Security announced the creation of the first Disinformation Governance Board with the stated goal to “coordinate countering misinformation related to homeland security.” The Biden administration tapped Nina Jankowicz, a well-known figure in the field of fighting disinformation and extremism, as the board’s executive director. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Illinois becomes first Midwest state to ban 'ghost guns'**, Chantal Da Silva, May 19, 2022, 4:21 AM

Illinois has become the first state in the Midwest to pass legislation banning untraceable “ghost guns” amid a surge of gun violence in the United States. On Wednesday, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 4383, banning the so-called ghost guns across the state. The term refers to firearms that can be assembled at home from parts purchasable online without background checks, according to gun violence prevention organization Everytown for Gun Safety. They do not have serial numbers, allowing them to be untraceable. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] 'Lots of good reasons' for DOJ interest in transcripts from Jan. 6th Committee: Vance**, Rachel Maddow, May 18, 2022

Joyce Vance, former U.S. attorney, talks about how to interpret new reporting from the New York Times that the Department of Justice has asked for transcripts from the January 6th Committee's investigation. [[Watch](#)]

## **SPECIAL COUNSEL**

**AP: Testimony: Clinton team did not approve lawyer’s FBI meeting**, Eric Tucker, May 18, 2022, 4:16 PM

Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign did not authorize a lawyer to meet with the FBI and provide information that was meant to cast suspicions on rival candidate Donald Trump and possible connections to Russia, according to trial testimony Wednesday. Michael Sussmann, a lawyer for Clinton’s 2016 campaign, is charged with lying to the FBI during a meeting at which he presented the bureau’s top lawyer with data that purported to show mysterious contact between computer servers of a Russia-based bank and Trump’s company, the Trump Organization. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Business Insider](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox Insider](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

**Washington Examiner: FBI lawyer whom Sussmann is accused of lying to takes stand in Durham trial**, Jerry Dunleavy, May 18, 2022, 6:03 PM

The FBI’s former general counsel, whom Michael Sussmann has been charged with lying to, shed light on their relationship as he took the stand Wednesday to begin his key testimony in special counsel John Durham’s case against the Democratic cybersecurity lawyer. Sussmann has been accused of concealing his clients, Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign and former Neustar executive Rodney Joffe, from James Baker when he presented since-debunked allegations of a secret back channel between the Trump Organization and Russia’s Alfa-Bank during a September 2016 meeting. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**ABC: Interstate highway shootings surged during pandemic, ABC News analysis**



**shows**, Mark Nichols, Soo Rin Kim, Tonya Simpson, John Kelly, and Pierre Thomas, May 18, 2022, 3:28 PM

As the nation continues to grapple with mass shootings in New York and California this past weekend, a new analysis by ABC News and ABC's owned stations shows a startling rise in gun violence along interstate highways across the country over the last few years. The analysis, which examined nearly 3,000 shootings that occurred on or near U.S. interstates from January 2018 through March 2022, found that interstate highway shootings across the country spiked alongside the overall surge in gun violence over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, with New Orleans, Chicago and Memphis seeing some of the biggest spikes. Interstate highway shootings rose from 540 incidents in 2019 to 846 incidents in 2021 -- in increase of 57% -- according to the data, which was collected by the Gun Violence Archive, an independent research group. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Detroit News*: **'Pandemic-era Bonnie and Clyde' get prison in unemployment benefit scheme**, Mark Hicks, May 18, 2022, 8:53 PM

Two Metro Detroit residents, whom federal prosecutors called a "pandemic-era Bonnie and Clyde," have been sentenced in connection with an unemployment insurance benefit fraud scheme, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. Mitch Cole Johnson, 45, of Shelby Township received three-year sentence in federal prison. Her partner, Larry Witherspoon, 46, of Harper Woods received four years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Macomb Daily](#)

*NY Post*: **NYC man who wanted to kill Democrats in 'Jew York' sentenced to 3 years**, Priscilla DeGregory, May 18, 2022, 8:13 PM

A Staten Island sex offender who threatened to kill Democrats, protesters and a Jewish senator from "Jew York" after the 2020 election, was sentenced to three years behind bars on a gun charge conviction Wednesday. Brian Maiorana made death threats on social media in the months leading up to and continuing after the Nov. 3, 2020 presidential election -- including saying, "We blow up the FBI building for real," prosecutors have alleged. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Staten Island Advance](#)

*Dallas Morning News*: **Former correctional officer admits sexually abusing inmates in Fort Worth prison**, Maggie Prosser, May 18, 2022, 2:09 PM

A former federal correctional officer admitted Wednesday to sexually abusing multiple inmates at a Fort Worth prison. Luis Curiel, 47, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual abuse of a ward, the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of Texas announced. Federal prosecutors said Curiel admitted to abusing three inmates in October while working as a correctional officer at Carswell Federal Medical Center, a prison that serves female inmates with medical and mental-health needs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVT-CBS \(Fort Worth, TX\)](#), [WFAA-ABC \(Dallas, TX\)](#)

*The Republican (Springfield, MA)*: **Former Springfield Latin Kings leader 'King Legend' pleads guilty to federal drug distribution charges**, Stephanie Barry, May 18, 2022, 1:53 PM

Former Latin Kings leader Jonathan Casiano pleaded guilty to federal drug possession charges three years after police arrested him during a traffic stop, recovering a bounty of drugs, cash and a custom-made "ghost gun," according to the U.S. attorney's office. Casiano, 36, also known as "King Legend," recently pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of cocaine and fentanyl with intent to distribute. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWLP-NBC \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

**KAIT-ABC (Jonesboro, AR): Man sentenced to 30 years in prison for producing child porn**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 7:47 PM

A Searcy man was sentenced to 30 years in prison after evidence showed him sexually abusing minors for decades and producing child pornography. According to a news release, in 2019, the Searcy Police Department began investigating John Ronald Ord, 51, after a teenager reported he had been sexually abused by Ord since 2012. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Citizen](#), [KATV-ABC \(Little Rock, AR\)](#), [KTLO \(Mountain Home, AR\)](#), [KTHV-CBS \(Little Rock, AR\)](#)

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Reuters: Teen charged with mass murder in Buffalo, N.Y., due back in court**, Tyler Clifford, May 19, 2022, 6:08 AM

The teenager accused of killing 10 people in a live-streamed supermarket shooting in a Black neighborhood of Buffalo, New York, was due back in court on Thursday in a case spurring a national conversation about the toxic mix of guns, hate and the internet. Payton Gendron, 18, who is white, was initially arraigned on a single count of first-degree murder hours after police said he opened fire on Saturday afternoon at a Tops Friendly Markets outlet with a semi-automatic assault-style rifle. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NPR](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#)

**LAT: Taiwanese church shooter mailed seven-volume diary to Chinese-language newspaper**, Jeong Park, Richard Winton, Luke Money, Rong-Gong Lin II, Hannah Fry, May 18, 2022, 6:47 PM

A man charged with fatally shooting one person and injuring five others at a Taiwanese church in Laguna Woods mailed seven volumes titled “Diary of an Independence-Destroying Angel” to the Los Angeles offices of the World Journal, the Chinese-language newspaper reported Wednesday. [...] Spitzer said he wants to “continue to work with our law enforcement partners and the FBI to get all the additional evidence, so that if we file a hate crime enhancement, we’ve done it knowing full well what the evidence is.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Former Minneapolis officer pleads guilty to manslaughter in Floyd’s death**, Holly Bailey, May 18, 2022, 12:16 PM

A former Minneapolis police officer who held George Floyd’s legs as he begged for breath and ultimately lost a pulse beneath the knee of Derek Chauvin two years ago pleaded guilty Wednesday to a state charge of aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in the Black man’s killing. Thomas K. Lane entered his guilty plea early Wednesday before Hennepin County District Court Judge Peter A. Cahill. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors dropped a count of aiding and abetting second-degree unintentional murder against Lane in the case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Staffing Co. Settles DOJ Discrimination Claim Over Work Docs**, May Olvera, May 18, 2022, 5:48 PM

An Indiana staffing company struck a deal to wrap up federal prosecutors’ allegation that it discriminated against three workers by forcing them to hand over specific documents proving they could legally [...] [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Feds: Jonesboro man who opened fire on 2 gas stations charged with hate crime**, Henri Hollis, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Clayton County man who was arrested last July after police said he fired multiple gunshots at two gas stations is now facing federal hate crime charges. Larry Edward Foxworth, 48, of Jonesboro, was arrested on 10 counts related to the shootings in July 2021, The Atlanta

Journal-Constitution previously reported. At the time, Clayton police said Foxworth told officers, “This is a hate crime and this is a targeted hit.” No one was injured in either shooting. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAGA- Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WXIA-NBC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

## **CIVIL LAW**

*Politico:* **What comes next after DOJ’s first civil FARA suit in 30 years**, Caitlin Oprysko, May 18, 2022, 6:43 PM

The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit against casino magnate Steve Wynn in a bid to force the onetime RNC finance chair to register as a foreign agent of the Chinese government in connection with a 2017 effort to secure the extradition of a Chinese billionaire living in the U.S. — In a rare civil complaint filed on Tuesday in federal court in Washington, the department said it had determined as far back as 2018 that Wynn had an obligation to register under FARA, but that despite ordering him to do so three separate times, Wynn never registered. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSJ:* **Judges Deal Latest Blow to SEC’s In-House Courts**, Dave Michaels, May 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

Securities regulators can’t bring enforcement actions seeking financial penalties through their in-house courts, a federal appeals court ruled on Wednesday. The decision, from a split panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, adds to the legal backlash over federal-agency tribunals that some critics say violate the separation-of-powers doctrine. The Securities and Exchange Commission, one of the biggest and busiest financial regulators, has been a focal point for the feud. Its enforcers sometimes litigate cases before administrative law judges who are employees of the SEC, but are supposed to exercise independent judicial powers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

*USA Today:* **April saw record encounters at the southern border, but some data points dipped. Here’s what that means**, Rebecca Morin, May 18, 2022, 4:47 PM

United States authorities saw a record high number of migrants at the nation’s southern border in April, with data being release just weeks before the administration is set to end a Trump-era public health order that made it difficult for people to seek asylum. Customs and Border Protection officials encountered 234,088 individuals at the United States’ southern border in April, an uptick from March and the highest total for one month in 22 years, according to data published Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WaPo:* **[OPINION] Illinois counties ask Seventh Circuit to lift ban on immigration detention contracts**, Nick Taichi Steiner, May 18, 2022, 1:30 PM

If President Biden wants to follow through with his campaign promises and be a president who supports the immigrant community, he needs to end the 287(g) program. Recently, the national ACLU issued a report, “A License to Abuse: How ICE’s 287(g) Program Empowers Racist Sheriffs,” on the draconian immigration enforcement program called 287(g). The program delegates federal immigration enforcement authority to local and state law enforcement agencies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

*Financial Times:* **Top US antitrust enforcer pledges crackdown on private equity deals**, Stefania Palma and James Fontanella-Khan, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

The top antitrust enforcer in the US has warned the Department of Justice will take a tougher

stance on private equity firms rolling up swaths of the American economy as it targets buyout groups that have largely skirted the watchdog's scrutiny. "Sometimes [the motive of a private equity firm is] designed to hollow out or roll up an industry and essentially cash out," Jonathan Kanter, the head of the DoJ's antitrust unit said in an interview with the Financial Times. "That business model is often very much at odds with the law, and very much at odds with the competition we're trying to protect." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**MarketWatch: FTC Chief Khan blames baby formula shortage, high meat prices on monopoly power**, Chris Matthews, May 18, 2022, 11:35 AM

Federal Trade Commission Chairwoman Lina Khan pointed to concentration in the markets for baby formula and meat packing as major factors contributing to shortages and rapidly rising prices during a Congressional hearing Wednesday. A nationwide shortage of baby formula was catalysed by an Abbott Laboratories ABT, -1.57% recall of powder formulas, initiated due to a potential bacterial contamination at its plant in Sturgis, Mich. Two babies died after being fed the formula, though Abbot said in a statement last week that "there is no evidence to link our formulas to these infant illnesses." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**The Hill: [OPINION] The Department of Justice's strategy to advance environmental justice**, David Coursen, May 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

After a halting start, the Biden administration has recently taken several steps to advance environmental justice and use enforcement of our nation's environmental laws to protect communities of color and low-income and indigenous communities. This month, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has created an Office of Environmental Justice as part of a comprehensive environmental justice enforcement strategy for complementing the work of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **TAX**

**The Philadelphia Inquirer: An ex-Delco tax collector was sentenced to federal prison for preparing false personal tax returns**, Vinny Vella, May 18, 2022, 4:30 PM

Ridley Township's former tax collector and treasurer was sentenced to a year in federal prison Wednesday after admitting to filing false personal tax returns for five years, undervaluing her income by more than \$400,000. Rosezanna Czwalina, 70, told U.S. District Judge Paul S. Diamond she was "extremely sorry" for the crime — to which she pleaded guilty last June — and regretted the embarrassment her conduct caused her family. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**CBS: FBI search warrant obtained by podcast reveals possible details about killer of two girls in Delphi, Indiana**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 8:41 PM

Chilling new details emerged Wednesday in the 2017 murders of two teen girls in Delphi, Indiana. An FBI search warrant obtained by the "Murder Sheet" podcast said the bodies of Abby Williams, 13, and Liberty German, 14, lost a lot of blood. The warrant also noted that the killer may have staged a murder scene and took souvenirs, but the warrant did not specify what they were. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KNDU-NBC (Richland, WA): FBI Task Force focusing on violent crime in Yakima makes several arrests**, Karlee Van De Venter, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM  
U.S. Attorney Vanessa Waldref announced numerous indictments following a crackdown on

violent crime, gang and drug activity in Yakima County, including several on the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation. The indictments are from a federal Grand Jury. “These arrests demonstrate how critical it is for law enforcement to work together,” said Waldref. “By combining the resources of federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement through focused investigation and prosecution, we are able to do more to make communities in Eastern Washington safe and strong. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**AP: ‘Pharma Bro’ Martin Shkreli freed from prison for halfway house**, Larry Neumeister, May 18, 2022, 3:37 PM

Convicted pharmaceutical executive Martin Shkreli was freed today from prison after serving much of a seven-year prison sentence for lying to hedge fund investors and cheating investors in a drug company. His attorney, Ben Brafman, said Shkreli, 39, was released early from a prison in Allenwood, Pennsylvania. The move was confirmed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: Man being held on federal charges found dead at Alexandria jail**, Ricardo Torres-Cortez, May 18, 2022, 1:53 PM

A 25-year-old Fairfax County man was found dead Wednesday morning while being held on federal charges in the Alexandria City jail, city law enforcement officials said. The Alexandria Sheriff’s Office and city police detectives are investigating the in-custody death after authorities found Anthony Moaf “suffering from an apparent medical emergency” while alone in a cell at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center just after 8 a.m., officials said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Organizer of failed Fyre Festival is released early from federal prison**, Tim Stelloh and Diana Dasrath, May 18, 2022, 9:48 PM

The admitted fraudster behind the failed Fyre Festival was released from prison Wednesday, more than two years before the end of a six-year sentence handed down in 2018, his lawyer said. Billy McFarland, 30, was transferred from a low-security federal prison in Michigan on March 30, the Bureau of Prisons said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Las Vegas Review-Journal: Lawyers argue death row inmate Zane Floyd’s execution challenge**, Katelyn Newberg, May 18, 2022, 8:28 PM

A federal judge is set to decide soon if he will dismiss death row prisoner Zane Floyd’s challenge to his execution. U.S. District Judge Richard Boulware said last month that the challenge from the quadruple convicted killer could be dismissed now that some of the drugs the state intended to use in the lethal injection cocktail have expired. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **US ATTORNEYS**

**WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): Middle District of Georgia to hold “Protecting Houses of Worship”, a safety training series**, Nicole Sanders, May 18, 2022, 4:23 PM

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## **US SUPREME COURT**

**AP: US warns abortion ruling could increase extremist violence**, Ben Fox, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

The leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion striking down the constitutional right to abortion has unleashed a wave of threats against officials and others and increased the likelihood of extremist violence, an internal government report says. Violence could come from either side of the abortion issue or from other types of extremists seeking to exploit tensions, according to a memo directed to local government agencies from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#)

**Washington Times: Supreme Court to weigh Christian web designer's free speech argument against anti-discrimination law**, Alex Swoyer, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

The ongoing battle on the part of Christian artists and entrepreneurs to legally refuse business they contend would force them to violate their faith is back for another round in the Supreme Court. Lorie Smith, a Colorado web designer who will have her case heard during the court's 2022 term, argues that the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act forces her to create websites that celebrate same-sex marriages in violation of her faith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: Feds To Revisit Alaskan Mining Road Plans After Remand Win**, Caleb Symons, May 18, 2022, 5:09 PM

The U.S. government will reconsider its Trump-era approval of a \$1 billion mining access road across protected Alaskan wilderness after a federal judge granted its request to review that project again instead of proceeding with lawsuits brought by tribal and conservation groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**AP: Biden invokes Defense Production Act for formula shortage**, Zeke Miller and Kevin Freking, May 19, 2022, 12:00 AM

President Joe Biden invoked the Defense Production Act to speed production of infant formula and authorized flights to import supply from overseas, as he faces mounting political pressure over a domestic shortage caused by the safety-related closure of the country's largest formula manufacturing plant. The Defense Production Act order requires suppliers of formula manufacturers to fulfill orders from those companies before other customers, in an effort to eliminate production bottlenecks. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Reuters](#)

## **CONGRESS**

**AP: House passes domestic terrorism bill after Buffalo shooting**, Farnoush Amiri and Kevin Freking, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

The House passed legislation late Wednesday night that would bolster federal resources to prevent domestic terrorism in response to the racist mass shooting in Buffalo, New York. The 222-203, nearly party-line vote was an answer to the growing pressure Congress faces to address gun violence and white supremacist attacks — a crisis that escalated following two mass shootings over the weekend. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., a member of the congressional committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol, was the lone Republican to vote in favor of the measure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

**Bloomberg: Lawmakers Press DOJ on Backlog of 17,000 Clemency Petitions**, Jarrell Dillard, May 18, 2022, 10:51 AM

A bipartisan group of US House lawmakers are demanding information on the backlog of over 17,000 people seeking presidential clemency, a power Joe Biden pledged during his 2020 campaign to use to advance criminal justice reform. “The growing backlog of clemency petitions undermines the promise of a fair and just criminal legal system,” the lawmakers wrote in a letter Tuesday to Elizabeth Oyer, who leads the Justice Department’s Office of the Pardon Attorney. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 18, 2022**

- President Biden is invoking the Defense Production Act to increase the production of baby formula nationwide. “Operation Fly Formula” will direct the use of planes to go overseas to pick up formula and bring it back to the US. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The country’s largest retailers are warning of rising inflation costs and fears of a recession. All three major indexes posted big losses with the Dow falling more than 1,100 points. Both the Nasdaq and the S&P 500 were off more than 4%. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The primary election in Pennsylvania, one of the most closely watched races, is still too close to call. The race centers on celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz, who was hoping a Trump endorsement would lift him to victory. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Residents of Buffalo are still reeling from the mass shooting that targeted the predominantly Black community. While they are not only dealing with the racially motivated hate crime, they're also without the only grocery store for miles while it's closed during the investigation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC is warning Americans who live in areas with high COVID risk should wear masks in indoor public spaces. The agency is also recommending air travelers get a COVID test as close to their departure as possible. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US embassy in Ukraine officially reopened in Kyiv today, flying the American flag for the first time since diplomats and staff left three months ago. And in battle-scarred Kharkiv, the path of destruction left by Russian troops is all that remains. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Federal investigators in Delaware are investigating whether Hunter Biden broke federal tax laws. It was also learned new details about how Hunter Biden paid off his \$2 million IRS bill. [[NBC](#)]

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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: MAY 19, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- No scheduled events.

### **SCOTUS**

- Conference

### **CONGRESS**

- 9:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Executive Business Meeting.
- 9:00 AM: House Judiciary Committee: Oversight Hearing on Clemency and the Office of the Pardon Attorney.

## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

**USA Today: 'Unacceptable, dangerous': AG Garland slams threats against Supreme Court justices amid Roe protests**, Kevin Johnson, John Fritze, May 18, 2022, 6:54 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland Wednesday condemned rising threats targeting Supreme Court justices amid continuing protests over a leaked draft opinion that would overturn the landmark abortion decision Roe v. Wade. Following a meeting with federal law enforcement officials including the Supreme Court's chief security official,

Garland said authorities would "take all appropriate actions to further enhance the security of justices and the court." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: Justice Dept. Employees Urge Administration to Grant Leave for Out-of-State Abortions**, Katie Benner, May 18, 2022, 6:07 PM

Justice Department employees pressed the Biden administration on Wednesday to grant federal employees time off if they or their family members need to travel out of state to obtain abortions. The request puts the administration in a potentially tricky position: either denying a benefit even as several large companies have made accommodations in the area, or granting one that pits it against state governments that restrict access to the procedure. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#)

**WaPo: Biden's Justice Dept. pressed for strong response to Buffalo massacre**, David Nakamura, May 18, 2022, 5:54 PM

The day after a gunman killed 10 Black people in a Buffalo grocery store, Damon Hewitt's phone rang. On the line was Attorney General Merrick Garland. Garland was contacting civil rights leaders to reinforce his pledge that the Justice Department would pursue a hate-crime investigation. Hewitt, the president of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, did not mince words: What is needed to combat domestic extremism and racist violence, he told Garland, is a Marshall Plan-style approach to galvanize federal attention and resources. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: 'Garland, NAACP president will meet on danger of white supremacy**, Kevin Johnson, John Fritze, May 18, 2022, 6:46 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland will meet with NAACP President Derrick Johnson on Friday to discuss the danger of white supremacy and how it is being fed online. The meeting comes after a gunman killed 10 people and wounded three at a supermarket in Buffalo, N.Y., in a predominantly Black neighborhood. The suspect arrested in the killings shared plans of his attack online before the shootings and made it clear he hoped others would follow him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Attorney general meets with Supreme Court officials on security for justices**, Lexi Lonas, May 18, 2022, 7:08 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland met with Justice Department and Supreme Court officials on Wednesday to discuss security for the court's justices following the release of a draft opinion that showed the court poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. The conversation revolved around how to "enhance coordination" as well as "intelligence sharing, and technical support" for judicial security amid the uptake in threats and protests around the justices' homes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Axios-2](#), [CNBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

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## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**AP: Court considers whether US can seize a Russian yacht in Fiji**, Nick Perry, May 19, 2022, 5:00 AM  
At Lautoka harbor in the heart of Fiji's sugar cane region, five U.S. federal agents boarded the Russian-owned Amadea, a luxurious superyacht the length of a football field. "They want to take 20 crew and sail east!" the ship's captain wrote in a frantic May 5 WhatsApp message to lawyer Feizal Haniff, who represents the company that legally owns the superyacht. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Spy agencies urged to fix open secret: a lack of diversity**, Nomaan Merchant, May 18, 2022, 10:00 PM  
The peril National Security Agency staff wanted to discuss with their director didn't involve terrorists or enemy nations. It was something closer to home: the racism and cultural misunderstandings inside America's largest intelligence service. The NSA and other intelligence agencies held calls for their staff shortly after the death of George Floyd. As Gen. Paul Nakasone listened, one person described how they would try to speak up in meetings only to have the rest of the group keep talking over them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Testimony: Clinton team did not approve lawyer's FBI meeting**, Eric Tucker, May 18, 2022, 4:16 PM  
Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign did not authorize a lawyer to meet with the FBI and provide information that was meant to cast suspicions on rival candidate Donald Trump and possible connections to Russia, according to trial testimony Wednesday. Michael Sussmann, a lawyer for Clinton's 2016 campaign, is charged with lying to the FBI during a meeting at which he presented the bureau's top lawyer with data that purported to show mysterious contact between computer servers of a Russia-based bank and Trump's company, the Trump Organization. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Business Insider](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Insider](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

**AP: US expands probe of schemes against Chinese dissidents**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 1:35 PM  
U.S. prosecutors are widening their case over alleged schemes to stalk and harass Chinese dissidents in the United States, including seeking to derail the election bid of a little-known congressional candidate. An indictment in New York announced on Wednesday named four new defendants in the probe, all described as agents for China's Ministry of State Security. All are presumed to be in China. The document also formally charged Shujun Wang, 73, a U.S. citizen and New York City resident. Wang, who's free on bail, is to be arraigned in federal court in Brooklyn at a later date. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#)

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] 'Lots of good reasons' for DOJ interest in transcripts from Jan. 6th Committee: Vance**, Rachel Maddow, May 18, 2022, 12:10 PM  
Joyce Vance, former U.S. attorney, talks about how to interpret new reporting from the New York Times that the Department of Justice has asked for transcripts from the January 6th Committee's investigation. [[Watch](#)]

**Bloomberg: [ANALYSIS] What the Jan. 6 Committee Has Done, and What's Next**, Billy House, May 18, 2022, 3:58 PM  
The US House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the nation's Capitol is nearing a more public phase of its work. A series of eight prime-time televised hearings will begin on June 9. Afterward, the committee of seven Democrats and two Republicans will report its findings sometime before the midterm elections on Nov. 8. Former President Donald Trump and his Republican allies continue to call the probe a witch hunt focused on scoring political points. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: How the Biden administration let right-wing attacks derail its disinformation efforts**, Taylor Lorenz, May 18, 2022, 10:28 AM  
On the morning of April 27, the Department of Homeland Security announced the creation of the first Disinformation Governance Board with the stated goal to "coordinate countering misinformation related to homeland security." The Biden administration tapped Nina Jankowicz, a well-known figure in the field of fighting disinformation and extremism, as the board's executive director. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Illinois becomes first Midwest state to ban 'ghost guns'**, Chantal Da Silva, May 19, 2022, 4:21 AM  
Illinois has become the first state in the Midwest to pass legislation banning untraceable "ghost guns" amid a surge of gun violence in the United States. On Wednesday, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 4383, banning the so-called ghost guns across the state. The term refers to firearms that can be assembled at home from parts purchasable online without background checks, according to gun violence prevention organization Everytown for Gun Safety. They do not have serial numbers, allowing them to be untraceable. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Jan. 6 rioter turned in to FBI by Bumble match sentenced to home detention**, Ryan J. Reilly, May 18, 2022, 3:46 PM

A supporter of former President Donald Trump, who was arrested for storming the U.S. Capitol after he was turned in to authorities by a user of the Bumble dating app, has been sentenced to three months of home detention. Robert Chapman of Carmel, New York, was arrested in April 2021, three months after the Jan. 6, 2021, riot. He pleaded guilty in December to a misdemeanor picketing charge. Judge Rudolph Contreras of the federal district court in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday sentenced Chapman to 18 months of probation, including three months of home detention with location monitoring. He was also ordered to pay about \$1,200 in fines and restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**ABC: Interstate highway shootings surged during pandemic, ABC News analysis shows**, Mark Nichols, Soo Rin Kim, Tonya Simpson, John Kelly, and Pierre Thomas, May 18, 2022, 3:28 PM

As the nation continues to grapple with mass shootings in New York and California this past weekend, a new analysis by ABC News and ABC's owned stations shows a startling rise in gun violence along interstate highways across the country over the last few years. The analysis, which examined nearly 3,000 shootings that occurred on or near U.S. interstates from January 2018 through March 2022, found that interstate highway shootings across the country spiked alongside the overall surge in gun violence over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, with New Orleans, Chicago and Memphis seeing some of the biggest spikes. Interstate highway shootings rose from 540 incidents in 2019 to 846 incidents in 2021 -- in increase of 57% -- according to the data, which was collected by the Gun Violence Archive, an independent research group. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bleeping Computer: US recovers \$15 million from global Kovter ad fraud operation**, Lawrence Abrams, May 18, 2022, 8:53 PM

The US government has recovered over \$15 million from Swiss bank accounts belonging to operators behind the '3ve' online advertising fraud scheme. Switzerland transferred \$15,111,453.84 to the US government as part of a Final Order of Forfeiture related to United States v. Sergey Ovsyannikov, one of the conspirators in the global ad fraud campaign. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CyberScoop](#)

**Washington Examiner: FBI lawyer whom Sussmann is accused of lying to takes stand in Durham trial**, Jerry Dunleavy, May 18, 2022, 6:03 PM

The FBI's former general counsel, whom Michael Sussmann has been charged with lying to, shed light on their relationship as he took the stand Wednesday to begin his key testimony in special counsel John Durham's case against the Democratic cybersecurity lawyer. Sussmann has been accused of concealing his clients, Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign and former Neustar executive Rodney Joffe, from James Baker when he presented since-debunked allegations of a secret back channel between the Trump Organization and Russia's Alfa-Bank during a September 2016 meeting. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

**News12 (Bronx, NY): Carmel man sentenced for role in Capitol riot**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 7:16 PM

A Carmel man has become the latest Hudson Valley resident to be sentenced for his role in the January 2021 riots at the United States Capitol. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington D.C., Robert Chapman was sentenced to three months of home detention, 18 months of probation and fined \$742. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

*Patch (Doylestown, PA):* **Woman Who Entered Capitol In Riot Wins GOP Primary In Doylestown**, Michelle Rotuno-Johnson, May 18, 2022, 12:29 PM

A woman who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge after entering the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, has won a Republican primary in Doylestown Borough. Uncertified results from the Bucks County Board of Elections show Dawn Bancroft beat Danielle Labrake in the race for borough committeewoman, second district. Bancroft got 101 votes, and Labrake received 90, according to current results from the county. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSET-ABC (Lynchburg, VA):* **Henry Co. woman charged in Capitol riot admitted to entering Rotunda: Charging documents**, Elizabeth Thomas, May 18, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Henry County woman has been charged in the insurrection at the United States Capitol last January. An investigation conducted by an FBI agent assigned to the Counterterrorism squad, whose focus is on Homegrown Violent Extremists, submitted the statement of facts that led to Jamie Lynn Ferguson's arrest last week in Lynchburg. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

*LAT: Former L.A. public defender picked to lead federal Access to Justice office*, Sarah D. Wire, May 19, 2022, 5:00 AM

During a college internship at the Orange County Public Defender's office, Rachel Rossi was sent to the local jail. She was given a simple instruction: Ask people who had recently been arrested what they need. "Do you need medication? Is your family OK? Are your kids OK?" In that role and seeing the racial disparities of people who are in the system, but also seeing just the humanity of the people, it sold me that this was where my passion, my fight would be," Rossi told The Times in an interview. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Business Observer: Pinellas County resident charged in money laundering scheme*, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 10:00 PM

Alexander Leszczynski, a resident of North Redington Beach, has been indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Middle District of Florida on a litany of alleged financial fraud schemes, including money laundering, check kiting and a fraudulent Paycheck Protection Program application that allegedly netted him \$195,910. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [Tampa Bay Times](#)

*Sports Grind Entertainment: Virginia man hit with 9 years for scamming \$35M from victims*, Christine Watkins, May 18, 2022, 9:00 PM

A Virginia man was slapped with nine years behind bars by a federal judge for running a Ghana-based criminal enterprise to scheme businesses and people out of tens of millions of dollars, authorities said Wednesday. Fred Asante made more than \$35 million over a four-year span by scamming businesses, tricking older victims into online romances and illegally applying for federal COVID loans, according to the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Convicted Pa. sex abuser indicted on child pornography charges*, Becky Metrick, May 18, 2022, 10:43 PM

A York County man convicted of child sex abuse charges more than a decade ago was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday on child pornography possession charges, according to the Department of Justice. 42-year-old Jonathan Lee Debus, of Dover, is charged with possession and receiving explicit materials involving children under the age of 12, the DOJ said. The indictment states that he received the pornography between Oct. 1, 2021, and May 12, 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Kentucky Today: Greensburg woman sentenced for submitting fraudulent CARES applications*, Tom

Latek, May 18, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Greene County woman was sentenced at U.S. District Court in Bowling Green to 12 months and one day in federal prison for submitting a series of fraudulent CARES Act applications, the U.S. Attorney's office for the Western District of Kentucky announced on Wednesday. According to court documents between April and July 2020, Mandy Ellen Bauer, 41, of Greensburg filed nine fraudulent applications for various CARES Act financial assistance programs, including Paycheck Protection Program loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans and advance payment of tax credits resulting in an attempted theft of over \$230,000. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Lexington Herald Leader](#), [WTVQ-ABC \(Lexington, KY\)](#)

*The Detroit News*: **'Pandemic-era Bonnie and Clyde' get prison in unemployment benefit scheme**, Mark Hicks, May 18, 2022, 8:53 PM

Two Metro Detroit residents, whom federal prosecutors called a "pandemic-era Bonnie and Clyde," have been sentenced in connection with an unemployment insurance benefit fraud scheme, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. Mitch Cole Johnson, 45, of Shelby Township received three-year sentence in federal prison. Her partner, Larry Witherspoon, 46, of Harper Woods received four years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Macomb Daily](#)

*NY Post*: **NYC man who wanted to kill Democrats in 'Jew York' sentenced to 3 years**, Priscilla DeGregory, May 18, 2022, 8:13 PM

A Staten Island sex offender who threatened to kill Democrats, protesters and a Jewish senator from "Jew York" after the 2020 election, was sentenced to three years behind bars on a gun charge conviction Wednesday. Brian Maiorana made death threats on social media in the months leading up to and continuing after the Nov. 3, 2020 presidential election – including saying, "We blow up the FBI building for real," prosecutors have alleged. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Staten Island Advance](#)

*City News Service*: **Five plead guilty in ID theft scheme using Rideshare, delivery apps**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 7:47 PM

The last of five Brazilian nationals charged by San Diego federal prosecutors for running a nationwide scheme that involved stealing the identities of rideshare and food delivery app customers has pleaded guilty, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Wednesday. Prosecutors say that over the course of three years, the group stole information from victims' driver's licenses and Social Security numbers, used that info to create driver accounts for rideshare and delivery companies, then used, rented or sold those accounts, including to people who otherwise would not qualify to drive for the companies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Post Register (Idaho Falls, ID)*: **Idaho Falls man gets 25 years for drug trafficking**, Jonathan Hogan, May 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

An Idaho Falls man who was arrested with 28 pounds of methamphetamine was sentenced to 25 years in a federal prison Monday. Jose Luis Cruz-Delgado, 29, was convicted in November by a jury in federal court for drug trafficking. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Hartford Courant*: **Hartford man charged with crack dealing, gun offense**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Hartford man was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday on firearm possession and narcotics distribution offenses, according to federal authorities. Christopher Gaskin, 46, is charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, according to federal authorities. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Hartford, CT\)](#), [WTNH-ABC \(New Haven, CT\)](#)

*Dallas Morning News*: **Former correctional officer admits sexually abusing inmates in Fort Worth prison**, Maggie Prosser, May 18, 2022, 2:09 PM

A former federal correctional officer admitted Wednesday to sexually abusing multiple inmates at a Fort Worth

prison. Luis Curiel, 47, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual abuse of a ward, the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of Texas announced. Federal prosecutors said Curiel admitted to abusing three inmates in October while working as a correctional officer at Carswell Federal Medical Center, a prison that serves female inmates with medical and mental-health needs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVT-CBS \(Fort Worth, TX\)](#), [WFAA-ABC \(Dallas, TX\)](#)

*Raleigh News & Observer*: **'Terrifying' abduction of barefoot ex sends California man to prison, feds say**, Don Sweeney, May 18, 2022, 1:58 PM

A 45-year-old California man was sentenced to 25 years in prison following a "harrowing" abduction of his ex and two other people, federal prosecutors reported. George Gene Rose of Humboldt County pleaded guilty to kidnapping and illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, the U.S. Attorney's Office for Oregon said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Republican (Springfield, MA)*: **Former Springfield Latin Kings leader 'King Legend' pleads guilty to federal drug distribution charges**, Stephanie Barry, May 18, 2022, 1:53 PM

Former Latin Kings leader Jonathan Casiano pleaded guilty to federal drug possession charges three years after police arrested him during a traffic stop, recovering a bounty of drugs, cash and a custom-made "ghost gun," according to the U.S. attorney's office. Casiano, 36, also known as "King Legend," recently pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of cocaine and fentanyl with intent to distribute. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWLP-NBC \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

*WHDH-NBC (Boston, MA)*: **Lowell mail carrier facing bribery, cocaine charges**, Michael Yoshida, May 18, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Lowell mail carrier accused of trying to bribe one of his supervisors and sell them cocaine is now facing federal charges. Cellphone shared by another postal carrier allegedly shows 61-year-old John Noviello of Nashua being arrested on bribery and cocaine charges. That colleague who took the video spoke with 7NEWS about the shocking arrest on the condition of remaining anonymous. "I walked back inside from my break and he was in handcuffs," they said. "You like him cause he's your coworker but at the same time he's doing something wrong." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston 25 News](#), [WHDH-NBC \(Boston, MA\)](#)

*WMDT-ABC (Salisbury, MD)*: **Easton Man Pleads Guilty To Sex Crimes With Minor**, Alex Boesman, May 18, 2022, 8:00 PM

34-year-old Angel Gabriel Arroyo-Angelino of Easton pled guilty on May 18th to charges of coercion and enticement of a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity. Arroyo admitted to pretending to be a teenage boy on social media. Using the alias 'Elias Garcia' on social media he coerced four minor victims into sending him sexually explicit images and videos of themselves. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

*KAIT-ABC (Jonesboro, AR)*: **Man sentenced to 30 years in prison for producing child porn**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 7:47 PM

A Searcy man was sentenced to 30 years in prison after evidence showed him sexually abusing minors for decades and producing child pornography. According to a news release, in 2019, the Searcy Police Department began investigating John Ronald Ord, 51, after a teenager reported he had been sexually abused by Ord since 2012. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Citizen](#), [KATV-ABC \(Little Rock, AR\)](#), [KTLO \(Mountain Home, AR\)](#), [KTHV-CBS \(Little Rock, AR\)](#)

*WAVE-NBC (Louisville, KY)*: **Louisville teen federally indicted on additional carjacking, firearm charges**, Dustin Vogt, May 18, 2022, 7:26 PM

A Louisville teenager who was federally indicted back in March on carjacking charges has additional carjacking and firearms charges filed. According to court documents, Eder Mayorga-Sanchez, 19, allegedly carjacked a vehicle in Louisville and caused serious injury to a minor on October 26, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDRB-Fox](#)

[\(Louisville, KY\)](#)

**KREM-CBS (Spokane, WA): Spokane resident pleads guilty to \$50,000 in COVID-19 relief loan fraud,**

Brianda Perez, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Spokane resident pleaded guilty to fraudulently obtaining more than \$50,000 in COVID-19 relief funds. According to a written statement by the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), Roshon Edward Thomas, 52, of Spokane, has pleaded guilty to fraudulently obtaining at least \$54,900 in COVID-19 relief funding through two Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) loans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WGEM (Quincy, IL): Quincy man sentenced to federal prison for distributing meth,** Jim Roberts, May 18, 2022, 6:59 PM

A Quincy, Illinois, man, Warren Mason, 29, formerly of the 1400 block of North Third Street, was sentenced Tuesday to 60 months imprisonment, to be followed by 48 months of supervised release, for distributing more than five grams of 99% pure methamphetamine on two occasions in Quincy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Northbrook man sentenced to 1 year in prison for illegally transporting computer equipment to Pakistan,** Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 6:34 PM

A Northbrook man was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison Tuesday for illegally exporting computer equipment from the United States to a nuclear research agency of the Pakistani government. Obaidullah Syed, 67, pleaded guilty last year to conspiring to export goods from the United States without a license from the Department of Commerce and to submit false export information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTMJ-AM (Milwaukee, WI): Georgia man pleads guilty to cyberstalking Kenosha government officials during unrest,** Madison Goldbeck, May 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

A 27-year-old Georgia man pleaded guilty to one count of cyberstalking Kenosha government officials on Wednesday. The charges against Minjie Cao are related to death threats Cao sent to Kenosha government officials in August of 2020 during the protests and unrests in Kenosha. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): 3 People sentenced in TX-to-Morgantown drug ring,** Aaron Williams, May 18, 2022, 6:28 PM

Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas Kleeh handed down sentences for three members of a Texas-to-Morgantown drug ring, Wednesday. Judge Kleeh sentenced Leonard Jasmine, 30 of Houston, to more than 10 years(121 months) behind bars for his role in a multi-state drug trafficking ring, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSAU-FM (Wausau, WI): Marathon County Man Sentenced for International Money Laundering Scheme,** Mike Leischner, May 18, 2022, 6:04 PM

A 28-year-old Marathon County man will serve federal prison time for his role in duping Wisconsin businesses out of an estimated \$300,000 over two months in 2020. Mario Amezcua Cardenas will serve 2.5 years after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering in February. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): Man steals from Federal Courthouse, sells stolen material in Pottsville,** Rayna McGlynn, May 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

A man living near Harrisburg pled guilty to stealing government property from a Federal Courthouse construction site and selling the stolen materials in Pottsville. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of PA announced that 47-year-old Christopher Gontaryk of Wormleysburg, PA, pleaded guilty to one count of theft of government property. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHTM-ABC \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#)

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Marathon County Man Sentenced for International Money Laundering Scheme,** Sofia Ojeda, May 18, 2022, 5:06 PM



Dr. Edward Cathright is a dentist at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston. He served 34 years with the Army Dental Corps, and said he has always known he would one day work at the VA. "Being a veteran, it was just a natural fit for me. I always said when I was on active duty when I get out of the military my primary goal was to work for the Department of Veteran Affairs," said Cathright. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KIFI-ABC (Idaho Falls, ID): Rexburg man sentenced to 12 years for distributing child pornography**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 4:38 PM

A Rexburg man was sentenced to 144 months in federal prison for distribution of child pornography. According to court records, in May 2020, the residence of 45-year-old Daniel Gary Archibald was searched by detectives with the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children task force. The search was conducted at Archibald's Rexburg residence after receiving information that he was chatting with a 14-year-old girl online. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): CEO of renewable energy company in Wilkes-Barre charged with defrauding investors**, Rayna McGlynn, May 18, 2022, 4:30 PM

The CEO of a renewable energy company in Wilkes-Barre was charged after providing forged documents and false information to induce several investors to invest \$1.1M in his company. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of PA announced that 39-year-old James Abrams of Easley, South Carolina, was indicted on Tuesday by a federal grand jury on wire and mail fraud, identity theft, money laundering, unlawful monetary transactions, obstruction of justice, and false statement offenses. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

**KYMA-NBC (Yuma, AZ): Man found guilty for attempting to smuggle weapons, threatening officers with a gun**, Marcos Icahuate and Jenny Day, May 18, 2022, 4:07 PM

A man from Las Vegas was found guilty for smuggling weapons into the United States and for threatening an officer with a gun. 62-year-old John Milton Lee has his sentenced scheduled for August 3. During the trial, evidence showed Lee traveling from Arizona to Mexico on November 1, 2019 when he had to return to the Lukeville Port of Entry but didn't want to provide any identification and refused to leave his vehicle in secondary inspection. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#)

**WTAJ-CBS (Altoona, PA): DuBois man pleads guilty to child porn in federal court**, Bill Shannon, May 18, 2022, 3:57 PM

A DuBois man has pleaded guilty in federal court to a child pornography charge, United States Attorney Cindy K. Chung announced Wednesday. William R. Mumma, 32, of DuBois, pleaded guilty to a one-count of possessing child porn. On or about Oct. 26, 2017, to on or about Sept. 12, 2018, Mumma possessed images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, which were produced using prepubescent minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): 63-year-old Texas felon sentenced to more than 7 years for firearm charge while on bond, DOJ states**, Moriah Ballard, May 18, 2022, 3:54 PM

A 63-year-old man will spend the next seven and a half years in prison after he pleads guilty to being in possession of firearms while out on bond, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery's office announced. According to documents, Michael Gene Richardson was arrested in 2018 after a drug investigation. Following his arrest, authorities searched Richardson's residence and found "more than 50 firearms, ammunition, and suspected improvised bombs." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Former Fort Bragg employee who took \$700K in bribes gets prison sentence**, Joedy McCreary, May 18, 2022, 3:53 PM

A former purchasing agent at Fort Bragg who took more than \$700,000 in bribes will spend 3 1/2 years in prison, federal authorities said on Wednesday. The U.S. Department of Justice said that Calvin Alfonza Jordan of Fayetteville received a 42-month sentence after pleading guilty in February to receiving bribes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [WCTI-ABC \(New Bern, NC\)](#)

*WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV):* **Bluefield man sentenced for federal gun crime**, Seth McVey, May 18, 2022, 3:48 PM

A Bluefield man plead guilty today to being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to court documents and statements made in court, Torrey Hairston, 34, was found in possession of two firearms after police responded to a domestic altercation call on March 19, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WTGS-Fox (Hardeeville, SC):* **Savannah man sentenced to 10 years for possession of child pornography**, Julia Vernier, May 18, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Chatham County man was sentenced to 10 years in prison after a jury previously found him guilty of possession of hundreds of images of child sexual exploitation. Michael Todd Morris, 27, of Savannah, was sentenced to 120 months in prison after a U.S. District Court jury previously found him guilty of possession of child pornography, said David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCCB (Charlotte, NC):* **Federal Authorities: Man Arrested In Gaston County For Drug Trafficking Sentenced To Over 8 Years**, Samantha Gilstrap, May 18, 2022, 3:00 PM

A 54-year-old man from Mexico was arrested and sentenced to over 8 years in prison after being caught trafficking carfentanil in Gaston County, authorities say. On May 1st, 2020, officers in Gaston County conducted a traffic stop on the car Miguel Angel Gonzalez-Perez was driving. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSFA-NBC (Montgomery, AL):* **Wetumpka man sentenced to federal prison in child solicitation case**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 1:30 PM

A 24-year-old Wetumpka man will spend the next 17 years in prison after being convicted in a child sexual exploitation case. According to the United States Department of Justice, Jesse Lemar McCormick was sentenced to 210 months, or 17.5 years, in prison for a conviction in a 2020 case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WWSB-ABC (Sarasota, FL):* **Convicted felon from Orlando, indicted on federal carjacking charges**, Tatyiana Hayes, May 18, 2022, 11:47 AM

Rodney Devon Jones was indicted and charged with carjacking and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence after he allegedly took a 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio from another person by force on September 28, 2021. The Seminole Police Department and the FBI investigated this case with assistance from the Orange County Sheriff's office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KVEW-ABC (Kennewick, WA):* **Eastern Washington drug trafficker forced into retirement after third conviction**, Brianda Perez, May 18, 2022, 11:00 AM

A 53-year-old man from Ephrata has been sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison for his role in a drug trafficking conspiracy that spanned Eastern Washington and put dangerous narcotics back into the community. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington, Reymundo Garcia will spend 135 months in prison after pleading guilty to engaging in a conspiracy to distribute at least 50 grams of methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

*Reuters:* **Teen charged with mass murder in Buffalo, N.Y., due back in court**, Tyler Clifford, May 19, 2022, 6:08 AM

The teenager accused of killing 10 people in a live-streamed supermarket shooting in a Black neighborhood of Buffalo, New York, was due back in court on Thursday in a case spurring a national conversation about the toxic mix of guns, hate and the internet. Payton Gendron, 18, who is white, was initially arraigned on a single count of first-degree murder hours after police said he opened fire on Saturday afternoon at a Tops Friendly Markets outlet

with a semi-automatic assault-style rifle. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NPR](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#)

**LAT: Taiwanese church shooter mailed seven-volume diary to Chinese-language newspaper**, Jeong Park, Richard Winton, Luke Money, Rong-Gong Lin II, Hannah Fry, May 18, 2022, 6:47 PM

A man charged with fatally shooting one person and injuring five others at a Taiwanese church in Laguna Woods mailed seven volumes titled “Diary of an Independence-Destroying Angel” to the Los Angeles offices of the World Journal, the Chinese-language newspaper reported Wednesday. [...] Spitzer said he wants to “continue to work with our law enforcement partners and the FBI to get all the additional evidence, so that if we file a hate crime enhancement, we’ve done it knowing full well what the evidence is.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: Former Minneapolis officer pleads guilty to manslaughter in Floyd’s death**, Holly Bailey, May 18, 2022, 12:16 PM

A former Minneapolis police officer who held George Floyd’s legs as he begged for breath and ultimately lost a pulse beneath the knee of Derek Chauvin two years ago pleaded guilty Wednesday to a state charge of aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in the Black man’s killing. Thomas K. Lane entered his guilty plea early Wednesday before Hennepin County District Court Judge Peter A. Cahill. As part of the plea deal, prosecutors dropped a count of aiding and abetting second-degree unintentional murder against Lane in the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Staffing Co. Settles DOJ Discrimination Claim Over Work Docs**, May Olvera, May 18, 2022, 5:48 PM

An Indiana staffing company struck a deal to wrap up federal prosecutors’ allegation that it discriminated against three workers by forcing them to hand over specific documents proving they could legally [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Bloomberg Law: IT Recruiter Settles DOJ Allegations of Bias Against US Workers**, Andrew Kreighbaum, May 18, 2022, 1:28 PM

Recruiters for a New York-based IT staffing company engaged in a pattern of discrimination against US citizens, a Department of Justice investigation found. As part of a settlement agreement the DOJ announced Wednesday, Amtex Systems Inc. will pay a \$15,604 penalty and remove any reference to citizenship status, immigration status, or visa category in its job advertisements. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Providence Journal (Providence, RI): State must pay \$75K, create ombudsman for failure to provide child’s special needs services**, Katie Mulvaney, May 18, 2022, 6:16 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice awarded the parents of a son diagnosed on the autism spectrum \$75,000 in damages from the state for failing to ensure the family could access in-home services needed for the boy to continue to live at home. U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha’s office announced Wednesday that justice officials had entered a settlement agreement with the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services to resolve alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Feds: Jonesboro man who opened fire on 2 gas stations charged with hate crime**, Henri Hollis, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Clayton County man who was arrested last July after police said he fired multiple gunshots at two gas stations is now facing federal hate crime charges. Larry Edward Foxworth, 48, of Jonesboro, was arrested on 10 counts related to the shootings in July 2021, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution previously reported. At the time, Clayton police said Foxworth told officers, “This is a hate crime and this is a targeted hit.” No one was injured in either shooting. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WAGA- Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WXIA-NBC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

## **CIVIL LAW**

**AP: Federal team to investigate Tesla crash that killed 3 in California**, Tom Krisher, May 18, 2022, 9:00 PM  
The U.S. government's road safety agency has dispatched a team to investigate the possibility that a Tesla involved in a California crash that killed three people was operating on a partially automated driving system. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Wednesday confirmed that it had sent a special crash investigation team to probe the May 12 crash on the Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Politico: What comes next after DOJ's first civil FARA suit in 30 years**, Caitlin Oprysko, May 18, 2022, 6:43 PM

The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit against casino magnate Steve Wynn in a bid to force the onetime RNC finance chair to register as a foreign agent of the Chinese government in connection with a 2017 effort to secure the extradition of a Chinese billionaire living in the U.S. — In a rare civil complaint filed on Tuesday in federal court in Washington, the department said it had determined as far back as 2018 that Wynn had an obligation to register under FARA, but that despite ordering him to do so three separate times, Wynn never registered. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSJ: Judges Deal Latest Blow to SEC's In-House Courts**, Dave Michaels, May 18, 2022, 6:30 PM

Securities regulators can't bring enforcement actions seeking financial penalties through their in-house courts, a federal appeals court ruled on Wednesday. The decision, from a split panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, adds to the legal backlash over federal-agency tribunals that some critics say violate the separation-of-powers doctrine. The Securities and Exchange Commission, one of the biggest and busiest financial regulators, has been a focal point for the feud. Its enforcers sometimes litigate cases before administrative law judges who are employees of the SEC, but are supposed to exercise independent judicial powers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WATE-ABC (Knoxville, TN): Two Florida men sentenced in TN for telemedicine pharmacy fraud**, Hannah Moore, May 18, 2022, 5:50 PM

Two Florida men have been sentenced by a Federal Judge in Greeneville, Tennessee, for their roles in a multimillion-dollar healthcare fraud scheme. Peter Bolos, 44, of Tampa, was convicted of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 22 counts of mail fraud and introduction of a misbranded drug into interstate commerce. U.S. District Judge J. Ronnie Greer sentenced him to 14 years in prison and ordered him to pay more than \$24.6 million in restitution and \$2.5 million in forfeiture. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] Inside Operation Lone Star**, May 19, 2022, 6:00 AM

In the post-Trump era, some red states have moved aggressively to rebuke the Biden administration at the local level and signal to voters what a Republican-led country might look like. In Texas, immigration is a key battleground. Today, we speak to Hunter Schuler, a member of the National Guards, about why Gov. Greg Abbott has sent him and thousands of other security officers to the U.S.-Mexico border. [[Listen](#)]

**USA Today: April saw record encounters at the southern border, but some data points dipped. Here's what that means**, Rebecca Morin, May 18, 2022, 4:47 PM

United States authorities saw a record high number of migrants at the nation's southern border in April, with data being release just weeks before the administration is set to end a Trump-era public health order that made it difficult for people to seek asylum. Customs and Border Protection officials encountered 234,088 individuals at the United States' southern border in April, an uptick from March and the highest total for one month in 22 years, according to data published Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: [OPINION] Illinois counties ask Seventh Circuit to lift ban on immigration detention contracts**, Nick

Taichi Steiner, May 18, 2022, 1:30 PM

If President Biden wants to follow through with his campaign promises and be a president who supports the immigrant community, he needs to end the 287(g) program. Recently, the national ACLU issued a report, “A License to Abuse: How ICE’s 287(g) Program Empowers Racist Sheriffs,” on the draconian immigration enforcement program called 287(g). The program delegates federal immigration enforcement authority to local and state law enforcement agencies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: 6th Circ. Asked To Keep Biden ICE Enforcement Curbs Frozen**, Alyssa Aquino, May 18, 2022, 7:25 PM

A trio of red states urged the Sixth Circuit to uphold a court order blocking the Biden administration's narrowed immigration enforcement priorities, saying Wednesday that the policy defies federal officers' mandate to detain certain immigrants. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Newsweek: U.S. Customs Seize Herbal Tea That Contained Eggs of Destructive Moth**, Darko Manevski, May 18, 2022, 5:05 PM

US. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials seized eggs from a moth species that has not been seen in the country for more than 100 years and was being smuggled in as herbal tea. The species is from the family Pyralidae, one of the most rampant crops pests in the world. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: ICE, GEO Group Sued Over Suicide Of Man Detained In Calif.**, Mike Curley, May 18, 2022, 4:57 PM

The daughter of a man who died by suicide in an immigration detention facility is suing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, GEO Group Inc., which runs the facility, and the city of McFarland, California, saying they ignored the man's mental illness and tortured him by putting him in solitary confinement, leading to his death. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Courthouse News: Illinois counties ask Seventh Circuit to lift ban on immigration detention contracts**, Dave Byrnes, May 18, 2022, 3:00 PM

A pair of right-leaning Illinois counties came before the Seventh Circuit on Wednesday morning, hoping the appellate court would clear the way for them to resume their lucrative immigrant detention deals with the federal government. Those deals, struck with McHenry and Kankakee counties, which both straddle the border between the urban Chicagoland area and the rural Illinois hinterlands, allowed the federal government to hold immigration detainees in the counties' public jails in exchange for a per-detainee fee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NY Post: El Paso planning to declare emergency over immigration surge**, MaryAnn Martinez, May 18, 2022, 12:25 AM

The city of El Paso is considering a plan to declare a state of emergency over immigration, an official told The Post Thursday. The emergency declaration, which the city council will vote on next week, would allow the west Texas city to receive state and federal funds to address the border crisis. It would then go to the mayor for approval. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**City News Service: Live centipedes, sea cucumbers, and swine sausages found in string of bizarre contraband seizures**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 12:28 PM

Federal authorities in Los Angeles on Wednesday announced the recent seizures of prohibited plant and animal products being imported into the country via ocean containers and postal and express air mail. Among the shipments seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialists: [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): Minnesota Somali singer fights deportation as he faces death threats in native country**, Faiza Mahamud, May 18, 2022, 9:44 PM

Minnesota's Somali community and human rights advocates are rallying around a local Somali singer facing deportation to a home country where he is the target of death threats. Omar Osman Mohamed — who goes by his

nickname "Shooli" — is fighting the U.S. government's bid to deport him for a 2008 federal drug conviction. On Thursday, federal authorities may weigh in on Shooli's fate during an immigration case check-in. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Laredo Morning Times: Nuevo Laredo resident indicted on cocaine smuggling charges*, Cesar G Rodriguez, May 18, 2022, 6:56 PM

A 31-year-old Nuevo Laredo resident has been indicted on cocaine smuggling charges, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. On Tuesday, a grand jury charged Sergio Bustos-Cruz with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute the cocaine. He is expected to appear for his arraignment in the near future before U.S. Magistrate Judge Diana Song Quiroga. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): BP catches sex offender illegally crossing border for fourth time*, Caleb J. Fernández, May 18, 2022, 4:34 PM

The U.S. Border Patrol has prevented a previously convicted sex offender from coming back into Pima County for the fourth time. Chief Patrol Agent John R. Modlin said Wednesday his agents arrested Gerardo Lopez-Armenta, approximately 55, after he crossed the border illegally near Nogales. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

*Bloomberg: IRS Selfie-Tech Provider Stirs Senate Ire Over Face Recognition*, Shawn Donnan and Dina Bass, May 18, 2022, 11:24 AM

A group of Democratic senators has asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate whether identity verification company ID.me illegally misled consumers and government agencies over its use of controversial facial recognition software. ID.me, which uses a mixture of selfies, document scans, and other methods to verify people's identities online has grown rapidly during the coronavirus pandemic, largely as a result of contracts with state unemployment departments and federal agencies including the Internal Revenue Service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Financial Times: Top US antitrust enforcer pledges crackdown on private equity deals*, Stefania Palma and James Fontanella-Khan, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

The top antitrust enforcer in the US has warned the Department of Justice will take a tougher stance on private equity firms rolling up swaths of the American economy as it targets buyout groups that have largely skirted the watchdog's scrutiny. "Sometimes [the motive of a private equity firm is] designed to hollow out or roll up an industry and essentially cash out," Jonathan Kanter, the head of the DoJ's antitrust unit said in an interview with the Financial Times. "That business model is often very much at odds with the law, and very much at odds with the competition we're trying to protect." [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360: Lessons For Gov't Contractors Amid Increased Antitrust Risk*, Rachel Guy, May 18, 2022, 6:11 PM

A review of recently ramped-up Procurement Collusion Strike Force enforcement yields important lessons for government procurement companies, which are particularly susceptible to anti-competitive risks, on corporate antitrust awareness and robust compliance, say Rachel Guy and James McGinnis at Sheppard Mullin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360: Groups Want FTC To Investigate Electric Utility Corruption*, Clark Mindock, May 18, 2022, 4:46 PM

Citing nuclear subsidies bribes in Illinois and Ohio as well as anti-solar campaigns in Florida and Arizona, more than 200 groups on Wednesday asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate electric utility abuses they say pose an urgent threat to consumers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*MarketWatch: FTC Chief Khan blames baby formula shortage, high meat prices on monopoly power*,

Chris Matthews, May 18, 2022, 11:35 AM

Federal Trade Commission Chairwoman Lina Khan pointed to concentration in the markets for baby formula and meat packing as major factors contributing to shortages and rapidly rising prices during a Congressional hearing Wednesday. A nationwide shortage of baby formula was catalysed by an Abbott Laboratories ABT, -1.57% recall of powder formulas, initiated due to a potential bacterial contamination at its plant in Sturgis, Mich. Two babies died after being fed the formula, though Abbot said in a statement last week that "there is no evidence to link our formulas to these infant illnesses." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

*The Hill*: **[OPINION] The Department of Justice's strategy to advance environmental justice**, David Coursen, May 18, 2022, 4:00 PM

After a halting start, the Biden administration has recently taken several steps to advance environmental justice and use enforcement of our nation's environmental laws to protect communities of color and low-income and indigenous communities. This month, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has created an Office of Environmental Justice as part of a comprehensive environmental justice enforcement strategy for complementing the work of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **TAX**

*The Philadelphia Inquirer*: **An ex-Delco tax collector was sentenced to federal prison for preparing false personal tax returns**, Vinny Vella, May 18, 2022, 4:30 PM

Ridley Township's former tax collector and treasurer was sentenced to a year in federal prison Wednesday after admitting to filing false personal tax returns for five years, undervaluing her income by more than \$400,000. Rosezanna Czwalina, 70, told U.S. District Judge Paul S. Diamond she was "extremely sorry" for the crime — to which she pleaded guilty last June — and regretted the embarrassment her conduct caused her family. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WNEP-ABC (Scranton, PA)*: **Roofer gets prison time for not paying taxes**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 6:34 PM

A roofing company owner will spend six months in federal prison for failing to pay payroll taxes. Officials say Charles Ehrenberg, owner of Ehrenberg Roofing and Construction in Hazleton, failed to collect and pay payroll taxes totaling over \$100,000. In addition to spending time behind bars, Ehrenberg will also have to pay restitution to the IRS. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WHP-CBS (Harrisburg, PA)*: **Hazleton roofing company owner sentenced to jail time for failing to pay payroll taxes**, Rayna McGlynn, May 18, 2022, 3:57 PM

A business owner from Hazleton has been sentenced after failing to pay years' worth of payroll taxes. The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that 34-year-old Charles R. Ehrenberg, owner of Ehrenberg Roofing and Construction, Inc. in Hazleton, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Court Judge Malachy E. Mannion to 6 months in prison followed by 6 months of house arrest and a 2-year term of supervised release, for failing to collect and pay over several years' worth of required federal payroll taxes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Patch (Atlanta, GA)*: **'Chrisley Knows Best' Stars' Fraud, Tax Evasion Trial Begins**, Jeffrey Perkins, May 18, 2022, 3:05 PM

The federal trial of reality TV stars Todd and Julie Chrisley of "Chrisley Knows Best" on criminal bank fraud and tax evasion charges began Tuesday in Atlanta. The Chrisleys were first indicted in August 2019 and a new indictment was filed in February. Prosecutors say the couple submitted fake documents when applying for loans, defrauding

banks of \$30 million. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**CBS: FBI search warrant obtained by podcast reveals possible details about killer of two girls in Delphi, Indiana**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 8:41 PM

Chilling new details emerged Wednesday in the 2017 murders of two teen girls in Delphi, Indiana. An FBI search warrant obtained by the "Murder Sheet" podcast said the bodies of Abby Williams, 13, and Liberty German, 14, lost a lot of blood. The warrant also noted that the killer may have staged a murder scene and took souvenirs, but the warrant did not specify what they were. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Las Vegas Review-Journal: FBI, Metro identify 2 of 3 suspects in deadly robbery**, Ricardo Torres-Cortez, May 18, 2022, 1:53 PM

Las Vegas police on Wednesday identified two of three suspects wanted in a fatal shooting during a targeted robbery in a southwest valley home in March, and the FBI announced a reward of up to \$20,000 for information leading to their capture. Christine Schultz, 21, and Michael Overton, 31, both wanted on charges of murder, kidnapping, robbery and burglary, might have fled the valley, Metropolitan Police Department Lt. Ray Spencer said Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KOCO-ABC (Oklahoma City, OK): 2 people dead after explosion at Clinton home**, Jason Burger, May 18, 2022, 11:08 PM

Two people are dead after an explosion at a home in Clinton. Early Tuesday morning, first responders found a Clinton home completely engulfed in flames. KOCO 5 was told it was an explosion that started it. [...] "The ATF was involved to come out and see if there was an incendiary device that was used in the explosion," Abner said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KNDU-NBC (Richland, WA): FBI Task Force focusing on violent crime in Yakima makes several arrests**, Karlee Van De Venter, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

U.S. Attorney Vanessa Waldref announced numerous indictments following a crackdown on violent crime, gang and drug activity in Yakima County, including several on the Yakama Nation Indian Reservation. The indictments are from a federal Grand Jury. "These arrests demonstrate how critical it is for law enforcement to work together," said Waldref. "By combining the resources of federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement through focused investigation and prosecution, we are able to do more to make communities in Eastern Washington safe and strong. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHOI-ABC (Peoria, IL): FBI confirms operations in Peoria, Normal on Wednesday**, Howard Packowitz and Heart of Illinois, May 18, 2022, 10:26 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation confirms its agents were at a home in Peoria Wednesday morning and at a residence in northeast Normal Wednesday evening. Both cases, agents were conducting "court-authorized activity," said Becky Cramblit, public affairs officer for the FBI's Springfield office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WISN-ABC (Milwaukee, WI): Top Milwaukee FBI agent lends resources, seeks tips on downtown violence**, Derrick Rose, May 18, 2022, 7:43 PM

As a string of gunfire echoed in downtown Milwaukee Friday night, the violence and chaos created instant headlines across the country. One of the people prompted to take immediate action is Michael Hensle. Hensle had only been in Milwaukee a few months, but as the newly appointed Special Agent in Charge of the Milwaukee FBI Field Office, he knew federal resources could help local investigators. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): Federal government stepping in to help HBCUs following bomb threats**, Kirstin Garriss, May 18, 2022, 7:35 PM



Dozens of college campuses remain on edge after bomb threats canceled classes across the country earlier this year. Months later, there are still no arrests and FBI and Homeland Security officials are continuing to investigate why dozens of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were targeted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*First Coast News (Jacksonville, FL):* **[VIDEO] FBI, hazmat investigating suspicious letter sent to Duval County Courthouse**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 6:51 PM

This incident comes a day after some sort of substance was sent inside a letter to the State Attorney's Office for the 4th Judicial Circuit. [[Watch](#)]

*WTMJ-AM (Milwaukee, WI):* **FBI explains role in Water Street violence investigation**, Mary Jo Ola, May 18, 2022, 5:54 PM

The head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Milwaukee field office said as soon as violence broke out on Water Street last weekend, he reached out to the city's police chief to help. "Not that they can't do it, but ultimately we're all better together when we work collectively because we have different capabilities and different resources," Special Agent in Charge Michael Hensle said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA):* **U.S. Marshals Apprehend Wanted Fugitive in Evans**, Ashlyn Williams, May 18, 2022, 5:56 PM

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested a man after conducting a search warrant Wednesday afternoon. 34-year-old Bobby Lewis Jenkins was apprehended Wednesday. He was wanted by the U.S. Marshals due to outstanding warrants from the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime, Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of MDMA, and Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WSVN-Fox (Miami, FL):* **FBI announces reward for information on suspects who killed South Florida woman**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 5:00 PM

The FBI has announced a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of two suspects for their alleged involvement in a home invasion that ended in the death of a South Florida woman in Las Vegas. According to authorities, the home invasion occurred on March 25 after multiple suspects broke into the victim's home. During the robbery, the victim, identified as 24-year-old Natalie Manduley, managed to retrieve her own gun and shoot at one of the suspects. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCVB-ABC (Boston, MA):* **Officials identify four killed in Worcester apartment building fire**, Unattributed, May 18, 2022, 2:53 PM

Investigators on Wednesday identified the four people killed in a devastating weekend fire in Worcester. The deadly fire broke out early Saturday morning in the six-family building at 2 Gage St. Firefighters struck four alarms to call for additional resources to fight the fire. [...] The building is a total loss, and the cause of the fire is under investigation by city officials and the ATF. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Patch (Norwich, CT):* **Norwich Man Charged In Home Invasion; Held On \$1 Million Bond**, Chris Rhatigan, May 18, 2022, 1:57 PM

A Norwich man has been arrested in connection with a home invasion, WTNH News-8 reported. Kwendelle Wiggins, 31, returned to his former Norwich home and was captured by police and U.S. Marshals early Wednesday morning. Wiggins is currently being held by Norwich police on a \$1,000,000 bond, according to WTNH News-8. He had three outstanding warrants for his arrest--two for violation of probation and one for failure to appear in court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**AP: ‘Pharma Bro’ Martin Shkreli freed from prison for halfway house**, Larry Neumeister, May 18, 2022, 3:37 PM

Convicted pharmaceutical executive Martin Shkreli was freed today from prison after serving much of a seven-year prison sentence for lying to hedge fund investors and cheating investors in a drug company. His attorney, Ben Brafman, said Shkreli, 39, was released early from a prison in Allenwood, Pennsylvania. The move was confirmed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: Man being held on federal charges found dead at Alexandria jail**, Ricardo Torres-Cortez, May 18, 2022, 1:53 PM

A 25-year-old Fairfax County man was found dead Wednesday morning while being held on federal charges in the Alexandria City jail, city law enforcement officials said. The Alexandria Sheriff’s Office and city police detectives are investigating the in-custody death after authorities found Anthony Moaf “suffering from an apparent medical emergency” while alone in a cell at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center just after 8 a.m., officials said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Organizer of failed Fyre Festival is released early from federal prison**, Tim Stelloh and Diana Dasrath, May 18, 2022, 9:48 PM

The admitted fraudster behind the failed Fyre Festival was released from prison Wednesday, more than two years before the end of a six-year sentence handed down in 2018, his lawyer said. Billy McFarland, 30, was transferred from a low-security federal prison in Michigan on March 30, the Bureau of Prisons said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: [BLOG] Rural white-majority geographies have a criminal justice problem, too**, Howard Henderson and Stephen G. Van Geem, May 18, 2022, 10:30 AM

The nation just concluded observing Second Chance Month to raise awareness of the consequences of criminal convictions. One of the most significant ramifications of their criminal records is their inability to obtain employment. According to research from the Society for Human Resource Management, 9 out of every 10 employers use background checks. Upon discovering prospective employees’ prior incarceration histories, many of them automatically decline their applications, even when they served for a minor, nonviolent offense. As a result, the unemployment rate for nonviolent offenders, currently at approximately 38-percent, is far higher than that of the general populace. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Las Vegas Review-Journal: Lawyers argue death row inmate Zane Floyd’s execution challenge**, Katelyn Newberg, May 18, 2022, 8:28 PM

A federal judge is set to decide soon if he will dismiss death row prisoner Zane Floyd’s challenge to his execution. U.S. District Judge Richard Boulware said last month that the challenge from the quadruple convicted killer could be dismissed now that some of the drugs the state intended to use in the lethal injection cocktail have expired. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **US SUPREME COURT**

**AP: US warns abortion ruling could increase extremist violence**, Ben Fox, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

The leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion striking down the constitutional right to abortion has unleashed a wave of threats against officials and others and increased the likelihood of extremist violence, an internal government report says. Violence could come from either side of the abortion issue or from other types of extremists seeking to exploit tensions, according to a memo directed to local government agencies from the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#)

**Bloomberg: Supreme Court Justices to Get Around-the-Clock Home Security**, Chris Strohm, May 18, 2022, 5:38 PM

US Supreme Court justices will receive around-the-clock security at home, among other protections, following the leaked draft opinion advocating overturning abortion rights. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the US Marshals Service to step up the personal protection for the nine justices last week, according to the Justice Department. Garland on Wednesday held a meeting between DOJ and Supreme Court officials to discuss coordination and intelligence sharing regarding judicial security. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNBC](#), [CNN](#)

**WaPo: Texas, 12 states fire back at tech industry in Supreme Court filings**, Cat Zakrzewski, May 18, 2022, 5:08 PM

Texas on Wednesday filed a petition calling on the Supreme Court to reject an emergency application seeking to block a state law regulating content moderation decisions at large social media companies. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton argued that the state law, which bars platforms from blocking users based on viewpoint, is focused on businesses' conduct and does not violate the First Amendment, which protects private companies from government regulation of speech. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#)

**Law360: Ex-Nooksack Citizen Asks Justices To Hear Bad Faith Claims**, Caleb Symons, May 18, 2022, 7:19 PM

A former member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to establish federal jurisdiction over her habeas petition in tribal court, where she claims a clerk is purposely stalling that request, forcing her to appear at dozens of hearings in recent years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: Supreme Court to weigh Christian web designer's free speech argument against anti-discrimination law**, Alex Swoyer, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM

The ongoing battle on the part of Christian artists and entrepreneurs to legally refuse business they contend would force them to violate their faith is back for another round in the Supreme Court. Lorie Smith, a Colorado web designer who will have her case heard during the court's 2022 term, argues that the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act forces her to create websites that celebrate same-sex marriages in violation of her faith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS**

**Reuters: U.S. Senate confirms three Biden picks for California, New York federal courts**, Nate Raymond and Mike Scarcella, May 18, 2022, 7:53 PM

The U.S. Senate voted on Wednesday to confirm two California state court judges to the federal bench and to approve the appointment of the general counsel of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America as a federal judge in Manhattan. The Senate voted 51-44 to confirm Alameda County Superior Court Judge Trina Thompson to become a federal judge in the Northern District of California and 51-45 for Riverside County Superior Court Judge Sunshine Sykes to serve in the state's Central District. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [HuffPost](#), [Law360](#)

**Fox: Biden judicial nominee said border wall, voter ID laws 'grounded in White supremacy'**, Jessica Chasmar, May 18, 2022, 3:44 PM

President Biden's nominee for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York said during a recently unearthed podcast that Republican-backed policies like voter ID laws and the U.S.-Mexico border wall are rooted in White supremacy. Biden announced Natasha Merle's nomination along with seven other federal judicial nominees in January, aiming to fulfill a "promise to ensure that the nation's courts reflect the diversity that is one of our greatest assets as a country," the White House said at the time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: Girl Scouts Counsel Confirmed to Manhattan Federal Court Seat**, John Crawley, May 18,

2022, 11:50 AM

An ex-litigator and current Girl Scouts of America general counsel Jennifer Rochon was confirmed on Wednesday to a seat on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. A handful of Senate Republicans supported her in the Democratic-led chamber, which cleared the nomination 51-47. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*San Francisco Chronicle*: **Alameda County judge confirmed to serve on U.S. District Court in S.F.**, Bob Egelko, May 18, 2022, 8:30 PM

Trina Thompson, a veteran trial judge in Alameda County, was confirmed by the Senate Wednesday to the U.S. District Court in San Francisco. She becomes the third Black woman among 61 federal trial court judges in California, all nominees of President Biden. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

*Law360*: **Navajo Farmers Seek 10th Circ. Redo In Gold King Mine Suit**, Andrew Westney, May 18, 2022, 9:02 PM

Navajo farmers and ranchers have urged the Tenth Circuit to revisit their Clean Water Act claims over the 2015 Gold King Mine spill, saying a circuit panel's ruling that New Mexico's statute of limitations didn't apply to their suit flies in the face of decades of precedent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **States, Green Groups Look To Restart Water Rule Challenge**, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, May 18, 2022, 5:57 PM

Blue states, green groups and tribes that are challenging a Trump-era Clean Water Act rule are trying an unusual procedural move that could allow them to restart their case in federal district court and bypass an appeal that's currently underway in the Ninth Circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **Feds To Revisit Alaskan Mining Road Plans After Remand Win**, Caleb Symons, May 18, 2022, 5:09 PM

The U.S. government will reconsider its Trump-era approval of a \$1 billion mining access road across protected Alaskan wilderness after a federal judge granted its request to review that project again instead of proceeding with lawsuits brought by tribal and conservation groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KUOW-NPR (Seattle, WA)*: **Federal lawsuit over new sports betting rule could jeopardize tribal sovereignty, critics say**, David Hyde, May 18, 2022, 7:37 PM

Gaming revenue has helped lift many tribes above the poverty line all over the country. With casino revenue, tribes including the Nisqually are able to invest in things like health care or internet service, much like other local governments do. Here in Washington, 29 tribal casinos operate under agreements or "compacts" with the state. Revenue from those casinos totaled nearly \$3 billion in 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**

*Law360*: **Pot Regulators Say Banking Bill Impasse Is Leading To Murder**, Katryna Perera, May 18, 2022, 8:39 PM

A group representing cannabis regulators on Wednesday urged Congress to pass legislation to broaden the industry's access to banking and financial services, saying inaction has led to, among other things, an uptick in violent and deadly crime due to the fact that dispensaries mostly operate in a cash-only manner. The Cannabis Regulators Association, also known as CANNRA, sent a letter to Congressional leadership asking it to address the current cannabis banking situation by passing the Secure and Fair Enforcement, or SAFE, Banking Act. CANNRA is a nonprofit organization that represents cannabis regulators across the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Marijuana Moment: State Marijuana Regulators Say Banking Fix Will Make Their Jobs Easier In Addition To Helping Businesses***, Kyle Jaeger, May 18, 2022, 1:00 PM

As lawmakers work to advance marijuana banking reform, a coalition of cannabis regulators representing 40 U.S. states and territories are explaining to Congress just what the current lack of access to traditional financial services means—not just for the businesses and the programs they oversee, but for the regulators navigating this federal-state conflict themselves. The non-partisan Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA), which doesn't take a stand on legalization itself, sent a letter to congressional leaders on Wednesday, outlining three key areas of concern for their states' respective marijuana markets under the status quo of federal prohibition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ADMINISTRATION**

***AP: Biden invokes Defense Production Act for formula shortage***, Zeke Miller and Kevin Freking, May 19, 2022, 12:00 AM

President Joe Biden invoked the Defense Production Act to speed production of infant formula and authorized flights to import supply from overseas, as he faces mounting political pressure over a domestic shortage caused by the safety-related closure of the country's largest formula manufacturing plant. The Defense Production Act order requires suppliers of formula manufacturers to fulfill orders from those companies before other customers, in an effort to eliminate production bottlenecks. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Reuters](#)

## **CONGRESS**

***AP: House passes domestic terrorism bill after Buffalo shooting***, Farnoush Amiri and Kevin Freking, May 18, 2022, 11:00 PM

The House passed legislation late Wednesday night that would bolster federal resources to prevent domestic terrorism in response to the racist mass shooting in Buffalo, New York. The 222-203, nearly party-line vote was an answer to the growing pressure Congress faces to address gun violence and white supremacist attacks — a crisis that escalated following two mass shootings over the weekend. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., a member of the congressional committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol, was the lone Republican to vote in favor of the measure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

***Bloomberg: Lawmakers Press DOJ on Backlog of 17,000 Clemency Petitions***, Jarrell Dillard, May 18, 2022, 10:51 AM

A bipartisan group of US House lawmakers are demanding information on the backlog of over 17,000 people seeking presidential clemency, a power Joe Biden pledged during his 2020 campaign to use to advance criminal justice reform. "The growing backlog of clemency petitions undermines the promise of a fair and just criminal legal system," the lawmakers wrote in a letter Tuesday to Elizabeth Oyer, who leads the Justice Department's Office of the Pardon Attorney. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Washington Examiner: Youngkin: Garland not going to enforce law barring protests outside justices' homes***, Max Thornberry, May 18, 2022, 10:19 PM

Virginia's governor is skeptical that the country's top law enforcement official is going to make sure laws are upheld evenly. Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin told Jesse Watters he doesn't think Attorney General Merrick Garland is going to enforce the law when it comes to protesters picketing outside the homes of Supreme Court justices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 18, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- President Biden is invoking the Defense Production Act to increase the production of baby formula nationwide. "Operation Fly Formula" will direct the use of planes to go overseas to pick up formula and bring it back to the US. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The country's largest retailers are warning of rising inflation costs and fears of a recession. All three major indexes posted big losses with the Dow falling more than 1,100 points. Both the Nasdaq and the S&P 500 were off more than 4%. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The primary election in Pennsylvania, one of the most closely watched races, is still too close to call. The race centers on celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz, who was hoping a Trump endorsement would lift him to victory. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Residents of Buffalo are still reeling from the mass shooting that targeted the predominantly Black community. While they are not only dealing with the racially motivated hate crime, they're also without the only grocery store for miles while it's closed during the investigation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC is warning Americans who live in areas with high COVID risk should wear masks in indoor public spaces. The agency is also recommending air travelers get a COVID test as close to their departure as possible. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US embassy in Ukraine officially reopened in Kyiv today, flying the American flag for the first time since diplomats and staff left three months ago. And in battle-scarred Kharkiv, the path of destruction left by Russian troops is all that remains. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Women are the fastest-growing demographic in the military and the VA says they're also almost twice as likely to suffer from mental health issues compared to their male counterparts. But the hardest part for many is actually seeking help. [[CBS](#)]
- Federal investigators in Delaware are investigating whether Hunter Biden broke federal tax laws. It was also learned new details about how Hunter Biden paid off his \$2 million IRS bill. [[NBC](#)]

## **MORNING HEADLINES**

- "Russian Blockade Heightens Fears of Global Grain Shortage" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)]

- "Doug Mastriano's Pa. victory could give 2020 denier oversight of 2024" [[WaPo](#)]
- "Stock Futures Drop After Selloff, Global Stocks Slide" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Taiwanese church shooter mailed seven-volume diary to Chinese-language newspaper" [[LAT](#)]

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#### AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Investigators Examine Suspect's Racist Motivation After Buffalo Massacre" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Sweden's ruling party greenlights joining NATO; bloc chief calls potential adds 'historic'" [[WaPo](#)]

#### US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**AP: US attorney says FBI is investigating Buffalo shooting as both a hate crime and racially motivated violent extremism**, Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 6:24 PM

US attorney says FBI is investigating Buffalo shooting as both a hate crime and racially motivated violent extremism. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [WaPo](#)

**WSJ: Justice Department to Probe Buffalo Shooting as Hate Crime**, Jimmy Vielkind, Dan Frosch, and Nicole Friedman, May 15, 2022, 11:01 AM

Federal and state law-enforcement officials are investigating the killing of 10 people at a Buffalo, N.Y., supermarket Saturday as a possible hate crime, citing a document police have linked to the shooter that details a planned mass shooting similar to what occurred on Saturday, including the writer's goal of killing as many Black people as possible. "The Justice Department is investigating this matter as a hate crime and an act of racially motivated violent extremism," said U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Saturday. See also: [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#)

**AP: Feds interview deadly supermarket shooting suspect's parents**, Carolyn Thompson and Michael Balsamo, May 15, 2022, 11: 54 AM

Federal agents interviewed the parents of the white 18-year-old accused of shooting and



killing 10 people at a Buffalo supermarket and served multiple search warrants, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Sunday. Federal authorities were still working to confirm the authenticity of a 180-page manifesto that was posted online, which detailed the plot and identified Payton Gendron by name as the gunman, the official said. Authorities say the shooting was motivated by racial hatred. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Alabama's ban on medication for trans youths is blocked by judge**, Anne Branigin, May 14, 2022, 2:42 PM

Last Sunday, Alabama became the first state in U.S. history to make gender-affirming care a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$15,000 for anyone providing that care to someone under 19. Less than a week later, a federal judge in Alabama has blocked the ban from being enforced, saying it would cause "severe physical and/or psychological harm" to Alabama's trans youths and their families and likely violates their constitutional rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**Reuters: Accused NY subway shooter pleads not guilty to terrorism, weapons charges**, Luc Cohen and Brendan Pierson, May 13, 2022, 2:22 PM

A man charged with last month's mass shooting in a New York subway, one of the most violent attacks in the history of the city's transit system, pleaded not guilty to terrorism and weapons charges in Brooklyn federal court on Friday. Frank James, 62, is accused of carrying out an April 12 gunfire and smoke bomb attack that injured 23 people. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

**AP: US set to remove 5 groups from foreign terrorism blacklist**, Matthew Lee, May 15, 2022, 11:37 AM

The United States is poised to remove five extremist groups, all believed to be defunct, from its list of foreign terrorist organizations, including several that once posed significant threats, killing hundreds if not thousands of people across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Although the groups are inactive, the decision is politically sensitive for the Biden administration and the countries in which the organizations operated, and could draw criticism from victims and their families still dealing with the losses of loved ones. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: 'Straw Owner' Hides \$1 Billion Worth of Russian Yachts, US Says**, Stephanie Baker and Jonathan Browning, May 14, 2022, 5:15 PM

In the race to seize assets tied to sanctioned Russian billionaires, US authorities are alleging that a Russian tycoon acted as the "straw owner" of two yachts worth more than \$1 billion, including the \$700 million Scheherazade, a superyacht linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Court filings in the South Pacific island of Fiji, where the US is trying to seize the \$325 million yacht Amadea, reveal what US officials allege is a nest of offshore shell companies that were set up with the help of a yacht broker to conceal the true owners of both vessels — an allegation that lawyers for the listed owner and the broker dispute. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Guardian (New York, NY): Biden administration issued subpoena for details of Guardian reporter's phone**, Ed Pilkington, May 14, 2022, 6:00 AM

The subpoena that was used by the US justice department to obtain details of a Guardian reporter's phone account, as part of a leak inquiry, was issued by the Biden administration within the opening weeks of Joe Biden's presidency. In a statement to the Guardian, the inspector general's office of the justice department confirmed that the subpoena was issued in February 2021 – shortly after Biden entered the White House. The action was taken in an

effort to divine the identity of an alleged leaker, who was suspected of divulging to news outlets details of an inquiry into the previous Trump administration's policy of separating children from their parents at the southern US border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## JAN. 6

**WaPo: Leading GOP candidates in Pennsylvania were in Washington on Jan. 6**, Colby Itkowitz and Rosalind S. Helderman, May 15, 2022, 6:00 AM

A top candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary — endorsed Saturday by former president Donald Trump — participated in the "Stop the Steal" rally in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, the day the U.S. Capitol was attacked. So, too, did a surging candidate for the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: House subpoenas its own, grave new norm after Jan. 6 attack**, Lisa Mascaró, May 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

The Jan. 6 committee's remarkable decision to subpoena House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and other congressional Republicans over the insurrection at the Capitol is as rare as the deadly riot itself, deepening the acrimony and distrust among lawmakers and raising questions about what comes next. The outcome is certain to reverberate beyond the immediate investigation of Donald Trump's unfounded efforts to overturn Joe Biden's presidential election victory. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## SPECIAL COUNSEL

**AP: EXPLAINER: Why stakes are high in trial tied to Russia probe**, Eric Tucker, May 14, 2022, 12:00 PM

The first trial resulting from special counsel John Durham's investigation of the early days of the Trump-Russia probe hardly seems an explosive affair. It's about a single false statement that a cybersecurity lawyer with ties to the Hillary Clinton campaign is alleged to have made to the FBI in 2016. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Devin Nunes: Durham case revealed criminal elusion of Congress**, Daniel Chaitin, May 15, 2022, 11:39 AM

A case involving special counsel John Durham uncovered more documents than Congress was able to get when Devin Nunes was a leading member of the House, the former congressman said on Sunday. Kash Patel, who was an aide to Republicans when they controlled the House Intelligence Committee under then-Chairman Nunes, said on Sunday that FBI notes disclosed as part of Durham's case against Democratic cybersecurity lawyer Michael Sussmann were subpoenaed by Nunes and "withheld" from the panel during its own Russia investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

**AP: Ex-convict admits fraud, bogus tax returns for pro athletes**, Unattributed, May 13, 2022, 9:16 PM

An ex-convict from California has pleaded guilty to fraud schemes totaling more than \$25 million that included exaggerated tax returns for professional athletes and exploiting federal pandemic relief programs. Quin Ngoc Rudin, 45, of Chino, California, pleaded guilty to wire fraud Friday in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Miami Herald: Ex-Venezuelan treasurer, accused of hiding millions in Miami, is**

**extradited to South Florida**, Jay Weaver and Antonio Maria Delgado, May 14, 2022, 7:20 AM

A former Venezuelan national treasurer was extradited from Spain to South Florida Thursday night to face charges of accepting millions in bribes from a billionaire businessman who paid her and her husband through Miami bank accounts so the tycoon could make a fortune off the Venezuelan government's lucrative currency exchange system. Former Venezuelan treasurer Claudia Patricia Díaz Guillén had her first appearance in federal court in West Palm Beach on Friday morning. Her arraignment was scheduled for Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): Cobb County man allegedly stole nearly \$10M in PPP fraud, federal prosecutors say**, Jon Shirek, May 14, 2022, 8:33 AM

A federal grand jury in Atlanta has indicted a Cobb County man, a licensed commercial pilot, accusing him of massive fraud — stealing money meant for business owners who were struggling to keep their businesses open, and their employees paid, during the pandemic. Carl Torjagbo is charged with taking \$9.5 million from the taxpayers — Paycheck Protection Program money meant for COVID relief — and then living in luxury. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRIC-ABC (Richmond, VA): Man sends threatening letters to the Virginia officials that prosecuted him**, Tannock Blair, May 13, 2022, 7:32 PM

A man was found guilty in a federal Virginia court Thursday after mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer and federal prosecutor who put him away. The reason for his prior conviction? Criminal threats. Brock Brian Beeman, 27, of New York, was indicted on July 23, 2020, on charges of cyberstalking a Virginia Beach woman. He was charged with six counts, including making interstate threats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTV-Fox (St. Louis, MO): St. Louis man sentenced 26 years for armed robbery spree in Illinois**, Joey Schneider, May 14, 2022, 5:20 PM (EDT)

A federal judge has sentenced a St. Louis man for a string of armed robberies in Illinois. Jalon J. Moore, 25, was sentenced to 26 years in prison on Thursday over an armed robbery spree in the Metro East three years ago. In January, Moore pled guilty to armed robberies of Sprint in Fairview Heights and Marco's Pizza in Collinsville, in addition to a bank robbery of GCS Credit Union in Collinsville. Investigators say all of these robberies happened in March 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Florida private equity manager gets 8 years prison in New York for defrauding banks**, Jonathan Stempel, May 13, 2022, 4:56 PM

A Florida man who masterminded a "brazen, sophisticated" scheme to defraud banks into providing about \$134 million of loans for his private equity fund was sentenced on Friday to eight years and one month in prison, federal prosecutors in Manhattan said. Elliot Smerling, 53, of Lake Worth, Florida, had pleaded guilty in February to bank fraud and securities fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): 4 Florida men face life in prison for impersonating police, DOJ says**, Dylan Abad, May 13, 2022, 7:33 PM

Four Tampa Bay area men face up to life in federal prison after authorities said they committed several armed robberies, home invasions, and shootings while dressed as police officers, a news release from the U.S. Attorney's office stated. Authorities said the following men were charged with conspiracy, Hobbs act robbery, and brandishing and discharging firearms in the commission of crimes of violence: Reginald "Rudy" Roberts, 22, of Lakeland, Nathaniel Keith "Nate" Carr, 28, of Riverdale, Daniel "D-Jack" Jackson, 29, of Winter Haven, and Chrishawn "Baby" De'Earl Butler, 22, of Brooksville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WJET-ABC (Erie, PA): 25 people indicted in Erie-based drug trafficking ring**, Chelsea Swift, May 13, 2022, 6:19 PM

5 individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Erie on charges of violating federal narcotics laws. 20 of these arrests took place in Erie on May 12, 2022. According to federal, state and local officials, large amounts of fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine were recovered from several neighborhoods in the City of Erie. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KOKI-TV (Tulsa, OK): Tulsa man convicted for sexually abusing 7-year-old girl**, Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 7:56 PM (EDT)

A man who sexually abused a 7-year-old child was convicted Friday in federal court, announced U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson. Robert William Perry II, 31, of Tulsa, was found guilty of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor in Indian Country and of abusive sexual contact of a minor in Indian Country. From May 6, 2017, to May 15, 2018, Perry sexually abused the minor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**CNN: Delaware State University intends to file a formal DOJ complaint over traffic stop they believe was racially motivated**, Jennifer Henderson and Alaa Elassar, May 13, 2022, 4:08 PM

Delaware State University intends to file a formal complaint with the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division regarding allegations the women's lacrosse team was racially profiled during a traffic stop in Georgia. President Tony Allen announced Friday the historically Black institution's decision to file the complaint, after what he says was police misconduct by the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#)

**AP: Ex-detention deputy sentenced for hitting restrained inmate**, Unattributed, May 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

A former detention deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office was sentenced Friday to 18 months in federal prison for assaulting a restrained inmate. Jorge Alberto Mateos, 26, of Noblesville, had previously pleaded guilty to a felony civil rights offense for what federal prosecutors termed "his unreasonable use of force against an inmate in his care." Court documents say Mateos was working on the evening of Sept. 9, 2021, when deputies ordered an inmate to remove his shoes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CIVIL LAW**

**[Law.com](#): Federal Government Joins Lawsuit Over Alleged Sexual Harassment of Courthouse Employees**, Aleeza Furman, May 13, 2022, 4:54 PM

The Department of Justice stepped in to a lawsuit Thursday over a Pennsylvania local government official's alleged sexual harassment of four county employees working at the Schuylkill County Courthouse. U.S. District Judge Martin Carlson of the Middle District of Pennsylvania allowed the federal government to join the case as a plaintiff-intervenor following a series of orders denying the motions to dismiss from five defendants, including Glenn Roth, a legal adviser to county commissioners. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**AP: Pandemic-era asylum limits in hands of federal judge**, Kevin McGill, May 13, 2022, 7:19 PM

An attorney arguing for 24 states urged a federal judge Friday to block Biden administration

plans to lift pandemic-related restrictions on migrants requesting asylum, saying the decision was made without sufficient consideration on the effects the move could have on public health and law enforcement. Drew Ensign, an attorney for the state of Arizona, told U.S. District Judge Summerhays the lawsuit Arizona, Louisiana and 22 other states filed to block the plan was “not about the policy wisdom” behind the announcement to end the plan May 23. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [CNN](#), [NYT](#)

**WaPo: Court rules against detained immigrants, says they have fewer rights**, Rachel Weiner, May 14, 2022, 6:00 AM

Jose de la Cruz Espinoza came to the United States when he was 14; he and his wife run a landscaping business in Delaware and have four children, all U.S. citizens. On Feb. 9, 2020, at his brother’s house in Bel Air, Md., Espinoza got into a loud argument. [...] But he was immediately picked up by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and an immigration judge ruled that he would have to pay a \$20,000 bond to stay out of jail while fighting deportation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KVUE-ABC (Austin, TX): ‘We can’t sustain this’ | Border Patrol reps say crossings are expected to surge, whether or not Title 42 ends this month**, Anastasiya Bolton, May 13, 2022, 7:46 PM (EDT)

On Friday a federal judge in Louisiana heard arguments whether President Trump’s health policy used to expel migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border should be lifted or remain in place. He didn’t issue a ruling immediately, but promised one soon. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the policy, known as Title 42, is no longer necessary to control the spread of COVID-19. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): Florida AG releases DHS document she claims contradicts testimony about border security**, Unattributed, May 13, 2022, 7:29 PM (EDT)

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody released a Department of Homeland Security document that she claims contradicts “the congressional testimony of Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas claiming the Biden administration’s unlawful policies are not contributing to the influx of unvetted migrants,” according to a news release from Moody. The document, titled “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Overview of the Southwest Border,” includes information about Title 42, the Migrant Protection Protocol, border security, migrant encounters, smuggling networks and more. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US ATTORNEYS

**Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): [EDITORIAL] Trusted leader joins anti-crime effort**, The Editorial Board, May 14, 2022, 7:00 PM (EDT)

Andy Luger is back as Minnesota’s U.S. attorney, and not a moment too soon. Seldom has there been greater need for a calm, veteran prosecutor to help stem the tide of violent crime that has erupted in the Twin Cities metro area. Luger, who led the office from 2014 to 2017, said in a visit with the Star Tribune Editorial Board that “the urgency to this problem is like nothing I’ve ever seen.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Frierson sworn in as first Black US attorney in Nevada**, Unattributed, May 13, 2022, 9:34 PM

Nevada’s new top federal prosecutor has been sworn in to his job in Las Vegas. U.S. Attorney Jason Frierson was administered his oath of office Thursday by Chief U.S. District Judge Miranda Du during a ceremony at the downtown Lloyd George U.S. Courthouse. Frierson is the first African American to serve as U.S. attorney for the District of Nevada.

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## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**KXXV-ABC (Waco, TX): 'Dangerous' prison bus escapee affiliated with the Mexican Mafia, reward increased,** O. Gloria Okorie and Khadeeja Umana, May 14, 2022, 2:57 AM (EDT)

A convicted killer affiliated with the Mexican Mafia remains loose in Leon County after escaping from a prison bus, authorities say. [...] The U.S. Marshals are offering a reward of up to \$10,000, \$5,000 is being offered by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and in the latest update, Texas Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$7,500 for information leading to his arrest. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KGW-NBC (Portland, OR): Guns were not in stolen trailer recovered after Interstate Bridge crash, ATF says,** Unattributed, May 13, 2022, 11:49 PM (EDT)

More than two dozen guns have yet to be located after a string of thefts in Jantzen Beach that culminated in a crash on the Interstate Bridge earlier this week. On Friday, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) announced a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the people responsible for the May 9 theft. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WOIO-CBS (Shaker Heights, OH): Grand jury declines to indict DEA officer who shot 20-year-old man in Cleveland,** Jeff Slawson, May 13, 2022, 6:35 PM (EDT)

A grand jury has declined to indict a DEA special agent who shot a 20-year-old man in Cleveland in 2021. According to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors' office, the grand jury declined to indict the officer on two counts of Felonious Assault. The case stems from an April 14, 2021 shooting that happened on East 82nd Street and Decker Avenue in Cleveland. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WaPo: 'A magnet for rip-off artists': Fraud siphoned billions from pandemic unemployment benefits,** Tony Romm and Yeganeh Torbati, May 15, 2022, 6:30 AM

Sareena Brown-Thomas had just arrived home from her shift as a custodian when she noticed an envelope in the mail from the D.C. government. Bearing her name, address and the last four digits of her Social Security number, the letter inside said she had been awarded unemployment benefits — a problem, she later recalled, since she had never applied for them. The 32-year-old soon notified her bosses, believing last summer that she had put the matter to rest. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): Escaped Oregon prisoner arrested in Carson City,** Bronson Christian, May 14, 2022, 7:18 PM (EDT)

An escaped Oregon prisoner was found and arrested in Carson City, Nevada, after assaulting his ex-girlfriend. U.S. Marshals report Andrew Cain Kristovich, 38, hid in bushes before crawling through a prison fence and assaulting his ex-girlfriend. On April 25, Kristovich used his ex-girlfriend's car to flee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox: Sen. Ron Johnson: Pro-life office firebombing 'fits' FBI definition of 'domestic terrorism',** Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 11:16 AM (EDT)

Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., is formally asking why an arson attack on a Wisconsin pro-life organization's office isn't being investigated or considered an act of terrorism in a letter he detailed on "Fox & Friends Weekend" Saturday, noting the FBI's own definition of a "domestic terrorism incident" states it's an "ideologically-driven criminal act." Of course,

they're happy to call parents showing up at school board meetings concerned about indoctrinating our children, domestic terrorists. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US SUPREME COURT

**Fox News: Small groups of protesters show up at Supreme Court justices' homes to push for Roe v. Wade**, Lisa Bennatan , Tyler O'Neil , Thomas Phippen , Jon Michael Raasch, May 15, 2022, 1:24 AM

Small groups of protesters arrived at the Northern Virginia homes of several Supreme Court justices Saturday evening, capping a day of rallies for Roe v. Wade, the 1973 case that granted legal protection for most abortions. Since a leak of a draft opinion on Dobbs v. Jackson Womens Health, some pro-choice activist groups have encouraged crowds to protest in front of the homes of justices and a few answered the call Saturday evening. At the homes of Justices Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barret, Brett Kavanaugh and Chief Justice John Roberts, small clutches of protesters held signs, chanted and marched through the suburban neighborhoods for a few minutes, then left. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Clarence Thomas says abortion leak has changed Supreme Court**, Jessica Gresko, May 14, 2022, 11:38 PM

Justice Clarence Thomas says the Supreme Court has been changed by the shocking leak of a draft opinion earlier this month. The opinion suggests the court is poised to overturn the right to an abortion recognized nearly 50 years ago in Roe v. Wade. The conservative Thomas, who joined the court in 1991 and has long called for Roe v. Wade to be overturned, described the leak as an unthinkable breach of trust. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#), [The Hill](#), [WaPo](#), [WMAQ-NBC \(Chicago, IL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**WaPo: Tech groups ask Supreme Court to block Texas social media law**, Cat Zakrzewski, May 13, 2022, 7:40 PM

Two Washington-based groups representing Google, Facebook and other tech giants filed an emergency application with the Supreme Court on Friday, seeking to block a Texas law that bars social media companies from removing posts based on a user's political ideology. The Texas law took effect Wednesday after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans lifted a district court injunction that had barred it. The appeals court action shocked the industry, which has been largely successful in batting back Republican state leaders' efforts to regulate social media companies' content-moderation policies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

**The Hill: Oklahoma governor warns tribes not to create abortion havens**, Brad Dress, May 15, 2022, 11:07 AM

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt (R) on Sunday warned Native American tribes not to create abortion safe havens if Roe v. Wade is overturned and his state enacts a near-total ban on abortions. Stitt told "Fox News Sunday" there was a "possibility" tribes could establish abortion havens if his state makes most abortions illegal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: US grappling with Native American boarding school history**, Felcia Fonseca, May 13, 2022, 1:30 PM

Deb Haaland is pushing the U.S. government to reckon with its role in Native American boarding schools like no other Cabinet secretary could — backed by personal experience, a struggle with losing her own Native language and a broader community that has felt the devastating impacts. The agency she oversees — the Interior Department — released a

first-of-its-kind report this week that named the 408 schools the federal government supported to strip Native Americans of their cultures and identities. At least 500 children died at some of the schools, but that number is expected to reach into the thousands or tens of thousands as more research is done. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## OPIOID CRISIS

*Politico*: **New York experiment with government-approved drug use could become a national model**, Shannon Young, May 14, 2022, 7:00 AM

Brian Weeks entered an old tenement building on E. 126th Street in Harlem to get high on crack cocaine and heroin. He also got help. [...] That could change as early as next month, when the Department of Justice is expected to drop its opposition to a Trump-era case challenging an overdose prevention center, also known as a safe consumption site, in Philadelphia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

*St. Paul Pioneer Press (Saint Paul, MN)*: **Medicinal marijuana chains embrace 'bud' sales as Minnesota relaxes regulations**, Frederick Melo, May 15, 2022, 8:55 AM

It was a brisk but sunny afternoon in St. Paul, the last day of February, and the young woman behind the pharmacy counter at the Vandalia Street offices of Rise Dispensaries smiled broadly behind dark eyeliner and hints of goth makeup as she handed clients fresh bits of history, one smokable marijuana roll at a time. With little public fanfare, Rise — formerly known as LeafLine Labs — began selling rolls and jars of “buds,” or dried, raw cannabis flower, to adult medical marijuana users on the first day such sales were legal in Minnesota. For the state’s burgeoning medicinal marijuana industry, the date marked a long-awaited breakthrough of sorts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

*Reuters*: **Use American Rescue Plan funds to fight crime, Biden tells states**, Unattributed, May 13, 2022, 5:45 PM

President Joe Biden urged state and local leaders on Friday to make greater use of money from the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan to fight crime, as cities gird for summer crime waves and the U.S. Treasury releases billions more in funds. "My message is clear: Spend this money now," Biden said at a Rose Garden event. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Reuters*: **Biden says baby formula shortage to ease in weeks as U.S. imports more**, Doina Chiacu, Doina Chiacu, and Susan Heavey, May 13, 2022, 5:05 PM

The U.S. baby formula shortage should improve dramatically in coming weeks, President Joe Biden and top officials said on Friday as the administration scrambled to reverse a shortfall that hits lower-income Americans particularly hard. The United States is working with manufacturers to allow more importation of baby formula, Biden told reporters in the Rose Garden. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [WaPo](#)

*WaPo*: **Biden plunges into the risky politics of student loans**, Annie Linskey, Danielle Douglas-Gabriel, Jeff Stein and Seung Min Kim, May 15, 2022, 8:00 AM

The news had just emerged that President Biden was moving toward canceling at least some student loans, and Donald Trump Jr., in the final days of campaigning for U.S. Senate candidate J.D. Vance in Ohio last month, did not mince words as he excoriated the idea at rallies. “Biden essentially wants blue-collar workers like truck drivers — who didn’t have the luxury of going to college to get drunk for four years — to bail out a bunch of upper-middle-



class kids who chose to spend tens of thousands of dollars that they didn't have on worthless gender study degrees," Trump told The Washington Post later, elaborating on his message to voters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: Gearing Up for G.O.P. Gains, White House Braces for Barrage of Inquiries,**

Charlie Savage and Michael S. Schmidt, May 14, 2022, 4:16 PM

President Biden's legal team is laying the groundwork to defend against an expected onslaught of oversight investigations by congressional Republicans, should they take one or both chambers in the midterm elections — including preparing for the possibility of impeachment as payback for the two impeachments of President Donald J. Trump. As part of those preparations, Mr. Biden and his White House counsel, Dana Remus, have hired Richard A. Sauber, a longtime white-collar defense lawyer who is now the top lawyer at the Department of Veterans Affairs, to oversee responses to subpoenas and other oversight efforts, according to people who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox News: White House, Twitter silent on why tweet with vaccine misinformation hasn't been taken down,** Kyle Morris, May 14, 2022 5:51 PM

The White House is facing backlash after it falsely claimed in a tweet this week that "there was no vaccine available" for COVID-19 when Joe Biden took office last year, but Twitter, along with the White House, remain silent on why the that claim remains on the platform with no "misinformation" warning label. On Thursday, the official White House

**AP: Biden administration to release \$45B for nationwide internet,** Josh Boak, May 13, 2022, 7:32 AM

The Biden administration is taking the first steps to release \$45 billion to ensure that every U.S. resident has access to high-speed internet by roughly 2028, inviting governors and other leaders on Friday to start the application process. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo is overseeing the distribution and said that universal access to broadband internet would be akin to the electrification of rural America during the 1930s, a recognition that the internet is a utility needed for U.S. residents to function in today's economy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Biden sees a new threat: 'Ultra MAGA' Republicans,** Ashley Parker and Michael Scherer, May 13, 2022, 2:56 PM

Last Wednesday, during a speech on the economy, President Biden coined a new phrase — "ultra MAGA." "Let me tell you about this ultra MAGA agenda," Biden said, using former president Donald Trump's 2016 campaign slogan — "Make America Great Again" — as a pejorative. "It's extreme, as most MAGA things are." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: Biden, Democrats under fire for 'flat-footed' abortion response,** John Kruzel and Alex Gangitano, May 14, 2022, 5:59 AM

Advocates are demanding that the White House and Democrats develop an immediate strategy for defending abortion rights with potentially only weeks remaining before the Supreme Court strikes down Roe v. Wade. Frustration among activists was palpable this week after a vote to advance a long-shot bill to codify Roe's protections failed to garner even 50 votes in the Democratic-held Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**

- The White House is taking steps to address the nationwide baby formula shortage due to supply chain issues and a recall by Abbot. President Biden pledged action to result in more formula on store shelves within "weeks or less." In addition, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the House would take action next week to address the baby formula

shortage that has left parents desperately searching for food for their children. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke to his Russian counterpart, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, for the first time since Russia initiated its invasion of Ukraine. This is as Finland and Sweden seek to become NATO members and the first war crime trial of a Russian soldier takes place. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the US is deeply troubled by Israeli police officers assaulting mourners at the funeral procession of Palestinian American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. Abu Akleh was killed while reporting in the occupied West Bank during an Israeli raid on the city of Jenin. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian authorities have extended the pre-trial detention of Brittney Griner another month. Griner, who the US government has said is being wrongfully detained, has been held since February on accusations of drug smuggling. In addition, former US Marine Paul Whelan remains held in Russia as his family pushes for his release. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden is urging new police hiring as states experience all-time high records for murders and crime surges. Biden is calling state leaders to use unspent COVID relief money to hire more police and create crime prevention programs. [[NBC](#)]
- Federal US District Judge Robert Summerhays heard a challenge to the Biden Administration ending Title 42, pandemic-related restrictions on migrants requesting asylum. Attorneys say the decision was made without sufficient consideration of the move's effects on public health and law enforcement. [[NBC](#)]

#### **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 14, 2022**

- Payton Gendron, the 18 y/o accused of shooting and killing more than 12 people, was arraigned on charges of first-degree murder. On Saturday, Gendron drove hundreds of miles to the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo to carry out the massacre. The FBI described it as a racially motivated hate crime. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a curfew is in effect due to shootings overnight that injured at least 21 people. At least three incidents of gun violence took place as civilians fled for their lives at the end of the Celtics game. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nationwide thousands are protesting over Roe v. Wade, outraged by the leaked draft opinion from the Supreme Court. The renewed demonstrations came following Justice Clarence Thomas denounced the document's leak, saying it had destroyed trust among its members. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Across the country, parents are dealing with the Nationwide shortage of baby formula. About 70% of babies nationwide are fed formula as the shortages may last for the rest of the year. However, pediatricians warn against watering down formula or using cow's milk. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Top Senate Republicans, including minority leader Mitch McConnell, appeared with Ukrainian President Zelenskyy in a show of support with resistance, successfully pushing Russian troops back towards the border. This even as Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Finland against joining NATO. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Philadelphia police are offering a \$20K reward searching for two brazen shooters in a deadly gas station ambush. One was armed with an AK47, the other with a handgun with an extended magazine clip. [[CBS](#)]
- Nationwide COVID infections have jumped up by 56%, with the number of hospitalizations up by 21%. Infections are up in every state, especially in the Northeast and Midwest. [[CBS](#)]
- This week North Korea announced its first COVID outbreak as President Kim Jong-un

wore a mask for the first time. As a result, Kim Jong-un declared country-wide lockdowns. North Korea has said that one person has died of COVID while 187K people are being isolated with a fever. [[CBS](#)]

## **SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS**

### ***ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos***

- New York Governor Kathy Hochul joined the program to discuss the shooting. Hochul said investigators probing Gendron's background had found other disturbing documents he wrote as a high school student and that he was under observation of medical authorities. She added that depraved ideas fermenting on social media are "spreading like a virus" and need to be monitored and shut down. Hochul said she had directed the New York State Police's Hate Crimes Task Force to assist in the investigation. [[Watch](#)]
- Then, Stephanopoulos interviewed Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia who discussed the ongoing investigation, the police response, and how law enforcement deescalated the situation and took the shooter into custody without incident. [[Watch](#)]
- ABC News chief justice correspondent Pierre Thomas and national security analyst John Cohen joined Stephanopoulos to discuss the spread of far-right violence. [[Watch](#)]
- Afterward, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi joined This Week. Following the Buffalo massacre, Pelosi said social media companies have to address and track down extremism on their platforms. Pelosi also discussed inflation and legislation she's introducing to address potential "market manipulation" by energy companies. [[Watch](#)]

### ***CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan***

- New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-NY) discussed the shooting, the perpetrator's manifesto, and the shooter was previously investigated because he wrote something while in high school. Hochul also addressed the rise of hate speech on mainstream media outlets and whether the shooter would be prosecuted using state or federal domestic terrorism laws. [[Watch](#)]
- Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown discussed Gendron's racially motivated shooting of members of the community and the need for stricter gun control. [[Watch](#)]
- Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg discussed the shooting in Buffalo; the need for all politicians to condemn White Nationalism, replacement theory, and any other hateful ideology that could have contributed to the shooting; gun control; the nationwide baby formula shortage; failure of the Government as a regulator to address the issue earlier; supply chain issues that have contributed to the shortage in baby formula and price inflation; inflation, high gas prices, and making electric vehicles more affordable; and the Administration addressing areas where price gouging is taking place. [[Watch](#)]

### ***NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd***

- Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown discussed the racially motivated crime, law enforcement investigative efforts of the crime, gun control, reactions of the victim's families, and ending hate speech. [[Watch](#)]
- New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-NY) discussed the shooting in her hometown of Buffalo; white supremacy, terrorism, and the radicalization of teenagers with information available on the internet; gun control; replacement theory of -Black, -Jewish, and Asian-Americans; appeasement by politicians of right-wing extremism; and the need for limitations on hate speech. [[Watch](#)]

### ***FOX News Sunday with Shannon Bream***

- White House correspondent Lucas Tomlinson reports on Justice Clarence Thomas's speech at a conference of conservative and libertarian thinkers in Dallas as protestors demonstrate their outrage over the leaked draft opinion showing the conservative majority intends to strike down Roe v. Wade. Tomlinson also reports on the ongoing baby formula shortage and inflation. [[Watch](#)]
- Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt joined the program to discuss his state's abortion trigger law and acknowledged concerns that his state's strict new law on abortion could be circumvented on tribal lands within the state. [[Watch](#)]

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## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**WSJ: Justice Department to Probe Buffalo Shooting as Hate Crime**, Jimmy Vielkind, Dan Frosch, and Nicole Friedman, May 15, 2022, 11:01 AM

Federal and state law-enforcement officials are investigating the killing of 10 people at a Buffalo, N.Y., supermarket Saturday as a possible hate crime, citing a document police have linked to the shooter that details a planned mass shooting similar to what occurred on Saturday, including the writer's goal of killing as many Black people as possible. "The Justice Department is investigating this matter as a hate crime and an act of racially motivated violent extremism," said U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Saturday. **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#)

**Bloomberg: 'Straw Owner' Hides \$1 Billion Worth of Russian Yachts, US Says**, Stephanie Baker and Jonathan Browning, May 14, 2022, 5:15 PM

In the race to seize assets tied to sanctioned Russian billionaires, US authorities are alleging that a Russian tycoon acted as the "straw owner" of two yachts worth more than \$1 billion, including the \$700 million Scheherazade, a superyacht linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Court filings in the South Pacific island of Fiji, where the US is trying to seize the \$325 million yacht Amadea, reveal what US officials allege is a nest of offshore shell companies that were set up with the help of a yacht broker to conceal the true owners of both vessels — an allegation that lawyers for the listed owner and the broker dispute. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Devin Nunes: Durham case revealed criminal elusion of Congress**, Daniel Chaitin, May 15, 2022, 11:39 AM

A case involving special counsel John Durham uncovered more documents than Congress was able to get when Devin Nunes was a leading member of the House, the former congressman said on Sunday. Kash Patel, who was an aide to Republicans when they controlled the House Intelligence Committee under then-Chairman Nunes, said on Sunday that FBI notes disclosed as part of Durham's case against Democratic cybersecurity lawyer Michael Sussmann were subpoenaed by Nunes and "withheld" from the panel during its own Russia investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Examiner: Delaware State University to file civil rights complaint with DOJ over bus search, Asher Notheis**, May 14, 2022, 5:11 PM

Delaware State University has filed a complaint with the Department of Justice over a stop and search conducted by a sheriff's office, with the base of the complaint being police misconduct.

Officers from the Liberty County Sheriff's Department of Georgia conducted a search of a bus carrying the school's women's lacrosse team after a drug-sniffing dog became "alerted" next to the vehicle on April 20. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US ATTORNEYS

*Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN):* **[EDITORIAL] Trusted leader joins anti-crime effort**, The Editorial Board, May 14, 2022, 7:00 PM (EDT)

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

*WaPo:* **Leading GOP candidates in Pennsylvania were in Washington on Jan. 6**, Colby Itkowitz and Rosalind S. Helderman, May 15, 2022, 6:00 AM

A top candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary endorsed Saturday by former president Donald Trump participated in the "Stop the Steal" rally in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, the day the U.S. Capitol was attacked. So, too, did a surging candidate for the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KTXL-Fox (Sacramento, CA):* **California man pleads guilty to role in Jan. 6 Capitol breach**, Hope Sloop, May 14, 2022, 2:36 AM (EDT)

A Carlsbad man has pleaded guilty to taking part in the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, authorities said Friday. Department of Justice officials say that 40-year-old James McGrew of Carlsbad pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting or impeding officers during the breach of the Capitol building, which occurred as lawmakers were counting electoral votes to confirm Joe Biden had won the 2020 presidential election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

*The Hill:* **Pelosi on McCarthy subpoena: Jan. 6 committee will take it 'one step at a time'**, Olafimihan Oshin, May 15, 2022, 10:33 AM

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said on Sunday that the select committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol attack would take it "one step at a time" in response to a question about whether the full House would vote to hold GOP lawmakers, including Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), in contempt if they did not cooperate with the panel. During an appearance on ABC's "This Week," moderator George Stephanopoulos asked Pelosi if the House would vote to hold McCarthy and other lawmakers in contempt if they continue to hold out from speaking with the committee after they were subpoenaed last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CRIMINAL LAW

*Fox News:* **Seattle convict admits he used Facebook to coerce Massachusetts girl to run away with him**, Danielle Wallace, May 15, 2022, 8:21 AM

A Seattle convict accused of preying on a 14-year-old Massachusetts girl on Facebook and convincing her to run away with him after his release from prison pleaded guilty to federal charges last week. Jabarie Phillips, also known as Jabarie Lindsey, 44, of Seattle, Washington, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to one count of coercion and enticement of a minor before U.S. Senior District Court Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. in Boston,

Massachusetts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Albany Herald (Albany, GA): Middle Georgia meth supplier pleads guilty*, Unattributed, May 15, 2022, 11:00 AM

A Covington resident admitted in federal court to supplying a large quantity of methamphetamine to a drug dealer in the Monroe County community. Frank Settambrino, 63, of Covington, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine before U.S. District Judge Marc Treadwell recently. Settambrino faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment and a \$1 million fine. Sentencing is scheduled for July 6. There is no parole in the federal system. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Honolulu Star-Advertiser (Honolulu, HI): Attorneys for alleged Hawaii crime boss ask judge to compel evidence disclosure*, Peter Boylan, May 15, 2022, 6:57 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Department of Justice alleges that Miske mistakenly believed that Jonathan Fraser, then 21, was the driver of the car the night Miske's son was injured in a crash on Kaneohe Bay Drive on Nov. 15, 2015. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The News-Review (Roseburg, OR): Federal jury convicts man in scheme to defraud Roseburg man of \$1 million*, Kyle Bailey, May 15, 2022, 1:15 AM (EDT)

A federal jury in Eugene found a former New Jersey man guilty on Friday for his role in a scheme to steal \$1 million from an elderly man living in Roseburg. In a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office District of Oregon, Thomas Mautone, 43, formerly of Newark, New Jersey, was found guilty of four counts of wire fraud. According to court documents and trial testimony, Mautone was one of five individuals who together perpetrated a months-long scheme to convince the victim to invest \$1 million in a fraudulent high-yield international investment scheme. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Picayune Item (Picayune, MS): Jackson Man Sentenced to Over 6 Years in Prison for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon*, Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 9:43 PM (EDT)

A Jackson man was sentenced to 73 months in federal prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, announced U.S. Attorney Darren LaMarca and Special Agent in Charge Jermicha Fomby of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Mississippi. According to court documents, on November 22, 2019, while FBI agents were conducting surveillance on Robinson Road and Ellis Avenue, law enforcement officers attempted to stop a vehicle driven by Akoyea Jamere Clayton, 29, of Jackson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Vacaville Reporter (Vacaville, CA): Woodland man, 28, gets 11 years for drug offenses*, Richard Bammer, May 14, 2022, 8:21 PM (EDT)

A Woodland man was sentenced to 11 years in prison Thursday for drug offenses uncovered in a wide-ranging investigation by federal, state, county and city law enforcement agencies in Northern California, The Reporter has learned. In a federal courtroom in Sacramento, Victor Magana, 28, heard a judge hand down an 11-year and and three-month term for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, Attorney Phillip A. Talbert, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California, said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*The Sacramento Bee (Sacramento, CA): Woodland man, among 27 accused in 2018 crime sweep in Yolo County, learns sentence*, Molly Sullivan, May 14, 2022, 3:47 PM (EDT)

A Woodland man was sentenced to 11 years in prison on drug-related charges Thursday, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. Victor Magana, 28, convicted of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, was among 27 people arrested in 2018 on narcotics and weapons charges. In August 2021, Magana pleaded guilty to conspiracy and told investigators that on five occasions in 2017 he sold methamphetamine to a confidential source in Woodland, according to a U.S. Attorney's news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]



**KOKI-TV (Tulsa, OK): Tulsa man convicted for sexually abusing 7-year-old girl**, Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 7:56 PM (EDT)

A man who sexually abused a 7-year-old child was convicted Friday in federal court, announced U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson. Robert William Perry II, 31, of Tulsa, was found guilty of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor in Indian Country and of abusive sexual contact of a minor in Indian Country. From May 6, 2017, to May 15, 2018, Perry sexually abused the minor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTV-Fox (St. Louis, MO): St. Louis man sentenced 26 years for armed robbery spree in Illinois**, Joey Schneider, May 14, 2022, 5:20 PM (EDT)

A federal judge has sentenced a St. Louis man for a string of armed robberies in Illinois. Jalon J. Moore, 25, was sentenced to 26 years in prison on Thursday over an armed robbery spree in the Metro East three years ago. In January, Moore pled guilty to armed robberies of Sprint in Fairview Heights and Marco's Pizza in Collinsville, in addition to a bank robbery of GCS Credit Union in Collinsville. Investigators say all of these robberies happened in March 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KETK-NBC (Jacksonville, TX): Louisiana man convicted of smuggling migrants in trailer through South Texas**, Sandra Sanchez, May 14, 2022, 3:55 PM (EDT)

A Louisiana man faces up to 10 years in prison after a federal jury in Laredo, Texas, convicted him of transporting dozens of undocumented migrants in a trailer through South Texas. The jury deliberated over three hours before convicting Roderick DeWayne Chisley, 47, of Monroe, Louisiana, the Department of Justice announced Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPHL-MyNetworkTV (Philadelphia, PA): Border Patrol agent admits striking Honduran teen in his care while in South Texas facility**, Sandra Sanchez, May 14, 2022, 2:08 PM

A 28-year-old former U.S. Border Patrol agent has pleaded guilty to striking a Honduran teenager migrant who was in his care at a South Texas processing facility, U.S. Attorney Jennifer Lowery announced Friday. Gregson Martinez, of Brownsville, Texas, pleaded guilty in federal court in McAllen, Texas, to acting under color of law and utilizing unreasonable force by striking a 17-year-old unaccompanied Honduran citizen. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CIVIL LAW**

**WaPo: Alabama's ban on medication for trans youths is blocked by judge**, Anne Branigin, May 14, 2022, 2:42 PM

Last Sunday, Alabama became the first state in U.S. history to make gender-affirming care a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$15,000 for anyone providing that care to someone under 19. Less than a week later, a federal judge in Alabama has blocked the ban from being enforced, saying it would cause "severe physical and/or psychological harm" to Alabama's trans youths and their families and likely violates their constitutional rights. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**Laredo Morning Times (Laredo, TX): Affidavit: Migrant pepper-sprayed U.S. Border Patrol agent**, Cesar G Rodriguez, May 14, 2022, 3:50 PM (EDT)

A migrant assaulted a U.S. Border Patrol agent and used the agent's pepper spray on the agent to try to get away, according to court documents. Porfirio Matias-Serapio was charged with assault on a federal agent.

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## ANTITRUST

*The Hill*: **[OPINION] FTC should use its authority — not personal politics — to lead**, Jennifer Huddleston, May 14, 2022, 4:30 PM

As the saying goes, “If all you have is a hammer, then everything looks like a nail.” It is ironic then that with a full toolbox to go after bad actors online — both under existing consumer protection authority and more defined laws like the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) — some Federal Trade Commission (FTC) commissioners argue the FTC is unable to protect consumers without changes to Section 230. Additionally, despite all the tools at its disposal to pursue the goals Americans most care about, including online privacy and protecting children online, the current FTC leadership seems determined to focus on its preferred political agenda including claims it needs even more tools to do its job. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*AP*: **Feds interview deadly supermarket shooting suspect’s parents**, Carolyn Thompson and Michael Balsamo, May 15, 2022, 11: 54 AM

Federal agents interviewed the parents of the white 18-year-old accused of shooting and killing 10 people at a Buffalo supermarket and served multiple search warrants, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press on Sunday. Federal authorities were still working to confirm the authenticity of a 180-page manifesto that was posted online, which detailed the plot and identified Payton Gendron by name as the gunman, the official said. Authorities say the shooting was motivated by racial hatred. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*AP*: **US attorney says FBI is investigating Buffalo shooting as both a hate crime and racially motivated violent extremism**, Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 6:24 PM

US attorney says FBI is investigating Buffalo shooting as both a hate crime and racially motivated violent extremism. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [WaPo](#)

*WaPo*: **‘A magnet for rip-off artists’: Fraud siphoned billions from pandemic unemployment benefits**, Tony Romm and Yeganeh Torbati, May 15, 2022, 6:30 AM

Sareena Brown-Thomas had just arrived home from her shift as a custodian when she noticed an envelope in the mail from the D.C. government. Bearing her name, address and the last four digits of her Social Security number, the letter inside said she had been awarded unemployment benefits — a problem, she later recalled, since she had never applied for them. The 32-year-old soon notified her bosses, believing last summer that she had put the matter to rest. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Longview News-Journal (Longview, TX)*: **Harrison County District Clerk’s Office, federal court warn of juror phishing scam**, Robin Y. Richardson, May 14, 2022, 5:05 PM (EDT)

The Harrison County District Clerk’s Office is warning of a scam in which a caller poses as an office employee and asks a resident to sign up for jury duty. [...] David Harlow, acting director of the U.S. Marshals Service, said the agency wants to make the public aware of telephone and impersonation scams so they can avoid becoming victims. “Please be assured that the U.S. Marshals Service will never call anyone to arrange payment of fines over the phone for failure to appear for jury duty, for outstanding warrants or for any other

infraction,” Harlow said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KY3-NBC/ABC (Springfield, MO): ARRESTED: U.S. Marshalls locate 3 missing children from Springfield in Arizona; mother, wife arrested**, Unattributed, May 14, 2022, 5:58 PM (EDT)

U.S. Marshals arrested a mother and her wife in Arizona for the disappearance of three children from Springfield, Mo. Marshals placed all three children in protective care. Brittany Barnes and Ceairah Beverly face charges in Greene County for interference with custody or removal from the state. Police say Ryder Green, 10, Resean Green, 9, and Ramello Green, 8, disappeared on March 23. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): Escaped Oregon prisoner arrested in Carson City**, Bronson Christian, May 14, 2022, 7:18 PM (EDT)

An escaped Oregon prisoner was found and arrested in Carson City, Nevada, after assaulting his ex-girlfriend. U.S. Marshals report Andrew Cain Kristovich, 38, hid in bushes before crawling through a prison fence and assaulting his ex-girlfriend. On April 25, Kristovich used his ex-girlfriend's car to flee. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**Fox News: Small groups of protesters show up at Supreme Court justices' homes to push for Roe v. Wade**, Lisa Bennatan , Tyler O'Neil , Thomas Phippen , Jon Michael Raasch, May 15, 2022, 1:24 AM

Small groups of protesters arrived at the Northern Virginia homes of several Supreme Court justices Saturday evening, capping a day of rallies for Roe v. Wade, the 1973 case that granted legal protection for most abortions. Since a leak of a draft opinion on Dobbs v. Jackson Womens Health, some pro-choice activist groups have encouraged crowds to protest in front of the homes of justices and a few answered the call Saturday evening. At the homes of Justices Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barret, Brett Kavanaugh and Chief Justice John Roberts, small clutches of protesters held signs, chanted and marched through the suburban neighborhoods for a few minutes, then left. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox News: Pavlich explains why there isn't much interest in finding Supreme Court leaker**, Unattributed, May 14, 2022 10:02 PM

Fox News contributor Katie Pavlich said Democrats have tried to "ignore the leak" and push it aside on Saturday's "One Nation," arguing that it follows a pattern of Democrats trying to undermine the court. [...] The Department of Justice has not expressed much interest in looking at who the leaker is, and certainly they haven't expressed much interest in going after people descending on the homes of conservative justices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: [OPINION] High Court, low standards and a crisis of confidence**, Albert Hunt, May 15, 2022, 11:47 AM

The Supreme Court has lost considerable credibility; it has little to do with the much-hyped leak of a preliminary draft ending any constitutional protection for the right to an abortion. Before any leak, there has been a steady slide in the court's standing. Last year the Gallup poll showed that by 53 percent to 40 percent the public disapproved of the way the court was handling its job, a precipitous drop. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Pelosi: Current Supreme Court 'dangerous' for families, freedom**, Mychael Schnell, May 15, 2022, 10:34 AM

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) on Sunday said the current Supreme Court is “dangerous” for families and freedom in the U.S., as justices appear poised to overturn the 1973 landmark decision legalizing abortion in

the U.S. Pelosi, during an interview with co-anchor Dana Bash on CNN's "State of the Union," said if the court scales back abortion rights on the federal level, restrictions on marriage equality could be next. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

*The Hill*: **Oklahoma governor warns tribes not to create abortion havens**, Brad Dress, May 15, 2022, 11:07 AM

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt (R) on Sunday warned Native American tribes not to create abortion safe havens if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned and his state enacts a near-total ban on abortions. Stitt told "Fox News Sunday" there was a "possibility" tribes could establish abortion havens if his state makes most abortions illegal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KHBS-ABC (Fort Smith, AR)*: **One man dead after being shot by a police officer in Sallisaw Saturday morning**, Emma Claybrook, May 14, 2022, 2:12 PM (EDT)

One man is dead after being shot by a Sallisaw Police officer Saturday morning, according to Sallisaw Police Chief Terry Franklin. [...] Franklin said both the man and the officer are members of a federally recognized tribe, so the investigation is being turned over to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and the FBI. The names of the officer and the man involved are not being released at this time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

*St. Paul Pioneer Press (Saint Paul, MN)*: **Medicinal marijuana chains embrace 'bud' sales as Minnesota relaxes regulations**, Frederick Melo, May 15, 2022, 8:55 AM

It was a brisk but sunny afternoon in St. Paul, the last day of February, and the young woman behind the pharmacy counter at the Vandalia Street offices of Rise Dispensaries smiled broadly behind dark eyeliner and hints of goth makeup as she handed clients fresh bits of history, one smokable marijuana roll at a time. With little public fanfare, Rise formerly known as LeafLine Labs began selling rolls and jars of "buds," or dried, raw cannabis flower, to adult medical marijuana users on the first day such sales were legal in Minnesota. For the state's burgeoning medicinal marijuana industry, the date marked a long-awaited breakthrough of sorts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

*AP*: **US set to remove 5 groups from foreign terrorism blacklist**, Matthew Lee, May 15, 2022, 11:37 AM

The United States is poised to remove five extremist groups, all believed to be defunct, from its list of foreign terrorist organizations, including several that once posed significant threats, killing hundreds if not thousands of people across Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Although the groups are inactive, the decision is politically sensitive for the Biden administration and the countries in which the organizations operated, and could draw criticism from victims and their families still dealing with the losses of loved ones. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WaPo*: **Biden plunges into the risky politics of student loans**, Annie Linskey, Danielle Douglas-Gabriel, Jeff Stein and Seung Min Kim, May 15, 2022, 8:00 AM

The news had just emerged that President Biden was moving toward canceling at least some student loans, and Donald Trump Jr., in the final days of campaigning for U.S. Senate candidate J.D. Vance in Ohio last

month, did not mince words as he excoriated the idea at rallies. “Biden essentially wants blue-collar workers like truck drivers who didn’t have the luxury of going to college to get drunk for four years to bail out a bunch of upper-middle-class kids who chose to spend tens of thousands of dollars that they didn’t have on worthless gender study degrees,” Trump told The Washington Post later, elaborating on his message to voters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: Gearing Up for G.O.P. Gains, White House Braces for Barrage of Inquiries**, Charlie Savage and Michael S. Schmidt, May 14, 2022, 4:16 PM

President Biden’s legal team is laying the groundwork to defend against an expected onslaught of oversight investigations by congressional Republicans, should they take one or both chambers in the midterm elections including preparing for the possibility of impeachment as payback for the two impeachments of President Donald J. Trump. As part of those preparations, Mr. Biden and his White House counsel, Dana Remus, have hired Richard A. Sauber, a longtime white-collar defense lawyer who is now the top lawyer at the Department of Veterans Affairs, to oversee responses to subpoenas and other oversight efforts, according to people who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal matters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox News: White House, Twitter silent on why tweet with vaccine misinformation hasn't been taken down**, Kyle Morris, May 14, 2022 5:51 PM

The White House is facing backlash after it falsely claimed in a tweet this week that "there was no vaccine available" for COVID-19 when Joe Biden took office last year, but Twitter, along with the White House, remain silent on why the that claim remains on the platform with no "misinformation" warning label. On Thursday, the official White House Twitter account stated, "When President Biden took office, millions were unemployed and there was no vaccine available." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Biden calls for end to ‘hate-fueled domestic terrorism’ after Buffalo mass shooting**, Mychael Schnell, May 15, 2022, 7:43 AM

President Biden late Saturday called for an end to “hate-fueled domestic terrorism” after a gunman opened fire in a Buffalo, N.Y. supermarket hours earlier, killing 10 people. Biden in a statement said acts of domestic terrorism are “antithetical” to U.S. values. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Santa Barbara News-Press (Santa Barbara, CA): [EDITORIAL] Biden wages cold war against all U.S. citizens**, Editorial Board, May 15, 2022, 9:26 AM (EDT)

Last June, the Biden administration unveiled its “National Strategy for Countering Domestic Terrorism.” Despite its anodyne-sounding name, the “National Strategy” was anything but anodyne. The pamphlet represented the logical culmination of the Left’s cynical use of the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot as a means of ginning up large-scale, nationwide anti-Republican/anti-Trump voter sentiment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 14, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Weekend News with Lilia Luciano**

**NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart**

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Payton Gendron, the 18 y/o accused of shooting and killing more than 12 people, was arraigned on charges of first-degree murder. On Saturday, Gendron drove hundreds of miles to the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo to carry out the massacre. The FBI described it as a racially motivated hate crime. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)

- In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a curfew is in effect due to shootings overnight that injured at least 21 people. At least three incidents of gun violence took place as civilians fled for their lives at the end of the Celtics game. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nationwide thousands are protesting over Roe v. Wade, outraged by the leaked draft opinion from the Supreme Court. The renewed demonstrations came following Justice Clarence Thomas denounced the document's leak, saying it had destroyed trust among its members. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Across the country, parents are dealing with the Nationwide shortage of baby formula. About 70% of babies nationwide are fed formula as the shortages may last for the rest of the year. However, pediatricians warn against watering down formula or using cow's milk. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Top Senate Republicans, including minority leader Mitch McConnell, appeared with Ukrainian President Zelenskyy in a show of support with resistance, successfully pushing Russian troops back towards the border. This even as Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Finland against joining NATO. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Miami, one person died, two were critically injured, and three others were unharmed after a small plane crashed on a bridge, slamming into a car. The FAA and NTSB are investigating the crash but have initially attributed the accident to the aircraft losing engine power. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Weather extremes are being felt in many different parts of the country, ranging from sweltering heat to a cold front with damaging storms. In addition, there are renewed concerns about the Texas power grid as temperatures are 20 degrees above average. [[ABC](#)]
- Philadelphia police are offering a \$20K reward searching for two brazen shooters in a deadly gas station ambush. One was armed with an AK47, the other with a handgun with an extended magazine clip. [[CBS](#)]
- Nationwide COVID infections have jumped up by 56%, with the number of hospitalizations up by 21%. Infections are up in every state, especially in the Northeast and Midwest. [[CBS](#)]
- This week North Korea announced its first COVID outbreak as President Kim Jong-un wore a mask for the first time. As a result, Kim Jong-un declared country-wide lockdowns. North Korea has said that one person has died of COVID while 187K people are being isolated with a fever. [[CBS](#)]
- An all black climbing team in Nepal where the Full Circle Everest Team conquered Mount Everest this week and made history as the first all black team to reach the world's highest peak. [[CBS](#)]

## SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

### ***ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos***

- This Week began with coverage of the mass shooting in Buffalo in a predominantly black neighborhood. National correspondent Stephanie Ramos reports on the ground from Buffalo. [\[Watch\]](#)
- New York Governor Kathy Hochul joined the program to discuss the shooting. Hochul said investigators probing Gendron's background had found other disturbing documents he wrote as a high school student and that he was under observation of medical authorities. She added that depraved ideas fermenting on social media are "spreading like a virus" and need to be monitored and shut down. Hochul said she had directed the New York State Police's Hate Crimes Task Force to assist in the investigation. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Then, Stephanopoulos interviewed Buffalo Police Commissioner Joseph Gramaglia who discussed the ongoing investigation, the police response, and how law enforcement deescalated the situation and took the shooter into custody without incident. [\[Watch\]](#)
- ABC News chief justice correspondent Pierre Thomas and national security analyst John Cohen joined Stephanopoulos to discuss the spread of far-right violence. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Afterward, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi joined This Week. Following the Buffalo massacre, Pelosi said social media companies have to address and track down extremism on their platforms. Pelosi also discussed inflation and legislation she's introducing to address potential "market manipulation" by energy companies. [\[Watch\]](#)

### ***CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan***

- Face Nation began with coverage of the mass shooting at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, New York. Thirteen people were shot. The shooter, identified as 18y/o Payton Gendron, pled not guilty to first-degree murder. Gendron is being held without bond and will appear in court on Thursday. [\[Watch\]](#)
- New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-NY) discussed the shooting, the perpetrator's manifesto, and the shooter was previously investigated because he wrote something while in high school. Hochul also addressed the rise of hate speech on mainstream media outlets and whether the shooter would be prosecuted using state or federal domestic terrorism laws. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown discussed Gendron's racially motivated shooting of members of the community and the need for stricter gun control. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg discussed the shooting in Buffalo; the need for all politicians to condemn White Nationalism, replacement theory, and any other hateful ideology that could have contributed to the shooting; gun control; the nationwide baby formula shortage; failure of the Government as a regulator to address the issue earlier; supply chain issues that have contributed to the shortage in baby formula and price inflation; inflation, high gas prices, and making electric vehicles more affordable; and the Administration addressing areas where price gouging is taking place. [[Watch](#)]

### ***NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd***

- Meet the Press began with coverage of the mass shooting at Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo and other mass shootings. The shooter, 18 y/o Payton Gendron, posted a manifesto before traveling more than 200 miles to commit the atrocity. [[Watch](#)]
- Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown discussed the racially motivated crime, law enforcement investigative efforts of the crime, gun control, reactions of the victim's families, and ending hate speech. [[Watch](#)]
- New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-NY) discussed the shooting in her hometown of Buffalo; white supremacy, terrorism, and the radicalization of teenagers with information available on the internet; gun control; replacement theory of -Black, -Jewish, and Asian-Americans; appeasement by politicians of right-wing extremism; and the need for limitations on hate speech. [[Watch](#)]

### ***FOX News Sunday with Shannon Bream***

- Fox News began with coverage of the Buffalo massacre. Alexis McAdams reports from Buffalo on the incident before Bream pivoted to the debate over abortion. [[Watch](#)]
- White House correspondent Lucas Tomlinson reports on Justice Clarence Thomas's speech at a conference of conservative and libertarian thinkers in Dallas as protestors demonstrate their outrage over the leaked draft opinion showing the conservative majority intends to strike down Roe v. Wade. Tomlinson also reports on the ongoing baby formula shortage and inflation. [[Watch](#)]
- Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt joined the program to discuss his state's abortion trigger law and acknowledged concerns that his state's strict new law on abortion could be circumvented on tribal lands within the state. [[Watch](#)]

### **AFTERNOON HEADLINES**

- "Investigators Examine Suspect's Racist Motivation After Buffalo Massacre" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]



- “Russian Soldiers Shot Three Brothers and Threw Them in a Ditch. One Survived.” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Sweden’s ruling party greenlights joining NATO; bloc chief calls potential adds ‘historic’” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Finland formally seeking entry into NATO alliance” [[LAT](#)]

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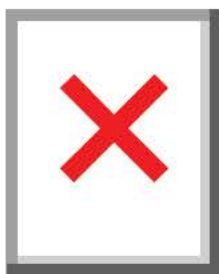
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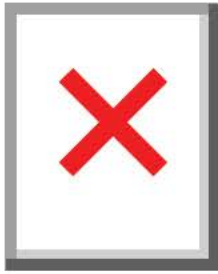
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Life after *Roe* may not resemble *The Handmaid's Tale*, but it might look like *Knocked Up*. **Then:** An inside look at team Trump's handling of the pandemic.

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## Editing out abortion



(Adam Maida / The Atlantic)

It's been a long 11 days for abortion-rights activists. Since the dramatic leak last Monday that revealed that the Supreme Court may soon overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the abortion-rights movement has bounced among

disbelief, despair, anger, and resolve. Most Americans support abortion in some form, but, as my colleague Jerusalem Demsas writes, “we can expect the disconnect to grow between what Americans want and what they get.” That disconnect has fueled protests across the country—in front of the Supreme Court, outside of the justices’ homes, and in cities including Bismarck, North Dakota, and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

At some of those protests, women have worn red cloaks and oversize white bonnets, a reference to *The Handmaid’s Tale*, Margaret Atwood’s dystopian 1985 novel in which the United States becomes a theocratic dictatorship. (In the past week alone, *Handmaid* protesters interrupted a church service in Los Angeles, marched at a rally in Boston, and gathered outside Justice Amy Coney Barrett’s Virginia home.)

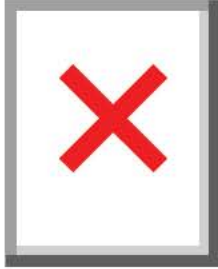
Atwood put the book aside several times while writing it, she recalls today in *The Atlantic*, because she worried the premise was too far-fetched. “Silly me,” she writes. “Theocratic dictatorships do not lie only in the distant past: There are a number of them on the planet today. What is to prevent the United States from becoming one of them?”

Two works of pop culture—Atwood’s novel, and a raunchy 2007 rom-com—offer two ways of thinking about what may be to come in the U.S.

- The Supreme Court is turning back the clock on women’s rights. The Court’s draft opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, notes that the Constitution has nothing to say about abortion and women’s reproductive health. But, as Atwood points out, the document doesn’t mention women *at all*. “If Justice Alito wants you to be governed by the laws of the 17th century, you should take a close look at that century,” she writes. “Is that when you want to live?”
- A Seth Rogen comedy foretold the decisions women will have to make. In *Knocked Up*, the 2007 film about a one-night stand that results in a pregnancy, the word *abortion* is never spoken out loud. In one memorable scene, a friend of the protagonist, played by Seth Rogen, tells him, “You should get a shma-shmortion at the shma-shmortion clinic.” As my colleague Megan Garber argues, *Knocked*

*Up* “has much to say about *Roe*’s looming tragedy—precisely because, so often, it opts to say nothing at all.”

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**Explore the week that was.** Roughly 6 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the invasion began. Our senior editor Alan Taylor compiled photos of the war as it nears its fourth month.

**Read.** America’s subpar response to the pandemic has already produced a budding genre of books. Perhaps none is more revealing than Deborah Birx’s *Silent Invasion*.

For a lighter read, check out James Parker’s ode to chewing gum.

**Watch.** Netflix's *Heartstopper* reframes the queer coming-of-age experience to emphasize liberation over repression.

And 50 years after its debut, the BBC miniseries *Ways of Seeing* still offers valuable lessons for how to explore—and question—the visual world around us.

**Listen.** On *The Experiment* podcast, Julia Longoria interviews Aséna Tahir Izgil, a 19-year-old who escaped the Uyghur genocide in China four years ago.

**Latest dispatches:** In *Galaxy Brain*, Charlie Warzel shares what he learned from unfollowing everyone on Twitter and rebuilding his feed from scratch. And in *Unsettled Territory*, Imani Perry argues that the language of real free-speech advocates is being perverted by people with other goals.

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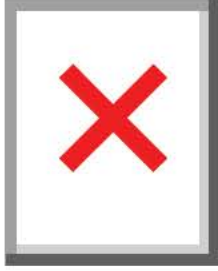
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## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

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

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

Following a week of protests after the leaking of a draft Supreme Court opinion that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the governors of Maryland and Virginia are urging the Justice Department to provide security at the homes of the Supreme Court justices who live in their states. In a letter sent to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, Gov. Larry Hogan of

Maryland and Gov. Glenn Youngkin of Virginia called on the Justice Department to send adequate resources and tighten security for the justices. The governors hope that doing so will keep the conservative justices and their families safe as abortion-rights supporters continue to protest outside their homes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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

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

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

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland signals criminal case that may involve Donald Trump is not out of bounds**, Rachel Maddow Show, May 12, 2022

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

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

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

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

A \$150 million superyacht tied to Leonid Mikhelson, Russia's second richest-citizen whose gas company is a target of US sanctions, has stopped transmitting its location after last broadcasting it was headed to the Bahamas -- known for cooperating with other nations to seize ships. [...] With the help of Fiji authorities, the US earlier this month seized the \$325 million Amadea vessel that the US claims belongs to billionaire Suleiman Kerimov. At the time, US Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said the seizure "should tell every corrupt Russian oligarch that they cannot hide -- not even in the remotest part of the world." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

New York City federal prosecutors are seeking a dramatically reduced sentence of about

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

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

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

## **JAN. 6**

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

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the top Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, and four other lawmakers received subpoenas on Thursday from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters. The Jan. 6 House Select Committee issued the subpoenas to try to secure the lawmakers' testimony after they had rejected voluntary cooperation with the investigation. The other Republican lawmakers receiving subpoenas were Representatives Jim Jordan, Mo Brooks, Scott Perry and Andy Biggs. McCarthy, Jordan and Perry on Thursday told reporters that they believe the committee's investigation is illegitimate but did not directly answer questions about whether he would comply with the subpoena. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

## **SPECIAL COUNSEL**

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

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

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

Special Counsel John Durham steps into court Monday with the first trial of his probe into Democrats' Russia-collusion hoax. That's a formality. Mr. Durham has already won. Perkins Coie lawyer Michael Sussmann stands accused of lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by claiming the dirt on Donald Trump he fed to the FBI wasn't delivered on behalf of "any client." Mr. Sussmann was in the pay of the Hillary Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee and worked extensively with outside players and the media

to produce the collusion narrative as well as documents that stoked FBI probes of Mr. Trump's 2016 campaign, according to Durham filings. Mr. Sussmann has pleaded not guilty. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

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

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

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

When the Justice Department announced in February that it had seized bitcoin worth \$3.6 billion, it was more than just the largest recovery of alleged crime proceeds in U.S. history. It was the biggest signal yet that cryptocurrency, once seen as attractive to criminals for its supposed shield of anonymity, may not be so crime-friendly after all. Just a few years ago, the federal government barely knew what to do with cryptocurrency. Now, most federal law enforcement agencies employ experts adept at tracing it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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

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

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

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

The federal government said Thursday that artificial intelligence technology to screen new job candidates or monitor worker productivity can unfairly discriminate against people with disabilities, sending a warning to employers that the commonly used hiring tools could violate civil rights laws. The U.S. Justice Department and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission jointly issued guidance to employers to take care before using popular algorithmic tools meant to streamline the work of evaluating employees and job prospects — but which could also potentially run afoul of the Americans with Disabilities Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [WSJ](#)

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

Dozens of protesters gathered at an intersection in Los Angeles County in March 2021, waving colorful signs that read: "Stop Asian Hate" and "End the Violence Against Asians." Most people honked in support of the demonstrators in Diamond Bar, but prosecutors say

one driver expressed disgust. [...] Now, Steve Lee Dominguez, a 56-year-old resident of Diamond Bar and the driver of the car, has been charged with two counts of “bias-motivated interference” of a protest and faces up to 20 years in prison, the U.S. attorney’s office in Los Angeles announced Thursday. Dominguez was arrested Thursday and pleaded not guilty, a Department of Justice spokesman said. Dominguez could not be reached for comment, and it was not immediately clear if he had an attorney. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ANTITRUST**

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

Alphabet Inc.’s Google dodged court sanctions after it was called out by the Justice Department for hiding documents from government lawyers. U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta

in Washington said during a hearing Thursday he wouldn't punish the company over its practice of having employees copy company lawyers on emails when discussing competition issues. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ENVIRONMENT**

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

The Biden administration is canceling three oil and gas lease sales scheduled in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Alaska, removing millions of acres from possible drilling as U.S. gas prices reach record highs. The Interior Department announced the decision Wednesday night, citing a lack of industry interest in drilling off the Alaska coast and "conflicting court rulings" that have complicated drilling efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, where the bulk of U.S. offshore drilling takes place. [...] A federal appeals court in New Orleans, meanwhile, is considering a challenge to a moratorium on new federal leasing that Biden imposed soon after taking office in January 2021. Biden said the administration needed to consider the effect of new drilling on climate change and conduct proper environmental reviews. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [WSJ](#)

## **TAX**

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

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

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**NYT: F.B.I. Told Israel It Wanted Pegasus Hacking Tool for Investigations**, Mark Mazzetti and Ronen Bergman, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

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

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

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

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

The FBI has opened multiple investigations into parents protesting education policies, including a father who was upset over mask mandates, according to new whistleblower revelations. The FBI's activities were publicly revealed in a letter Wednesday from Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee to Attorney General Merrick Garland . The specifics of the FBI's investigations were disclosed to lawmakers by whistleblowers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsmax](#), [NY Post](#)

**Texas Lawyer: Galveston Gun Parts Maker Challenges Biden Rule on Ghost Guns,**

Adolfo Pesquera, May 12, 2022, 4:00 PM

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

**KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): Local DEA agent who died in the line of duty honored in Washington DC,**

Lupita Murillo, May 13, 2022, 2:10 AM

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

**WBRC-Fox (Birmingham, Al): Feds working with Tuscaloosa authorities to get illegal guns, violent criminals off the streets,**

Josh Gauntt, May 12, 2022, 11:44 PM

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

**KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO): Gun-rights advocates push back on efforts to ban ghost guns in Kansas,**

Matt Evans, May 12, 2022, 9:33 PM

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

**WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA): Federal agents concerned about 'switch' that turns handguns into machine guns,**

Britney Dixon, May 12, 2022, 7:56 PM

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

**WBRZ-ABC (Baton Rouge, LA): Deputies bust massive drug ring operating across Baton Rouge, find enough fentanyl to kill 2,500,**

Emily Davison, May 12, 2022, 6:44 PM

Authorities busted a drug trafficking ring spread across four locations in the capital area on Wednesday, reportedly finding enough lethal doses of fentanyl alone to kill thousands of people. [...] The sheriff's office worked with the Baton Rouge DEA to conduct the



investigation into the drug ring over the span of several weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **US SUPREME COURT**

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

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

**NYT: A Battle Over How to Battle Over Roe: Protests at Justices' Homes Fuel Rancor**, Zolan Kanno-Youngs, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

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

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

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

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

## **CONGRESS**

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

Sen. Michael Bennet on Thursday introduced a bill that would create a federal watchdog for the oversight of Big Tech companies, empowering the new agency to address controversial

issues like algorithm bias and transparency in content moderation. The bill from the Colorado Democrat comes as the tech giants face heightened scrutiny from both sides of the aisle in Congress, which has generated high-profile hearings and adversarial rhetoric but has struggled to pass legislation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 12, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- Parents across the US are struggling to find baby formula, spending hours driving to local stores and scouring shelves in search of nutrition for their children. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Top Republican Kevin McCarthy is not backing down after being issued a subpoena, along with four other GOP lawmakers, to appear before the House Jan. 6th committee. This comes after McCarthy and the others rejected the panel's request for voluntary testimony months ago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden marked the death of 1 million Americans from COVID-19 as the nation reflected on the somber milestone today. While Biden acknowledged the losses, he also reiterated the pandemic is not yet over. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russia is lashing out after Finland announced it's applying to join NATO, and Sweden is expected to quickly follow suit. One of the reasons Vladimir Putin attacked Ukraine was to block it from joining NATO. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Members of the women's lacrosse team at Delaware State University, an HBCU, were stopped on the way back from a match. The officers searched their luggage and some on the team saying they were victims of racial profiling. During the search, no drugs were found. Delaware Governor John Carney is calling the incident "concerning, upsetting and disappointing." [[NBC](#)]

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## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

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

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

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

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland signals criminal case that may involve Donald Trump is not out of bounds**, Tierney Sneed, May 12, 2022, 1:15 PM

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

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

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

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

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

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

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

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

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

A \$150 million superyacht tied to Leonid Mikhelson, Russia's second richest-citizen whose gas company is a target of US sanctions, has stopped transmitting its location after last broadcasting it was headed to the Bahamas -- known for cooperating with other nations to seize ships. [...] With the help of Fiji authorities, the US earlier this month [seized](#) the \$325 million Amadea vessel that the US claims belongs to billionaire Suleiman Kerimov. At the time, US Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said the seizure "should tell every corrupt Russian oligarch that they cannot hide -- not even in the remotest part of the world." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Senate this week approved legislation to protect the families of Supreme Court Justices. The legislation, if passed by the House, would authorize the Supreme Court Marshal to protect the families of the Justices and not just the Justices themselves.

This step is necessary but not enough. Like all federal judges, the Justices' home addresses and other personally identifiable information ("PII") are available to the public on the internet, which makes us all vulnerable to attack and retribution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Business Insider: Accused Capitol rioters are talking themselves into deeper trouble at hearings and**

**trials related to January 6**, Ryan Barber, May 12, 2022, 4:55 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

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

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the top Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, and four other lawmakers received subpoenas on Thursday from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters. The Jan. 6 House Select Committee issued the subpoenas to try to secure the lawmakers' testimony after they had rejected voluntary cooperation with the investigation. The other Republican lawmakers receiving subpoenas were Representatives Jim Jordan, Mo Brooks, Scott Perry and Andy Biggs. McCarthy, Jordan and Perry on Thursday told reporters that they believe the committee's investigation is illegitimate but did not directly answer questions about whether he would comply with the subpoena. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

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

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

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

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

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

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

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

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

When the Justice Department announced in February that it had seized bitcoin worth \$3.6 billion, it was more than just the largest recovery of alleged crime proceeds in U.S. history. It was the biggest signal yet that cryptocurrency, once seen as attractive to criminals for its supposed shield of anonymity, may not be so crime-friendly after all. Just a few years ago, the federal government barely knew what to do with cryptocurrency. Now, most federal law enforcement agencies employ experts adept at tracing it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CBS: Alleged Chicago gang members, associates charged in federal drug trafficking probe**,

Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:46 PM

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

**CBS: Oakland man sentenced in Richmond pot grow shootout, illegally selling machine gun**,

Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:56 PM

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

**Buffalo News: 10 accused of narcotics charges targeted in sweep by federal agents and local officers**,

Harold McNeil, May 12, 2022, 11:00 PM

A 13-count federal indictment was unsealed Thursday that targeted nine people charged with narcotics conspiracy, among other charges. Seven of the nine were also charged with conspiracy to commit sex trafficking by force or coercion, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Approximately 200 law enforcement officers and support personnel took seven of the nine people into custody without incident. The other two were already in



custody, said Stephen Belongia, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's Buffalo field office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Pasadena man believed to have shot and wounded a Houston police officer during a traffic stop earlier this month is now facing federal charges. Jimmy Caston Bryan, 29, was charged Thursday with the use of a firearm, drug trafficking and possession of methamphetamine for his role in a shoot-out with two police officers on May 4, according to a federal criminal complaint filed by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. [\[Continue\]](#)

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

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

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

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

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

*The Republican (Springfield, MA): 'I need a partner in crime'; Convicted killer Jabarie Phillips flew to Boston to meet up with 14-year-old girl, took her across country*, Tom Matthews, May 12, 2022, 4:19 PM  
A Washington State man previously convicted of manslaughter will be heading back to prison after he was caught meeting up with a 14-year-old Fall River girl and taking her on a bus across the country, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Jabarie Phillips, 44, of Seattle, Washington, pleaded guilty to one count of coercion and enticement of a minor before U.S. Senior District Court Judge George A. O'Toole Jr. in federal court in Boston Wednesday. Phillips was charged in May 2019. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston Globe](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A man who sold a potent mix of heroin and fentanyl, leading to two overdose deaths, warned an undercover cop - posing as a drug user - not to use too much. Mustafa Deville Reynolds, 24, of Grand Rapids, was sentenced this

week to 27 years, four months in prison by U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney in Kalamazoo. [[Continue Reading](#)]  
**See also:** [WOOD-NBC \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

*Toledo Blade:* **Toledo area physician charged with Medicare fraud**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM  
A federal grand jury in Toledo returned a six-count indictment charging Dr. Ankita Singh formerly of Maumee with fraudulently billing Medicare \$8.4 million, acting U.S. Attorney Michelle M. Baepler announced Thursday. From June, 2018 through May, 2021, it is alleged that Dr. Singh participated in a scheme to bill Medicare approximately \$8.4 million in durable medical equipment, prosthetics/orthotics, and supplies that were medically unnecessary, the announcement said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Freeman:* **Ex-student teacher who worked in New Paltz, Kingston districts draws prison in child porn case**, Diane Pineiro, May 12, 2022, 1:13 PM  
ALBANY, N.Y. — A former student teacher from SUNY New Paltz who worked in public schools in the Kingston and New Paltz districts was sentenced Thursday, May 12, to six and one-half years in federal prison for receiving and possessing child pornography, prosecutors said. Jacob Delaney, 24, of Holtsville, pleaded guilty before Senior U.S. District Judge Thomas J. McAvoy, U.S. Attorney Carla B. Freedman and Janeen DiGuseppi, special agent in charge of the Albany Field Office of the FBI, said in a press release. McAvoy also imposed a 10-year term of post-release supervision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WJXT-CW (Jacksonville, FL):* **Mayport sailor accused of possessing & distributing child sexual abuse videos**, Erik Avancier, May 12, 2022, 10:38 PM  
A federal grand jury has indicted a Naval Station Mayport sailor, who is accused of possessing and distributing child sexual abuse videos. Investigators say Adam Lee-Fucci Ferenbach, 34, of Atlantic Beach, faces up to 20 years in prison and a potential lifetime term of supervised release, if convicted. He was arrested at his residence on Friday and is said to be an active-duty member of the U.S. Navy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WXMI-Fox (Grand Rapids, MI):* **Nashville man pleads guilty to drug, firearms violations, fentanyl possession**, Sydney Keller, May 12, 2022, 10:00 PM  
A Nashville man scheduled for trial Tuesday pleaded guilty to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, being a convicted felon in possession of ammunition and possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of fentanyl. U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced that 40-year-old Anthony Ussery pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WKRN-ABC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

*WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV):* **Man sentenced to prison for exiting St. Albans halfway house**, Amanda Barber, May 12, 2022, 6:35 PM  
According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a man from Parkersburg, West Virginia, was sentenced to prison followed by supervised release for exiting a federal halfway house in Kanawha County. Joshua Dowler, 40, admitted he exited the fenced-in area of Dismas Charities in St. Albans on September 16, 2021. The DOJ reports Dowler had been sent to Dismas because he was convicted of being a felon possessioning a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC):* **Conway man indicted by federal grand jury on gun charge**, Kevin Accettulla, May 12, 2022, 6:24 PM  
A Conway man was indicted by a federal grand jury in Florence on a single gun charge, according to a news release from the Department of Justice. Demetrice Trayvon Campbell, of Conway, was indicted for allegedly possessing a Colt .45 caliber pistol after previously being convicted on a charge resulting in a prison sentence of more than one year, according to the release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38-year-old John Thomas Ward, of Gibson County, has been sentenced to over six years in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to information presented in court, deputies in Gibson County were dispatched to a residence on Milan Highway on March 17, 2021 after reports of suspicious persons in the area. A deputy observed John Ward and a female standing near two vehicles. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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

Federal authorities and Mount Vernon police arrested a man in a 2018 death. James Bazemore faces federal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): Previously deported man from Hazleton sentenced for identity theft**, Rayna McGlynn, May 12, 2022, 3:50 PM

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

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

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

**WHOI (Peoria, IL): Peoria woman pleads guilty to making false statements in connection with straw-purchasing scheme**, Jason Howell, May 12, 2022, 2:24 PM

A Peoria woman - Keena Fauntleroy, 28, of the 2600 block of West Humboldt Street - pleaded guilty Wednesday, May 11, to one count of making false statements in connection with the acquisition of firearms, which is commonly referred to as straw purchasing. The Department of Justice says the statements related to her purchase of firearms for her partner, Jamarco O. Moore, 32, of the 1300 block of North Machine Avenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

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

The federal government said Thursday that artificial intelligence technology to screen new job candidates or monitor worker productivity can unfairly discriminate against people with disabilities, sending a warning to employers that the commonly used hiring tools could violate civil rights laws. The U.S. Justice Department and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission jointly issued guidance to employers to take care before using popular algorithmic tools meant to streamline the work of evaluating employees and job prospects — but which could also potentially run afoul of the Americans with Disabilities Act. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [WSJ](#)

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

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

## **CIVIL LAW**

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

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

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

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

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

A Baltimore-based pharmacy and pharmacist have agreed to pay \$15,000 in penalty and adhere to “corrective action” in a civil case that involves allegedly filling fraudulent prescriptions despite red flags. The United States entered into a consent decree with Ketan K. Dankhara and Falls RX, LLC, doing business as Ultra Care Pharmacy Baltimore, according to a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

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

A boat loaded with passengers capsized north of an uninhabited island near Puerto Rico and 11 people had been confirmed dead while 31 others were rescued Thursday, authorities said. It wasn’t immediately clear how many people were aboard the boat when it turned over, said U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Ricardo Castrodad. He said

a “mass rescue effort” was still underway. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A split Eleventh Circuit panel on Wednesday denied a Haitian asylum seeker's request to review a removal order, saying the man was not entitled to counsel when he appeared before the immigration judge who reviewed his asylum request. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Arizona began busing migrants from the U.S.-Mexico border to Washington, D.C., this week, joining Texas in a protest over the Biden administration's policies on immigration and border control. The first bus arrived in the capital on Wednesday, loaded with 20 migrants who volunteered for the trip, according to the Arizona Daily Star. Republican Gov. Doug Ducey's communications director, C.J. Karamargin, told the local news outlet the state will



bus as many migrants as needed. And however much the new busing program costs the state, Arizona will push the federal government to pick up the tab. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ANTITRUST**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Law360: Magistrate Backs Own Warrants In Oncology Antitrust Case**, Matthew Perlman, May 12, 2022, 6:22 PM

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

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

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

## **ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

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

Highbay Minerals Inc. ("Highbay" or the "company") (TSX, NYSE: HBM) and the U.S. Department of Justice today received a split decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the "Decision"), which affirmed the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona's ("District Court") decision in July 2019 relating to the Rosemont copper project in Arizona. In the Decision, the Court of Appeals agreed with the District Court's ruling that the U.S. Forest Service relied on incorrect assumptions regarding its legal authority and the validity of Rosemont's unpatented mining claims in the issuance of Rosemont's Final Environmental Impact Statement. While Highbay reviews the Decision, in any event, the company will continue to pursue its alternative plan to advance its Copper World project. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Arizona Daily Star](#), [Law360](#)

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

The Biden administration is canceling three oil and gas lease sales scheduled in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Alaska, removing millions of acres from possible drilling as U.S. gas prices reach record highs. The Interior Department announced the decision Wednesday night, citing a lack of industry interest in drilling off the Alaska coast and "conflicting court rulings" that have complicated drilling efforts in the Gulf of Mexico, where the bulk of U.S. offshore drilling takes place. [...] A federal appeals court in New Orleans, meanwhile, is considering a challenge to a moratorium on new federal leasing that Biden imposed soon after taking office in January 2021. Biden said the administration needed to consider the effect of new drilling on climate change and conduct proper environmental reviews. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [WSJ](#)

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

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

## **TAX**

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

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

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

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

**See also:** [Boston.com](#)

**Patch (Princeton, NJ): Pharmacy Owners Charged With Tax Evasion, Opiate Distribution: Feds**, Michelle Rotuno-Johnson, May 12, 2022, 1:02 PM

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

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**NYT: F.B.I. Told Israel It Wanted Pegasus Hacking Tool for Investigations**, Mark Mazzetti and Ronen Bergman, May 12, 2022, 2:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

**NPR: [AUDIO] In Puerto Rico, the arrests of elected officials worsen trust in government**, Adrian Florido, Alejandra Marquez, JanseRoberta Rampton, May 12, 2022, 5:20 PM  
NPR's Adrian Florido talks with Benjamin Torres Gotay, a reporter and columnist for Puerto Rico's El Nuevo Dia, about recent arrests of elected officials related to corruption. The FBI and the Justice Department have been on a tear arresting elected officials in Puerto Rico. In the last six months, they've charged 6 of the island's 78 mayors for public corruption, and more are believed to be under investigation. It's a ballooning scandal that our next guest says is endangering the public trust in a government that's been steadily losing the confidence of many of its citizens. [[Listen](#)]

**Washington Examiner: FBI opened multiple investigations into protesting parents, GOP lawmakers say**, Jeremiah Poff, May 12, 2022, 10:19 AM  
The FBI has opened multiple investigations into parents protesting education policies, including a father who was upset over mask mandates, according to new whistleblower revelations. The FBI's activities were publicly revealed in a letter Wednesday from Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee to Attorney General Merrick Garland. The specifics of the FBI's investigations were disclosed to lawmakers by whistleblowers. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Newsmax](#), [NY Post](#)

**San Diego Union-Tribune: FBI, SDPD seek suspect in failed robbery at Mountain View bank**, Alex Riggins, May 12, 2022, 10:51 PM  
A man tried and failed to rob a bank teller Thursday afternoon at a branch in San Diego's Mountain View neighborhood, according to the FBI. It happened about 3:50 p.m. at the Chase branch on Imperial Avenue a little west of Interstate 805, San Diego-area FBI spokesperson William McNamara said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: FBI comes calling, terrifies mom of three who spoke out at school board meeting**, Susan Ferrechio, May 12, 2022, 5:00 PM  
At a school board meeting last fall, a woman approached the podium to complain to school board members about the longtime COVID-19 closure at her children's elementary school. School officials had shuttered the school for 40 consecutive days, frustrating and angering parents in the district. She told the board, "We are coming for you," which she later said was intended not as a threat, but to warn school board members that voters would kick them out in the next election. Then the FBI called her. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Texas Lawyer: Galveston Gun Parts Maker Challenges Biden Rule on Ghost Guns**, Adolfo Pesquera, May 12, 2022, 4:00 PM  
A former U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives acting director will participate in the representation of a Galveston firearms parts manufacturer that is challenging a Biden Administration rule intended to curtail the production of so-called ghost guns—3D-printed guns that have no serial numbers. Michael J. Sullivan, the ATF acting director from 2006-2009 and current partner in the Ashcroft Law Firm in Boston, is scheduled to appear pro hac vice at the initial conference set for Sept. 14 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): Local DEA agent who died in the line of duty honored in Washington DC**, Lupita Murillo, May 13, 2022, 2:10 AM  
Thursday is the start of National Police Week. Police from throughout the country honor their fallen heroes who died in the line of duty. It is celebrated on whatever week May 15 falls on under President John F. Kennedy's order to honor the men and women who risk their lives every day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cases of fraud against seniors are rising and the FBI's Springfield Bureau is reminding people to watch out for elderly family members who could be at risk. Supervisory Special Agent Price McCarty works on financial fraud

cases. He said it isn't new technology that makes seniors vulnerable, but their isolation. One type of scam the agency sees, he said, is a relationship or romance scam. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

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

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

## US SUPREME COURT

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

Protests outside two Supreme Court justices' homes drew about a dozen people Wednesday night who were outnumbered by local and federal law enforcement as they chanted that the justices should stay away from their bodies. On their way from Justice Brett Kavanaugh's house to Chief Justice John Roberts' home, the protesters shouted, "Keep your rosaries off my ovaries," and "Keep your religion off my vagina. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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

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

**NYT: A Battle Over How to Battle Over Roe: Protests at Justices' Homes Fuel Rancor**, Zolan Kanno-Youngs, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM

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

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

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

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**CNN: [OPINION] Trust in the Supreme Court is grievously wounded**, Barbara Perry, May 12, 2022, 7:00 PM  
Renowned Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. compared the peaceful ambiance of the nation's highest court to "the quiet of the storm center." As anyone who has experienced a hurricane knows, howling winds and pelting rain prevail until an eerie calm signals that the eye has arrived. Then the storm recommences when the center moves on. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: [ANALYSIS] Supreme Court Ethics Bill Faces Tough Path In Congress**, Justin Wise and James Arkin, May 12, 2022, 4:52 PM  
A push to reform U.S. Supreme Court ethics and recusal standards earned a significant win Wednesday as the House Judiciary Committee advanced legislation that would require the justices to adopt an ethics code, but opposition from Republicans suggests the bill faces a steep climb through Congress. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [SCOTUSblog](#)

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**AP: US reckoning with role in Native American boarding schools**, Felicia Fonseca, May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM  
Deb Haaland is pushing the U.S. government to reckon with its role in Native American boarding schools like no other Cabinet secretary could — backed by personal experience, a struggle with losing her own Native language and a broader community that has felt the devastating impacts. The agency she oversees — the Interior Department — released a first-of-its-kind report this week that named the 408 schools the federal government supported to strip Native Americans of their cultures and identities. At least 500 children died at some of the schools, but that number is expected to reach into the thousands or tens of thousands as more research is done. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

**Law360: Chief Seattle's Duwamish Tribe Sues DOI For Recognition**, Andrew Westney, May 12, 2022, 9:30 PM  
The Duwamish Tribe has sued the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington federal court over its denial of federal recognition to the tribe, saying the department's position disregards the tribe's long history of recognition by the federal government and tramples on its constitutional rights. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Okla. Tribes Slam Governor's Veto Of Public Safety Law**, Caleb Symons, May 12, 2022, 6:26 PM  
Native American groups in Oklahoma blasted Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto this week of legislation that would revoke the driver's licenses of people convicted in tribal court of certain crimes, such as vehicular manslaughter and DUI, as the two sides spar over the reach of their jurisdictions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**

**Marijuana Moment: Bipartisan Senators Push To Finally Enact Marijuana Banking Legislation**, Tom Angell, May 12, 2022, 8:00 AM  
Nearly a quarter of the members of the U.S. Senate are joining together to call on congressional leaders to ensure that marijuana banking provisions are enacted into law as part of a large-scale manufacturing bill. The 24 senators—including 19 Democrats and five Republicans—wrote in a letter that the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act would “help cannabis-related businesses, support innovation, create jobs, and strengthen public safety in our communities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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

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

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

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

## **CONGRESS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Members of Congress have moved particularly quickly — at “lightning speed” as one senator put it — to beef up Supreme Court security and address a wave of protests at homes of justices in the last few days. Those protests,



prompted by last week's leak of a Supreme Court opinion on abortion rights, collided with simmering concerns about judicial security and sent Congress into an unusual flurry of activity. In the past few days, members have pushed to move measures and funding on judicial safety as well as push the Justice Department to crack down on allegedly illegal protests. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 12, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- Parents across the US are struggling to find baby formula, spending hours driving to local stores and scouring shelves in search of nutrition for their children. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Top Republican Kevin McCarthy is not backing down after being issued a subpoena, along with four other GOP lawmakers, to appear before the House Jan. 6th committee. This comes after McCarthy and the others rejected the panel's request for voluntary testimony months ago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden marked the death of 1 million Americans from COVID-19 as the nation reflected on the somber milestone today. While Biden acknowledged the losses, he also reiterated the pandemic is not yet over. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russia is lashing out after Finland announced it's applying to join NATO, and Sweden is expected to quickly follow suit. One of the reasons Vladimir Putin attacked Ukraine was to block it from joining NATO. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- At least 20 homes have been torched and about 900 remain under evacuation orders as a wildfire grew to 10 times its size in just two hours and continues to burn through Southern California. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Homes were damaged, trees were uprooted and one person was killed in a car crash amid a dangerous storm that blew through parts of Minnesota last night. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- As California sees its driest conditions dating back to 1895 and wildfires continue to blaze, concerns are growing regarding the a critical western water supply, which is being threatened by climate change. [[CBS](#)]
- Ashley Judd speaks about mother's passing. The actress told it was important for her family to talk about what happened before things "become public without our control." [[ABC](#)]
- Department of Public Safety, which says there is a record breaking influx of migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. The Biden administration is seeking to end Title 42, a Trump-era Covid policy, saying it denies asylum seekers their rights. The move faces bipartisan criticism. Migrants from Cuba and Ecuador tell us

the conditions they faced meant they could not wait to travel to the U.S. [\[NBC\]](#)

- Members of the women's lacrosse team at Delaware State University, an HBCU, were stopped on the way back from a match. The officers searched their luggage and some on the team saying they were victims of racial profiling. During the search, no drugs were found. Delaware Governor John Carney is calling the incident "concerning, upsetting and disappointing." [\[NBC\]](#)

## **MORNING HEADLINES**

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

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#### 4th Circ. Erases Order Granting Detainees New Bond Hearings

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

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#### 11th Circ. Says No Counsel Needed Before Immigration Judge

A split Eleventh Circuit panel on Wednesday denied a Haitian asylum seeker's request to review a removal order, saying the man was not entitled to counsel when he appeared before the immigration judge who reviewed his asylum request.

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#### 11th Circ. Affirms Asylum Denial For Indigenous Guatemalan

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



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## Guatemalan Gang Slashing Wasn't Persecution, 8th Circ. Says

A Guatemalan citizen whose face was cut by gang members doesn't qualify as a refugee because the incident that led him to flee to the U.S. was a one-time occurrence that doesn't count as persecution, the Eighth Circuit ruled Thursday.

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### ABA Calls For Better Security For High Court, Federal Bench

The American Bar Association on Thursday urged Congress to pass several measures that would bolster security for all federal judges, the latest push for more protection as public protests ramp up in the wake of the leaked U.S. Supreme Court draft opinion on overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

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### Jan. 6 Panel Subpoenas 5 In House GOP, Including McCarthy

The House select committee investigating last year's deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob announced Thursday that it had subpoenaed five Republican members of Congress, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who have refused to cooperate with its inquiry.

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### Senate Panel Advances 3 US Attorney Nominees

The Senate Judiciary Committee easily advanced three of President Joe Biden's U.S. attorney nominees Thursday, bringing them one step closer to confirmation.

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### Quinn Emanuel Settles Hispanic Worker's Discrimination Suit

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP on Thursday settled a suit brought by a former Hispanic tech employee who accused the firm of discrimination, retaliation and fostering a hostile environment, ending a blistering litigation that began in March 2021.

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### Feds Want Up To 2 Years In Prison For NYC Molotov Attys

Two attorneys accused of firebombing an unoccupied New York Police Department car during racial injustice protests last year have reached a new plea deal with the government, the parties told the court this week, adding that the government plans to seek prison sentences of 18 to 24 months.

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### Major Lindsey Must Face Trimmed Suit Over Pillsbury Atty Fee

Major Lindsey & Africa largely lost its bid to end a legal recruiting boutique's suit over a \$375,000 placement fee for a partner who landed at Pillsbury when a Manhattan federal judge said Thursday the boutique's declaration bid should have targeted Pillsbury while allowing its tortious interference claim to proceed.

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#### Podcast

### The Term: Amid Leak Protests, Justices Get Security Boosted

This week, Law360's The Term podcast discusses the continued fallout over last week's leaked draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade, including additional security for justices who are now facing protests of a much more personal nature — outside their homes. Plus, the hosts talk to Skadden's Shay Dvoretzky about his career as a U.S. Supreme Court lawyer.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday proposed tightening its rules for processing confidential business information under the Toxic Substances Control Act so that non-confidential information isn't unnecessarily made secret.

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#### 9th Circ. Probes Berkeley's Power To Ban Natural Gas

Counsel for the California Restaurant Association attempted to convince a Ninth Circuit panel during oral arguments on Thursday that a lower court should have found that a ban by Berkeley, California, on natural gas infrastructure in new buildings is preempted by federal law.

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#### Slaughter and May Seeks To Reduce Emissions 90% By 2040

Slaughter and May will target a 90% absolute reduction in emissions by 2040, the firm said Thursday, achieving validation from the Science Based Targets initiative.

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#### Exxon Fights Santa Barbara's Rejection Of Oil Trucking Plan

Exxon Mobil Corp. accused Santa Barbara officials of arbitrarily rejecting its plan to temporarily transport crude oil by truck, effectively barring it from restarting offshore operations that have been shuttered since a 2015 pipeline rupture, according to a California federal lawsuit filed Wednesday.

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Carmody MacDonald  
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## 9th Cir. Backs Block of AZ Mining Project Waste Site

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

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## POLICY & REGULATION

### Biden Admin. Scraps Alaska, Gulf Offshore Lease Sales

The Biden administration has scrapped three planned oil and gas lease sales in Alaska's Cook Inlet and the Gulf of Mexico, a move the government said came amid legal uncertainties and tepid industry interest.

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### CIT Pans Commerce Ignoring Solar Cell Importers On Subsidy

A U.S. Court of International Trade judge panned the U.S. Department of Commerce's repeated inclusion of a credit program in Chinese tariff calculations, ordering the agency on Thursday to explain why it credited solar cell importers with using the program without verifying their claims to the contrary.

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## ENFORCEMENT

### NYC Bus Cos. Illegally Idling Outside Schools, AG Says

New York state is suing three public school bus companies that allegedly allowed their vehicles to idle beyond the legal time limit in New York City communities of color that are already disproportionately impacted by air pollution, the attorney general's office said Thursday.

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## LITIGATION

### Lead Near Battery Site Was Triple Similar Area, Expert Says

An expert hired by the California Department of Toxic Substance Control testified in a \$136 million bench trial Thursday that lead levels in soil samples taken near a former battery recycling plant in Vernon were three times higher than in a comparable area about 14 miles south.

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### Puerto Rican Insurer Sued For \$38M In Quake Damage

Two California-based owners of an apartment complex in Puerto Rico said their insurer owes them at least \$37.5 million in damages after the building was destroyed in a 6.4-magnitude earthquake in 2020.

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### Texas School District Slams Low Payout For Hurricane Loss

A school district saying it suffered more than \$40 million in "obvious" property damage from Hurricane Hanna told a Texas state court that a raft of insurers, brokers and third-party adjusters have violated state insurance law in part by lowballing claim payouts in what the district called an "insulting pittance" of about \$800,000.

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## Gordon & Rees Hires Expert Mesothelioma Litigator In LA

Gordon & Rees LLP continues to expand its environmental and toxic tort and product liability practices in California, adding a Selman Breitman LLP litigator known for defending mesothelioma cases as a partner in its Los Angeles office.

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## Ex-Pa. Environmental Dept. Atty Rejoins McNees In Harrisburg

McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC announced that it rehired a former attorney with over 40 years of environmental and energy law experience as a part-time of counsel in its Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, office.

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## Orrick Adds Willkie Partner To Growing Energy Team

Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP announced Wednesday that it had added the fifth partner to its energy and infrastructure practice in the past four months with the hiring of a former Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP attorney in Houston.

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The Council on Environmental Quality's recent National Environmental Policy Act updates will be critically important to federal agencies seeking to implement the Biden administration's renewable energy policies, but their practical impact may be limited, say attorneys at K&L Gates.

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legislation that would require the justices to adopt an ethics code, but opposition from Republicans suggests the bill faces a steep climb through Congress.

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### [ABA Calls For Better Security For High Court, Federal Bench](#)

The American Bar Association on Thursday urged Congress to pass several measures that would bolster security for all federal judges, the latest push for more protection as public protests ramp up in the wake of the leaked U.S. Supreme Court draft opinion on overturning Roe v. Wade.

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### [Jan. 6 Panel Subpoenas 5 In House GOP, Including McCarthy](#)

The House select committee investigating last year's deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob announced Thursday that it had subpoenaed five Republican members of Congress, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who have refused to cooperate with its inquiry.

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### [Senate Panel Advances 3 US Attorney Nominees](#)

The Senate Judiciary Committee easily advanced three of President Joe Biden's U.S. attorney nominees Thursday, bringing them one step closer to confirmation.

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### [Quinn Emanuel Settles Hispanic Worker's Discrimination Suit](#)

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP on Thursday settled a suit brought by a former Hispanic tech employee who accused the firm of discrimination, retaliation and fostering a hostile environment, ending a blistering litigation that began in March 2021.

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### [Feds Want Up To 2 Years In Prison For NYC Molotov Attys](#)

Two attorneys accused of firebombing an unoccupied New York Police Department car during racial injustice protests last year have reached a new plea deal with the government, the parties told the court this week, adding that the government plans to seek prison sentences of 18 to 24 months.

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### [Major Lindsey Must Face Trimmed Suit Over Pillsbury Atty Fee](#)

Major Lindsey & Africa largely lost its bid to end a legal recruiting boutique's suit over a \$375,000 placement fee for a partner who landed at Pillsbury when a Manhattan federal judge said Thursday the boutique's declaration bid should have targeted Pillsbury while allowing its tortious interference claim to proceed.

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#### **Podcast**

### [The Term: Amid Leak Protests, Justices Get Security Boosted](#)

This week, Law360's The Term podcast discusses the continued fallout over last week's leaked draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade, including additional security for justices who are now facing protests of a much more personal nature — outside their homes. Plus, the hosts talk to Skadden's Shay Dvoretzky about his career as a U.S. Supreme Court lawyer.

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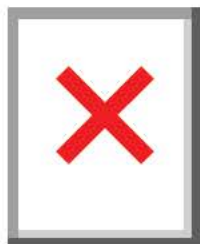
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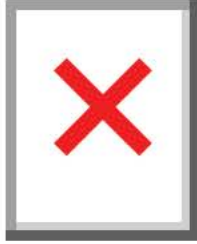
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The Jan. 6 select committee on Thursday took the extraordinary step of issuing subpoenas to House lawmakers, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. J. Scott Applewhite/AP Photo

**SIREN** — The Jan. 6 select committee issued subpoenas today to five House lawmakers: GOP Leader **KEVIN MCCARTHY** and Reps. **SCOTT PERRY** (R-Pa.), **JIM JORDAN** (R-Ohio), **ANDY BIGGS** (R-Ariz.) and **MO BROOKS** (R-Ala.). [More from Kyle Cheney and Nicholas Wu ... The letter sent to McCarthy](#)

**This is a huge escalation by the committee**, one it had been debating for months. Among the concerns is the precedent that it sets, and the potential for Republicans to return in kind if, as expected, they take control of the House after the midterms. The committee is also prepping for

a slate of primetime hearings that are expected next month.

**BREAKING** — “Federal prosecutors have begun a grand jury investigation into whether classified White House documents that ended up at former President **DONALD J. TRUMP**’s Florida home were mishandled,” [NYT’s Maggie Haberman and Michael Schmidt report](#).

“**The intensifying inquiry suggests that the Justice Department** is examining the role of Mr. Trump and other officials in his White House in their handling of sensitive materials during the final stages of his administration. ... Prosecutors issued a subpoena to the National Archives and Records Administration to obtain the boxes of classified documents, according to the two people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation. The authorities have also made interview requests to people who worked in the White House in the final days of Mr. Trump’s presidency, according to one of the people.”

**PSAKI’S EXIT INTERVIEW** — Outgoing White House press secretary **JEN PSAKI** participated in an on-the-record session with reporters hosted by the Christian Science Monitor as she gets ready for her final briefings. ***Some of her answers that caught our attention:***

- ***The hardest part of the job:*** “I’ve had threats. I have had nasty letters, texts to me with my personal address, the names of my children. It crosses the line and that’s when it becomes a little scary and that has been the most personally difficult aspect of this job. ... People can like me, dislike me; that’s okay. I believe very much in freedom of speech. My kids are 6 and 4. And I worry about their safety.”
- ***The moment she wishes she could do over: Seeming flippant when asked about sending Covid-19 tests to every American:*** “It was by about the ninth version of the question ... [I] just hit my limit. ... We’re all human, but it is your job to control that urge and to always provide information, context, all the details. And that was a good lesson for me and a good reminder.”
- ***What she regrets about messaging on Build Back Better:*** “Looking back, it was necessary to spend a lot of time having meetings in the Oval Office, but that is ... not an effective way to communicate. And it allows disagreements between members of Congress — which frankly, the American public does not care at all about — to dominate what we talked about. And hindsight is always 20/20, but I wish we’d spent more time with the president on the trail.”

**ON THE HILL** — Speaker **NANCY PELOSI** said at her weekly news conference that the House will bring forward a bill on oil price-gouging next week, and turned her attention to a number of other major issues. ***Highlights:***

- ***On the Senate’s ongoing discussions of a bipartisan abortion-rights bill*** being worked on by Sens. **SUSAN COLLINS** (R-Maine) and **LISA MURKOWSKI** (R-Alaska): “It’s not enough to pass a bill to have a compromise. It’s not a compromise,” Pelosi said. “What’s in the Republican bill would enable states to do very destructive things when it comes to women’s right to choose.”

- **On Covid aid:** “Those discussions continue. We must pass Covid [aid], it is absolutely essential to the health and well being of the American people,” Pelosi said. She said the request will start at \$22.5 billion, which matches the White House’s latest ask, and is well over Republicans’ \$10 billion figure. “Since the \$10 billion was discussed, the threat has increased,” she said.
- **On the baby formula shortage:** “Right now the baby is crying; the baby is hungry. We need to address it right now. I think we have good focus on it. We’ll see what the president has to say.”
- **On her endorsement of Rep. HENRY CUELLAR (D-Texas):** “He’s a valued member of our caucus. The FBI has said he is not under investigation,” and it will be up to constituents to decide, she said. Pelosi also noted that Cuellar is the rare elected Dem who is not supportive of abortion rights, but that they “didn’t need him” to pass their abortion rights bill.

**MEANWHILE,** Dems seem to be a little peeved after a marathon voting day on Wednesday.

[@sarahnferris](#): “After a 22-votes-in-a-row day yesterday, lots of process complaints in Dems’ whip meeting this morning, attendees tell [@nicholaswu12](#) & me. Frustration has been building over Republicans forcing floor votes on noncontroversial bills. Takes a LOT of floor time.”

**Good Thursday afternoon.**

A message from PhRMA:

**ICYMI:** A majority of Americans reject so-called government “negotiation” once they learn it could restrict access and choice and chill the innovation of new treatments and cures. The [survey](#) also shows a majority find health care coverage costs unreasonable and a top priority health care issue for policymakers to address today.

## THE WHITE HOUSE

**THE GROWING FORMULA FIGHT — Reuters’ [@jeffmason1](#) :** “WH official: [@POTUS](#) will speak with retailers and infant formula manufacturers to receive an update on efforts to make infant formula supply more available to American families. Later today the WH will announce new actions the administration is taking to address this issue.”

***This issue has emerged*** as a major point of contention, as Republicans are increasingly pushing the administration on it — a group of House Republicans held a news conference about the issue outside the Capitol earlier today and sent a letter to the Biden administration and FDA to “immediately” address the shortage, [Fox News’ Marisa Schultz reports](#).

***Here’s the context:*** “Baby-formula manufacturers and retailers say they are working to address

a long-running shortage in products on store shelves but the hardships facing U.S. families may take months to abate,” [WSJ’s Annie Gasparro and Jaewon Kang write](#).

## JUDICIARY SQUARE

**THE SCOTUS SHIFT** — [NYT’s Adam Liptak writes](#) that, increasingly, the “bare-knuckled partisan fights over recent Supreme Court confirmations appear to have followed the justices to their chambers. The disclosure of a draft opinion that would overrule *Roe v. Wade*, along with related reports of the court’s internal workings, has transformed a decorous and guarded institution into one riven by politics.”

*As the court meets today in a private conference, we wonder: will reporters hear about the discussion? ([AP’s Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko have more on today’s meeting.](#))*

— **Meanwhile, @joshgerstein:** “In recent days, court has again quietly pushed back public reopening, now ’til June. Also the in-person opinion release days that were skedded this month are gone. All subject to change of course.”

— **And a heads up, via Bloomberg’s @GregStohr:** “Supreme Court says Monday will be an opinion day, starting at 10. (No, I wouldn’t expect the abortion ruling, but a Second Amendment decision isn’t out of the question.) We’ll also have the scheduled orders list at 9:30.”

**PROTEST PROFILE** — [The Atlantic’s Elaine Godfrey reports](#) from the protests outside of Justice **BRETT KAVANAUGH’s** house in Chevy Chase, Md.: “It’s impossible to know what Kavanaugh was thinking while the gaggle of mostly women paced in front of his lush suburban lawn, just across the border from D.C. Maybe he wasn’t even home, or maybe, as some marchers wondered aloud, he was watching them from a small gap in the blinds upstairs. Ultimately, the demonstrators didn’t care all that much how the second-newest Supreme Court justice felt about their presence. They had given up on persuasion, they said. Instead, they viewed their protest as a physical reminder for the justices of the human cost of their decision.”

— **But Virginia Gov. GLENN YOUNGKIN** and Maryland Gov. **LARRY HOGAN** are “demanding that Attorney General **MERRICK GARLAND** enforce a federal law that forbids demonstrations intended to sway judges on pending cases,” [WaPo’s Laura Vozzella, Erin Cox and Dan Morse write](#).



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## ALL POLITICS

**TURNING THE SCREWS** — The sudden rise of **KATHY BARNETTE** in the Pennsylvania GOP Senate race has former President **DONALD TRUMP** sweating. As the primary enters its final week, Trump is trying to head off another potential loss for one of his endorsed candidates — this time **MEHMET OZ**. “For the past five months, he's been told the only threat to Oz is named **DAVID MCCORMICK**. This is a twist no one saw coming,” a Trump adviser [told CNN's Gabby Orr](#). “The former President is still determining whether there is anything he can do to give Oz an extra boost in the race, the adviser to Trump said, noting that Trump was already planning to host a tele-rally and to target Republican voters with robocalls before the primary. ...

“**Inside Trump's orbit, Barnette's swift rise from obscurity** to a legitimate competitor is seen as a direct result of the mud-slinging contest that has unfolded between Oz and McCormick over the past several months. It's a classic case of a candidate running up the middle, said allies of the former President, with one likening Barnette to Sen. **DEB FISCHER**, whose bare-bones campaign defeated two well-funded tea party darlings in the 2012 Nebraska GOP Senate primary.”

**CASH DASH** — Sen. **RAPHAEL WARNOCK** (D-Ga.) is continuing to scorch the fundraising trail. “He'll report raising nearly \$5.6 million between April 1 and May 4 in a special federal filing he's set to submit on Thursday. More than 113,000 donors gave to his campaign, giving the Democrat an average of \$37.63 a pop,” [the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Greg Bluestein reports](#).

## CONGRESS

**SAVE THE DATE** — Former VP **MIKE PENCE** is planning a visit to the Republican Study Committee on June 21. [Our colleague Kyle Cheney notes](#): “This is in the middle of the public hearing schedule for the Jan. 6 select committee.”

## THE ECONOMY

**INFLATION NATION** — Biden's American Rescue Plan was intended to put money back in the pockets of Americans. “But did it contribute to the country's current inflationary mess?” [Vox's](#)

[Andrew Prokop writes](#). Economists seem to think so — but the question is to what degree.

**THE UNEMPLOYMENT PICTURE** — “The number of Americans applying for jobless aid ticked up slightly last week but the total number of Americans collecting benefits remained at its lowest level in more than five decades,” [AP’s Matt Ott writes](#). “The four-week average for claims, which evens out some of the weekly ups and downs, rose 4,250 from the previous week to 192,750.”

## THE PANDEMIC

**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT** — U.S. and global leaders announced \$3.1 billion in new funding for the global Covid fight at the White House’s Covid summit today, [Erin Banco, Carmen Paun and Daniel Payne report](#). The new pot of aid comes as Congress failed to approve a round of \$5 billion in aid.

— **In remarks delivered at the opening** of the summit, Biden told world leaders: “Now is the time for us to act. All of us together. We all must do more. We must honor those we have lost by doing everything we can to prevent as many deaths as possible.” Earlier today, Biden ordered flags to be flown at half-staff to honor the 1 million Covid deaths. [NYT has more](#)

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## BEYOND THE BELTWAY

**GOING IT ALONE** — Absent any action from congressional Democrats on their campaign promises to working parents, state legislatures are taking matters into their own hands on a number of key agenda items. “From Connecticut to New Mexico, progressive elected officials in recent months have moved to defray the high cost of child care, create paid leave programs for new parents or those caring for loved ones, and salvage other parts of the Democratic agenda at risk of dying from inaction in Congress as November’s midterm elections get closer,” [Nick Niedzwiadek writes](#).

## WAR IN UKRAINE

— “**Finland’s leaders announced on Thursday** that their country should ‘apply for NATO membership without delay,’ while Swedish leaders are expected to do the same within days. It is a remarkable shift by two nations on Russia’s doorstep that had long remained nonaligned militarily — but where public opinion has lurched strongly toward joining the alliance in the 11

weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine,” [NYT’s Shashank Bengali, Steven Erlanger and Ivan Nechepurenko report](#). (Pentagon spox **JOHN KIRBY** praised the “historic” move, [per Quint Forgey](#).)

**But Russia was quick to respond**, warning Finland of potential retaliation if it goes through with the decision, [per CNN](#).

— **Video investigation, via WSJ**: “Dozens of Ukrainian civilians were killed on one four-mile stretch of road outside Kyiv during the month of March. A WSJ analysis of videos, photos and social media posts reveals how Russian forces positioned themselves around the road to fire on and kidnap fleeing civilians.”

## AMERICA AND THE WORLD

**FOR YOUR RADAR** — The families of four U.S. citizens who are imprisoned in Iran are pleading with the Biden administration to step in and secure a safe return home, [WSJ’s Stephen Kalin reports](#). The four Americans were detained on espionage charges, and the increased pressure on Biden to act comes “as nuclear talks with Tehran that were expected to include their release have stalled.”

## PLAYBOOKERS

**OUT AND ABOUT** — The March of Dimes Gala on Wednesday evening at the National Building Museum featured several dozen members of Congress competing as celebrity chefs in a cook-off of appetizers, desserts and drinks. The event raised more than \$1.3 million for the March of Dimes. There was a surprise visit from **Paris Hilton**, who stopped by Sen. **Rand Paul’s** (R-Ky.) booth, where he’d made sausage stuffed mushrooms. [Pic of Hilton with Rep. Salud Carbajal \(D-Calif.\) ... Paul and sausage-stuffed mushrooms](#)

**The winners ...** Judge’s Choice: Rep. **Ruben Gallego** (D-Ariz.) for his sausage poppers with dill dip ... People’s Choice: Sen. **Angus King** (I-Vt.) for his lobster stew ... Healthiest Recipe: Rep. **Mike Thompson** (D-Calif.) for his shrimp ceviche ... Hometown Hero: Sen. **Rick Scott** (R-Fla.) for his Italian cream cake ... Best Presentation: Rep. **Lizzie Fletcher** (D-Texas) for her campechana de mariscos seafood cocktail ... Easiest Preparation: Sen. **John Cornyn** (R-Texas) for his crispy, no-fry potato pancake poppers with garlic aioli dip.

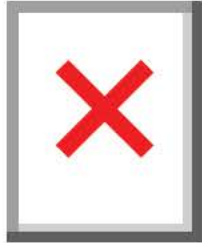
— Liberty Media CEO **Greg Maffei** hosted the annual Media for Liberty award reception Wednesday evening at District Winery. USA Today’s **Susan Page** received the honor, which goes to journalists who “shine a light on untold or misunderstood stories.” She donated her \$50,000 award to the emergency fund of the International Women’s Media Foundation. **SPOTTED**: Sen. **John Hickenlooper** (D-Colo.) and **Robin Hickenlooper**, Sens. **John Barrasso** (R-Wyo.), **Amy**

**Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Elaine Chao, Andrea Mitchell, Major Garrett, Paul Beckett and Heather Timmons.**

— Democratic/progressive digital ad firm DSPolitical celebrated its 10th anniversary (a couple of Covid years delayed) with a big party for about 200 people Wednesday night at Calico in Blagden Alley. **SPOTTED: Mark Jablonowski, Eli Kaplan, Michael Bassik and Eloise Lapesqueur.**

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## MORNING HEADLINES

- "Finland Moves Closer to Joining NATO" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Bill to Guarantee Abortion Rights Fails in Senate" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**WaPo: Youngkin, Hogan ask Justice Dept. to halt protests at justices' homes**, Laura Vozzella, Erin Cox and Dan Morse, May 12, 2022, 12:25 AM

The Republican governors of Virginia and Maryland, where the homes of Supreme Court justices have become targets of protests, are demanding that Attorney General Merrick Garland enforce a federal law that forbids demonstrations intended to sway judges on pending cases. Demonstrators have gathered over the last week at the homes of several conservative justices, spurred by the leak of a draft opinion suggesting the high court is preparing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision guaranteeing access to abortion nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept bolsters Supreme Court security ahead of abortion ruling**, Andy Sullivan, Tyler Clifford and Chris Gallagher, May 11, 2022, 5:41 PM

The U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday that it was stepping up security for members of the U.S. Supreme Court ahead of an anticipated ruling by the high court that could scale back abortion rights. Attorney General Merrick Garland has directed the U.S. Marshals Service to provide additional support to the court's existing police force, the Justice Department said. It did not provide further details. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [UPI](#), [Washington Times](#), [WTTG-Fox \(Washington, DC\)](#)

**NYT: Why the Justice Department Is Unlikely to Investigate the Supreme Court Leak,** Charlie Savage, May 11, 2022, 5:41 PM

After a leak of a draft opinion showed that the Supreme Court was poised to end women's constitutional right to abortion, some Republicans and conservative commentators called for a criminal investigation. But even as Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. condemned the disclosure by Politico as "egregious," he instead directed the Supreme Court marshal to lead an internal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Exclusive: Biden eyes new ways to bar China from scooping up U.S. data,** Bradford Betz, May 11, 2022, 8:06 PM

The Biden administration has drafted an executive order that would give the Department of Justice vast powers to stop foreign adversaries like China accessing Americans' personal data, according to a person familiar with the matter and excerpts seen by Reuters. The proposal, which is being reviewed by government agencies, would also direct the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to prevent federal funding from supporting the transfer of U.S. health data to foreign adversaries, according to the excerpts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: "DOJ Inspector General's office says employee leaked draft report to media, then resigned during probe,"** Ronn Blitzer and Jake Gibson, May 11, 2022, 01:42 PM

The Department of Justice's Inspector General's office announced Wednesday that one of their own employees leaked a draft report to the media that included non-public information. The IG's office said that after they saw reporting about the leaked document, they referred the matter to the Integrity Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency for investigation. While that committee declined to investigate because there were no allegations against anyone under their jurisdiction, they subsequently chose another Inspector General's office to hold an independent probe. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Jury Returns Mixed Verdict in New York Terrorism Case,** Larry Neumeister, May 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Manhattan federal court jury returned a mixed verdict Wednesday in the trial of a New Jersey software developer who authorities say researched and photographed U.S. landmarks for possible attacks. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on one terrorism charge — providing material support for a terrorist group — but found Alexei Saab, 44, had received military-type training from Hezbollah's Islamic Jihad Organization, which is based in Lebanon. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSTP-ABC \(Saint Paul, MN\)](#), [WNBC-NBC \(New York, NY\)](#)

**WaPo: Sanctions forcing Russia to use appliance parts in military gear, U.S. says,** Jeanne Whalen, May 11, 2022, 5:33 PM

U.S.-led sanctions are forcing Russia to use computer chips from dishwashers and refrigerators in some military equipment, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said Wednesday. "We have reports from Ukrainians that when they find Russian military equipment on the ground, it's filled with semiconductors that they took out of dishwashers and refrigerators," Raimondo told a Senate hearing, noting that she recently met with Ukraine's prime minister. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**JAN. 6**



**WaPo: Biden waives executive privilege for new set of Trump records**, Jacqueline Alemany, May 11, 2022, 4:28 PM

President Biden has authorized the National Archives and Records Administration to hand over an eighth tranche of presidential records from the Trump White House to the House committee investigating the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. In a letter released Wednesday by the National Archives, Biden again declined to assert executive privilege over the records — the latest batch sought by the committee after the Supreme Court rejected former president Donald Trump’s bid to block such releases. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [Newsweek](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**CNN: January 6 committee finalizing witness list and topics ahead of high-stakes hearings in June**, Annie Grayer, Ryan Nobles, Jamie Gangel and Zachary Cohen, May 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

A month before it kicks off a series of high-profile public hearings, the House select committee investigating January 6 is still finalizing its witness list and preparing to reach out to people it wants to testify publicly. The first hearing, set for June 9, will be a broad overview of the panel's 10-month investigation and set the stage for subsequent hearings, which are expected to cover certain topics or themes including what President Donald Trump was doing as the riot unfolded, the pushing of baseless election fraud claims that motivated rioters, how law enforcement responded to the attack, and the organizing and financing behind the January 6 rallies, sources tell CNN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: Internet troll faces trial after Capitol riot plea fizzles**, Michael Kunzelman, May 11, 2022, 2:13 PM

A federal judge scheduled a trial next year for a far-right internet troll after the man, known to his social media followers as “Baked Alaska,” balked at pleading guilty on Wednesday to a criminal charge stemming from the U.S. Capitol riot. U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan refused to accept a guilty plea by Anthime Gionet after he professed his innocence at the start of what was scheduled to be a plea agreement hearing. Instead, the judge set a March 2023 trial date for Gionet, who is charged with a misdemeanor count of parading, demonstrating or picketing inside a Capitol building. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [BuzzFeed](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#)

## **SPECIAL COUNSEL**

**WaPo: Sussmann trial to test credibility of controversial figures from 2016**, Devlin Barrett, May 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

After five years of accusations, investigations and recriminations, a federal jury will soon grapple with one of the legal hangovers of the 2016 presidential campaign: the trial of a politically connected lawyer charged with lying when he brought the FBI a tip about possible connections between Donald Trump’s company and a Russian bank. The trial of Michael Sussmann centers on the narrow legal question of whether he lied when he claimed — less than two months before the 2016 election — that no client had spurred him to bring the tip to authorities, and whether that information was relevant to how FBI agents investigated the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: North Carolina man gets 10 months for sex assault on flight**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 7:00 PM

A North Carolina man has been sentenced to 10 months in prison for sexually assaulting a

17-year-old girl during a flight on a commercial airliner last year, a federal prosecutor said Wednesday. U.S. Attorney Michael Easley said in a news release that Ryan Eugene Larned, 38, of Fayetteville was also sentenced to five years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine for sexual contact without consent. Larned also will have to register as a sex offender, the news release said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Charlotte Observer \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WCTI-ABC \(New Bern, NC\)](#), [WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#), [WRAL-NBC \(Raleigh, NC\)](#), [WTVD-ABC \(Durham, NC\)](#), [WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW \(Wilmington, NC\)](#)

**CBS: British Virgin Islands Premier Andrew Fahie heard saying "not my first rodeo" in U.S. drug sting recording**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 6:22 AM

The premier of the Virgin Islands, whom U.S. prosecutors described as "corrupt to the core," was given a \$500,000 bond that could see him released from prison as he awaits trial on charges tied to a U.S. narcotics sting. In a surprise decision, federal court Judge Alicia Otazo-Reyes rejected prosecutors' argument that Andrew Fahie may flee the U.S. and possibly engage in criminal activity if he is freed. Instead, she said he could remain in Miami, confined to the rented apartment of his two college-age daughters, if he and his family surrender their passports and he wears an ankle bracelet monitor in addition to paying the sizable corporate surety bond. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Capital Gazette (Annapolis, MD): Former Harford County priest sentenced to 22 years in prison for child sex charges**, Tony Roberts, May 11, 2022, 6:15 PM

A former Harford County priest was sentenced Wednesday to 22 years in federal prison followed by a lifetime of supervised release for illegal sexual activity with minors, the Maryland's U.S. Attorney's Office reported. Fernando Cristancho, 65, of Bel Air, pleaded guilty in October to coercing and enticing a minor he met through his work as a priest to engage in sexual activity. Cristancho also admitted to producing nude images of four other minors, according to the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Bel Air, MD\)](#), [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**AP: Court: California's under-21 gun sales ban unconstitutional**, Brian Melley, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A U.S. appeals court ruled Wednesday that California's ban on the sale of semiautomatic weapons to adults under 21 is unconstitutional. In a 2-1 ruling, a panel of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Wednesday the law violates the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms and a San Diego judge should have blocked what it called "an almost total ban on semiautomatic centerfire rifles" for young adults. "America would not exist without the heroism of the young adults who fought and died in our revolutionary army," Judge Ryan Nelson wrote. "Today we reaffirm that our Constitution still protects the right that enabled their sacrifice: the right of young adults to keep and bear arms." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

**WaPo (Editorial): A last chance for real justice emerges in the Bijan Ghaisar case**, May 12, 2022

... That failure of accountability and justice is what impelled seven members of Congress to write last week to Attorney General Merrick Garland, asking that the investigation into Ghaisar's slaying be reopened....As a general rule, the Justice Department should not routinely reopen investigations that have been closed without charges, lest it open the floodgates of reassessment every time a new administration takes office. Yet in the Ghaisar case, the facts and evidence are so compelling, and the Trump administration was so

indifferent to police impunity, that this killing merits a new look. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: N.Y.P.D. Should Discipline 145 Officers for Misconduct, Watchdog Says**, Troy Closson, May 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

Amid a swell of protests following the murder of George Floyd two years ago, a flurry of videos showing officers behaving aggressively with protesters — charging into crowds and at times punching or pushing people to the ground — prompted a flood of complaints about their behavior to an independent oversight agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KYW-CBS (Philadelphia, PA): Delaware Officials Call For Federal Investigation Into Controversial Traffic Stop Involving Delaware State University Lacrosse Team In Georgia**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 6:12 AM

There are growing calls for a federal investigation into a controversial traffic stop in Georgia. Body camera video shows Georgia deputies searching a bus carrying students from Delaware State University, a historically Black college. Under Georgia law, an officer has to suspect a crime is happening before turning a traffic stop into a criminal investigation. Delaware officials are calling for a full federal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**CBS: Migrant families separated under Trump face elusive quests for reparations under Biden**, Camilo Montoya, May 11, 2022, 8:54 AM

Fernando Arredondo was fighting both his deportation and suicidal thoughts. He had developed a urinary tract infection and hives, lost eight pounds and fallen into a deep depression. Arredondo was detained at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Georgia after being separated from his then 12-year-old daughter Andrea along the U.S.-Mexico border, where they had tried to seek asylum at a port of entry following the murder of his 17-year-old son in their native Guatemala. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: DHS launches ad campaign begging illegal immigrants not to come**, Stephen Dinan, May 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

Homeland Security unveiled a new Spanish-language ad campaign Wednesday aimed at would-be migrants, urging them not to put their lives into the hands of smugglers who are convincing them to make the journey. The ads will be delivered on digital platforms, trying to combat the dominant social media message right now that it is relatively easy to get into the U.S. That message is shared by the smuggling organizations, but also by the hundreds of thousands of migrants who have succeeded on the journey — some of them caught then released by the U.S. government, and others who escaped detection altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

**Reuters: U.S. Senate confirms Bedoya, giving Democrats FTC control**, Diane Bartz and Richard Cowan, May 11, 2022, 4:25 PM

The U.S. Senate voted on Wednesday to confirm privacy expert Alvaro Bedoya to be a commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission, giving President Joe Biden's Democrats control of the agency. Bedoya, who teaches at Georgetown Law School, was confirmed on a vote of 51-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking the tie. Bedoya's confirmation gives Democrats a 3-2 majority among FTC commissioners. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [Politico](#), [Vox](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**Reuters: U.S. Senate panel advances bill to help FTC fight deception, fraud,**

Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 4:25 PM

U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday sent to the Senate floor a Democratic-backed bill that would allow the Federal Trade Commission to force deceptive companies to return money to victims. The Senate Commerce Committee split 14-14 along party lines to advance the bill, which would restore a power stripped from the FTC in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year. The measure moves to a full Senate vote despite the tie vote. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Chicken Buyers Say Class Cert. Is Warranted In Price-Fix Row**, Celeste Bott, May 11, 2022, 9:38 PM

Plaintiffs claiming the nation's largest broiler chicken producers coordinated and limited chicken production with the goal to raise prices told an Illinois federal judge Wednesday that they "did the work" to show their claims warrant the class action treatment and that their models and expert analysis show antitrust impact and damages common to the proposed classes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Politico: How a long-fought Democratic win could pose trouble for Amazon and Elon Musk**, Emily Birnbaum and Leah Nysten, May 11, 2022, 5:30 PM

Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan now has the Democratic majority she needs to turn her progressive vision for antitrust and privacy into reality. The Senate's confirmation of Georgetown University law professor Alvaro Bedoya on Wednesday will end a 2-2 partisan deadlock that kept many of Khan's priorities on ice since October. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ENVIRONMENT

**CNN: House Natural Resources Committee refers investigation involving former Trump officials to DOJ**, Daniella Diaz, May 11, 2022, 5:04 PM

The House Committee on Natural Resources is referring an investigation involving "potentially criminal conduct" about a policy reversal involving former Trump administration officials to the Department of Justice, according to a letter obtained by CNN. Committee Chairman Raúl Grijalva, along with chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Katie Porter, wrote in a letter dated Wednesday to Attorney General Merrick Garland that the committee has been investigating a case of what they described as a possible "quid pro quo" between Arizona developer Michael Ingram and senior level officials in the Trump administration, including then-Department of Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**WaPo: Inside the race to find the gunman raining bullets on a D.C. school**, Peter Hermann, May 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

When the first booms ripped along the line of bumper-to-bumper cars waiting for students leaving the Edmund Burke School for the day, William James Peterson thought construction scaffolding had collapsed. [...] Meanwhile at police headquarters, Carolyn Montagna, the director of the D.C. police department's Joint Strategic and Tactical Analysis Command Center, coordinated with federal agencies and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force trying to unearth intelligence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): FBI, Homeland Security join Rocky Mount in fight against violent crime**, Judith Retana, May 10, 2022, 3:46 PM

U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina Michael Easley announced a new multi-agency initiative to combat violent crime in the Rocky Mount area. The new Violent Crime Action Plan includes a task force of local, state and federal law enforcement. "Since

April 30, Rocky Mount has seen four homicides and three other shootings, including one earlier this week that wounded an innocent 9-year-old boy,” Easley said. [[Watch](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Execution ends Arizona 8-year hiatus with the death penalty**, Paul Davenport and Jacques Billeaud, May 12, 2022, 1:00 AM

Arizona’s nearly eight-year hiatus in using the death penalty ended with the execution of Clarence Davis for killing a college student 44 years ago, making him the sixth person to be put to death in the U.S. so far this year. Dixon’s death Wednesday for the 1978 killing of 21-year-old Arizona State University student Deana Bowdoin broke the lull in Arizona’s use of capital punishment caused by a 2014 execution that critics say was botched and the difficulty that state officials faced in sourcing lethal injection drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Justices to meet for 1st time since leak of draft Roe ruling**, Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko, May 12, 2022, 12:00 AM

The Supreme Court’s nine justices will gather in private for their first scheduled meeting since the leak of a draft opinion that would overrule *Roe v. Wade* and sharply curtail abortion rights in roughly half the states. The meeting Thursday in the justices’ private, wood-paneled conference room could be a tense affair in a setting noted for its decorum. No one aside from the justices attends and the most junior among them, Justice Amy Coney Barrett, is responsible for taking notes. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

**USA Today: How a Supreme Court case about pig farms could muddy looming debate over out-of-state abortions**, John Fritze, May 12, 2022, 5:04 AM

When the Supreme Court agreed this year to settle a dispute between California and a group of Midwestern pig farmers, the connection to the nation’s raging cultural battle over abortion wasn’t even part of the discussion. California’s law, after all, is aimed at animal cruelty and intended to ensure pigs have space to move around in their pens. Abortion wasn’t raised by either side. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: A Leaky Supreme Court Starts to Resemble the Other Branches**, Adam Liptak, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Supreme Court used to be a magisterial temple of silence, capable of guarding its secrets until it was ready to disclose them. It leaked less than intelligence agencies, old hands in Washington would say, in a tone of awe and envy. Members of the court, too, took pride in running a very tight ship. “Those who know don’t talk,” Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg used to say. “And those who talk don’t know.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: A *Roe v. Wade* reversal could put fertility clinics at the center of the abortion fight**, Jessica Schneider and Tierney Sneed, May 11, 2022, 07:58 AM

News that the Supreme Court is on the cusp of overturning *Roe v. Wade* is sounding alarms for an unexpected part of the population: people looking to get pregnant and the doctors who are helping them. The conservative justices, according to a draft majority opinion disclosed last week, are preparing to give states the full power to determine abortion policies within their borders. Experts say that could open up the legal terrain for states to interfere with the fertility process known as in vitro fertilization, in which a sperm fertilizes an egg outside the body. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

**AP: US finds 500 Native American boarding school deaths so far**, Felicia Fonseca, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A first-of-its-kind federal study of Native American boarding schools that for over a century sought to assimilate Indigenous children into white society has identified more than 500 student deaths at the institutions, but officials expect that figure to grow exponentially as research continues. The Interior Department report released Wednesday expands to more than 400 the number of schools that were established or supported by the U.S. government, starting in the early 19th century and continuing in some cases until the late 1960s. The agency identified the deaths in records for about 20 of the schools. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

**AP: Oklahoman whose case led to McGirt ruling gets life sentence**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A former Oklahoma death row inmate and tribal citizen whose case led to a landmark ruling on tribal sovereignty was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison by a federal judge. Patrick Murphy, 53, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, was originally sentenced to die in McIntosh County for the 1999 killing of George Jacobs. But his attorneys challenged his murder conviction, arguing the state of Oklahoma didn't have jurisdiction to prosecute him because he is a member of a federally recognized tribe and Congress had never disestablished the Muscogee reservation where the killing occurred. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

**NYT: Pot Sellers Ponder Going Legal**, James Barron, May 11, 2022, 1:45 PM

Byron Bronson and Lou Cantillo run Buddy's Bodega, an underground company that has specialized in selling designer strains of marijuana for years. What they do is illegal under state law, but that could change. New York passed a legalization bill last year and will follow New Jersey, where recreational cannabis sales began last month. Bronson, 39, and Cantillo, 31, are conflicted about joining the legal market. "Our goal has always been to go legal," Cantillo said. [...] The costs for a newly licensed business are high — opening a dispensary is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million, Klimek said — and start-up money is difficult to come by. Bronson and Cantillo don't have much financial padding, and since marijuana is still illegal on the federal level, most banks won't give them loans — or even open a bank account. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

**Reuters: Biden moves to revitalize U.S. sentencing panel, nominates first Black chair**, Nate Raymond and Rami Ayyub, May 11, 2022, 1:36 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday nominated seven new members to the hobbled U.S. Sentencing Commission, restoring hope among criminal justice reform advocates that it could soon issue new guidelines to help ease prison sentences they view as excessive. The commission lost its quorum in January 2019, a month after former Republican President Donald Trump signed into law the First Step Act, bipartisan legislation aimed at easing harsh sentencing for non-violent offenders and at reducing recidivism. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NPR](#)

## CONGRESS

**AP: Senate bid to save Roe v. Wade falls to GOP-led filibuster**, Lisa Mascaro, May 11,

2022, 8:15 PM

The Senate fell far short Wednesday in a rushed effort toward enshrining Roe v. Wade abortion access as federal law, blocked by a Republican filibuster in a blunt display of the nation's partisan divide over the landmark court decision and the limits of legislative action. The almost party-line tally promises to be just the first of several efforts in Congress to preserve the nearly 50-year-old court ruling, which declares a constitutional right to abortion services but is at serious risk of being overturned this summer by a conservative Supreme Court. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

*Reuters:* **U.S. House panel advances Supreme Court ethics bill**, Moira Warburton and Nate Raymond, May 11, 2022, 8:58 PM

A U.S. House of Representatives panel on Wednesday advanced a bill requiring the Supreme Court to adopt an ethics code and strengthen rules for justices and other federal judges to recuse themselves from cases when they have conflicts of interest. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Law360](#)

*Fox:* **Whistleblowers: FBI targeted parents via terrorism tools despite Garland's testimony that it didn't happen**, Bradford Betz, May 11, 2022, 9:27 PM

Republican Reps. Jim Jordan and Mike Johnson say they have evidence that the FBI targeted parents who protested schools' COVID policies despite assurances from Attorney General Merrick Garland that it never happened. In a letter addressed to the Justice Department, Jordan and Johnson said they have evidence that the FBI labeled dozens of investigations into parents with a threat tag created by the bureau's Counterterrorism Division to assess and track investigations related to school boards. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Axios:* **Senators seek funding for DOJ's new environmental justice arm**, Russell Contreras, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

Democratic Sens. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) want Congress to give the Department of Justice about \$9 million to help its new environmental justice division. The big picture: The DOJ announced last week it would create the Office of Environmental Justice and launch an enforcement strategy to protect communities of color against environmental crimes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 11, 2022**

- Inflation eased slightly in April after months of relentless increases but remained near a four-decade high, making it hard for millions of American households to keep up with surging prices. Consumer prices jumped 8.3% last month from a year ago, the government said Wednesday. President Biden visited a family farm in Illinois on Wednesday where he announced steps his administration is taking to lower the costs of farming and food. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Senate Democrats fell short of the 60 votes needed to advance the Women's Health Protection Act to enshrine abortion protections into federal law. Sen. Joe Manchin was the only Democrat to side with Republicans against the legislation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ukrainian soldiers are pushing Russian troops away from Kharkiv and back towards the Russian border. Even in Mariupol, the Russians do not have full control. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- More details are emerging about escaped murder suspect Casey White and former jail official Vicky White, who spent 11 days on the run before authorities caught up to them in Indiana. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly a year after a high-rise condo building collapsed in Surfside, Florida, victims and

families have reached a settlement with insurers and others for \$997 million. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- The White House is calling for an investigation into the killing of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who was fatally shot while covering an Israeli raid in the West Bank. [[CBS](#)]



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## WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: MAY 12, 2022

### DOJ

- 2:00 PM: FTC and Justice Department Listening Forum on Firsthand Effects of Mergers and Acquisitions: Technology.

### SCOTUS

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- 9:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Executive Business Meeting.

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**Reuters: Exclusive: Biden eyes new ways to bar China from scooping up U.S. data**, Bradford Betz, May 11, 2022, 8:06 PM

The Biden administration has drafted an executive order that would give the Department of Justice vast powers to stop foreign adversaries like China accessing Americans' personal data, according to a person familiar with the matter and excerpts seen by Reuters. The proposal, which is being reviewed by government agencies, would also direct the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to prevent federal funding

from supporting the transfer of U.S. health data to foreign adversaries, according to the excerpts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept bolsters Supreme Court security ahead of abortion ruling**, Andy Sullivan, Tyler Clifford and Chris Gallagher, May 11, 2022, 5:41 PM

The U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday that it was stepping up security for members of the U.S. Supreme Court ahead of an anticipated ruling by the high court that could scale back abortion rights. Attorney General Merrick Garland has directed the U.S. Marshals Service to provide additional support to the court's existing police force, the Justice Department said. It did not provide further details. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [UPI](#), [Washington Times](#), [WTTG-Fox \(Washington, DC\)](#)

**WaPo: Youngkin, Hogan ask Justice Dept. to halt protests at justices' homes**, Laura Vozzella, Erin Cox and Dan Morse, May 12, 2022, 12:25 AM

The Republican governors of Virginia and Maryland, where the homes of Supreme Court justices have become targets of protests, are demanding that Attorney General Merrick Garland enforce a federal law that forbids demonstrations intended to sway judges on pending cases. Demonstrators have gathered over the last week at the homes of several conservative justices, spurred by the leak of a draft opinion suggesting the high court is preparing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision guaranteeing access to abortion nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

**NYT: Why the Justice Department Is Unlikely to Investigate the Supreme Court Leak**, Charlie Savage, May 11, 2022, 5:41 PM

After a leak of a draft opinion showed that the Supreme Court was poised to end women's constitutional right to abortion, some Republicans and conservative commentators called for a criminal investigation. But even as Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. condemned the disclosure by Politico as "egregious," he instead directed the Supreme Court marshal to lead an internal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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**Fox: "DOJ Inspector General's office says employee leaked draft report to media, then resigned during probe,"** Ronn Blitzer and Jake Gibson, May 11, 2022, 01:42 PM

The Department of Justice's Inspector General's office announced Wednesday that one of their own employee's leaked a draft report to the media that included non-public information. The IG's office said that after they saw reporting about the leaked document, they referred the matter to the Integrity Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency for investigation. While that committee declined to investigate because there were no allegations against anyone under their jurisdiction, they subsequently chose another Inspector General's office to hold an independent probe. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

## US ATTORNEYS

**KRTV-CBS (Great Falls, MT): National Police Week observed in Montana**, Tom Buchanan, May 11, 2022, 9:11 PM

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen hosted a ceremony at the capitol in Helena on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, for National Police Week. The ceremony honored active and fallen law enforcement. The names of 140 police officers that have died in the line of duty in Montana were read toward the beginning of the ceremony. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTLO-AM \(Mountain Home, AR\)](#), [WFXL-Fox \(Albany, GA\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

**KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Jason Frierson sworn in as US Attorney for the District of Nevada**, Greg Haas, May 10, 2022, 5:59 PM

Jason M. Frierson was sworn in on Wednesday as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada the first African American to serve in the post. Frierson's appointment was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in late April, four months after he was nominated for the position by President Joe Biden. Frierson was sworn in by Chief U.S. District Judge Miranda M. Du at the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KOLO-ABC \(Reno, NV\)](#)

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Jury Returns Mixed Verdict in New York Terrorism Case**, Larry Neumeister, May 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Manhattan federal court jury returned a mixed verdict Wednesday in the trial of a New Jersey software developer who authorities say researched and photographed U.S. landmarks for possible attacks. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on one terrorism charge providing material support for a terrorist group but found Alexei Saab, 44, had received military-type training from Hezbollah's Islamic Jihad Organization, which is based in Lebanon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KSTP-ABC \(Saint Paul, MN\)](#), [WNBC-NBC \(New York, NY\)](#)

**AP: Florida man pleads guilty to role in Capitol riot**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

A central Florida man has pleaded guilty to a felony charge related to storming the U.S. Capitol during the January 2021 insurrection. Court records show 40-year-old Robert Flynt Fairchild Jr. pleaded guilty Wednesday to a civil disorder charge in District of Columbia federal court. Fairchild was arrested in Orlando in August 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WRC-NBC \(Washington, DC\)](#)

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**WaPo: Sussmann trial to test credibility of controversial figures from 2016**, Devlin Barrett, May 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

After five years of accusations, investigations and recriminations, a federal jury will soon grapple with one of the legal hangovers of the 2016 presidential campaign: the trial of a politically connected lawyer charged with lying when he brought the FBI a tip about possible connections between Donald Trump's company and a Russian bank. The trial of Michael Sussmann centers on the narrow legal question of whether he lied when he

claimed less than two months before the 2016 election that no client had spurred him to bring the tip to authorities, and whether that information was relevant to how FBI agents investigated the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WaPo: Sanctions forcing Russia to use appliance parts in military gear, U.S. says**, Jeanne Whalen, May 11, 2022, 5:33 PM

U.S.-led sanctions are forcing Russia to use computer chips from dishwashers and refrigerators in some military equipment, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said Wednesday. "We have reports from Ukrainians that when they find Russian military equipment on the ground, it's filled with semiconductors that they took out of dishwashers and refrigerators," Raimondo told a Senate hearing, noting that she recently met with Ukraine's prime minister. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: Texas appeals court reinstates law prohibiting social media companies from banning users over political views**, Lorraine Taylor, May 11, 2022, 10:58 PM

A federal appeals court in Texas has reinstated a Republican-backed Texas law that prevents large social media companies from banning users over their political views. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel did not explain its reasoning for granting the state's request for a stay of a December order from a federal judge. The order also did not evaluate the law on its constitutionality. It merely allows the law to go back into effect while the case continues in the lower district court. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#)

**WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Missouri man charged in January 6 Capitol riot**, Juan Cisneros, May 11, 2022, 10:58 AM

A Missouri man faces five charges in relation to the January 6 Capitol riot in Washington, D.C., in 2021. John George Todd III is the latest area suspect to face charges from the events that took place at the United States Capitol building while lawmakers voted to verify the 2020 election results. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

**WaPo: Biden waives executive privilege for new set of Trump records**, Jacqueline Alemany, May 11, 2022, 4:28 PM

President Biden has authorized the National Archives and Records Administration to hand over an eighth tranche of presidential records from the Trump White House to the House committee investigating the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. In a letter released Wednesday by the National Archives, Biden again declined to assert executive privilege over the records the latest batch sought by the committee after the Supreme Court rejected former president Donald Trump's bid to block such releases. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [Newsweek](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**CNN: January 6 committee finalizing witness list and topics ahead of high-stakes hearings in June**, Annie Grayer, Ryan Nobles, Jamie Gangel and Zachary Cohen, May 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

A month before it kicks off a series of high-profile public hearings, the House select committee investigating January 6 is still finalizing its witness list and preparing to reach out to people it wants to testify publicly. The first hearing, set for June 9, will be a broad overview of the panel's 10-month investigation and set the stage for subsequent hearings, which are expected to cover certain topics or themes including what President Donald Trump was doing as the riot unfolded, the pushing of baseless election fraud claims that motivated rioters, how law enforcement responded to the attack, and the organizing and financing behind the January 6 rallies, sources tell CNN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

**AP: Rhode Island Man Gets 3 Years for Cryptocurrency Fraud**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 9:28 PM  
A 25-year-old Rhode Island man who federal prosecutors say defrauded more than 170 people who poured millions of dollars into his cryptocurrency investment business was sentenced in New York City on Wednesday to more than three years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$2.8 million in restitution. Jeremy Spence, of Bristol, Rhode Island, solicited more than \$5 million in investments through false representations, including bogus statements showing his cryptocurrency trading was very profitable when in fact it consistently lost money, Damian Williams, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**AP: North Carolina man gets 10 months for sex assault on flight**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 7:00 PM  
A North Carolina man has been sentenced to 10 months in prison for sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl during a flight on a commercial airliner last year, a federal prosecutor said Wednesday. U.S. Attorney Michael Easley said in a news release that Ryan Eugene Larned, 38, of Fayetteville was also sentenced to five years' supervised release and was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine for sexual contact without consent. Larned also will have to register as a sex offender, the news release said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Charlotte Observer \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WCTI-ABC \(New Bern, NC\)](#), [WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#), [WRAL-NBC \(Raleigh, NC\)](#), [WTVD-ABC \(Durham, NC\)](#), [WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW \(Wilmington, NC\)](#)

**AP: Rapper Casanova pleads guilty in NYC drug conspiracy case**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 6:00 PM  
The rapper Casanova pleaded guilty to charges in a gang-related federal racketeering case that accused him of drug dealing and robbery, federal prosecutors said Wednesday. The performer, whose legal name is Caswell Senior, was charged in a 2020 indictment against more than a dozen other members of the Untouchable Gorilla Stone Nation gang. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NY Daily News](#), [Rolling Stone](#)

**CBS: British Virgin Islands Premier Andrew Fahie heard saying "not my first rodeo" in U.S. drug sting recording**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 6:22 AM  
The premier of the , whom U.S. prosecutors described as "corrupt to the core," was given a \$500,000 bond that could see him released from prison as he awaits trial on charges tied to a U.S. narcotics sting. In a surprise decision, federal court Judge Alicia Otazo-Reyes rejected prosecutors' argument that Andrew Fahie may flee the U.S. and possibly engage in criminal activity if he is freed. Instead, she said he could remain in Miami, confined to the rented apartment of his two college-age daughters, if he and his family surrender their passports and he wears an ankle bracelet monitor in addition to paying the sizable corporate surety bond. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NBC: [VIDEO] Alleged Haitian gang leader charged in connection to Christian Aid Ministries kidnapping plot**, Pete Williams, May 11, 2022, 11:31 AM  
A man charged with directing the kidnapping of Christian Aid Ministries members in Haiti, Joly Germaine, is set to make his first court appearance. The 17 hostages had been in the country to help with earthquake relief efforts and were all released last December. NBC's Pete Williams has details on the charges. [\[Watch\]](#)

**PCMag: Texas Man Gets 5 Years for Buying Stolen Logins for 38K PayPal Accounts**, Michael Kan, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM  
A Texas man has been sentenced to five years in prison for buying 38,000 stolen logins for PayPal accounts and then trying to drain them of their funds. That man 37-year-old Marcos Ponce of Austin, Texas has also been ordered to pay \$1.4 million back to PayPal as restitution, the US Justice Department announced([Opens in a new window](#)) today. The FBI discovered Ponce's scheme while investigating an unnamed illegal online

marketplace that trafficked in stolen login credentials from various websites. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTBC-Fox \(Austin, TX\)](#), [KXAN-NBC \(Austin, TX\)](#)

*New Haven Register*: **Feds: Heroin distributor from Naugatuck sentenced to more than two years in prison**, Liz Hardaway, May 11, 2022, 10:30 PM

A Naugatuck man was sentenced to two years and nine months in prison Wednesday for distributing heroin, according to federal prosecutors. Adam Mines, 38, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in December 2021. He was one of 17 charged in a federal indictment in March 2021 stemming from an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Haven Task Force and the Waterbury Police Department, according to Leonard Boyle, the United States attorney for the District of Connecticut. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA)*: **Former USGA employee sentenced for ticket scam at multiple U.S. Open tournaments**, Becky Metrick, May 10, 2022, 10:11 PM

A Pennsylvania man who used to work for the United States Golf Association was ordered to pay millions after he stole and sold more than \$3.3 million worth of tickets to the U.S. Open, according to the Department of Justice. Robert Fryer, of Perkasio, worked for the USGA in the ticket admissions office at the Merion Golf Club when the U.S. Open was held there in 2013, according to the DOJ. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), [WFMZ \(Allentown, PA\)](#)

*City News Service*: **Man Accused of Using Stolen UCSD Students' Info in Unemployment Fraud Scheme**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A San Diego man is facing 60 felony counts for allegedly stealing the personal information of UC San Diego students to fraudulently obtain pandemic-related unemployment benefits, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. Nehemiah Joel Weaver, 36, is accused of using stolen identities to take more than \$200,000 in benefit payments from California's Employment Development Department and more than \$27,000 from Arizona's Department of Economic Security. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Columbus Dispatch (Columbus, OH)*: **Columbus parolee gets 13 years for fentanyl found in homes, Gucci bag and a dog's collar**, Jordan Laird, May 10, 2022, 6:55 PM

A Columbus man already on parole for federal narcotics crimes has been sentenced in federal court in Columbus to 13 years back in prison for new drug and firearms crimes involving 300 grams of fentanyl hidden in his two homes, including in his dog's collar. Larry K. Smith, 31, also known as "Lil Larry" and "Big Larry," was sentenced Wednesday by U.S. District Court Judge Michael H. Watson of the Southern District of Ohio for possessing with intent to distribute fentanyl and for possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCMH-NBC \(Columbus, OH\)](#)

*Dallas Morning News*: **Dallas man pleads guilty to running sex-trafficking ring for more than 15 years**, Catherine Marfin, May 10, 2022, 6:22 PM

A man pleaded guilty to federal charges after authorities said he ran a Dallas-based sex-trafficking ring for more than 15 years, including several years during which he was incarcerated. Anthony Tyrone Johnson, 45, pleaded guilty Tuesday the day his trial was set to begin to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking and sex trafficking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA)*: **Former union treasurer pleads guilty to embezzling \$30K**, Mark Bowes, May 10, 2022, 6:30 PM

The former treasurer-secretary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division 26 pleaded guilty Wednesday in Richmond federal court to embezzling \$30,519 by writing unauthorized checks some with the forged signature of the union president and making unapproved debits and cash

withdrawals from the labor organization's checking account to pay his personal expenses. Senior U.S. District Court Judge Henry E. Hudson convicted Anthony Jordan, 55, of Emporia, after accepting his plea to embezzlement of union funds in a scheme that spanned nearly 5½ years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Capital Gazette (Annapolis, MD):* **Former Harford County priest sentenced to 22 years in prison for child sex charges**, Tony Roberts, May 11, 2022, 6:15 PM

A former Harford County priest was sentenced Wednesday to 22 years in federal prison followed by a lifetime of supervised release for illegal sexual activity with minors, the Maryland's U.S. Attorney's Office reported. Fernando Cristancho, 65, of Bel Air, pleaded guilty in October to coercing and enticing a minor he met through his work as a priest to engage in sexual activity. Cristancho also admitted to producing nude images of four other minors, according to the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Bel Air, MD\)](#), [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

*The Day (New London, CT):* **New London man sentenced to five years in prison for drug trafficking conspiracy**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 6:02 PM

A federal judge Wednesday sentenced Abraham Rosado, 33, of New London to 60 months in prison and five years supervised release for participating in a drug trafficking scheme. In the trafficking conspiracy, "cocaine was mailed through the U.S. Postal Service from Puerto Rico to southeastern Connecticut," according to a news release from Thomas Carson, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Sacramento Bee (Sacramento, CA):* **Man posed as US general to swindle women as part of \$8.4M romance scams, feds say**, Helena Wegner, May 10, 2022, 5:16 PM

A 34-year-old Utah man helped swindle \$8.4 million in romance scams that tricked more than 350 people, prosecutors said. Jefferson King Anyanwu, of Orem, was sentenced to 63 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering, the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Utah said in a May 11 news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KSL-NBC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#), [KTVX-ABC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#)

*Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI):* **'He's trying to kill me!' officer yelled, as gunman opened fire**, John Agar, May 10, 2022, 4:45 PM

A man who fired 11 shots at a federal task-force officer's car in Grand Rapids was sentenced to five years in prison. Jaquari Trotter, 21, was sentenced Tuesday, May 10, by U.S. District Judge Hala Jarbou in Lansing, after pleading guilty to assault on a federal law-enforcement officer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

*Hartford Courant:* **Feds: Hartford drug dealer sentenced to prison**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 4:40 PM

A Hartford man was sentenced Wednesday to five and a half years in prison for trafficking cocaine, according to federal authorities. Kendall Hooks, 50, also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Vanessa L. Bryant in Hartford to five years of supervised release, according to federal authorities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Times Union (Albany, NY):* **Australian 'Casanova Conman' sentenced in visa fraud case**, Steve Hughes, May 10, 2022, 3:59 PM

An Australian national who has been repeatedly accused of swindling women in his home country, including allegedly defrauding his mother, was sentenced to time served on Wednesday, eight months after pleading guilty to visa fraud. Paul Carter, who had been living in Watervliet under the name Paul Hamilton, was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine after a short proceeding in U.S. District Court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Arkansas Times:* **Two get life sentences for killing informant in drug investigation**, Max Brantley, May



11, 2022, 3:29 PM

Samuel “Big Hit” Sherman, 38, of Batesville and Donald Bill Smith 38, of Malvern were sentenced to life in federal prison today for charges connected to the killing of Susan Cooper, who’d bought meth from Sherman while working as an informant for law enforcement. There is no parole from the sentence handed down by federal Judge Price Marshall. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KAIT-ABC \(Jonesboro, AR\)](#)

**Erie News Now (Erie, PA): Erie Pair Indicted on Federal Drug Charges for Possession of Meth, Fentanyl and Heroin**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 3:01 PM

An Erie pair has been indicted by a federal grand jury for violating federal drug laws after they were found with meth, fentanyl and heroin, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Wednesday. Jose Martinez, Jr., 34 and David Sullivan, 43, were named in the four-count indictment. Martinez and Sullivan conspired to possess with intent to distribute and distribute more than fifty grams of a substance containing a methamphetamine Nov. 5, 2021, according to the indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Oregonian (Portland, OR): Portland man sentenced to seven years for armed robbery of marijuana dispensary in Eugene**, Maxine Bernstein, May 10, 2022, 1:15 PM

A Portland man who robbed a marijuana dispensary in Eugene at gunpoint was sentenced Wednesday to seven years in federal prison. Timothy Christopher Gaines, 30, was one of two masked men who entered the Green Therapy marijuana dispensary off Highway 99 on Dec. 20, 2019, and demanded money from the store clerk, according to federal prosecutors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KEZI-ABC \(Eugene, OR\)](#), [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#)

**WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): Seekonk man to serve 10+ years in prison for child pornography**, Steven Matregrano, May 10, 2022, 10:55 PM

A Seekonk man will spend more than a decade behind bars after pleading guilty to possessing child pornography, according U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins. Sean Trahan, 45, was sentenced to serve 10-and-a-half years in prison followed by five years of supervised release. Trahan pleaded guilty last October to two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of access with intent to view child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WROC-CBS (Rochester, NY): Leader of violent Rochester drug ring sentenced to life in prison**, Matt Drifill, May 10, 2022, 10:34 PM

The leader of a violent Rochester drug ring was sentenced to life in prison, federal authorities announced Wednesday. According to U.S. Attorney Trini Ross, 44-year-old Carlos Javier Figueroa, also known as Javi and “Big Bro,” was convicted following a federal jury trial of narcotics conspiracy, possession, discharge of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and murder while engaged in a narcotics conspiracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WHAM-ABC \(Rochester, NY\)](#)

**WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): Roanoke drug dealer sentenced to 26 years in prison after gunfight**, Kylie Kidd, May 10, 2022, 9:21 PM

A man involved in a fatal shooting at a drug house in the City of Roanoke has been sentenced to 26 years in federal prison. Authorities say 23-year-old Darion Mantez Harvey pled guilty to one count of possessing with the intent to distribute and distributing 100 kilograms or more of marijuana and one count of possessing and discharging a firearm in furtherance of a drug-related crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): Tucson 19-year-old gets more than 3 years in prison after smuggling 3 into US**, Anthony Victor Reyes, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A 19-year-old will spend more than three years in prison after she was sentenced Tuesday for smuggling two

undocumented noncitizens and illegal possession of ammunition. On Nov. 6, 19-year-old Xochil Elizabeth Hernandez was taken into custody after an Arizona Department of Public Safety officer and nearby Border Patrol agents found an undocumented noncitizen in the front passenger seat of her vehicle after she was pulled over for a traffic violation near Amado, Ariz. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): Jamaican nationals with Myrtle Beach ties sentenced for scamming more than 300K from elderly residents**, Dennis Bright, May 10, 2022, 6:33 PM

Four Jamaican nationals living in Myrtle Beach have been sentenced in federal court for their roles in a sweepstakes scam that targeted elderly residents across the United States, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Florence. Fabian Gray, also known as Mike Taylor, 30, and Romaine Gordon, 30, were sentenced to 63 months in federal prison, while Avia Reid, 30, received a 51-month sentence and Khalelah Powell, 20, was given a 33-month sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMBF-NBC \(Myrtle Beach, SC\)](#)

**WEEK-NBC (Peoria, IL): Peoria felon sentenced to 3 years in prison for firearm possession**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 5:31 PM

A 23-year-old Peoria man was sentenced Tuesday to three years in prison for possessing a firearm as a felon. At the sentencing hearing for Alante Malik Jackson, of the 4300 block of West Scenic Drive, the government presented evidence that on September 21, 2021, Peoria Police observed Jackson driving a stolen Dodge Charger that had been used to flee from police on multiple prior occasions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KOLD-CBS (Tucson, AZ): Tucson residents indicted on federal drug distribution charges**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 5:09 PM

Four Tucson residents were indicted recently by a federal grand jury after they allegedly distributed fentanyl in January. Bryan Israel Moreno-Aguilar, 23; Alfredo Daniel Mireles, 29; Glen Adam Romero Jr., 40, and Ana Lizeth Romero, 39, each face one count of conspiracy to possess fentanyl with the intent to distribute it. All suspects are from Tucson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KATV-ABC (Little Rock, AR): Guilty of accepting bribes from kingpin, a former DEA agent sentenced to 135 months**, Ashley Crockett, May 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

The Office of the United States Attorney announced Wednesday that a former Drug Enforcement Administration agent was sentenced for accepting bribes from a drug trafficker. Nathan Koen, 45, now of Auburn, Illinois, was sentenced to 135 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Brian S. Miller. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WGXA-Fox/ABC (Macon, GA): Supplier for Telfair County meth, cocaine trafficking ring sentenced to 14 years**, Claire Helm, May 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Georgia man will spend more than 14 years in federal prison for his role in a meth trafficking ring that operated in parts of the midstate. The Department of Justice states that 49-year-old James Lamount Graham played a "significant role" in the illicit drug ring. Lamount was also fined \$5,000 and was ordered to serve five years of supervised release after getting out of prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): WV contractor pleads to defrauding customers of \$500k**, Aaron Williams, May 10, 2022, 4:35 PM

A Salem man admitted, Tuesday, to defrauding more than 70 customers out of more than \$500,000 through his contracting businesses, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. Bradley Glaspell, the owner and operator of Over the Top Roofing, LLC, and Helping Hands Home Improvement, pleaded guilty in federal court to "Wire Fraud." Glaspell falsely advertised his businesses on social media, claiming to be a licensed contractor when in fact he was not, according to Ihlenfeld. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCAX-CBS (Burlington, VT):* **Vt. man sentenced to 20 years for child porn**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 4:32 PM

A former South Burlington man was sentenced Wednesday to serve 20 years in prison for producing child porn. Federal prosecutors say Cory Johnson pleaded guilty to a single count of child pornography production, admitting that he recorded sexually explicit content involving a toddler in 2016. Prosecutors said they had sought the 30-year maximum. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WEEK-NBC (Peoria, IL):* **Peoria man sentenced in federal court for possessing child pornography**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 4:20 PM

A Peoria man has been sentenced to 14 years in prison for possessing child pornography. According to the Department of Justice, court filings in July 2021 show 33-year-old Randall R. Ray IV produced and possessed a video that showed a minor child engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Someone else later found the video on Ray's phone and notified authorities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WFIE-NBC (Evansville, IN):* **Owensboro man charged on drug trafficking, gun charges**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 3:46 PM

A federal grand jury in Bowling Green is charging a man with the intent to distribute fentanyl and with illegal possession of firearms. According to court records, 36-year-old Skylar Chase Riney, who is a multi-time convicted felon, is charged with possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, as well as possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WKRC-CBS (Cincinnati, OH):* **Local man convicted of illegally possessing a 'ghost' machine gun**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 3:00 PM

A local man was convicted of illegally possessing a machine ghost gun in federal court. Jesse Carter has previous convictions that bar him from having any firearms. Ghost guns have no markings and are often assembled from kits. They don't have serial numbers and are sold without background checks. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WLWT-NBC \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#)

*WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA):* **Coffee Co. man sentenced to prison for distributing child pornography**, Takyia Price, May 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Coffee County man has been sentenced to more than a decade in federal prison after admitting to sharing child sexual exploitation images, says the U.S. Department of Justice. 33-year-old Clarence Eugene Barr of Broxton, Ga., was sentenced to 150 months in prison after pleading guilty to distribution of child pornography, said David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM):* **Local man pleads guilty to federal officer assault**, Scott Brown, May 10, 2022, 1:17 PM

An Albuquerque man pleaded guilty Tuesday to assaulting a federal officer back in 2020. Along with the assault charge, 33-year-old Derick Martin Garcia Pacheco also pleaded guilty to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. According to the plea agreement, on December 11, 2020, FBI agents knocked on Garcia's door with a search warrant, announcing themselves as federal officers. Garcia armed himself with a .357 revolver and fired through the door, striking one of the agents. The agent was critically injured and required surgery and hospitalization. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WKYT-CBS/CW (Lexington, KY):* **Now-former Scott Co. coroner admits to stealing ammo from Kentucky State Police**, Jim Stratman, May 11, 2022, 10:48 AM

Scott County Coroner John Goble pleaded guilty Wednesday morning to a federal charge for stealing ammo

from Kentucky State Police. Before the court hearing, he also resigned from his office, effective immediately. He had been the county's coroner for 20 years. The guilty plea comes as part of a plea agreement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**AP: Court: California's under-21 gun sales ban unconstitutional**, Brian Melley, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM  
A U.S. appeals court ruled Wednesday that California's ban on the sale of semiautomatic weapons to adults under 21 is unconstitutional. In a 2-1 ruling, a panel of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Wednesday the law violates the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms and a San Diego judge should have blocked what it called "an almost total ban on semiautomatic centerfire rifles" for young adults. "America would not exist without the heroism of the young adults who fought and died in our revolutionary army," Judge Ryan Nelson wrote. "Today we reaffirm that our Constitution still protects the right that enabled their sacrifice: the right of young adults to keep and bear arms." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

**WaPo: [PERSPECTIVE] The First Amendment could save abortion rights**, Rachel Kranson, May 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

A leaked opinion revealed that the Supreme Court is potentially poised to reverse the long-standing legal precedent that established a constitutional right to abortion under the 14th Amendment's right to privacy. That has left champions of the right wondering about other legal avenues that could ensure reproductive freedom. Might the Constitution guarantee abortion access as a First Amendment, religious right? [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: N.Y.P.D. Should Discipline 145 Officers for Misconduct, Watchdog Says**, Troy Closson, May 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

Amid a swell of protests following the murder of George Floyd two years ago, a flurry of videos showing officers behaving aggressively with protesters charging into crowds and at times punching or pushing people to the ground prompted a flood of complaints about their behavior to an independent oversight agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Newsweek: Lawsuit Alleging Election Integrity Group Violated KKK Act Advances**, Jake Thomas, May 11, 2022, 7:26 PM

A federal judge has cleared the way for a lawsuit accusing a Colorado-based group of waging a door-to-door voter intimidation campaign by sending armed "agents" to people's homes to accuse them of fraudulently casting ballots. U.S. District Judge Philip A. Brimmer late last month dismissed a motion from lawyers for U.S. Election Integrity Plan (USEIP) to dismiss the lawsuit brought against it by three voting rights groups. The lawsuit alleges that USEIP's attempts to sniff out votes it believes were cast illegally ran afoul of federal voting rights protections. The legal battle is one of many playing out nationally following claims of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KYW-CBS (Philadelphia, PA): Delaware Officials Call For Federal Investigation Into Controversial Traffic Stop Involving Delaware State University Lacrosse Team In Georgia**, Unattributed, May 12, 2022, 6:12 AM

There are growing calls for a federal investigation into a controversial traffic stop in Georgia. Body camera video shows Georgia deputies searching a bus carrying students from Delaware State University, a historically Black college. Under Georgia law, an officer has to suspect a crime is happening before turning a traffic stop into a criminal investigation. Delaware officials are calling for a full federal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

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**CBS: Migrant families separated under Trump face elusive quests for reparations under Biden**, Camilo Montoya, May 11, 2022, 8:54 AM

Fernando Arredondo was fighting both his deportation and suicidal thoughts. He had developed a urinary tract infection and hives, lost eight pounds and fallen into a deep depression. Arredondo was detained at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Georgia after being separated from his then 12-year-old daughter Andrea along the U.S.-Mexico border, where they had tried to seek asylum at a port of entry following the murder of his 17-year-old son in their native Guatemala. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Times: DHS launches ad campaign begging illegal immigrants not to come**, Stephen Dinan, May 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

Homeland Security unveiled a new Spanish-language ad campaign Wednesday aimed at would-be migrants, urging them not to put their lives into the hands of smugglers who are convincing them to make the journey. The ads will be delivered on digital platforms, trying to combat the dominant social media message right now that it is relatively easy to get into the U.S. That message is shared by the smuggling organizations, but also by the hundreds of thousands of migrants who have succeeded on the journey — some of them caught then released by the U.S. government, and others who escaped detection altogether. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: 5th Circ. Doubts It Can Weigh In On Stalled Border Wall Fight**, Katie Buehler, May 11, 2022, 8:33 PM

A Fifth Circuit panel Wednesday said it had "serious doubts" about its jurisdiction over an appeal brought by Missouri and Texas after a federal judge issued a stay in their challenge claiming the Biden administration has paused construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Asylum-Seeking Family Wants To Intervene In Title 42 Case**, Alyssa Aquino, May 11, 2022, 6:47 PM

A family seeking asylum at the border has asked to enter fierce litigation over the Title 42 order, which allows border officers to swiftly expel migrants, saying that neither the Biden administration nor states looking to prolong the border block are protecting its interests. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KNSD-NBC (San Diego, CA): ICE Buys Driver's License, Utility Bill Data to Track Americans: Report**, Melissa Adan, May 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

Privacy rights advocates are taking aim at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) after a new report uncovered how the federal agency created a vast surveillance network that allows it to track almost every person across the U.S. After a two-year investigation, researchers at Georgetown Law Center on Privacy & Technology found ICE has been able to track people in the U.S. regardless of their immigration status through their driver's license or utility bill. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KETK-NBC (Longview, TX): 'Shadow units' being eliminated, U.S. Customs and Border Protection says**, Salvador Rivera, May 11, 2022, 8:15 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has announced intentions to do away with its controversial Critical Incident Response Teams. The CIRTs have also been referred to as "shadow units" by some groups, including the Southern Border Communities Coalition, which called on Congress to investigate them. SBCC says it discovered numerous instances where members of CIRTs, or CITs, have tampered, destroyed or hid evidence to deflect responsibility and liability away from CBP agents and officers involved in criminal and civil rights investigations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KSAT-ABC (San Antonio, TX): \$18 million in meth totaling nearly 1,000 pounds found in truck at**

**South Texas border**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 1:52 PM

Agents with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection found more than \$18 million worth of meth hidden within a tractor-trailer on the South Texas border over the weekend. CBP said the discovery was made on Saturday at the World Trade Bridge, which connects Laredo to Nuevo Laredo. Officers inspected a 2013 International trailer that was hauling stainless steel scrap metal from Mexico to the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Laredo Morning Times](#)

## ANTITRUST

*Reuters*: **U.S. Senate confirms Bedoya, giving Democrats FTC control**, Diane Bartz and Richard Cowan, May 11, 2022, 4:25 PM

The U.S. Senate voted on Wednesday to confirm privacy expert Alvaro Bedoya to be a commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission, giving President Joe Biden's Democrats control of the agency. Bedoya, who teaches at Georgetown Law School, was confirmed on a vote of 51-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking the tie. Bedoya's confirmation gives Democrats a 3-2 majority among FTC commissioners. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [Politico](#), [Vox](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

*Reuters*: **U.S. Senate panel advances bill to help FTC fight deception, fraud**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 4:25 PM

U.S. lawmakers on Wednesday sent to the Senate floor a Democratic-backed bill that would allow the Federal Trade Commission to force deceptive companies to return money to victims. The Senate Commerce Committee split 14-14 along party lines to advance the bill, which would restore a power stripped from the FTC in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year. The measure moves to a full Senate vote despite the tie vote. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*CBS*: **Lifestyle brand Lions Not Sheep falsely labels products as Made in USA, FTC says**, Kate Gibson, May 11, 2022, 5:08 PM

The Federal Trade Commission is taking enforcement action against lifestyle brand Lions Not Sheep and owner Sean Whalen for sticking bogus "Made in USA" labels on products imported from China and other countries, the agency said Wednesday. The Bluffdale, Utah-based apparel company added the phony labels to T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters sold on its own website as well as on Amazon and Etsy, according to the FTC. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **Chicken Buyers Say Class Cert. Is Warranted In Price-Fix Row**, Celeste Bott, May 11, 2022, 9:38 PM

Plaintiffs claiming the nation's largest broiler chicken producers coordinated and limited chicken production with the goal to raise prices told an Illinois federal judge Wednesday that they "did the work" to show their claims warrant the class action treatment and that their models and expert analysis show antitrust impact and damages common to the proposed classes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Politico*: **How a long-fought Democratic win could pose trouble for Amazon and Elon Musk**, Emily Birnbaum and Leah Nysten, May 11, 2022, 5:30 PM

Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan now has the Democratic majority she needs to turn her progressive vision for antitrust and privacy into reality. The Senate's confirmation of Georgetown University law professor Alvaro Bedoya on Wednesday will end a 2-2 partisan deadlock that kept many of Khan's priorities on ice since October. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Bloomberg Law*: **Mylan, Teva Lose Bid to Scale Back Generic Drug Antitrust Case**, Mike Leonard, May

11, 2022, 8:59 AM

Mylan NV, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Inc., and other generic drug manufacturers lost their bid to chip away at multidistrict litigation over an alleged industrywide price-fixing cartel, when a federal judge in Philadelphia declined to narrow the scope of three related cases. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ENVIRONMENT

**CNN: House Natural Resources Committee refers investigation involving former Trump officials to DOJ**, Daniella Diaz, May 11, 2022, 5:04 PM

The House Committee on Natural Resources is referring an investigation involving "potentially criminal conduct" about a policy reversal involving former Trump administration officials to the Department of Justice, according to a letter obtained by CNN. Committee Chairman Raúl Grijalva, along with chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Katie Porter, wrote in a letter dated Wednesday to Attorney General Merrick Garland that the committee has been investigating a case of what they described as a possible "quid pro quo" between Arizona developer Michael Ingram and senior level officials in the Trump administration, including then-Department of Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**See also:** [The Hill](#)

**Law360: Feds Settle GMO Salmon Suit Fees Issue With Enviro Groups**, Clark Mindock, May 11, 2022, 5:29 PM

The federal government and environmental groups reached a confidential settlement Wednesday over attorney fees and costs stemming from a suit over the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of genetically modified salmon for human consumption. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Feds Defend Beetle Species Delisting As Based On Science**, Clark Mindock, May 11, 2022, 1:32 PM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to downgrade protections for an embattled species of beetle was based on sound scientific analysis and was well within the agency's congressionally granted authority, the federal government said in seeking to end an environmental suit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**WaPo: Inside the race to find the gunman raining bullets on a D.C. school**, Peter Hermann, May 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

When the first booms ripped along the line of bumper-to-bumper cars waiting for students leaving the Edmund Burke School for the day, William James Peterson thought construction scaffolding had collapsed. [...] Meanwhile at police headquarters, Carolyn Montagna, the director of the D.C. police department's Joint Strategic and Tactical Analysis Command Center, coordinated with federal agencies and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force trying to unearth intelligence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NY Daily News: FBI agent slapped with criminal charges after roughing up city traffic agent who wrote him a ticket in Queens: sources**, Thomas Tracy, Rocco Parascandola and John Annese, May 11, 2022, 10:53 PM

A Queens FBI agent was slapped with criminal charges after he attacked and handcuffed a city traffic agent who gave him a ticket while the agent was on a stakeout, police sources said. Kenneth Diu, 46, was arrested Wednesday and issued a desk appearance ticket for assault, tampering with public records, computer tampering and obstructing governmental administration in the April 19 outburst. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Texarkana Gazette (Texarkana, TX): U.S. marshals, FBI warn public of 'imposter scams'*, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service and FBI want the public to be wary of "imposter scams" nationwide. Criminals claiming to be marshals, court officers or members of law enforcement attempt to collect a fine "in lieu of arrest due to a claim of identity theft, failing to report for jury duty, or other offenses," according to a press release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Pittsburgh, PA): Public database significantly undercounts former drug labs in Pa*, Jamie Martines, May 11, 2022, 4:16 PM

The only online federal database that allows people to see whether their home or property was contaminated with toxic chemicals used to make drugs like methamphetamine significantly undercounts the number of sites in Pennsylvania, according to data obtained by Spotlight PA. [...] A free public database maintained by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration lists addresses for 51 former drug labs or dump sites in Pennsylvania from 2017 to 2021. Most of those incidents involved meth production, but some labs may have been for other synthetic drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KATU-ABC (Portland, OR): FBI offers \$15K reward for information that leads to arrest in Danae Williams homicide*, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

The FBI announced a \$15,000 reward Tuesday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect or suspects responsible for the murder of Danae Williams. On May 12, 2021, just before 9 p.m., 25-year-old Danae Williams was in her car, stopped at a red light, in the area of Northeast Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Northeast Dekum Street in Portland, police said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGW-NBC \(Portland, OR\)](#)

*KGW-NBC (Portland, OR): Truck and trailer loaded with guns, ammo stolen before Interstate Bridge crash*, David Mann, May 11, 2022, 8:59 PM

A woman was arrested for stealing a pickup truck and trailer loaded with guns and ammunition, then crashing it on the Interstate Bridge during rush-hour traffic Tuesday evening, according to Portland police. [...] A spokesperson for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) said the truck and trailer belonged to a firearms dealer who was attending a weekend gun show at the Expo Center. "About 35 firearms, including both handguns and rifles, were taken," ATF spokesperson Jason Chudy said in an email to KGW. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WVUA-CD\(Northport, AL\)](#)

*KOLO-ABC (Reno, NV): ATF offers \$10K reward for info on Sacramento mass shooting suspect*, Steve Timko, May 11, 2022, 8:51 PM

The federal government is offering \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of a man allegedly involved in an April 3 Sacramento shooting that killed six and injured 12. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fires and Explosives announced the \$10,000 reward on Wednesday for information about Mtula Tashamby Payton, 27. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KRON \(San Francisco, CA\)](#)

*WISN-ABC (Milwaukee, WI): Abortion debate intensifies as police, FBI investigate arson at Wisconsin Family Action*, Matt Smith, May 11, 2022, 7:30 PM

Voicemails called into Wisconsin Family Action shed light into the hours and days after Madison police found two Molotov cocktails and a fire at the headquarters of the anti-abortion group Wisconsin Family Action. "Burn little Jesus freaks burn, burn, burn," one caller said. The Christian organization has for years lobbied state and federal lawmakers to ban abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]



**KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO): ATF conducts 'use of force' training for Kansas City area journalists, criminal justice professor**, Matt Flener, May 11, 2022, 7:28 PM

On Wednesday, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives held a seminar for Kansas City journalists and a University of Missouri-Kansas City criminal justice professor on use-of-force situations and constitutional law. Two of the ATF's top use of force trainers spent the day reviewing procedures for officers, agents, and law enforcement professionals using force in tense situations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBMA-ABC (Birmingham, AL): Decoding teen texts: DEA reveals emojis used as codes for drug sales**, Cynthia Gould, May 11, 2022, 6:30 PM

Those emojis we use on social media posts seem harmless enough. But the Drug Enforcement Agency warns there is a dark side. Your teenagers may be using them to buy drugs online. And those symbols may not register with adults that there is a potential danger. "The older generation doesn't grasp what it all means," remarks Detective Sgt. Brad Jordan with the Pelham Police Dept. He says it's up to parents to learn the lingo. "Just being nosy and getting into what kids are doing online curtails a lot of that," explains Sgt. Jordan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTTG-Fox (Washington, DC): [VIDEO] Exclusive: New synthetic opioid prompts warning for residents in DC area**, Cynthia Gould, May 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

FOX 5's Sierra Fox reports that the DEA is warning D.C. area residents about a potentially deadly new drug that is just as strong as fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): FBI, Homeland Security join Rocky Mount in fight against violent crime**, Judith Retana, May 10, 2022, 3:46 PM

U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina Michael Easley announced a new multi-agency initiative to combat violent crime in the Rocky Mount area. The new Violent Crime Action Plan includes a task force of local, state and federal law enforcement. "Since April 30, Rocky Mount has seen four homicides and three other shootings, including one earlier this week that wounded an innocent 9-year-old boy," Easley said. [\[Watch\]](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Execution ends Arizona 8-year hiatus with the death penalty**, Paul Davenport and Jacques Billeaud, May 12, 2022, 1:00 AM

Arizona's nearly eight-year hiatus in using the death penalty ended with the execution of Clarence Dixon for killing a college student 44 years ago, making him the sixth person to be put to death in the U.S. so far this year. Dixon's death Wednesday for the 1978 killing of 21-year-old Arizona State University student Deana Bowdoin broke the lull in Arizona's use of capital punishment caused by a 2014 execution that critics say was botched and the difficulty that state officials faced in sourcing lethal injection drugs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#)

**NPR: U.S. inmates condemned to die are spending more time on death row**, Jaclyn Diaz, May 12, 2022, 5:30 AM

After spending decades on Arizona's death row, Clarence Dixon was executed on Wednesday for the 1978 murder of Deana Bowdoin. At 66 years old, Dixon is just the most recent example of the growing population of aging inmates on America's death row. "We're seeing death sentences near record lows. We're seeing executions at near record lows," Robert Dunham, the executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center, told NPR. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## US SUPREME COURT

**AP: Justices to meet for 1st time since leak of draft Roe ruling**, Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko, May 12, 2022, 12:00 AM

The Supreme Court's nine justices will gather in private for their first scheduled meeting since the leak of a draft opinion that would overrule *Roe v. Wade* and sharply curtail abortion rights in roughly half the states. The meeting Thursday in the justices' private, wood-paneled conference room could be a tense affair in a setting noted for its decorum. No one aside from the justices attends and the most junior among them, Justice Amy Coney Barrett, is responsible for taking notes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

**USA Today: How a Supreme Court case about pig farms could muddy looming debate over out-of-state abortions**, John Fritze, May 12, 2022, 5:04 AM

When the Supreme Court agreed this year to settle a dispute between California and a group of Midwestern pig farmers, the connection to the nation's raging cultural battle over abortion wasn't even part of the discussion. California's law, after all, is aimed at animal cruelty and intended to ensure pigs have space to move around in their pens. Abortion wasn't raised by either side. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NYT: A Leaky Supreme Court Starts to Resemble the Other Branches**, Adam Liptak, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Supreme Court used to be a magisterial temple of silence, capable of guarding its secrets until it was ready to disclose them. It leaked less than intelligence agencies, old hands in Washington would say, in a tone of awe and envy. Members of the court, too, took pride in running a very tight ship. "Those who know don't talk," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg used to say. "And those who talk don't know." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**CNN: A *Roe v. Wade* reversal could put fertility clinics at the center of the abortion fight**, Jessica Schneider and Tierney Sneed, May 11, 2022, 07:58 AM

News that the Supreme Court is on the cusp of overturning *Roe v. Wade* is sounding alarms for an unexpected part of the population: people looking to get pregnant and the doctors who are helping them. The conservative justices, according to a draft majority opinion disclosed last week, are preparing to give states the full power to determine abortion policies within their borders. Experts say that could open up the legal terrain for states to interfere with the fertility process known as in vitro fertilization, in which a sperm fertilizes an egg outside the body. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**SCOTUSblog: Justices decline to block execution of Arizona man with schizophrenia**, James Romoser, May 11, 2022, 8:47 PM

The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed Arizona to execute a man who suffered from severe mental illness and, according to his lawyers, did not understand why the state wanted to put him to death. No justices indicated dissent from the court's brief order declining to postpone the execution of Clarence Wayne Dixon, who was sentenced to death for the 1978 killing of Deana Bowdoin, a 21-year-old student at Arizona State University. Shortly after the court rejected Dixon's final appeal, Arizona executed him by lethal injection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**SCOTUSblog: Challenges to administrative action and retroactive relief for prisoners**, John Elwood, May 11, 2022, 10:19 AM

The big news from the Supreme Court last week is that the justices disposed of every one of our last installment's five new relists — three of them by granting review (involving private rights of action, dischargeability of fraud debts in bankruptcy by innocent parties, and overtime pay rules), and in two by

denying review (involving the constitutionality of taxing billboards). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

**Law360: 7th Circ. Nominee Defends Pandemic Restrictions Ruling**, James Arkin, May 11, 2022, 4:03 PM

A federal judge nominated to the Seventh Circuit defended a past ruling upholding COVID-19 pandemic restrictions as Republicans pressed him during a Senate nominations hearing Wednesday on whether his decision undermined religious freedoms. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

**AP: US finds 500 Native American boarding school deaths so far**, Felicia Fonseca, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A first-of-its-kind federal study of Native American boarding schools that for over a century sought to assimilate Indigenous children into white society has identified more than 500 student deaths at the institutions, but officials expect that figure to grow exponentially as research continues. The Interior Department report released Wednesday expands to more than 400 the number of schools that were established or supported by the U.S. government, starting in the early 19th century and continuing in some cases until the late 1960s. The agency identified the deaths in records for about 20 of the schools. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

**AP: Oklahoman whose case led to McGirt ruling gets life sentence**, Unattributed, May 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A former Oklahoma death row inmate and tribal citizen whose case led to a landmark ruling on tribal sovereignty was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison by a federal judge. Patrick Murphy, 53, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, was originally sentenced to die in McIntosh County for the 1999 killing of George Jacobs. But his attorneys challenged his murder conviction, arguing the state of Oklahoma didn't have jurisdiction to prosecute him because he is a member of a federally recognized tribe and Congress had never disestablished the Muscogee reservation where the killing occurred. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Calif. Univ. Gets Win In Native American Remains Case**, Andrew Westney, May 11, 2022, 8:15 PM

A California federal judge has tossed a suit by a San Jose State University anthropology professor alleging school officials retaliated against her for writing a book opposing laws that require the return of human remains and cultural items to Native American tribes, while giving the professor a chance to fix claims that don't involve the interests of a local tribe. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): Man whose conviction was one of first overturned on tribal jurisdiction grounds receives life in federal prison**, Jacob Factor, May 10, 2022, 6:00 PM

The man whose murder conviction was one of the first cases to be overturned in state court due to tribal jurisdiction has received a life sentence in federal court, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma announced. Patrick Dwayne Murphy, 53, was convicted in August 2021 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma of second-degree murder in Indian Country, murder in Indian Country in perpetration of kidnapping, and kidnapping resulting in death after his 2000 state conviction in McIntosh County District Court was overturned in 2017 in the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*KING-NBC (Seattle, WA): Duwamish Tribe sues federal government to 'secure its tribal sovereignty'*,

Adel Toay, May 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Duwamish Tribe filed a lawsuit against the United States Department of the Interior in its fight for federal recognition. The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court for western Washington, continues the push for the Duwamish people to right what they say is a decades-old wrong and to “secure its tribal sovereignty.”

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## MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

*NYT: Pot Sellers Ponder Going Legal*, James Barron, May 11, 2022, 1:45 PM

Byron Bronson and Lou Cantillo run Buddy’s Bodega, an underground company that has specialized in selling designer strains of marijuana for years. What they do is illegal under state law, but that could change. New York passed a legalization bill last year and will follow New Jersey, where recreational cannabis sales began last month. Bronson, 39, and Cantillo, 31, are conflicted about joining the legal market. “Our goal has always been to go legal,” Cantillo said. [...] The costs for a newly licensed business are high opening a dispensary is estimated to cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million, Klimek said and start-up money is difficult to come by. Bronson and Cantillo don’t have much financial padding, and since marijuana is still illegal on the federal level, most banks won’t give them loans or even open a bank account. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ADMINISTRATION

*Reuters: Biden moves to revitalize U.S. sentencing panel, nominates first Black chair*, Nate Raymond and Rami Ayyub, May 11, 2022, 1:36 PM

President Joe Biden on Wednesday nominated seven new members to the hobbled U.S. Sentencing Commission, restoring hope among criminal justice reform advocates that it could soon issue new guidelines to help ease prison sentences they view as excessive. The commission lost its quorum in January 2019, a month after former Republican President Donald Trump signed into law the First Step Act, bipartisan legislation aimed at easing harsh sentencing for non-violent offenders and at reducing recidivism. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NPR](#)

## CONGRESS

*AP: Senate bid to save Roe v. Wade falls to GOP-led filibuster*, Lisa Mascaro, May 11, 2022, 8:15 PM

The Senate fell far short Wednesday in a rushed effort toward enshrining Roe v. Wade abortion access as federal law, blocked by a Republican filibuster in a blunt display of the nation’s partisan divide over the landmark court decision and the limits of legislative action. The almost party-line tally promises to be just the first of several efforts in Congress to preserve the nearly 50-year-old court ruling, which declares a constitutional right to abortion services but is at serious risk of being overturned this summer by a conservative Supreme Court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

*Reuters: U.S. House panel advances Supreme Court ethics bill*, Moira Warburton and Nate Raymond, May 11, 2022, 8:58 PM

A U.S. House of Representatives panel on Wednesday advanced a bill requiring the Supreme Court to adopt an ethics code and strengthen rules for justices and other federal judges to recuse themselves from cases when they have conflicts of interest. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Law360](#)

**Fox: McConnell calls on DOJ to investigate protesters for intimidating judges after SCOTUS opinion leak**, Bradford Betz, Tyler Olson, May 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

Amid a swell of protests following the murder of George Floyd two years ago, a flurry of videos showing officers behaving aggressively with protesters charging into crowds and at times punching or pushing people to the ground prompted a flood of complaints about their behavior to an independent oversight agency. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox-2](#)

**BuzzFeed: The Senate Failed to Codify Abortion Rights. Here's Where Things Stand.**, Zoe Tillman, Ema O'Connor, Paul McLeod, May 11, 5:00 PM

The Senate voted down a bill to codify the right to an abortion on Wednesday as Democrats tried but failed to secure the core protections of Roe v. Wade before it is potentially struck down by the US Supreme Court. The vote, which was expected to fail, was in response to a leaked Supreme Court draft ruling that would overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision that declared abortion access was a constitutional right. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Axios: Senators seek funding for DOJ's new environmental justice arm**, Russell Contreras, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

Democratic Sens. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) want Congress to give the Department of Justice about \$9 million to help its new environmental justice division. The big picture: The DOJ announced last week it would create the Office of Environmental Justice and launch an enforcement strategy to protect communities of color against environmental crimes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 11, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

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**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- Inflation eased slightly in April after months of relentless increases but remained near a four-decade high, making it hard for millions of American households to keep up with surging prices. Consumer prices jumped 8.3% last month from a year ago, the government said Wednesday. President Biden visited a family farm in Illinois on Wednesday where he announced steps his administration is taking to lower the costs of farming and food. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Senate Democrats fell short of the 60 votes needed to advance the Women's Health Protection Act to enshrine abortion protections into federal law. Sen. Joe Manchin was the only Democrat to side with Republicans against the legislation. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Ukrainian soldiers are pushing Russian troops away from Kharkiv and back towards the Russian border. Even in Mariupol, the Russians do not have full control. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- More details are emerging about escaped murder suspect Casey White and former jail official Vicky White, who spent 11 days on the run before authorities caught up to them in Indiana. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)

- Nearly a year after a high-rise condo building collapsed in Surfside, Florida, victims and families have reached a settlement with insurers and others for \$997 million. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The White House is calling for an investigation into the killing of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who was fatally shot while covering an Israeli raid in the West Bank. [[CBS](#)]

## MORNING HEADLINES

- “Finland Moves Closer to Joining NATO” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Bill to Guarantee Abortion Rights Fails in Senate” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “Ukraine ‘Road of Death’ Shows Russians Fired on Civilians: A Video Investigation” [[WSJ](#)]
- “U.S. Stock Futures Fall as Inflation Weighs on Markets” [[WSJ](#)]

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#### 5th Circ. Doubts It Can Weigh In On Stalled Border Wall Fight

A Fifth Circuit panel Wednesday said it had "serious doubts" about its jurisdiction over an appeal brought by Missouri and Texas after a federal judge issued a stay in their challenge claiming the Biden administration has paused construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

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#### Separated Migrant Families Can Continue Quest For Damages

Three Bay Area migrant families who were separated under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy may continue to seek compensation for resulting harms they suffered after a California federal judge denied the government's bid to move or toss the case.

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### LITIGATION

#### Feds Seek Toss Of Juvenile Migrant Work Permit Suit

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security asked a California federal court to toss immigrants and advocates' claims that agency backlogs leave vulnerable juveniles in limbo without work permits, saying neither have been harmed by the policies at issue.

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#### Asylum-Seeking Family Wants To Intervene In Title 42 Case

A family seeking asylum at the border has asked to enter fierce litigation over the Title 42 order, which allows border officers to swiftly expel migrants, saying that neither the Biden administration nor states looking to prolong the border block are protecting its interests.



### LAW FIRMS IN TODAY'S NEWS

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## LEGAL INDUSTRY

### Could The Dobbs Leak Change Supreme Court Clerkships?

The air of suspicion that hangs over the U.S. Supreme Court after the Dobbs draft leak could affect the work of the court's corps of 36 law clerks, and their relationships to the justices and to one another.

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### DOJ Ups Marshal Security For Justices Amid Roe Protests

The U.S. Department of Justice announced Wednesday that it has directed the U.S. Marshals Service to bolster security for U.S. Supreme Court justices in the wake of increased scrutiny and public protests following the leaked draft opinion indicating the court could be poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

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### House Judiciary Panel Advances Supreme Court Ethics Bill

A House panel has advanced legislation that would require the U.S. Supreme Court to adopt a binding ethics code and create new recusal and disclosure standards for the nine justices amid increased scrutiny in the wake of recent high-profile revelations.

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### Trump Must Pay \$110K Fine To Nix Contempt In NY AG Probe

A New York judge said Wednesday he will lift a civil contempt order against former President Donald Trump in the state attorney general's financial fraud investigation if Trump pays what is now a \$110,000 fine, his assistants detail policies on how they kept or destroyed documents, and a few final boxes are searched.

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### Biden Taps 7 Nominees To Fill Out Sentencing Commission

President Joe Biden nominated seven potential new members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission on Wednesday, hoping to round out a bipartisan body that has been without a quorum since 2019.

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### 7th Circ. Nominee Defends Pandemic Restrictions Ruling

A federal judge nominated to the Seventh Circuit defended a past ruling upholding COVID-19 pandemic restrictions as Republicans pressed him during a Senate nominations hearing Wednesday on whether his decision undermined religious freedoms.

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### Surfside Victims Reach \$997M In Settlements

Attorneys representing the victims of the Champlain Towers South condominium collapse in Surfside, Florida, announced Wednesday that they had secured \$997 million in proposed settlements, ending the consolidated claims against all but one defendant.

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### Ethics Panel Wants Reprimand For St. Louis' Top Prosecutor

A Missouri ethics panel on Tuesday recommended a public reprimand for St. Louis' top prosecutor after she admitted to professional misconduct while investigating former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, pointing to her failure to comply with discovery obligations in the probe.

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#### Calif. Agency Kicks Off Trial Seeking \$136M For Lead Cleanup

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control opened a bench trial Wednesday seeking more than \$136 million for the cleanup of a former battery recycling facility, contending that the plant carried lead emitted from nearly a century of operations up to two miles away.

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#### Feds Defend Beetle Species Delisting As Based On Science

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### Feds Settle GMO Salmon Suit Fees Issue With Enviro Groups

The federal government and environmental groups reached a confidential settlement Wednesday over attorney fees and costs stemming from a suit over the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of genetically modified salmon for human consumption.

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### Industry Backs Enbridge Bid To Trim Wis. Tribe's Line 5 Suit

Business and energy industry advocates backed Enbridge Energy Co.'s efforts to significantly trim down a suit aiming to shut down the company's Line 5 pipeline, telling a Wisconsin federal court that closing the pipeline would be disastrous for the economies of the U.S. and Canada.

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### Cypress Environmental Adds Cash Pool To Ch. 11 Plan

Energy sector inspection service Cypress Environmental Partner LP told a Texas bankruptcy judge Wednesday that it has made changes to its prepackaged Chapter 11 plan to address concerns raised earlier this week by the court over the lack of compensation going to creditors being asked to grant third-party releases.

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### Ex-Hawkins Parnell Atty Joins Lewis Brisbois' Toxic Tort Team

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The air of suspicion that hangs over the U.S. Supreme Court after the Dobbs draft leak could affect the work of the court's corps of 36 law clerks, and their relationships to the justices and to one another.

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### DOJ Ups Marshal Security For Justices Amid Roe Protests

The U.S. Department of Justice announced Wednesday that it has directed the U.S. Marshals Service to bolster security for U.S. Supreme Court justices in the wake of increased scrutiny and public protests following the leaked draft opinion indicating the court could be poised to overturn Roe v. Wade.

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### House Judiciary Panel Advances Supreme Court Ethics Bill

A House panel has advanced legislation that would require the U.S. Supreme Court to adopt a binding ethics code and create new recusal and disclosure standards for the nine justices amid increased scrutiny in the wake of recent high-profile revelations.

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A New York judge said Wednesday he will lift a civil contempt order against former President Donald Trump in the state attorney general's financial fraud investigation if Trump pays what is now a \$110,000 fine, his assistants detail policies on how they kept or destroyed documents, and a few final boxes are searched.

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### [Biden Taps 7 Nominees To Fill Out Sentencing Commission](#)

President Joe Biden nominated seven potential new members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission on Wednesday, hoping to round out a bipartisan body that has been without a quorum since 2019.

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### [7th Circ. Nominee Defends Pandemic Restrictions Ruling](#)

A federal judge nominated to the Seventh Circuit defended a past ruling upholding COVID-19 pandemic restrictions as Republicans pressed him during a Senate nominations hearing Wednesday on whether his decision undermined religious freedoms.

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### [Surfside Victims Reach \\$997M In Settlements](#)

Attorneys representing the victims of the Champlain Towers South condominium collapse in Surfside, Florida, announced Wednesday that they had secured \$997 million in proposed settlements, ending the consolidated claims against all but one defendant.

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### [Ethics Panel Wants Reprimand For St. Louis' Top Prosecutor](#)

A Missouri ethics panel on Tuesday recommended a public reprimand for St. Louis' top prosecutor after she admitted to professional misconduct while investigating former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, pointing to her failure to comply with discovery obligations in the probe.

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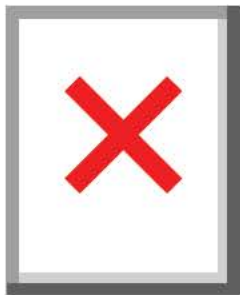
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By **Amber Phillips**  
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Baby formula supplies have been dwindling for months, but it's turned into a full-blown crisis in recent weeks. A troubling mix of inflation, supply chain issues and product recalls over serious safety concerns is [leaving parents scrambling to feed their babies](#) — and it's hitting poor families the hardest.

The supply chain issues date to the beginning of the pandemic, but the blow from the recall is more recent. In February, Abbott Nutrition, which makes up a large portion of the formula market, recalled formula made in one of its plants after two babies who drank it [died of bacterial infections](#).



Empty shelves in San Antonio this week. (Kay ee Green ee Bea/Reuters)



**How bad is it?** [Datassembly](#), a group that tracks retail information, found that 43 percent of supplies that are normally on the shelves are out of stock. That's a serious shortage, considering about three-quarters of babies are at least partially dependent on formula.

Emily Pyeatt [told The Post in April](#) that she recently went to eight stores in search of formula for her 8-month-old — and was trying to ease her son onto solid food to stretch the formula she does find. “This is the scariest thing I’ve ever experienced,” she posted on Facebook.

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**What's the government doing?** Its response so far has been vague. The Food and Drug Administration — which has come under scrutiny over the speed of its initial reaction and the food safety issues that were not caught in an Abbott formula

plant — issued a statement Tuesday saying it's working with industry leaders to better understand what's going on and expediting some review processes to get more formula on shelves. Congress says it will hold a hearing on the shortage soon. But beyond that, it's not clear what the government is doing to help parents feed their babies.

Add this crisis to the list of overlapping supply chain and economic emergencies President Biden is trying to handle. Two top Republicans in Congress who are also mothers are blaming the formula shortage on him. At the least, there are questions the government has yet to answer about whether the FDA has been lax during the pandemic in inspecting plants that make formula.

### **The one state where abortion law and the 2022 elections overlap**

Today, Senate Democrats voted on and failed to pass a bill codifying abortion rights into law, driving home the point that there is no federal abortion law. After the Supreme Court probably knocks down the only federal protections for abortion this summer, abortion law will be entirely up to the states.

In most states, the delineation on abortion is clear — conservative states will probably ban it outright or make it very difficult to obtain. Liberal states will protect it.

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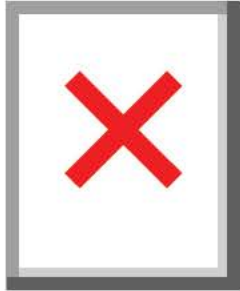
But there's one state in the middle on abortion law that is also up for grabs in November's midterm election: Michigan.

The state made abortion a felony in the 1930s, and that law is still on the books.

Republicans control the legislature there, but state Democrats have a chance to regain power in November and repeal it.



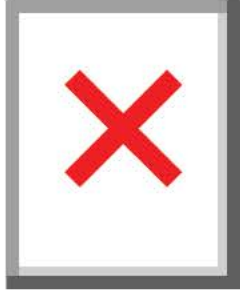
Still, that's just one out of about half of states that could ban abortion after the fall of *Roe v. Wade*.



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In [the rest of the 2022 battles over state legislatures](#), Democrats are on the defensive to keep power — and keep abortion protections in those states intact.

**Trump keeps endorsing men accused of behaving badly**



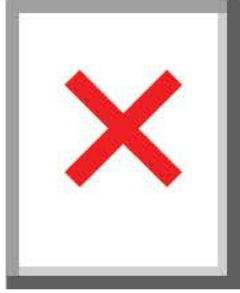
Nebraska gubernatorial candidate Charles Herbster with Donald Trump at a recent rally. Herbster lost his primary Tuesday night. (Kenneth Ferriera/Lincoln Journal Star/AP)

**Donald Trump has no problem endorsing candidates with ugly pasts or accusations of misconduct. And three times this election cycle it's backfired on him, denting his kingmaker status in Republican primaries.**

1. Nebraska's GOP primary for governor was Tuesday night. In that race, Trump endorsed one of his political donors, Charles Herbster, who is accused by eight women, including a Republican state senator, of inappropriately touching them. Herbster has denied the allegations, and Trump stood by him. But [Herbster lost](#) to the candidate endorsed by the rest of the Nebraska Republican establishment, Jim Pillen.
2. Earlier in this election cycle, Trump had endorsed another candidate with a messy personal history who did not end up winning his race: [Sean Parnell](#) dropped out of the GOP Pennsylvania Senate contest after losing custody of his children in a divorce battle in which his wife accused him of domestic violence.
3. This March, the scandal-plagued Texas attorney general, Ken Paxton (R), was forced into a runoff against a Bush (yes, of that Bush family) despite Trump's endorsement. Paxton faces serious legal issues.

It's still early in the primary season, but Trump is now two for four in major endorsements for statewide races, in part because he is picking candidates with messy, ugly backgrounds. That's been frustrating Republican operatives I talk to, who warn that if these guys win their primaries, they could make it harder for the GOP to retake the Senate in November.

**Real quick: Yes, it seems to be illegal to protest outside a Supreme Court justice's home**



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Protesters outside the home of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito this week. (Kent Nishimura/Poo/EPA-

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In Tuesday's newsletter, we debated the morality and politics of abortion rights protesters standing outside the homes of conservative Supreme Court justices. Turns

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Overturning of Roe could make IVF more complicated, costly, law says it's illegal to picket on parade, outside where a judge lives or works "with the intent of influencing any judge." Legal experts told Aaron that what the protesters are doing

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- "House approves nearly \$40 billion in aid to Ukraine" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
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- "Gun deaths surged during the pandemic's first year, the C.D.C. reports." [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

**AP: Haitian gang leader charged in kidnapping of US missionaries, Michael Balsamo And Eric Tucker, May 10, 2022, 5:00 PM**  
Federal prosecutors in the U.S. have charged the leader of a notoriously violent Haitian gang in connection with the kidnapping of 16 Americans last year, the Justice Department said Tuesday. Joly Germaine, 29, who is also known as "Yonyon," is accused of leading the 400 Mawozo gang and is the first person charged by Justice Department prosecutors with having any involvement in the kidnapping of the Christian missionaries. He was extradited to the U.S. last week and faces separate charges in a firearms trafficking case, prosecutors said.  
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## NATIONAL SECURITY

**AP: Hackers hit web hosting provider linked to Oregon elections, Andrew Selsky, May 10, 2022, 3:31 PM**  
A week before Oregon's primary election, the secretary of state's office is moving to protect the integrity of its online system where campaign finance records are published after a web hosting provider was hit by a ransomware attack. Secretary of State Shemia Fagan's office said people inputting records into the ORESTAR state campaign finance reporting system may have been affected, and have been sent detailed instructions on how to proceed.

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## **JAN. 6**

**Insider: Steve Bannon made 'deeply flawed' arguments for escaping a contempt of Congress prosecution, House tells judge**, C. Ryan Barber, May 10, 2022, 6:28 PM  
Steve Bannon has made "deeply flawed" arguments for escaping prosecution on contempt of Congress charges and should stand trial as scheduled in July, House lawyers said, in an unusual court brief backing up the Justice Department's case against the onetime Trump advisor. In a 26-page brief, released Tuesday by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House lawyers responded to Bannon's recent push to have a federal judge toss the contempt charges, which stem from his refusal to comply with a subpoena from the committee investigating the January 6 attack on the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **SPECIAL COUNSEL**

**Washington Examiner: Durham-Sussmann notes battle pulls back curtain on Trump-era FBI**, Jerry Dunleavy, May 10, 2022, 2:31 PM  
Andrew McCabe, the former deputy director of the FBI, said Michael Sussmann met with the bureau in September 2016 on behalf of a client, according to notes from March 2017 made public by the Democratic cybersecurity lawyer. The briefing notes contradict contemporaneous FBI notes and the defendant's own text message, though the defense team thinks they could prove decisive in special counsel John Durham's case against Sussmann. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: Man charged with killing mother at sea to inherit estate**, Wilson Ring, May 10, 2022, 5:21 PM

A man found floating on a raft off the coast of New England in 2016 after his boat sank was charged in an indictment unsealed Tuesday with killing his mother at sea to inherit the family's estate. The eight-count indictment released in federal court in Burlington, Vermont, also says Nathan Carman shot and killed his grandfather, John Chakalos, at his home in Windsor, Connecticut, in 2013 as part of an effort to defraud insurance companies, but he was not charged with that killing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston Herald](#), [Boston Globe](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Patch \(Middletown, CT\)](#), [The Republican \(Springfield, MA\)](#), [WBZ-CBS \(Boston, MA\)](#), [WCAX-CBS \(Burlington, VT\)](#), [WFSB-CBS \(Hartford, CT\)](#), [WJAR-NBC \(Providence, RI\)](#), [WPRI-CBS \(Providence, RI\)](#), [WSYX-ABC \(Columbus, OH\)](#), [WTIC-Fox \(Hartford, CT\)](#)

**Chicago Tribune: Man sentenced to 15 months in federal prison for inciting riot in downtown Chicago during 2020 unrest**, Jason Meisner, May 10, 2022, 3:51 PM

A Chicago man was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison Tuesday for inciting and participating in looting during the civil unrest that gripped the city in August 2020, including a break-in at a marijuana dispensary. James Massey, 23, pleaded guilty earlier this year to incitement of a riot, admitting in a plea agreement with prosecutors that he posted multiple videos and messages on Facebook calling for people to travel to downtown Chicago to engage in property damage and looting. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**Fox: Garland says judges may consider criminal illegal immigrants' mental health**

**when considering asylum claims**, Adam Shaw, Bill Melugin, May 10, 2022, 11:56 AM  
Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday said that immigration judges can now consider the mental health status of an illegal immigrant convicted of an aggravated felony when considering their asylum claim or whether to withhold their deportation -- overruling a prior decision by a top immigration appeals board. The Immigration and Nationality Act makes illegal immigrants ineligible for both asylum and withholding of removal -- where illegal immigrants are not returned because they have a fear of persecution if returned to their country of origin -- if they have been convicted of a "particularly serious crime" that constitutes a danger to the community. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**LAT: Immigration officials created network that can spy on majority of Americans, report says**, Cindy Carcamo, May 10, 2022, 6:17 PM

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has crafted a sophisticated surveillance dragnet designed to spy on most people living in the United States, without the need for warrants and many times circumventing state privacy laws, such as those in California, according to a two-year investigation released Tuesday by the Georgetown Law Center on Privacy & Technology. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: Former immigration judge warns of impending Title 42 backlog**, David Spunt, May 10, 2022, 2:52 PM

The clock is ticking to the planned end of Title 42 pandemic border restrictions – which is expected to add to an already growing backlog of cases before immigration courts. The COVID-19-era health measure used to deport migrants crossing the border illegally is expected to expire May 23. However, the backlog of cases has ballooned to over 1.7 million, according to Syracuse University TRAC. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Judge Rightly Kept 'Remain In Mexico' In Place, Justices Hear**, Mike LaSusa, May 10, 2022, 9:45 PM

Federal immigration law didn't block a Texas federal judge from ordering the Biden administration to continue the so-called Remain in Mexico policy, the states of Texas and Missouri told the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): Fighting fentanyl at the US border; Local 10 granted exclusive access to law enforcement operations**, Janine Stanwood,, May 10, 2022, 11:36 PM

Dangerous drugs, including the synthetic opioid fentanyl, are being seized in record numbers at U.S. southern border with Mexico. Federal authorities say it is a relentless pursuit to keep those drugs from entering cities and towns nationwide, including South Florida. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and U.S. Border Patrol agents gave Local 10 News an exclusive look at how law enforcement is dealing with drug smuggling in the Tuscon sector, one of the busiest sections of the southwest border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): More than 500 Glock switches intercepted in Tennessee**, Jeremy Finley, May 10, 2022, 11:19 PM

Once, they even showed up in a toaster oven — tiny pieces looking like parts of a keychain. They are harmless on their own, but deadly when assembled and attached to a pistol. So far, the Memphis port of U.S. Customs and Border Protection has confiscated 525 Glock switches. News4 Investigates, a team of reporters with WBIR's Nashville sister station, first exposed the illegal devices that give pistols the power of machine guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **ANTITRUST**

*Reuters:* **Chicken executives' lawyers decry 'third bite' price-fixing trial for DOJ**, Mike Scarcella, May 10, 2022, 2:21 PM

Defense lawyers for five former and current chicken industry executives on Monday mounted new legal challenges against prosecutors who want another shot at a criminal price-fixing prosecution after two earlier juries were deadlocked. Attorneys for the former Pilgrim's Pride Corp chief executives Jayson Penn and William Lovette, among the defendants, said in new filings that the third trial set for June should not be a "fresh opportunity" for the government "to fill gaps it belatedly believes prevented conviction twice" in recent months. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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## **TAX**

*NYT:* **For Financial Help and Counsel, Hunter Biden Turns to Hollywood Lawyer**,

Kenneth P. Vogel and Michael S. Schmidt, May 10, 2022, 8:00 PM

Faced with financial pressure and a federal investigation into his taxes and foreign consulting work, Hunter Biden has turned for money and strategic advice to an unlikely source: a wealthy Hollywood lawyer and novelist best known for brokering a lucrative licensing deal for the animated series "South Park." The lawyer, Kevin Morris, has quietly taken on an expansive role as a financier, confidant and would-be avenger for Mr. Biden, handling sensitive subjects for President Biden's son that could have acute political ramifications for the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

*Newsweek:* **On 'National Fentanyl Awareness Day,' DEA Says Drug Poses Deadliest Threat**, Aila Slisco, May 10, 2022, 11:46 PM

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) said that fentanyl posed the "deadliest" drug threat ever known while marking the first-ever "National Fentanyl Awareness Day." DEA Administrator Anne Milgram warned against the "highly addictive" synthetic narcotic on Tuesday while the agency recognized March 10 as National Fentanyl Awareness Day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that over 100,000 drug overdoses had occurred in the U.S. during a 12-month period that ended last November, 66 percent involving synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [KMBC-ABC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KMPH-Fox \(Fresno, CA\)](#), [KRON \(San Francisco, CA\)](#), [KSAZ-Fox \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#), [KSDK-NBC \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [KSNF-NBC \(Joplin, MO\)](#), [KSNV-NBC \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [KTVU-Fox \(Oakland, CA\)](#), [KWCH-CBS \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [KXAN-NBC \(Austin, TX\)](#), [WANE-CBS \(Fort Wayne, IN\)](#), [WBND-ABC \(South Bend, IN\)](#), [WHSV-ABC \(Harrisonburg, VA\)](#), [WJXT-CW \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#), [WKYC-NBC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#), [WKBN-CBS \(Youngstown, OH\)](#), [WKRC-CBS \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#), [WTVR-CBS \(Richmond, VA\)](#), [WPDE-ABC \(Florence, SC\)](#), [WYTV-ABC \(Youngstown, OH\)](#)

*USA Today:* **How did the Alabama inmate and officer evade authorities for so long? Money, expert says**, Ryan W. Miller, May 10, 2022, 10:19 PM

An Alabama corrections officer is dead and escaped inmate was taken into custody Monday after evading police for more than a week. But how did they elude authorities for so long? Former corrections officer Vicky White, 56, and inmate Casey White, 38, vanished on April 29, and authorities have since said the couple had a "jailhouse romance" and were planning their escape. They were arrested Monday after a police chase and subsequent car wreck in Evansville, Indiana, Lauderdale County Sheriff Rick Singleton said. Casey White was injured in the crash, and Vicky White later died after shooting herself in the head. The Vanderburgh County Coroner ruled her death a suicide following an autopsy Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**See also:** [Fox](#), [Reuters](#), [WSJ](#)

*KSAT-ABC (San Antonio, TX):* **ATF prepares for ghost gun rule change in hopes of reducing violent crime**, Leigh Waldman, Joe Arredondo May 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

A rule change for cracking down on ghost guns comes with the hope of reducing violent crime, but not everyone believes this will be effective. Nearly a month ago, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a rule to rein in ghost guns. According to a White House release, "There were approximately 20,000 suspected ghost guns reported to ATF as having been recovered by law enforcement in criminal investigations – a ten-fold increase from 2016." [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WBBM-CBS (Chicago, IL):* **Sources: FBI searches home of Riverdale mayor, Michael Hensle shares priorities for office**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 9:54 PM

The FBI searched the home of Riverdale Mayor Lawrence Jackson on Tuesday, CBS 2 has learned. A spokeswoman confirmed the FBI had "engaged in court-authorized law enforcement activity" in the south suburb on Tuesday, but had no further information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WRC-NBC (Washington, DC):* **FBI Teams Up With American Hero Targeted in Elder Fraud Scheme to Issue Warning**, Walter Morris, May 10, 2022, 9:00 PM

On Tuesday, the FBI issued a warning to American seniors, thousands of whom fall victim to fraud schemes targeting the elderly every year. One of those victims is an American hero who now wants to warn others who may be targeted. William Webster served in World War II, the Korean War and as a federal judge, along with being a former FBI and CIA director. Unfortunately, a few years ago, he also became a member of a club no one wants to join. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO):* **Drug emoji decoder used to help parents have conversations about fake pill use**, Matt Flener, May 10, 2022, 8:11 PM

Tuesday marked the first nationwide National Fentanyl Awareness Day as groups around the Kansas City metro area spoke about the dangers of the illicit drug finding its way into fake prescription pills, methamphetamine, marijuana, and heroin. Rogeana Patterson-King, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration assistant special agent in charge of the Kansas City district office, spoke to KMBC about the rise in overdose deaths both in the Kansas City region and nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO):* **ATF takes aim at ghost guns**, Matt Evans , May 10, 2022, 7:38 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is now taking aim at ghost guns. Ghost guns are firearms that are untraceable and could be built right in your home. KMBC 9 Investigates found these weapons can be bought and built from online kits without a background check. This Taurus G2C 9mm pistol in this story isn't a ghost gun. The ATF's John Ham is using it as an example. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

*AP:* **Appeals court denies Arizona inmate's bid to avoid execution**, Jacques Billeaud, May 10, 2022, 3:00 PM

A federal appeals court on Tuesday rejected a request to postpone the planned execution of an Arizona prisoner in what would be the state's first use of the death penalty in nearly eight years. The decision by a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals keeps on track plans to execute 66-year-old Clarence Dixon on Wednesday morning at the state prison in Florence for his murder conviction in the 1978 killing of 21-year-old Arizona State University

student Deana Bowdoin. On Tuesday evening, the appeals court declined a request by Dixon's lawyers for a larger panel of judges to hear the appeal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Phoenix News](#)

*Reuters:* **[ANALYSIS] Chatbots in U.S. justice system raise bias, privacy concerns**, Avi Asher-Schapiro and David Sherfinski, May 10, 2022, 5:26 PM

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## **US SUPREME COURT**

*Politico:* **Alito's draft opinion overturning Roe is still the only one circulated inside Supreme Court**, Josh Gerstein, Alexander Ward and Ryan Lizza, May 11, 2022, 4:31 AM

The Supreme Court is set to gather Thursday for the first time since the disclosure that it voted to overturn Roe v. Wade, and there's no sign that the court is changing course from issuing that ruling by the end of June. Justice Samuel Alito's sweeping and blunt draft majority opinion from February overturning Roe remains the court's only circulated draft in the pending Mississippi abortion case, POLITICO has learned, and none of the conservative justices who initially sided with Alito have to date switched their votes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*USA Today:* **Protests at Supreme Court justices' homes stoke more partisan fighting after leaked draft Roe decision**, Bart Jansen, May 11, 2022, 5:04 AM

The furor over a leaked Supreme Court draft opinion that would overturn the landmark abortion decision Roe v. Wade caused another political uproar days later when protesters took the unprecedented step of marching to justices' houses holding signs and chanting. Republicans argued the protests threatened "mob rule" and were potentially illegal by aiming to influence the justices. Some Democrats have cheered the peaceful protests, but others condemned vigils held outside justices' homes as "outrageous" and no way to plead the case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

*CNN:* **[ANALYSIS] Clarence Thomas has waited over 30 years for this moment**, Jeffrey Toobin, May 11, 2022, 5:30 AM

For Justice Clarence Thomas, these are glory days. As Thomas settles into his fourth decade on the Supreme Court, his influence, even his control, is ascendant. Thomas began his career as a justice as a near outcast -- an ideological fringe figure and a scarred veteran of a brutal confirmation fight. Today, he is a revered figure in the conservative movement, and he is watching ideas he championed from the margins turn into the law of the land. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WaPo:* **[OPINION] Protesting at justices' homes is illegal. What is Biden doing about it?**, Marc A. Thiessen, May 10, 2022, 2:11 PM

Protesters outside Brett M. Kavanaugh's house warned the Supreme Court justice this weekend, "If you take away our choices, we will riot." They marched on Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr.'s home chanting "Abort the court!" and stood outside the home of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. (who apparently did not vote to overturn Roe v. Wade) yelling "The whole world is watching!" [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Reuters:* **Biden administration asks U.S. Supreme Court to shun Bayer weedkiller**

**appeal**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 5:58 PM

President Joe Biden's administration on Tuesday asked the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear Bayer AG's bid to dismiss claims by customers who contend that its Roundup weedkiller causes cancer, as the company seeks to avoid potentially billions of dollars in damages.

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**Law360: Biden Admin Tells Justices Carbon Costs Case Is Premature**, Clark Mindock, May 10, 2022, 1:11 PM

The Biden administration told the U.S. Supreme Court that Republican-led states jumped the gun with their challenge of its greenhouse gas emissions cost calculations — changes it said have been common for presidential administrations for decades. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: Tribes Ask DC Circ. To Upend Treasury Win On Virus Funding**, Andrew Westney, May 10, 2022, 8:42 PM

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida have urged the D.C. Circuit to overturn a decision backing the U.S. Department of the Treasury's calculation of COVID-19 relief funds to tribes, saying the department hadn't justified part of its approach that led to skewed payments to tribes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Panel Set To Fight Crisis Of Missing, Murdered Native Women**, Joyce Hanson, May 10, 2022, 8:12 PM

The federal government is ramping up plans to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women through implementing the Not Invisible Act that U. S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland sponsored while in Congress, saying it has finally tapped 37 people to sit on a commission established by the act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Reuters: Biden considers executive orders, new funds for abortion**, Nandita Bose, May 11, 2022, 4:36 AM

President Joe Biden is considering executive orders and other measures to increase access and funding for women if the U.S. Supreme Court votes to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, officials and sources with knowledge of the matter said. An unprecedented leak of an initial draft majority opinion from the Supreme Court, published by Politico last week, showed the court is set to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that said the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. read more.

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## **CONGRESS**

**Reuters: U.S. Senate Democrats put abortion-rights bill to the test Wednesday**, Richard Cowan, May 11, 2022, 5:11 AM

Democrats in the U.S. Senate plan to force a vote on Wednesday on legislation codifying women's rights to abortion nationwide, a protest gesture that is almost certain to fail ahead of an expected Supreme Court decision to end those protections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:**

[CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

**AP: House approves \$40B in Ukraine aid, beefing up Biden request**, Alan Fram, May 10, 2022, 10:00 PM

The House emphatically approved a fresh \$40 billion Ukraine aid package Tuesday as



lawmakers beefed up President Joe Biden's initial request, signaling a magnified, bipartisan commitment to thwart Russian President Vladimir Putin's bloody three-month-old invasion. The measure sailed to passage by a lopsided 368-57 margin, providing \$7 billion more than Biden's request from April and dividing the increase evenly between defense and humanitarian programs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Fox: Hawley demands Garland 'investigate and prosecute' vandal 'pro-abortion activists'**, Houston Keene, May 11, 2022, 3:37 AM

Senator Josh Hawley, R-Mo., sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland calling on him to prosecute "pro-abortion activists" the senator says "have begun a campaign of violence, destruction, and intimidation" after the Supreme Court leak. Fox News Digital exclusively obtained the Tuesday letter from Hawley to Garland calling on the attorney general to "vigorously investigate and prosecute the crimes committed in recent days," pointing to video footage of "pro-abortion activists surrounding the homes of Supreme Court Justices in an attempt to influence" their opinion on the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 10, 2022**

- Just a "very, very small amount of fentanyl" can be lethal, which is how it's become the leading cause of death in Americans 18-45 and why the Drug Enforcement Administration is trying to stop the killer drug at the source. [[CBS](#)]
- President Biden is fighting back against criticism that his administration is not doing enough to fight inflation, this comes as gas prices hit a new record high and the DOW finished in red for the fourth day in a row. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- New details are emerging about the Alabama fugitive couple after police caught them following a 10-day manhunt. Casey White is now back in prison and investigators believe Vicky White was the mastermind behind the escape. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Putin is preparing for a prolonged conflict in Ukraine with goals beyond the Donbas region, says the Director of National Intelligence. This, as Russian missiles continue to bombard Ukraine in an effort to disrupt supply lines and western weapon shipments. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Elon Musk said Twitter would reverse its ban of former President Donald Trump if his purchase of the social media company goes through, signaling just how permissive the platform could become toward free speech under his ownership. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC is sounding the alarm about a mysterious and deadly outbreak of hepatitis among children that has been found in 24 states. [[ABC](#)]
- A new law in Connecticut aims to expand abortion access and protect providers from being sued or even criminally charged by other states. After Texas passed its abortion law, states like Missouri are looking at similar legislation that would allow private citizens to sue abortion providers. [[NBC](#)]

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## **WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: MAY 11, 2022**

### **DOJ**

- No scheduled events.

### **CONGRESS**

- 10:00 AM: Senate Judiciary Committee: Nominations.
- 10:00 AM: House Judiciary Committee: Markups: H.R. 6943, the Public Safety Officer Support Act of 2022; H.R. 2992, the Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Law Enforcement Training Act or the TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act; H.R. 7647, the Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act of 2022; and H.R. 6577, the Real Courts, Rule of Law Act of 2022.

## **US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS**

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**Fox: Biden admin refusing to answer FOIA on 'domestic terrorist' parents memorandum, issues motion to dismiss**, Hannah Grossman, May 10, 2022, 8:40 PM

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita blasted the Biden administration for failing on transparency after it moved to dismiss a FOIA lawsuit probing into documents and correspondence relating to Attorney General Merrick Garland's response to the infamous National School Boards Association (NSBA) letter. "The Biden administration has again failed the American people by trying to sweep their assault on parents' freedom of speech under the rug," Rokita told Fox News Digital Tuesday. "Their refusal to answer these questions from our 14-state coalition shows their blatant disregard for truth and transparency. Millions of taxpaying parents deserve answers from the government they pay for." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox: Garland says judges may consider criminal illegal immigrants' mental health when considering asylum claims**, Adam Shaw, Bill Melugin, May 10, 2022, 11:56 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday said that immigration judges can now consider the mental health status of an illegal immigrant convicted of an aggravated felony when considering their asylum claim or whether to withhold their deportation – overruling a prior decision by a top immigration appeals board. The Immigration and Nationality Act makes illegal immigrants ineligible for both asylum and withholding of removal – where illegal immigrants are not returned because they have a fear of persecution if returned to their country of origin -- if they have been convicted of a "particularly serious crime" that constitutes a danger to the community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**AP: Haitian gang leader charged in kidnapping of US missionaries**, Michael Balsamo And Eric Tucker, May 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

Federal prosecutors in the U.S. have charged the leader of a notoriously violent Haitian gang in connection with the kidnapping of 16 Americans last year, the Justice Department said Tuesday. Joly Germaine, 29, who is also known as "Yonyon," is accused of leading the 400 Mawozo gang and is the first person charged by Justice Department prosecutors with having any involvement in the kidnapping of the Christian missionaries. He was extradited to the U.S. last week and faces separate charges in a firearms trafficking case, prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

**AP: Hackers hit web hosting provider linked to Oregon elections**, Andrew Selsky, May 10, 2022, 3:31 PM

A week before Oregon's primary election, the secretary of state's office is moving to protect the integrity of its online system where campaign finance records are published after a web hosting provider was hit by a ransomware attack. Secretary of State Shemia Fagan's office said people inputting records into the ORESTAR state campaign finance reporting system may have been affected, and have been sent detailed instructions on how to proceed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Reuters: British man charged in New York with hacking into bank computers, stealing millions**, Jonathan Stempel, May 10, 2022, 2:01 PM

A British man has been criminally charged in New York with stealing money from investors' accounts by hacking into email servers and computers belonging to U.S. banks and brokerages, causing more than \$5 million of losses. According to a 10-count complaint made public on Tuesday, Idris Dayo Mustapha, 32, and others used phishing and other means to obtain user names and passwords and access online bank and brokerage accounts from January 2011 to March 2018. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#)

**Insider: Steve Bannon made 'deeply flawed' arguments for escaping a contempt of Congress**

**prosecution, House tells judge**, C. Ryan Barber, May 10, 2022, 6:28 PM

Steve Bannon has made "deeply flawed" arguments for escaping prosecution on contempt of Congress charges and should stand trial as scheduled in July, House lawyers said, in an unusual court brief backing up the Justice Department's case against the onetime Trump advisor. In a 26-page brief, released Tuesday by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House lawyers responded to Bannon's recent push to have a federal judge toss the contempt charges, which stem from his refusal to comply with a subpoena from the committee investigating the January 6 attack on the Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Buzzfeed: A Jan. 6 Defendant Is Going To Jail For Having A Loaded Shotgun As Others Push To Get Their Guns Back**, Zoe Tillman, May 10, 2022, 4:00 PM

Barton Shively, a former Marine from central Pennsylvania, had been living at home awaiting trial in the nearly year and a half since he was charged with assaulting police at the US Capitol on Jan. 6. That changed Monday, when a judge ordered him jailed after probation officers reported that he'd reached for a loaded shotgun — which he wasn't allowed to have — during an unannounced home inspection. Besides the 12-gauge shotgun, the probation officers saw "in plain view" hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a sword, knives, and body armor as they walked around Shively's home, according to an order from US District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. Shively's motion toward the shotgun prompted one of the probation officers to draw his own weapon, the order stated. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Washington Examiner: Durham-Sussmann notes battle pulls back curtain on Trump-era FBI**, Jerry Dunleavy, May 10, 2022, 2:31 PM

Andrew McCabe, the former deputy director of the FBI, said Michael Sussmann met with the bureau in September 2016 on behalf of a client, according to notes from March 2017 made public by the Democratic cybersecurity lawyer. The briefing notes contradict contemporaneous FBI notes and the defendant's own text message, though the defense team thinks they could prove decisive in special counsel John Durham's case against Sussmann. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Palm Beach Post (Palm Beach County, FL): Role in Jan. 6 Capitol riot earns Boynton-area man house arrest, 100 hours of community service**, Jane Musgrave, May 11, 2022, 5:00 AM

Before Nicholes Lentz was sentenced on Tuesday for joining a mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, the Boynton Beach-area man insisted he didn't travel to Washington to stop Congress from "stealing" the election from President Donald Trump. "I'm not some Trump lover. That's not who I am," said Lentz, a former North Miami Beach and Fort Pierce police officer who served 17 years in the U.S. Marines. "I just thought it was going to be a cool moment." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KOKI-Fox (Tulsa, OK): Oklahoman takes plea deal on charges from US Capitol riot**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 3:50 PM

One Oklahoman decided to take a plea deal, more than a year after he was charged after taking part in the U.S. Capitol riots. Jerry Ryals traveled to Washington with his boss, electrician Anthony Alfred Griffith. Both were arrested in March of last year and were facing several charges including disorderly conduct. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

**Bloomberg: Debate Over Subpoenaing Lawmakers Intensifies on Jan. 6 Panel**, Billy House, May 10, 2022, 11:51 PM

The debate over a politically and legally risky decision to subpoena fellow lawmakers is heating up on the congressional panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the US Capitol. The committee is weighing whether to take the step of trying to compel testimony from House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy and several other

Republicans. The committee is meeting in private sessions this week, and discussions on such subpoenas continue, according to a person familiar with the discussions, who asked to not be identified because the deliberations are private. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

**AP: Man charged with killing mother at sea to inherit estate**, Wilson Ring, May 10, 2022, 5:21 PM

A man found floating on a raft off the coast of New England in 2016 after his boat sank was charged in an indictment unsealed Tuesday with killing his mother at sea to inherit the family's estate. The eight-count indictment released in federal court in Burlington, Vermont, also says Nathan Carman shot and killed his grandfather, John Chakalos, at his home in Windsor, Connecticut, in 2013 as part of an effort to defraud insurance companies, but he was not charged with that killing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston Herald](#), [Boston Globe](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Patch \(Middletown, CT\)](#), [The Republican \(Springfield, MA\)](#), [WBZ-CBS \(Boston, MA\)](#), [WCAX-CBS \(Burlington, VT\)](#), [WFSB-CBS \(Hartford, CT\)](#), [WJAR-NBC \(Providence, RI\)](#), [WPRI-CBS \(Providence, RI\)](#), [WSYX-ABC \(Columbus, OH\)](#), [WTIC-Fox \(Hartford, CT\)](#)

**Newsday: Feds: 2 LI men charged with murder-for-hire conspiracy in killing of Queens business owner**, Michael O'Keeffe, May 10, 2022, 10:09 PM

An Oyster Bay man and his nephew from Plainview are among four men facing murder charges in the 2019 execution-style killing of a Queens business owner, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday in Brooklyn federal court. Qing Ming Yu, 54, of Oyster Bay, and You You, 34, of Plainview, are charged in the indictment with murder-for-hire conspiracy and murder for hire, along with Antony Abreu, 34, of Queens, and Zhe Zhang, 34, of Arcadia, California. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#)

**Law360: Ex-Pharma CFO Indicted For Allegedly Giving Girlfriend Info**, Hailey Konnath, May 10, 2022, 9:35 PM

A former Middlesex County man was sentenced Tuesday in Trenton federal court to more than 18 years in prison for plotting to hire an undercover investigator who he believed was a hitman to kill his ex-wife and trying to tamper with witnesses in the case. Narsan Lingala, 58, of Noblesville, Indiana, was convicted last June of conspiring to commit murder for hire, traveling interstate or using interstate facilities with intent that a murder for hire be committed and attempting to tamper with a witness, according to the New Jersey U.S Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Pioneer Press (Saint Paul, MN): Ham Lake man sentenced to more than 9 years for cocaine distribution, illegal firearms possession**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 9:51 PM

A Ham Lake man was sentenced Tuesday to 9½ years in federal prison after pleading guilty to narcotics and firearms charges arising from a pair of incidents in St. Paul. Steven Michael Lincoln, 35, pleaded guilty in November to one charge each of possession of a firearm as a felon, possession of an unregistered firearm, and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, according to a news release issued by the U.S. attorney's office for the District of Minnesota. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**San Francisco Chronicle: Oakland man detained on charge of trying to sell fentanyl in the Tenderloin**, Andres Picon, May 10, 2022, 8:46 PM

An Oakland resident was ordered held behind bars Tuesday on a drug distribution charge, with federal prosecutors accusing him of intending to sell fentanyl in the Tenderloin, officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Orlando Sentinel: Kissimmee man pleads guilty to trying to poison ex-girlfriend with water gun laced with ricin**, Amanda Rabines, May 10, 2022, 8:42 PM

A Kissimmee man admitted to illegally possessing ricin after officers were tipped he might use it to kill his ex-girlfriend. On Tuesday afternoon, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida announced Kevin Deane Jones, 50, pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of the toxic substance as well as possessing two fire guns as a convicted felon. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WKMG-CBS \(Orlando, FL\)](#)

*Advocate (New Orleans, LA):* **Eight indicted in scheme to smuggle cocaine, foreigners from Hondurans into Louisiana**, Kasey Bubnash, May 10, 2022, 7:50 PM

Eight people have been charged in a scheme to smuggle 24 people from Honduras and almost 53 pounds of cocaine into Louisiana aboard a ship that the Coast Guard intercepted off Grand Isle, the Justice Department said Tuesday. They're accused of conspiracy and trying to bring foreigners lacking permission into the United States for commercial advantage and private financial gain. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY):* **CNY man used WIFI at Cicero Walmart where he worked to trade child pornography, feds say**, James McClendon, May 10, 2022, 7:09 PM

A 38-year-old man admitted that he actively traded images and videos of child pornography using a social media messaging app on his cell phone, federal agents said. Ted Serr, of Syracuse, on Tuesday pleaded guilty to distribution of child pornography, receipt of child pornography and possession of child pornography, according to a news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Vacaville Reporter (Vacaville, CA):* **Vallejo felon gets nearly 7 years for firearm possession while on federal supervision**, Richard Bammer, May 10, 2022, 6:51 PM

A 28-year-old Vallejo man who is a previously convicted felon was sentenced Tuesday to nearly seven years in prison for possession of a firearm while on federal supervised released, U.S. Department of Justice officials said. Johnathan Shane Blakeley heard U.S. District Judge John A. Mendez hand down a sentence of six years and eight months for the crime, Phillip A. Talbert, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of California, announced in a press statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*New Jersey Advance Media:* **Former N.J. man sentenced for trying to hire a hitman to kill his ex-wife**, Noah Cohen, May 10, 2022, 6:06 PM

A former Middlesex County man was sentenced Tuesday in Trenton federal court to more than 18 years in prison for plotting to hire an undercover investigator who he believed was a hitman to kill his ex-wife and trying to tamper with witnesses in the case. Narsan Lingala, 58, of Noblesville, Indiana, was convicted last June of conspiring to commit murder for hire, traveling interstate or using interstate facilities with intent that a murder for hire be committed and attempting to tamper with a witness, according to the New Jersey U.S Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Kansas City Star](#)

*Chicago Tribune:* **Man sentenced to 15 months in federal prison for inciting riot in downtown Chicago during 2020 unrest**, Jason Meisner, May 10, 2022, 3:51 PM

A Chicago man was sentenced to 15 months in federal prison Tuesday for inciting and participating in looting during the civil unrest that gripped the city in August 2020, including a break-in at a marijuana dispensary. James Massey, 23, pleaded guilty earlier this year to incitement of a riot, admitting in a plea agreement with prosecutors that he posted multiple videos and messages on Facebook calling for people to travel to downtown Chicago to engage in property damage and looting. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC):* **Charleston man faces federal charges in woman's fentanyl overdose death**, Steve Garrison, May 10, 2022, 3:30 PM

A Charleston man faces federal charges on allegations he provided a lethal dose of fentanyl to a woman after a 2020 Halloween party. Hasib Muqsit-Rivers is charged in U.S. District Court with one count of distributing

fentanyl resulting in death and four counts of narcotics distribution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCBD-NBC/CW \(Charleston, SC\)](#), [WYFF \(Greenville, SC\)](#)

**WPDE-ABC (Florence, SC): Horry Co. man pressured grandmother into 'aiding' his drug dealing while he was detained**, Julia Varnier, May 10, 2022, 3:30 PM

Darryl Lamont McKenith, 33, of Aynor, was sentenced to eleven years in federal prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute heroin and fentanyl. Evidence presented in court showed that McKenith was involved in a multi-year conspiracy to distribute heroin and fentanyl in Horry County, according to a release sent by the United States Attorney's Office - District of South Carolina. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMBF-NBC \(Myrtle Beach, SC\)](#)

**KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): 53-year-old Seattle man sentenced to prison for dealing drugs again**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 8:05 PM

A 53-year-old Seattle man, who has a history of dealing drugs, was sentenced to prison for dealing drugs again, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. Marvin Traylor was sentenced to six years in prison for dealing drugs in Seattle's Pioneer Square area. He received a five-year sentence for having a gun in connection with drug trafficking and another year for violating the conditions of his supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCPQ-Fox \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

**KOVR-CBS (Sacramento, CA): Leader Of Nevada City-Based 'Mortgage Elimination' Scheme Sentenced To 15 Years In Prison**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 7:42 PM

A man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for leading a Nevada City-based "mortgage elimination" scheme that ran between April 2010 and November 2011 and claimed to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, prosecutors announced Tuesday. James Christopher Castle, 57, formerly of Petaluma in Sonoma County, was found guilty last August of 35 counts of bank fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Las Vegas woman sent to federal prison for unemployment fraud**, Duncan Phenix, May 10, 2022, 7:02 PM

A federal judge sentenced Danielle Lacharis Buck, aka Danielle Lacharis Lakey, to almost four years in federal prison for stealing at least 40 identities and fraudulently collecting approximately \$175,662 in unemployment insurance benefits from the California Employment Development Department (EDD). According to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Buck was employed in medical billing and collections in Las Vegas. Buck would get people's names, social security numbers, and employment information from her work and use these identities to apply for and receive unemployment insurance benefits. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KKTV- CBS (Colorado Springs, CO): Colorado Springs man sentenced to decades in prison for creating child porn, victim was younger than 12**, Tony Keith, May 10, 2022, 6:47 PM

A Colorado Springs man was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for creating and distributing child porn. 34-year-old Brandon Gandy was arrested on March 4, 2021 in Colorado Springs. A search warrant was executed at Gandy's Colorado Springs home following CyberTipline Reports sent by an Internet Service Provider to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Investigator's were able to connect the IP addresses used to Gandy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KXRM-Fox \(Springs, CO\)](#)

**WBAL-NBC (Baltimore, MD): Police arrest Westminster HS volleyball coach on child pornography charges**, Kim Dacey, Barry Simms, May 10, 2022, 6:20 PM

A Carroll County District Court judge on Tuesday denied bond for Evan Frock. The 32-year-old former Carroll County substitute teacher and volleyball coach is accused of posing as a teenage boy on Snapchat, where he is accused of soliciting, sending and receiving photos and videos of underage girls. He faces 18 charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]



**WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): Michigan man pleads guilty to federal meth charge in WV**, Aaron Williams, May 10, 2022, 6:10 PM

A Michigan man has admitted to a federal meth charge, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. Darius Robertson, 23 of Warren, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of “Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine.” Robertson admitted to working with another man to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, also known as “crystal” and “ice.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): Phoenix man arrested after authorities seize guns, drugs and more than 175,000 fentanyl pills**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 6:02 PM

A Phoenix man has been arrested after authorities seized drugs and guns during a search of an apartment. According to officials, Marco Antonio Medina, 29, was charged with three counts of possession of controlled substances for distribution and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon. He was arrested on May 2. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KTTV-Fox (Los Angeles, CA): Former San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy pleads guilty to multimillion-dollar fraud scheme**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 5:57 PM

A former San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputy pleaded guilty to defrauding multiple people out of more than \$5 million, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Christopher Lloyd Burnell, 51, of Highland, pleaded guilty Monday to 11 counts of wire fraud and two counts of filing a false tax return. According to officials, Burnell used false claims to create the illusion that he was a wealthy business man, and in November 2010, began deceiving people into investing thousands of dollars with him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KPTV-Fox (Portland, OR): Portland man sentenced to prison in bank fraud scheme**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 5:38 PM

A Portland man was sentenced Tuesday to 18 months in prison for a bank fraud scheme that temporarily garnered him more than \$300,000. According to court documents, in Feb. 2017, Alireza Zamanizadeh, aka Ali Zamani, 63 filed a quitclaim deed in Deschutes County, transferring a residential property in Bend to his business for \$1 without the property owner's consent. U.S. District Attorney's Office of Oregon explained a quitclaim deed as a “document used to quickly transfer the ownership of real property from one party to another.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#)

**WDTV-CBS (Weston, WV): Harrison County contractor pleads guilty to fraud**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 5:12 PM

A Harrison County contractor pleaded guilty to defrauding over 70 customers out of more than half a million dollars, officials said. Bradley Glaspell, of Salem, West Virginia, the owner and operator of Over the Top Roofing, LLC, and Helping Hands Home Improvement, pled guilty in federal court to “Wire Fraud,” according to United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Huntington man accused of setting his house on fire with Molotov cocktail sentenced**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Huntington man was sentenced Tuesday in a case where prosecutors said he set his house on fire with a Molotov cocktail. Daniel Justin Watts, 36, was charged with possessing an unregistered incendiary device after deputies said he admitted to throwing the Molotov cocktail at his own back porch along Green Valley Road in 2020, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WHYY-FM (Philadelphia, PA): 'Goody Bag' pill mill doctor from Montco sentenced to 20 years**, Jad Sleiman, May 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Montgomery County pill mill doctor has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Andrew Berkowitz, 62, of Huntington Valley, PA, was also ordered to pay a \$40,000 fine and almost \$4 million in restitution. Berkowitz operated in Philadelphia under the name A+ Pain Management. He pleaded guilty in January 2020, to 19 counts of health care fraud, and 23 counts of distributing oxycodone illegitimately. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WCJB-BC/CW (Gainesville, FL):* **Father and son arrested by FBI for firearm charges**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 4:49 PM

A father and son from Live Oak are facing federal charges. Prosecutors say 24-year-old Greg Eward and 44-year-old Dustin Eward illegally sold firearm silencers on their website. Dustin faces up to 20 years in federal prison, while Greg faces a maximum penalty of 10 years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCTV-CBS \(Thomasville, GA\)](#), [WGFL-CBS \(Gainesville, FL\)](#)

*WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA):* **Williamsport men sentenced to prison for fentanyl distribution**, Nico Rossi, May 10, 2022, 4:28 PM

A Williamsport man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for drug trafficking. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Quran Geddy, 26, of Williamsport, was sentenced to 12 years in prison, followed by four years of supervised release, for distributing fentanyl in Lycoming County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Patch (Manchester, CT):* **Manchester Store Owner, Staffer Plead In SNAP-Male Enhancement Case**, Chris Dehnel, May 10, 2022, 4:16 PM

A Manchester convenience store owner and staffer, accused of circumventing the federal food stamp program by allowing, among other things, the subsidized purchase of male enhancements, have entered pleas in their cases, a prosecutor said. Vanessa Roberts Avery, United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that Javed Saeed, 52, and Dagster Saeed, 68, both of South Windsor, entered guilty pleas Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Janet C. Hall in New Haven to food stamp fraud offenses. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WBND-ANC (South Bend, IN):* **Omaha man sentenced in Iowa federal court to 12 years in prison**, Taleisha Newbill, May 10, 2022, 4:01 PM

An Omaha man was sentenced to prison in Iowa federal court Monday. Jeremy Joel Binns, 44, was sentenced to 12 years for conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance. In an investigation with Council Bluffs Police, Southwest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Nebraska State Patrol, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, it's reported Binns was arrested last March for selling meth at a Council Bluffs gas station. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA):* **Former Valdosta police and school resource officer indicted on child pornography charges**, Takyia Price, May 10, 2022, 3:00 PM

The Lowndes County Sheriff's Office says that last month, a former police and school resource officer was criminally indicted by a federal grand jury for producing and possessing child sexual assault material. 31-year-old Jonathan Eric Hancock, of Hahira, Georgia, was indicted on April 12 by a federal grand jury seated in Macon, Georgia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*WCTI-ABC (New Bern, NC):* **Duplin County man sentenced to 15 years in prison for possessing heroin, methamphetamine**, Jordan Honeycutt, May 10, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Duplin County man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for drug trafficking and firearms charges. Michael Hall, 34, was convicted of the following charges: Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a substance containing methamphetamine. Distribution of 50 grams or more of a substance containing methamphetamine. Possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin. Possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(West Village, NY\)](#), [WITN-NBC](#)

[\(Washington, NC\), WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#)

**WPDE-ABC (Florence, SC): Bennettsville man sentenced to 18 years in prison after police chase in Dillon**, Alexx Altman-Devilbiss, May 10, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Bennettsville man who led police on a chase through Dillon will spend nearly two decades in prison. According to the U.S. District Attorney's Office, Matthew Joshua Tolson, 33, was sentenced to 226 months in federal prison, to be followed by a five-year term of court-ordered supervision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMBF-NBC \(Myrtle Beach, SC\)](#)

**Kent Reporter (Kent, WA): Kent man receives nine-year prison sentence for drug trafficking**, Steve Hunter, May 10, 2022, 2:35 PM

A 32-year-old Kent man received a nine-year prison sentence for his role as a high-ranking member of a violent drug-trafficking ring. Adrian Izazaga-Martinez worked as a significant drug distributor for the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG). He was sentenced Tuesday, May 10 in U.S. District Court in Seattle. He was ordering 8-pound loads of methamphetamine, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): Tucson man pleads guilty to deadly fentanyl distribution**, Anne Simmons, May 10, 2022, 1:51 PM

Oscar S. Acuna, Jr. has pled guilty to one count of fentanyl distribution, which led to the death of a woman in 2020. The 35-year-old said he sold fentanyl pills and black tar heroin to the woman and her boyfriend at a Tucson hotel in May 2020, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Arizona. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): Albany man pleads guilty to illegally having rifle**, Sara Rizzo, May 10, 2022, 1:18 PM

An Albany man has pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a rifle as a felon. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) said Stephen Calderon, 42, has two prior felony convictions. As part of his plea, Calderon admitted that on December 19, 2018, he possessed a Norinco SKS 7.62×39 caliber rifle in Albany. His two prior felony convictions are both for driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender in Florida, which prevented him from legally having the gun. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBND-ANC (South Bend, IN): South Bend man sentenced to 12 years for conspiracy to distribute**, Maura Johnson, May 10, 2022, 12:48 PM

A South Bend man was sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Javier Gil, 37, was sentenced to 12 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**The Republican (Springfield, MA): Springfield teacher who was threatened, abused by students awarded nearly \$1 million after federal jury finds schools violated Americans with Disabilities Act**, Will Katcher, May 10, 2022, 4:20 PM

A federal jury has awarded a former Springfield teacher nearly \$1 million after finding that the city's school district did not make reasonable accommodations to her medical needs, effectively forcing her out of a job she held for more than three decades. Deryl Blanks claimed that the Springfield Public Schools placed her unwillingly in a volatile school, where abuse from students left her with a combination of anxiety, stress and physical injuries. The district was unwilling to transfer Blanks to a calmer environment, even after her doctor recommended doing so, she said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY**

**LAT: Immigration officials created network that can spy on majority of Americans, report says**, Cindy Carcamo, May 10, 2022, 6:17 PM

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has crafted a sophisticated surveillance dragnet designed to spy on most people living in the United States, without the need for warrants and many times circumventing state privacy laws, such as those in California, according to a two-year investigation released Tuesday by the Georgetown Law Center on Privacy & Technology. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT: D.H.S. Watchdog Said Damaging Findings Removed From Reports Were Already Known**, Chris Cameron, May 10, 2022, 6:00 PM

Under questioning by staff members from two House committees, senior officials working for the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general said they removed findings about sexual misconduct and domestic violence committed by employees from investigative reports because the department was already known to have those problems, according to the committees. The Democratic leaders of the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Homeland Security Committee were so concerned by the explanation for the omissions, provided during a briefing call late last month, that on Tuesday they formally requested a wide array of internal documents surrounding the investigations. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**Fox: Former immigration judge warns of impending Title 42 backlog**, David Spunt, May 10, 2022, 2:52 PM

The clock is ticking to the planned end of Title 42 pandemic border restrictions – which is expected to add to an already growing backlog of cases before immigration courts. The COVID-19-era health measure used to deport migrants crossing the border illegally is expected to expire May 23. However, the backlog of cases has ballooned to over 1.7 million, according to Syracuse University TRAC. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: US customs officers find this rare pest for the first time**, Zoe Sottile, May 10, 2022, 12:00 PM

Customs officers at the US-Mexico border found an unwanted passenger hitching a ride in a shipment of fresh fruit: Cochabamba sp. – a rare pest never before seen at a US port of entry. The discovery was made May 2 by US Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialists at the Pharr International Bridge in Texas, says a news release from the agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Judge Rightly Kept 'Remain In Mexico' In Place, Justices Hear**, Mike LaSusa, May 10, 2022, 9:45 PM

Federal immigration law didn't block a Texas federal judge from ordering the Biden administration to continue the so-called Remain in Mexico policy, the states of Texas and Missouri told the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DC Circ. Revives Plasma Companies' Visa Policy Suit**, Grace Dixon, May 10, 2022, 5:22 PM

The D.C. Circuit ruled Tuesday that blood plasma collection companies can challenge a U.S. Customs and Border Protection policy barring Mexican citizens from entering the country on business visitor visas to sell plasma, upending a lower court's ruling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Washington Times: ICE leaving thousands of detention beds empty as feds beg for help from Supreme Court**, Stephen Dinan, May 10, 2022, 5:00 PM

President Biden's attorney, defending the government's immigration policies to the Supreme Court late last month, painted a picture of an administration eager to detain illegal immigrants to the full extent of the law but stymied by a stingy Congress that won't provide any more beds. The numbers don't back that up. From Dec. 1 to March 31, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Homeland Security Department agency tasked

with detaining illegal immigrants, left an average of more than 7,600 beds empty on any given day, or about 27% of its total capacity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Feds Want 1-Year Sentence For Chinese Engineer's J-1 Fraud**, Pete Brush, May 10, 2022, 3:44 PM

A Chinese engineer jailed for scheming to defraud a U.S. foreign-scholar visa program deserves about a year in prison, Manhattan federal prosecutors argued ahead of his scheduled Friday sentencing, pushing back against a defense request for his release and deportation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): Fighting fentanyl at the US border; Local 10 granted exclusive access to law enforcement operations**, Janine Stanwood,, May 10, 2022, 11:36 PM

Dangerous drugs, including the synthetic opioid fentanyl, are being seized in record numbers at U.S. southern border with Mexico. Federal authorities say it is a relentless pursuit to keep those drugs from entering cities and towns nationwide, including South Florida. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and U.S. Border Patrol agents gave Local 10 News an exclusive look at how law enforcement is dealing with drug smuggling in the Tuscon sector, one of the busiest sections of the southwest border. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WSMV-NBC (Nashville, TN): More than 500 Glock switches intercepted in Tennessee**, Jeremy Finley, May 10, 2022, 11:19 PM

Once, they even showed up in a toaster oven — tiny pieces looking like parts of a keychain. They are harmless on their own, but deadly when assembled and attached to a pistol. So far, the Memphis port of U.S. Customs and Border Protection has confiscated 525 Glock switches. News4 Investigates, a team of reporters with WBIR's Nashville sister station, first exposed the illegal devices that give pistols the power of machine guns. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WATE-ABC (Knoxville, TX): 'Shadow units' being eliminated, U.S. Customs and Border Protection says**, Salvador Rivera, May 10, 2022, 7:44 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has announced intentions to do away with its controversial Critical Incident Response Teams. The CIRTs have also been referred to as “shadow units” by some groups, including the Southern Border Communities Coalition, which called on Congress to investigate them. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): Family sues to end Title 42 in border states that aren't challenging its May 23 rollback**, Salvador Rivera, May 10, 2022, 7:06 PM

Innovation Law Lab, an immigrant advocacy organization, filed a lawsuit on behalf of a family from El Salvador to intervene in a federal lawsuit over the Biden administration's order to end Title 42. It comes on the heels of a federal district court judge issuing a temporary restraining order blocking the Biden administration's order to end Title 42 on May 23. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX): El Paso Customs and Border officers seize narcotics, arrest 30 fugitives**, Angela Bonilla, May 10, 2022, 1:35 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at El Paso area ports of entry seized various narcotics and arrested 30 fugitives. Officers working at the Paso Del Norte border crossing on April 30 intercepted 57 pounds of methamphetamine from a 70-year-old man. A total of 51 bundles were discovered hidden throughout the vehicle. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **ANTITRUST**

**Reuters: Republican leader asks for Democratic nomination to FTC be pulled**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 3:27 PM

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell urged the Biden administration on Tuesday to reconsider its nomination of privacy expert Alvaro Bedoya to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, possibly extending the Democrats' inability to take control of the agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Reuters: Chicken executives' lawyers decry 'third bite' price-fixing trial for DOJ**, Mike Scarcella, May 10, 2022, 2:21 PM

Defense lawyers for five former and current chicken industry executives on Monday mounted new legal challenges against prosecutors who want another shot at a criminal price-fixing prosecution after two earlier juries were deadlocked. Attorneys for the former Pilgrim's Pride Corp chief executives Jayson Penn and William Lovette, among the defendants, said in new filings that the third trial set for June should not be a "fresh opportunity" for the government "to fill gaps it belatedly believes prevented conviction twice" in recent months. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

**Reuters: Chamber of Commerce says bill to strengthen U.S. FTC 'troubling'**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 11:23 AM

The Chamber of Commerce, which speaks for U.S. businesses, said Tuesday that it opposes a bill aimed at restoring the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's power to force deceptive companies and scam artists to return ill-gotten gains. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: Antitrust Chief Barred From Google Cases Amid Recusal Push**, Leah Nylan, May 10, 2022, 11:32 AM

The Justice Department's top antitrust official has been barred from working on monopoly investigations of Alphabet Inc.'s Google as the department wrestles with whether he must recuse himself because of his previous work for the search giant's rivals, according to people familiar with the matter. Jonathan Kanter, a longtime advocate for antitrust enforcement against Google, was brought in by the Biden administration to tackle difficult antitrust investigations into tech giants like Google and Apple Inc. that began under former President Donald Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**Law360: 9th Circ. Says National Park Service Can Ban SF Bay Fishing**, Lauren Berg, May 10, 2022, 6:40 PM

The National Park Service has the authority to prohibit commercial herring fishing in the San Francisco Bay, the Ninth Circuit ruled Tuesday, rejecting a fishing group's argument that the agency would have to acquire a property interest in those waters from California as "untenable." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Ledger-Enquirer (Columbus, GA): Man sold turtles he illegally trapped in Georgia for high profits in China, feds say**, Cassandre Coyer, May 10, 2022, 4:06 PM

A South Carolina man illegally trapped hundreds of freshwater turtles in Georgia that were eventually shipped to China for thousands of dollars, authorities said. Now, the man is facing prison time. Nathan Horton, from Orangeburg, a city about 44 miles southeast of Columbia, said he was a "wildlife enthusiast" and trapper all his life, according to a sentencing memorandum on Horton's behalf obtained by McClatchy News. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bellingham Herald](#), [WSB-ABC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

**Courthouse News: Feds sued over pollution blamed for spike in manatee deaths**, Alex Pickett, May 10, 2022, 4:00 PM

Following a record-breaking year for manatee deaths, three environmental organizations sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday, alleging the federal agency has not done enough to prevent

pollution in one of Florida's most important estuaries. Save the Manatee Club, Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife filed the 86-page complaint in Orlando federal court to force the EPA to reassess water quality standards approved over a decade ago. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Tampa Bay Times](#)

## **TAX**

**NYT: For Financial Help and Counsel, Hunter Biden Turns to Hollywood Lawyer**, Kenneth P. Vogel and Michael S. Schmidt, May 10, 2022, 8:00 PM

Faced with financial pressure and a federal investigation into his taxes and foreign consulting work, Hunter Biden has turned for money and strategic advice to an unlikely source: a wealthy Hollywood lawyer and novelist best known for brokering a lucrative licensing deal for the animated series "South Park." The lawyer, Kevin Morris, has quietly taken on an expansive role as a financier, confidant and would-be avenger for Mr. Biden, handling sensitive subjects for President Biden's son that could have acute political ramifications for the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

## **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**AP: Inside the manhunt for an escaped murder suspect and jailer**, Michael Balsamo, May 11, 2022, 5:45 AM

It was about three hours after sheriff's officials in Alabama realized a capital murder suspect and a senior jail official who had taken him for a mental health evaluation had disappeared when Sheriff Rick Singleton called in the U.S. marshals. At first, law enforcement officials believed the suspect, Casey White, might have kidnapped Vicky White, the assistant director of corrections for Lauderdale County and a 17-year veteran of the sheriff's office. (The two were not married or otherwise related.) But they quickly learned that her cover story was phony — the mental health evaluation was made up — and a manhunt began. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**USA Today: How did the Alabama inmate and officer evade authorities for so long? Money, expert says**, Ryan W. Miller, May 10, 2022, 10:19 PM

An Alabama corrections officer is dead and escaped inmate was taken into custody Monday after evading police for more than a week. But how did they elude authorities for so long? Former corrections officer Vicky White, 56, and inmate Casey White, 38, vanished on April 29, and authorities have since said the couple had a "jailhouse romance" and were planning their escape. They were arrested Monday after a police chase and subsequent car wreck in Evansville, Indiana, Lauderdale County Sheriff Rick Singleton said. Casey White was injured in the crash, and Vicky White later died after shooting herself in the head. The Vanderburgh County Coroner ruled her death a suicide following an autopsy Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Reuters](#), [WSJ](#)

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] One pill can kill: the fight for fentanyl awareness**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 8:00 PM

The first ever National Fentanyl Awareness Day is aiming to educate people on the dangers of fentanyl — especially when secretly mixed with other (more common) drugs. Impactful founder and president Ashley Spillane explains why the drug is so dangerous. [[Watch](#)]

**Newsweek: On 'National Fentanyl Awareness Day,' DEA Says Drug Poses Deadliest Threat**, Aila Slisco, May 10, 2022, 11:46 PM

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) said that fentanyl posed the "deadliest" drug threat ever known while marking the first-ever "National Fentanyl Awareness Day." DEA Administrator Anne Milgram warned against the "highly addictive" synthetic narcotic on Tuesday while the agency recognized March 10 as National Fentanyl Awareness Day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that over 100,000

drug overdoses had occurred in the U.S. during a 12-month period that ended last November, 66 percent involving synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [KMBC-ABC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KMPH-Fox \(Fresno, CA\)](#), [KRON \(San Francisco, CA\)](#), [KSAZ-Fox \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#), [KSDK-NBC \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [KSNF-NBC \(Joplin, MO\)](#), [KSNV-NBC \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [KTVU-Fox \(Oakland, CA\)](#), [KWCH-CBS \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [KXAN-NBC \(Austin, TX\)](#), [WANE-CBS \(Fort Wayne, IN\)](#), [WBND-ABC \(South Bend, IN\)](#), [WHSV-ABC \(Harrisonburg, VA\)](#), [WJXT-CW \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#), [WKYC-NBC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#), [WKBN-CBS \(Youngstown, OH\)](#), [WKRC-CBS \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#), [WTVR-CBS \(Richmond, VA\)](#), [WPDE-ABC \(Florence, SC\)](#), [WYTV-ABC \(Youngstown, OH\)](#)

**Law360: Researchers Want DEA To Move On Pot Import Application**, Mike Curley, May 10, 2022, 4:15 PM

A medical cannabis research lab is asking a Rhode Island federal court for an injunction ordering the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration to make a final determination on an application to import and study cannabis, saying the DEA has been in violation of its own rules by dragging its feet on the application. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Cleveland Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH): Suspect in Mansfield homicide arrested in Arizona**, Cliff Pinckard, May 10, 2022, 10:30 PM

Federal authorities in Arizona arrested a suspect Tuesday accused of fatally shooting a man during an argument outside a convenience store earlier this month in Mansfield, Ohio. Michael Childress, 29, of Toledo, is being held in the Maricopa County Jail in Arizona awaiting extradition to Ohio, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. The Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force arrested Childress at a residence in Phoenix. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBNS-CBS \(Columbus, OH\)](#), [WJW-Fox \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WOIO-CBS \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

**WTMJ-AM (Milwaukee, WI): One-on-one with Milwaukee's new FBI Special Agent in Charge, Michael Hensle shares priorities for office**, Stephanie Haines, May 10, 2022, 10:51 PM

FBI Milwaukee has a new Special Agent in Charge. Michael Hensle took over in February after the previous special agent in charge, Robert Hughes, retired. Hensle has been with the FBI for close to 20 years. The job has taken him across the country, with stops in New York state, Salt Lake City and FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KSAT-ABC (San Antonio, TX): ATF prepares for ghost gun rule change in hopes of reducing violent crime**, Leigh Waldman, Joe Arredondo May 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

A rule change for cracking down on ghost guns comes with the hope of reducing violent crime, but not everyone believes this will be effective. Nearly a month ago, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a rule to rein in ghost guns. According to a White House release, "There were approximately 20,000 suspected ghost guns reported to ATF as having been recovered by law enforcement in criminal investigations – a ten-fold increase from 2016." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WBBM-CBS (Chicago, IL): Sources: FBI searches home of Riverdale mayor, Michael Hensle shares priorities for office**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 9:54 PM

The FBI searched the home of Riverdale Mayor Lawrence Jackson on Tuesday, CBS 2 has learned. A spokeswoman confirmed the FBI had "engaged in court-authorized law enforcement activity" in the south suburb on Tuesday, but had no further information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KETK-NBC (Longview, TX): FBI sees 'dramatic increase' in sextortion in Texas, warns parents of online dangers**, Diante Marigny, May 10, 2022, 9:25 PM

The FBI has warned parents to closely monitor their children's devices as cases of sextortion are on the rise in Texas. Sextortion is when an adult poses as a minor to get a child to send them nude photos; that adult then demands money from that minor to prevent the explicit content from being released online. [[Continue Reading](#)]



**WRC-NBC (Washington, DC): FBI Teams Up With American Hero Targeted in Elder Fraud Scheme to Issue Warning**, Walter Morris, May 10, 2022, 9:00 PM

On Tuesday, the FBI issued a warning to American seniors, thousands of whom fall victim to fraud schemes targeting the elderly every year. One of those victims is an American hero who now wants to warn others who may be targeted. William Webster served in World War II, the Korean War and as a federal judge, along with being a former FBI and CIA director. Unfortunately, a few years ago, he also became a member of a club no one wants to join. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO): Drug emoji decoder used to help parents have conversations about fake pill use**, Matt Flener, May 10, 2022, 8:11 PM

Tuesday marked the first nationwide National Fentanyl Awareness Day as groups around the Kansas City metro area spoke about the dangers of the illicit drug finding its way into fake prescription pills, methamphetamine, marijuana, and heroin. Rogeana Patterson-King, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration assistant special agent in charge of the Kansas City district office, spoke to KMBC about the rise in overdose deaths both in the Kansas City region and nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO): ATF takes aim at ghost guns**, Matt Evans, May 10, 2022, 7:38 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is now taking aim at ghost guns. Ghost guns are firearms that are untraceable and could be built right in your home. KMBC 9 Investigates found these weapons can be bought and built from online kits without a background check. This Taurus G2C 9mm pistol in this story isn't a ghost gun. The ATF's John Ham is using it as an example. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KOMO-AM (Seattle, WA): ARRESTED: FBI catches Seattle-area couple on the run**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 9:25 PM

The FBI arrested the Auburn couple on the run for mail and wire fraud. Officials confirmed KOMO News they found Bernard Ross Hansen, 61, and Diane Renee Erdmann, 49, in Port Hadlock Tuesday afternoon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KLFY-CBS (Lafayette, LA): FBI “asking questions” about 15th District’s Pre-Trial Intervention Program, Scott Lewis**, Abigail Jones, May 10, 2022, 7:42 PM

The 15th Judicial District Attorney's Office has addressed a raid of their office by the FBI on Monday, May 9. The DA said the FBI asked questions surrounding the DA's Pre-Trial Intervention Program. Around 15 FBI agents were at the courthouse for most of the evening yesterday. In an email to our newsroom, an FBI spokesperson told us that "...the agency does not confirm or deny the existence of an investigation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WCIA-CBS (Champaign, IL): Police: Armed man inside Romeoville bank shot, killed by officer**, Jenna Barnes, Andy Koval, May 10, 2022, 7:15 PM

An armed man was shot and killed inside a Romeoville bank Tuesday after taking multiple hostages, police said. At around 3:40 p.m., police responded to a Fifth Third Bank branch, located at 275 S. Weber. During a press conference Tuesday evening, Romeoville police said the man was shot and killed by a Will County officer during the incident. At one point, multiple people were taken hostage, police said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WGN (Chicago, IL): Police: Armed man inside Romeoville bank shot, killed by officer**, Andy Koval, Jenna Barnes, May 10, 2022, 4:20 PM

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during the incident. At one point, multiple people were taken hostage, police said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KTVZ-NBC (Bend, OR): Oregon FBI's Tech Tuesday: Beware of summer travel scams**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 3:05 PM

After a snowy and rainy winter, you may be looking to escape to a warmer climate for summer vacation. And guess what? The scammers know that and hope to “cash in” on your travel plans. Travel scams come in many forms; emails, cold calls, social media, even submit or play to win drawings. Many scam artists will send you the same fake deals through both email and text. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KVII-ABC (Amarillo, TX): Firearms, drugs found during execution of federal search warrants in Potter County**, Matthew Watkins, May 10, 2022, 2:00 PM

Federal agents and local authorities conducted two search warrants in Potter County resulting in one arrest, the Potter County Sheriff's Office said in a news release on Tuesday. According to the Sheriff's Office, PCSO's SRT Team, the Randall County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and Amarillo Police Department Narcotics Unit assisted the Amarillo DEA with the execution of two federal search warrants in Potter County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS**

**AP: Appeals court denies Arizona inmate's bid to avoid execution**, Jacques Billeaud, May 10, 2022, 3:00 PM

A federal appeals court on Tuesday rejected a request to postpone the planned execution of an Arizona prisoner in what would be the state's first use of the death penalty in nearly eight years. The decision by a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals keeps on track plans to execute 66-year-old Clarence Dixon on Wednesday morning at the state prison in Florence for his murder conviction in the 1978 killing of 21-year-old Arizona State University student Deana Bowdoin. On Tuesday evening, the appeals court declined a request by Dixon's lawyers for a larger panel of judges to hear the appeal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Phoenix News](#)

## **US SUPREME COURT**

**Reuters: Biden administration asks U.S. Supreme Court to shun Bayer weedkiller appeal**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 5:58 PM

President Joe Biden's administration on Tuesday asked the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear Bayer AG's ([BAYGn.DE](#)) bid to dismiss claims by customers who contend that its Roundup weedkiller causes cancer, as the company seeks to avoid potentially billions of dollars in damages. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NYT, The Daily: A Post-Roe America, Part 2: The Abortion Providers**, May 11, 2022, 6:07 AM

In Part 1 of our two-part series, we spoke to anti-abortion activists about their preparations for a future without Roe v. Wade. Today, we talk to people working in abortion clinics about what the potential change could mean for their patients. “Everybody's scared,” said one provider from Oklahoma. “Every single person that walks in our clinic, you can see the fear on their faces.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

**USA Today: Protests at Supreme Court justices' homes stoke more partisan fighting after leaked draft Roe decision**, Bart Jansen, May 11, 2022, 5:04 AM

The furor over a leaked Supreme Court draft opinion that would overturn the landmark abortion decision Roe v. Wade caused another political uproar days later when protesters took the unprecedented step of marching to justices' houses holding signs and chanting. Republicans argued the protests threatened “mob rule” and were potentially illegal by aiming to influence the justices. Some Democrats have cheered the peaceful protests, but

others condemned vigils held outside justices' homes as "outrageous" and no way to plead the case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

**WaPo: [OPINION] Protesting at justices' homes is illegal. What is Biden doing about it?**, Marc A. Thiessen, May 10, 2022, 2:11 PM

Protesters outside Brett M. Kavanaugh's house warned the Supreme Court justice this weekend, "If you take away our choices, we will riot." They marched on Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr.'s home chanting "Abort the court!" and stood outside the home of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. (who apparently did not vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*) yelling "The whole world is watching!" [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: [ANALYSIS] Clarence Thomas has waited over 30 years for this moment**, Jeffrey Toobin, May 11, 2022, 5:30 AM

For Justice Clarence Thomas, these are glory days. As Thomas settles into his fourth decade on the Supreme Court, his influence, even his control, is ascendant. Thomas began his career as a justice as a near outcast – an ideological fringe figure and a scarred veteran of a brutal confirmation fight. Today, he is a revered figure in the conservative movement, and he is watching ideas he championed from the margins turn into the law of the land. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Politico: Alito's draft opinion overturning *Roe* is still the only one circulated inside Supreme Court**, Josh Gerstein, Alexander Ward and Ryan Lizza, May 11, 2022, 4:31 AM

The Supreme Court is set to gather Thursday for the first time since the disclosure that it voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and there's no sign that the court is changing course from issuing that ruling by the end of June. Justice Samuel Alito's sweeping and blunt draft majority opinion from February overturning *Roe* remains the court's only circulated draft in the pending Mississippi abortion case, POLITICO has learned, and none of the conservative justices who initially sided with Alito have to date switched their votes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Biden Admin Tells Justices Carbon Costs Case Is Premature**, Clark Mindock, May 10, 2022, 1:11 PM

The Biden administration told the U.S. Supreme Court that Republican-led states jumped the gun with their challenge of its greenhouse gas emissions cost calculations — changes it said have been common for presidential administrations for decades. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: Tribes Ask DC Circ. To Upend Treasury Win On Virus Funding**, Andrew Westney, May 10, 2022, 8:42 PM

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida have urged the D.C. Circuit to overturn a decision backing the U.S. Department of the Treasury's calculation of COVID-19 relief funds to tribes, saying the department hadn't justified part of its approach that led to skewed payments to tribes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Panel Set To Fight Crisis Of Missing, Murdered Native Women**, Joyce Hanson, May 10, 2022, 8:12 PM

The federal government is ramping up plans to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women through implementing the Not Invisible Act that U. S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland sponsored while in Congress, saying it has finally tapped 37 people to sit on a commission established by the act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Argus Leader (Sioux Falls, SD): For Financial Help and Counsel, Hunter Biden Turns to Hollywood**

**Lawyer**, Stu Whitney, May 10, 2022, 5:42 PM

Pro-choice advocates say overturning Roe v. Wade would place greater strain and hardship on Native American women in South Dakota, who are twice as likely as other races to be the victims of sexual assault, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Overturning the landmark abortion decision — as leaked documents indicate may be on the horizon — would exacerbate longstanding reservation concerns about lack of adequate health care and reproductive services for Native women in a state with an Indigenous population of nine percent.

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## **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**

*Marijuana Moment*: **Federal guidance on cannabis at the border**, Tom Angell, May 11, 2022, 6:00 AM

A newly unveiled Customs and Border Protection document sheds light on how the U.S. determines whether someone working in Canada's legal marijuana industry should be barred from entering the country. The Department of Justice got another extension on the deadline to reveal its position in a case on safe consumption sites for illegal drugs, but advocates say "productive" negotiations could lead to a settlement that would "clear a path" for overdose prevention centers to open across the U.S. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **OPIOID CRISIS**

*Marijuana Moment*: **New York Lawmakers Approve Bill To Authorize Safe Drug Consumption Sites In Committee**, Kyle Jaeger, May 10, 2022, 3:30 PM

A New York Assembly committee on Tuesday advanced a bill to establish a statewide safe consumption site program, allowing regulators to authorize facilities where people could use currently illicit drugs in a medically supervised environment. The legislation from Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal (D) was reported out of the Assembly Health Committee, with a few Democrats joining the Republican minority in voting against it. The bill now heads to the Codes Committee before potentially moving to the floor for consideration. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

*Reuters*: **Biden considers executive orders, new funds for abortion**, Nandita Bose, May 11, 2022, 4:36 AM

President Joe Biden is considering executive orders and other measures to increase access and funding for women if the U.S. Supreme Court votes to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, officials and sources with knowledge of the matter said. An unprecedented leak of an initial draft majority opinion from the Supreme Court, published by Politico last week, showed the court is set to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that said the U.S. Constitution protects a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. [read more.](#)

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## **CONGRESS**

*Reuters*: **U.S. Senate Democrats put abortion-rights bill to the test Wednesday**, Richard Cowan, May 11, 2022, 5:11 AM

Democrats in the U.S. Senate plan to force a vote on Wednesday on legislation codifying women's rights to abortion nationwide, a protest gesture that is almost certain to fail ahead of an expected Supreme Court decision to end those protections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NPR](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

*AP*: **House approves \$40B in Ukraine aid, beefing up Biden request**, Alan Fram, May 10, 2022, 10:00 PM

The House emphatically approved a fresh \$40 billion Ukraine aid package Tuesday as lawmakers beefed up President Joe Biden's initial request, signaling a magnified, bipartisan commitment to thwart Russian President Vladimir Putin's bloody three-month-old invasion. The measure sailed to passage by a lopsided 368-57 margin, providing \$7 billion more than Biden's request from April and dividing the increase evenly between defense and humanitarian programs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

**Fox: Hawley demands Garland 'investigate and prosecute' vandal 'pro-abortion activists'**, Houston Keene, May 11, 2022, 3:37 AM

Senator Josh Hawley, R-Mo., sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland calling on him to prosecute "pro-abortion activists" the senator says "have begun a campaign of violence, destruction, and intimidation" after the Supreme Court leak. Fox News Digital exclusively obtained the Tuesday letter from Hawley to Garland calling on the attorney general to "vigorously investigate and prosecute the crimes committed in recent days," pointing to video footage of "pro-abortion activists surrounding the homes of Supreme Court Justices in an attempt to influence" their opinion on the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Newsweek: Lindsey Graham Tapes Praise Biden, Condemn Trump—Full Transcript**, Ewan Palmer, May 11, 2022, 3:46 AM

Audio tapes have emerged revealing Sen. Lindsey Graham praised Joe Biden as "the best person to have" as president in the wake of the January 6 attack while criticizing Donald Trump for his rhetoric. The tapes, which New York Times reporters Alex Burns and Jonathan Martin shared with CNN's Anderson Cooper on Anderson Cooper 360, show Graham, one of the biggest Trump allies in the Senate, suggesting that the country will come out "stronger" after the insurrection, and that the incoming president, Biden, will help unify the nation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Hill: Democrats look to retake control of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**, Stephen Neukam, May 10, 2022, 4:20 PM

Democrats are looking to regain control of the federal agency that enforces civil rights laws against workplace discrimination with the confirmation process of Kalpana Kotagal, a Biden administration nominee who would give the party a 3-2 advantage on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Kotagal, a civil rights attorney, was nominated in March to replace Republican Janet Dhillon, whose term expires in July. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 10, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- President Biden is fighting back against criticism that his administration is not doing enough to fight inflation, this comes as gas prices hit a new record high and the DOW finished in red for the fourth day in a row. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- New details are emerging about the Alabama fugitive couple after police caught them following a 10-day manhunt. Casey White is now back in prison and investigators believe Vicky White was the mastermind

behind the escape. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Putin is preparing for a prolonged conflict in Ukraine with goals beyond the Donbas region, says the Director of National Intelligence. This, as Russian missiles continue to bombard Ukraine in an effort to disrupt supply lines and western weapon shipments. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Celebrity Chef Mario Batali was found not guilty of indecent assault and battery after an incident with a woman in 2017. Batali faced up to 2.5 years in prison and would have been required to register as a sex offender if convicted. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Elon Musk said Twitter would reverse its ban of former President Donald Trump if his purchase of the social media company goes through, signaling just how permissive the platform could become toward free speech under his ownership. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- The FDA says it's working to increase imports and supply of infant formula amid a nationwide shortage. At least 25 states and D.C. are running low and the dwindling supply has many parents worried. [[CBS](#)]
- Just a "very, very small amount of fentanyl" can be lethal, which is how it's become the leading cause of death in Americans 18-45 and why the Drug Enforcement Administration is trying to stop the killer drug at the source. [[CBS](#)]
- The CDC is sounding the alarm about a mysterious and deadly outbreak of hepatitis among children that has been found in 24 states. [[ABC](#)]
- The lone passenger aboard a small plane was guided by an air traffic controller on how to safely land the aircraft after the pilot suffered from a medical emergency. [[ABC](#)]
- A new law in Connecticut aims to expand abortion access and protect providers from being sued or even criminally charged by other states. After Texas passed its abortion law, states like Missouri are looking at similar legislation that would allow private citizens to sue abortion providers. [[NBC](#)]

## **MORNING HEADLINES**

- "House approves nearly \$40 billion in aid to Ukraine" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Ukraine Accuses Russia of Stealing Its Grain" [[WSJ](#)]
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“Economists Estimate Rapid Pace of U.S. Inflation Eased in April” [[WSJ](#)]

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“Immigration officials created network that can spy on majority of Americans, report says” [[LAT](#)]

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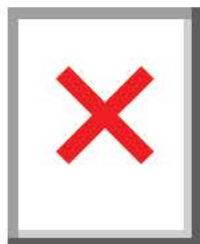
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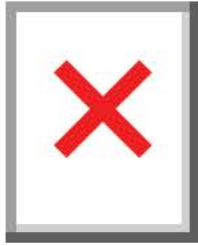
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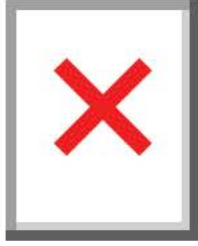
**BREAKING** — [New reporting from inside the Supreme Court](#), via Josh Gerstein, Alexander Ward and Ryan, as the nine justices are set to gather Thursday for the first time since POLITICO published the draft opinion overturning Roe:

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“**That could explain why no second draft** of Alito’s majority opinion has been distributed, as typically the two sides react to one another’s written arguments and recast their own.

“**As the nine justices prepare for** their scheduled, private, closed-door conference this week, they face one of the greatest crises in modern Supreme Court history, with an internal leak investigation under way, an agitated nation focused on whether the constitutional right to abortion is about to be overturned, and some justices facing angry protests at their homes.

“**This is the most serious assault on the court**, perhaps from within, that the Supreme Court’s ever experienced,’ one person close to the court’s conservatives told POLITICO Tuesday. ‘It’s an understatement to say they are heavily, heavily burdened by this.’”



In West Virginia, Trump-backed Rep. Alex Mooney defeated Rep. David McKinley in a primary that pitted tribalism against pork. Kenneth Ferrera/Liberty Journal Star via AP, File

**PRIMARY RESULTS** — The closely watched Republican primaries in West Virginia and Nebraska ended in a win and a loss for Trump. *Ally Mutnick and Zach Montellaro have [the rundown of the key races](#)*

— **West Virginia:** In the Mountain State's second district, Trump-backed Rep. **ALEX MOONEY** defeated Rep. **DAVID MCKINLEY** in a primary that pitted tribalism against pork. McKinley broke with most House Republicans to support the bipartisan infrastructure bill that would pour money into badly needed projects for West Virginia. Mooney attacked him as a RINO, secured Trump's blessing and [won the primary, 54%-36%](#).

**Analysis:** [WSJ's Joshua Jamerson on how BIF played in the race](#) ... [NYT's Jonathan Weisman on the implications](#) for a potential House GOP majority next year ... [WaPo's James Hohmann does the math](#) on House Republicans who backed BIF

— **Nebraska:** In the GOP gubernatorial primary, **JIM PILLEN**, a regent at the University of Nebraska who had the support of the state's traditional Republican establishment, defeated **CHARLES HERBSTER**, Trump's candidate who faced multiple allegations of groping women.

State Sen. **BRETT LINDSTROM**, the moderate in the race, trailed close behind in third place.

**The final results:** Pillen 33%, Herbster 30%, Lindstrom 26%.

**Analysis from NYT's Reid Epstein:** “Mr. Herbster is **the first candidate endorsed by Mr. Trump to lose a Republican primary in 2022** . Many more Trump-endorsed candidates are facing stiff headwinds in coming primaries, starting with contests for governor in Idaho next week and in Georgia on May 24.

“**Mr. Pillen, 66, ran a campaign predicated on the idea** that Nebraska Republicans were satisfied with the administration of Gov. **PETE RICKETTS** , his main political benefactor and most prominent supporter, who is stepping down because of term limits. Mr. Ricketts spent millions on television advertising backing Mr. Pillen while attacking Mr. Herbster and Mr. Lindstrom.” **More Analysis:**[AP's Grant Schulte on Pillen's road to victory](#)

**The Nebraska race showed the limits** of trying to turn serious allegations of misconduct into an attack on the press that rallies conservatives. Ally Mutnick and Zach Montellaro: “Trump stood by Herbster despite the revelations in mid-April, reported by the Nebraska Examiner, that a number of women, including a sitting state senator, accused Herbster of groping or inappropriately touching them.

“**Herbster denied the allegations, and Ricketts** and others condemned him. But instead of stepping aside, Herbster ran a TV ad comparing himself to Supreme Court Justices **CLARENCE THOMAS** and **BRETT KAVANAUGH**. Trump rallied for Herbster in the runup to the primary.”

**Good Wednesday morning**, and thanks for reading Playbook. Drop us a line: [Rachael Bade](#) , [Eugene Daniels](#), [Ryan Lizza](#).

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A message from PhRMA:

**ICYMI:** A majority of Americans reject so-called government “negotiation” once they learn it could restrict access and choice and chill the innovation of new treatments and cures. The [survey](#) also shows a majority find health care coverage costs unreasonable and a top priority health care issue for policymakers to address today.

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**NEW POLLING ON ABORTION RIGHTS** — Over the last week, the percentage of Americans who say they’ve heard “a lot” or “some” about the draft Supreme Court opinion overturning Roe shot to 66% — up 7 points since the news broke. And judging from the results of a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll, they’re not wild about what they’re hearing.

- **On overturning Roe:** Fifty-three percent of voters say Roe should *not* be overturned, up three percentage points since last week. Twenty-eight percent say Roe *should* be overturned.
- **Among Republican voters,** just 48% support overturning Roe. That’s *down* three points from last week.
- **On the midterms:** Fifty-eight percent of voters said it is important for them to vote for a candidate in the midterms who supports abortion access. That includes 82% of Democratic voters, 57% of independents and more than 1 in 3 Republicans (35%).

**As for what might happen with Roe gone,** across the board, voters overwhelmingly oppose criminal penalties for women and doctors who obtain or perform abortions.

- **On the prospect of prison for women:** Seventy-three percent oppose prison time for women to receive abortions. That includes 84% of Democratic voters, 76% of independents and 60% of Republicans.
- **On the prospect of fines for doctors:** Eighty percent of Democrats and 64% of independents oppose fines for doctors who perform abortions. Among Republicans, 50% *support* fining doctors, while 39% oppose it. [Toplines](#) ... [Crosstabs](#)

**HEADS UP** — April’s Consumer Price Index, a key inflation indicator, will be released at 8:30 a.m. [here](#).

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## **BIDEN'S WEDNESDAY (all times Eastern):**

— **10 a.m.:** The president will depart the White House en route to Chicago, where he is scheduled to arrive at 12:15 p.m.

— **1:45 p.m.:** Biden will visit a family farm in Kankakee, Illinois, to discuss food supply and prices and will deliver remarks at 2:15 p.m.

— **5 p.m.:** Biden will address the 40th International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) International Convention back in Chicago.

— **5:50 p.m.:** Biden will attend a DNC fundraiser.

— **7:40 p.m.:** The president will depart Chicago to return to the White House, where he is scheduled to arrive at 9:55 p.m.

**Deputy principal press secretary KARINE JEAN-PIERRE** will gaggle aboard Air Force One en route to Chicago.

**The SENATE** is in. Commerce Secretary **GINA RAIMONDO** will testify before an Appropriations subcommittee at 2 p.m. USAID Administrator **SAMANTHA POWER** will testify before the Foreign Relations Committee at 2:30 p.m.

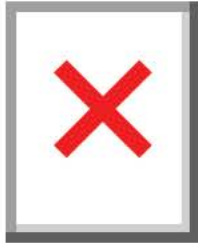
**The HOUSE** will meet at 10 a.m. Testifying before Appropriations subcommittees today: **ANTHONY FAUCI** at 10 a.m., USAID Administrator **SAMANTHA POWER** at 10 a.m., HUD Secretary **MARCIA FUDGE** at 10 a.m., Defense Secretary **LLOYD AUSTIN** and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Gen. **MARK MILLEY** at 10:30 a.m., and CBP Commissioner **CHRIS MAGNUS** at 2 p.m.

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## **PHOTO OF THE DAY**



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi speaks outside the White House after meeting with President Joe Biden on Tuesday in Washington, DC. Drew Angerer/Getty Images

PLAYBOOK READS

**ALL POLITICS**

**IN PENNSYLVANIA** — Looking ahead to next week’s major primary, our politics team has a pair of important stories on the Pennsylvania races:

**1. Top state GOP officials are banding together in a last-ditch effort to stop state Sen. DOUG MASTRIANO** from nabbing the gubernatorial nomination, [Holly Otterbein and Zach Montellaro report](#). “With only days to go before the May 17 primary, GOP gubernatorial campaigns and leading state and county officials have been in discussions about uniting behind a single candidate to avoid a scenario in which Mastriano wins the crowded race by taking advantage of a splintered vote. If that doesn’t work, another option is persuading the candidates in single-digits in the polls to drop out.”

**2. Senate Republicans are “dismissing attacks on MEHMET OZ’s** Turkish citizenship by his GOP rivals,” [Burgess Everett and Marianne LeVine report](#). “In interviews, Republicans gave Oz what amounts to a leg up in his nasty primary by saying that they have no concerns about his loyalty and no problems with him receiving classified briefings should he become a U.S. senator.”

**MEANWHILE, ON THE DEM SIDE OF THINGS...** [“In an Uphill Year, Democrats of All Stripes Worry About Electability.”](#) Katie Glueck for the NYT. “On Monday night, several left-leaning congressional candidates joined an emergency organizing call with activists reeling from a draft Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade. A somber Senator **ELIZABETH WARREN** of Massachusetts, opening the discussion, acknowledged that Democrats held control in Washington but were nonetheless “in an uphill battle for change.”

The moment, she said, demanded leaders ‘who know how to get in the fight and who know how to win.’”

**The stepback:** “Tensions over how to execute on both of those ambitions — pushing effectively for change, while winning elections — are now animating Democratic primaries from Pennsylvania to Texas to Oregon, as Democrats barrel into an intense new season of intraparty battles. For the first months of 2022, Republican primaries have dominated the political landscape, emerging as key measures of former President Donald J. Trump’s sway over his party’s base. But the coming weeks will also offer a window into the mood of Democratic voters who are alarmed by threats to abortion rights, frustrated by gridlock in Washington and deeply worried about a challenging midterm campaign environment.”

**SCOTT HITS BIDEN IN NEW TV AD** — NRSC Chairman **RICK SCOTT** (R-Fla.) has a blossoming rivalry with the president, and seems to be loving every minute of it. Following several days of shots from Biden in which he knocked Scott’s proposed GOP agenda, Scott on Tuesday called on Biden to resign and challenged him to a debate over inflation. Now, he’s dishing out six-figures on a new nationwide cable TV ad touting Biden’s disses. [See the ad, which goes live Friday](#)



**FIRST PERSON** — The Atlantic’s David Frum took note of [our recent report on the J.D. VANCE self-oppo book](#), and [wrote a piece about Vance’s time writing for Frum](#). He includes a new account of a gathering that Vance hosted for Never Trumpers five years ago:

**“About a week after the inauguration, in 2017,** Vance invited me and a dozen other anti-Trump conservatives to a quiet meeting in a downtown Washington, D.C., conference room to discuss ways forward from the Trump predicament. That meeting was off the record, but Vance subsequently emailed participants to alert us that he himself had spoken to a reporter about it.

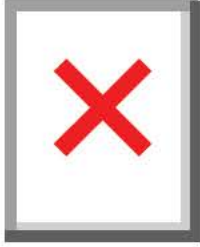
**“Among the topics we considered:** Could any good come from the Trump administration? How outspoken should we be in opposition? The meeting did not reach conclusions, but it did not need to. The unspoken but widely understood agenda looked further into the future: We were present at the creation of a ‘Vance for President’ campaign that might go into operation sometime in the late 2020s or early 2030s.”

**KNIVES OUT FOR CAWTHORN** — [WaPo’s Isaac Arnsdorf goes deep](#) on Rep. **MADISON CAWTHORN**’s “falling-out with top Republicans in North Carolina and Washington,” opening with this anecdote, which provides a window into how the feud began: “Last November, Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.) texted his state’s junior senator, **THOM TILLIS**, about a tweet from the senator’s wife. Cawthorn had just announced that he was planning to switch districts, and **SUSAN TILLIS** took to Twitter to criticize the move.

**“‘Why is your wife attacking me on Twitter?’** the House freshman demanded in his text exchange obtained by The Washington Post. The senator replied that he hadn’t seen his wife’s tweet, but suggested Cawthorn didn’t need to look far for a possible reason. ‘Just spit ballin here,’ Tillis wrote, ‘but maybe because you’ve attacked her husband?’”

**CASH DASH** — [Puck’s Theodore Schleifer reports](#) on the shiniest new star in GOP fundraising: **LARRY ELLISON**. “These days, Ellison’s commitments to GOP causes are trending red hot. Last week, he was revealed as the single biggest outside backer of **ELON MUSK’S** officially apolitical, but pointedly conservative-friendly, takeover of Twitter. Ellison, once a registered Democrat, has also donated a staggering \$25 million to Republican senator and potential presidential hopeful **TIM SCOTT**, placing him alongside **PETER THIEL** in the upper echelon of conservative Silicon Valley mega-donors.”

A message from PhRMA:



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## CONGRESS

**HAPPENING TODAY:** The Senate will vote on whether to consider a bill codifying abortion rights, a vote that will fail. **Related reads:** [“Here’s How Democrats in Congress Are Trying to Protect Abortion Rights,”](#) the NYT. [“Politiycal reality: Congress can’t save — or end — abortion,”](#)the AP.

**HOUSE PASSES NEW UKRAINE FUNDING** — Late Tuesday night, the House passed a roughly \$40 billion package of aid for Ukraine. The WSJ [has the latest here](#).

**WHAT DID GARCETTI KNOW?** — Los Angeles Mayor **ERIC GARCETTI** “likely knew about a top aide’s alleged sexual misconduct, according to a new report from Sen. **CHUCK GRASSLEY**’s office that could undermine Garcetti’s quest to be ambassador to India,” [Jeremy White reports](#).

**HEADS UP** — Rep. **KEVIN HERN** (R-Okla.) [told Breitbart on Tuesday](#) that he is running for chair of the Republican Study Committee. In a video announcement, Hern vowed that “no one will work harder to restore the conservative, America First agenda.” [Watch the video](#)

## TRUMP CARDS

**LATEST MARK ESPER BOOK HEADLINE** — Which posted at 5 a.m., courtesy of WaPo’s Dan Lamothe: [“Trump wanted to court-martial prominent retired officers, book says”](#) *From the story:* “Trump, Esper recounts in ‘A Sacred Oath,’ had developed a disdain for **STANLEY MCCHRYSTAL** and **WILLIAM H. MCRAVEN**, popular and influential leaders who, in retirement, criticized the president. When Trump informed Esper and Gen. **MARK A. MILLEY**, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, of his wish to see McChrystal and McRaven court-martialed, the two Pentagon leaders “jumped to their defense,” Esper writes, arguing that both completed distinguished military careers and that taking such action would be “extreme and unwarranted.”

“**Doing this ‘will backfire on you, Mr. President,’ we said,” Esper writes.** “The discussion went back and forth a little while longer in the Oval Office, with Milley finally figuring out a way to get the president to back down by promising that he would personally call the officers and ask them to dial it back.”

## THE ECONOMY

**FED FILES** — In a 51-50 vote, the Senate approved **LISA COOK**’s appointment to the Federal Reserve board, making her the “first Black woman ever to get a vote on U.S. interest rate policy,” [Victoria Guida reports](#).

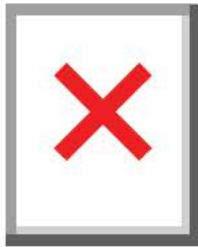
**INTERESTING READ** — [“How the Inflation Rate Is Measured: 477 Government Workers at Grocery Stores,”](#) by WSJ’s Rachel Wolfe

## WAR IN UKRAINE

— “**Russia’s nearly three-month-old invasion** of neighboring Ukraine has been punctuated by flawed planning, poor intelligence, barbarity and wanton destruction. But obscured in the daily fighting is the geographic reality that Russia has made gains on the ground,” [NYT’s Michael](#)

[Schwartz, Marc Santora and Michael Levenson report.](#)

**WATCH:** [“How will the White House define ‘victory’ in Ukraine | 6 things to know”](#)



— [“Leader of Pussy Riot Band Escapes Russia, With Help From Friends,”](#) by NYT’s Valerie Hopkins and Misha Friedman

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**Elon Musk** [said he would reinstate Donald Trump’s Twitter account:](#) “I do think it was not

correct to ban Donald Trump. I think that was a mistake. It alienated a large part of the country and did not ultimately result in Donald Trump not having a voice.” Agreeing with Musk: [Jack Dorsey](#) and the ACLU’s executive director, [Anthony Romero](#).

**Ron DeSantis** is heading to South Carolina today for a “fundraiser hosted by a collection of top-level” donors to **Donald Trump**, [Matt Dixon reports](#).

**Norm Eisen** has a new book out about, yep, you guessed it, **Donald Trump**. A preview of the book, which is titled “[Overcoming Trumpery](#),” [can be read at CNN](#).

**Paris Hilton** was on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, and [posed for photos while waiting in line for coffee](#). She also [met with Chuck Grassley](#).

The Dispatch announced that [it is leaving Substack](#).

**David Gergen** said last night on CNN that **Joe Biden** shouldn’t run for reelection, because “if your judgment is not keen, you shouldn’t be there.”

**SPOTTED** at the Conservative Foreign Policy Study Group reception hosted by the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition with President and CEO **Liz Schroyer**, featuring former national security adviser **Robert O’Brien** and former State Department spokesperson **Heather Nauert**: **Sean Cairncross, Kelley Curie, Bonnie Glick, Manisha Singh, Everett Eissenstat, Paul Teller, Jim Richardson, Stewart Barber Young, Norm Coleman, Peter Roskam and Michelle Bekkering**.

**SPOTTED** at a screening of “Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness” co-hosted by Disney and the Motion Picture Association in honor of the House Chiefs of Staff Association: **Susan Fox, Patrick Kilcur, Karyn Temple, Mitchell Rivard, Storm Horncastle, Nancy Peele, Nishith Pandya, Chris Crawford, Tara Rountree, John Byers, Mark Henson and Michelle Reinshuttle**.

**TRANSITIONS** — **Allie Owen** is now acting development director of Generator Collective. She currently is finance director for Christian Wise Smith’s Georgia A.G. campaign and Pennsylvania state Rep. Brian Sims’ lieutenant governor campaign. ... **Garima Verma** is now digital director for Stacey Abrams’ Georgia gubernatorial campaign. She most recently was digital partnerships and content director for a nonprofit and is also a Biden White House alum.

**WEEKEND WEDDING** — **Kara Voght**, politics reporter at Rolling Stone, and **Ben Cushing**, campaign manager of the Sierra Club’s Fossil-Free Finance campaign, got married Saturday at Meridian House. The bride, true to form, walked down the aisle to Taylor Swift. The day was cold, rainy and windswept. But as the song says: “All’s well that ends well to end up with you.” [Pics](#)

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD** — **Cassie Scher**, VP at Rational 360, and **Brent Scher**, executive editor at the Washington Free Beacon, last Tuesday welcomed Clark Laramie, who joins big brother Boone. [Pic](#) ... [Another pic](#)

— **Katie Zirkelbach**, president of Zirkelbach Strategies, and **Robby Zirkelbach**, global head of issues and advocacy at ExxonMobil, on Tuesday welcomed Theodore Roman Zirkelbach, who came in at 5 lbs, 10z and 18.5 inches. [Pic](#)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** **Justin Vail** of the Domestic Policy Council ... **Karen Skelton** ... **David Castagnetti** ... WSJ's **Daniel Nasaw** ... GMMB's **Danny Jester** ... **Sarah Schmidt** ... **Sam Mulopulos** ... **Bethany Little** ... **Angie Alfonso-Royals** ... RNC's **José Cunningham** ... **Matt VanHyfte** of the House Small Business Committee Republicans ... **Logan Gibson** of Booz Allen Hamilton ... **Patrick Kane** of the British Embassy ... Microsoft's **Fred Humphries** ... retired Gen. **John Kelly** ... former Reps. **Harold Ford Jr.** (D-Tenn.) and **David Young** (R-Iowa) ... **Brian J. Walsh** ... **Alex Dease** ... **Michael Pregent** ... POLITICO's **Allison Davis** and **Haley Siddall** ... **Molly Drenkard** ... State Department's **Chris Landberg** ... **Alden Schacher** ... **Andrew Binns** ... **Alex Wagner** of the Aerospace Industries Association ... **George Hadijski** ... **Cami Connor** ... **Shauna Daly** ... NBC's **Jo Ling Kent** ... **Vince Stewart** of Ankura Consulting ... **Olivia Waxman**

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#### **\$40B Ukrainian Aid Package Gets Green Light From House**

The House of Representatives gave its blessing to a nearly \$40 billion emergency assistance package for Ukraine late Tuesday, passing the bill just a day after President Joe Biden urged Congress to take quick action in light of dwindling resources for the fight.

[Bill attached](#) | [Read full article](#) »

#### **Foreign Pot Workers Not Barred From US, CBP Memo Says**

A 2018 U.S. Customs and Border Protection document recently disclosed amid a lawsuit filed by Davis Wright Tremaine LLP indicates that foreign nationals working in legal cannabis industries aren't inadmissible to the U.S., despite statements to the contrary from CBP officials.

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#### **Judge Rightly Kept 'Remain In Mexico' In Place, Justices Hear**

Federal immigration law didn't block a Texas federal judge from ordering the Biden administration to continue the so-called Remain in Mexico policy, the states of Texas and Missouri told the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday.

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#### **DC Circ. Revives Plasma Companies' Visa Policy Suit**

The D.C. Circuit ruled Tuesday that blood plasma collection companies can challenge a U.S. Customs and Border Protection policy barring Mexican citizens from entering the country on business visitor visas to sell plasma, upending a lower court's ruling.

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## ENFORCEMENT

### Feds Want 1-Year Sentence For Chinese Engineer's J-1 Fraud

A Chinese engineer jailed for scheming to defraud a U.S. foreign-scholar visa program deserves about a year in prison, Manhattan federal prosecutors argued ahead of his scheduled Friday sentencing, pushing back against a defense request for his release and deportation.

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## PEOPLE

### Grossman Young Adds ACLU Atty To Fed. Litigation Practice

Immigration law firm Grossman Young & Hammond added a former American Civil Liberties Union attorney as a partner in its federal litigation practice, a move the firm said will bolster its complex immigration litigation capabilities.

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### Linklaters Is Latest UK Firm To Implement Menopause Policy

Linklaters is the latest Magic Circle firm to introduce a global menopause policy and support package for employees, providing resources and education on menopause to encourage an open dialogue about what happens during menopause and how to navigate it.

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### Iowa Judge Is Biden's First Red-State District Pick

President Joe Biden's trial court nominees for more than a year were for vacancies in states with at least one Democratic senator. But his first red-state pick came with one important recommendation: Sen. Chuck Grassley, the Judiciary Committee's top Republican.

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### Judge Salas Calls To Revive Stalled Judicial Protections Bill

U.S. District Judge Esther Salas, whose son was killed in a shooting at her

home, pushed Congress on Tuesday to also pass a stalled judicial protection bill, as the Senate fast-tracked police safeguards for U.S. Supreme Court justices' families in the wake of abortion protests at some of their houses.

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## NY Atty Struck Secret Plea Deal Before Lt. Gov.'s Indictment

A New York real estate lawyer indicted in a bribery conspiracy with former Lt. Gov. Brian Benjamin quietly pled guilty as a cooperating witness shortly before the top state official was arrested and resigned last month, according to court records unsealed Tuesday.

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## NYC Reports No New Falsehoods Found In Protester Cases

Following the firing late last month of a city-employed lawyer accused of forging emails, a leader of New York City's legal team has told a federal judge that her review had so far not found any further misrepresentations in its defense of Black Lives Matter protester suits.

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## Attys Urge 4th Circ. To Revisit W.Va. Law On Drug Case Ads

Attorneys on Tuesday pushed the full Fourth Circuit to rethink a panel's decision that a West Virginia state law restricting how attorneys can solicit clients in medical device and medication cases does not violate the First Amendment, saying the law is unconstitutional.

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## NY DA's Paralegal Accused Of Unemployment Insurance Theft

A paralegal for the Brooklyn prosecutor's office was indicted Monday on charges of receiving New Jersey unemployment insurance while holding a full-time job, according to New Jersey state prosecutors.

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## Energy Co. Claims Ex-GC Stole Trade Secrets

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#### **5th Circ. Wary Of Block Of Biden's Oil And Gas Lease Ban**

A Fifth Circuit panel on Tuesday signaled it doesn't agree with 13 Republican states that the Biden administration's pause of new oil and gas leases was arbitrary and capricious, nor that a nationwide injunction of the pause should remain in place.

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#### **Biden Admin Tells Justices Carbon Costs Case Is Premature**

The Biden administration told the U.S. Supreme Court that Republican-led states jumped the gun with their challenge of its greenhouse gas emissions cost calculations — changes it said have been common for presidential administrations for decades.

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#### **Jimmy Carter Fights 9th Circ.'s Reading Of Law He Signed**

Former President Jimmy Carter warned the Ninth Circuit against upholding a split panel's ruling that cleared the way for a controversial land swap

between a Native Alaskan village and the U.S. government, saying the ruling "effectively annuls" key aspects of a landmark conservation law.

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### Feds Ask Justices To Let \$25M Monsanto Roundup Verdict Be

The U.S. Solicitor General urged the U.S. Supreme Court not to take up Monsanto's petition to review a jury's \$25 million award over claims that the weedkiller Roundup causes cancer, arguing in an amicus brief Tuesday that the claims aren't barred by federal law.

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### Manatees Starve, But EPA Ignores Pollution, Suit Says

Florida manatees are starving in large numbers as their food sources have died under pressure from fertilizer runoff-caused algal blooms, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is refusing to revisit water quality standards in their habitat, green groups said in a lawsuit filed Tuesday.

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## POLICY & REGULATION

### FERC's Phillips Says Pipeline Policy Can't Shirk Climate Effect

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's newest commissioner said in an interview Tuesday that scientifically backed reviews of climate change impacts must remain part of any revision to the agency's pipeline approval policies.

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### FERC Must Act Fast To Finalize Pipeline Moves, Attys Say

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission needs to get its proposed overhaul of its pipeline approval policies across the finish line, regardless of the controversy that surrounds it, energy attorneys said at an Energy Bar Association panel on Tuesday.

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### DOE Wants Input On \$2.5B Transmission Funding Plan

The U.S. Department of Energy is seeking public input on how best to structure one of the first funding opportunities for eligible transmission projects under its \$20 billion initiative to ready the country's grid to better integrate renewable generation and handle growing domestic energy demands, it announced Tuesday.

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## LITIGATION

### 9th Circ. Says National Park Service Can Ban SF Bay Fishing

The National Park Service has the authority to prohibit commercial herring fishing in the San Francisco Bay, the Ninth Circuit ruled Tuesday, rejecting a fishing group's argument that the agency would have to acquire a property interest in those waters from California as "untenable."

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### 5th Circ. Panel Told To Keep Insurance Row In Arbitration

A Fifth Circuit panel offered little suggestion in oral arguments Tuesday on whether it would disturb a decision sending an excess insurance coverage dispute to arbitration over underlying lawsuits alleging that an oil company's operations in Louisiana caused environmental property damage.

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### Maine Justices Question \$1B Energy Project Approvals

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Maine Supreme Judicial Court justices on Tuesday questioned whether a general public interest permit is enough to keep a planned \$1 billion clean energy transmission line alive despite a voter referendum that limits the construction of those projects in the state.

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### **5th Circ. Mulls Texas Arbitration Act In Atty Fee Dispute**

A Fifth Circuit panel on Tuesday dug into the intricacies of the Texas Arbitration Act in a lawsuit where an attorney argues an arbitration award — based on claims he never agreed to arbitrate — must be undone.

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### **Pollution Claims Against Ga. Co. Not Covered, Insurer Says**

Home-Owners Insurance Co. told a Georgia federal court that it shouldn't have to defend a construction company accused by a residential association of polluting a lake.

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### **Georgia-Pacific Says 6th Circ. Flubbed \$49M Superfund Row**

Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP on Monday asked the Sixth Circuit to reconsider a panel's ruling that International Paper Co. and Weyerhaeuser Co. are not liable for any part of a \$49 million Superfund cleanup in Michigan.

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U.S. District Judge Esther Salas, whose son was killed in a shooting at her home, pushed Congress on Tuesday to also pass a stalled judicial protection bill, as the Senate fast-tracked police safeguards for U.S. Supreme Court justices' families in the wake of abortion protests at some of their houses.

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Heather Cox Richardson May 11

That Republicans appear to be on the cusp of overturning the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion seems to have thrown them into confusion. Since Nixon first raised the issue of abortion as a political wedge in 1972, the year before *Roe* (recall that Nixon characterized 1972 Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern as the candidate of “acid, amnesty, and abortion”), they have used the issue to raise money and turn out voters. But now, with the prize seemingly within reach, they are ratcheting up their demands, at least in part to continue to raise money and to turn out voters. They also need to re-create their sense of grievance against the “libs” they have just “owned.”

With the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* seemingly on the horizon, right-wing lawmakers are now escalating their attacks on national policies their base voters oppose. This means, for example, that Arkansas governor Asa Hutchinson and Mississippi governor Tate Reeves are standing behind the “trigger laws” they have signed to take effect as soon as the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, laws that outlaw abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest. Other lawmakers are suggesting they are willing to outlaw contraception, and pharmacists in Texas are already refusing to fill prescriptions for medications commonly prescribed for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies.

And for all that ending *Roe* was supposed to turn the issue of abortion over to the states to decide as they wished, there is now talk of advancing a national ban on abortion so that states could not, in fact, choose to protect abortion rights.

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) is backing federal legislation to punish corporations who pay to fly their employees to different states for abortion care and gender-affirming care for their children. “Our tax code should be pro-family and promote a culture of life,” Rubio said. “Instead, too often our corporations find loopholes to subsidize the murder of unborn babies or horrific ‘medical’ treatments on kids. My bill would make sure this



does not happen.”

In Michigan, Republican Ryan Kelley, who is running for governor, has openly attacked the idea of democracy. “Socialism it starts with democracy,” he said. “That’s the ticket for the left. They want to push this idea of democracy, which turns into socialism, which turns into communism in every instance.” Kelley’s distinction between “democracy” and a “constitutional republic” is drawn from the John Birch Society in the 1960s, which used that distinction to oppose the idea of one person, one vote, that supported Black voting.

In turn, the Birchers drew from the arguments of white supremacists during Reconstruction after the Civil War, who warned that Black voters would elect leaders who promised them roads, and schools, and hospitals. These benefits would cost tax dollars that in the postwar South would have to be paid largely by white landowners. Thus, white voters insisted, Black voting would lead to a redistribution of wealth; by 1871, they insisted it was essentially “socialism.”

That context explains Kelley’s insistence that “we truly are losing our country to the radical left.” But the argument is not only racial and economic. American evangelicals are converting to the Russian Orthodox Church out of support for its nativism, white nationalism, rejection of LGBTQ rights and abortion, and support for authoritarian Russian president Vladimir Putin. Like him, they object to the diversity inherent in democracy.

Journalists for *Business Insider* ran the numbers and found that 84% of the state lawmakers who have sponsored trigger laws are men, five states had no women sponsors for trigger laws, all but one of the 13 governors who have signed trigger laws are men, and 91% of the senators who confirmed the antiabortion majority on the Supreme Court are men. These men are overwhelmingly Republican: 86% of the trigger law sponsors were Republican, all of the antiabortion justices were nominated by Republicans, and 94% of the senators who voted to confirm the antiabortion justices were Republicans.

At the same time that a small minority is imposing its will on the majority of Americans, Republicans are insisting they, not those who are losing their rights, are the victims.

When the draft first leaked, there was outrage across the right as people jumped to the conclusion that the draft had leaked from the office of a liberal justice. A *Newsmax* host even claimed that newly confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson had leaked the draft,

although she will not take a place on the court until Justice Stephen Breyer steps down.

There are almost none of those accusations now, since leaks have continued, and they are clearly coming not from the offices of the liberal justices, but from the right-wing justices. On May 7, a *Washington Post* story had several comments about ongoing deliberations reported by “conservatives close to the court.” Law professor and legal analyst Steve Vladeck called such sievelike behavior “stunning.”

Now the argument that Republicans are victims centers around the protests over the draft decision, some of which have taken place in front of the homes of the Supreme Court justices. The protests have been peaceful in reality, but the right wing has portrayed them as violent so violent, in fact, that Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) compared them unfavorably with the events of January 6, which, in his rewriting of history, he claimed were peaceful. The rumor unsourced, and later proved false that Justice Samuel Alito, the author of the draft decision, had to be moved to an undisclosed location swept right-wing media.

Portraying the Republicans as victims of a mob reached ridiculous proportions when Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) called the police Saturday night because someone had written in chalk on the sidewalk in front of her home in Bangor: “Susie, please, Mainers want WHPA→ vote yes, clean up your mess.” WHPA, the Women’s Health Protection Act, is a bill that would protect abortion rights and block medically unnecessary restrictions and bans on the procedure.

Collins cast a deciding vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, stating she was confident he would not overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Collins says she will vote against WHPA because she believes it goes too far.

The apparent outrage over protests in the wake of the leaked draft decision seems disingenuous considering the violence of antiabortion activists, who have burned down clinics, murdered abortion providers, and continue to accost patients at clinics. Indeed, the Supreme Court struck down a law creating a buffer zone around clinics to stop harassment of patients on the grounds that such protest was free speech covered by the First Amendment. More generally, there has been little concern from Republicans about the armed protests that have taken place over vaccine and mask mandates and over the alleged teaching of Critical Race Theory during the past two years.

When a reporter asked Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) if he was

“comfortable with the protests that we saw outside the homes of Supreme Court justices,” Schumer answered that he is, so long as they are peaceful. “Yes. My house, there’s protests three, four times a week outside. That’s the American way to peacefully protest... [his phone rings]...that’s my wife. Maybe there’s a protest outside.”

With all this going on, Americans’ confidence in the Supreme Court has collapsed since Trump packed it with a 6-3 right-wing majority. Half of U.S. voters and 53% of Americans in general now have little to no confidence in the court.

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### **I listened to what Republican governors said about abortion on Sunday. It's grim stuff.**

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It's worth underscoring how stunning the leaks in this [@washingtonpost](#) story are — even after the events of the past week: Three \*different\* sources all speaking to the current state of internal [#SCOTUS](#) deliberations in a pending case? And all identifying as “conservatives”? Wow.

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“According to three conservatives close to the court” — who are, apparently, privy to the current state of internal deliberations:

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In other words, here's \*another\* Dobbs-related leak from [#SCOTUS](#) — and this time, it's clear which side it's coming from... <https://t.co/x4iMLYDmO6>

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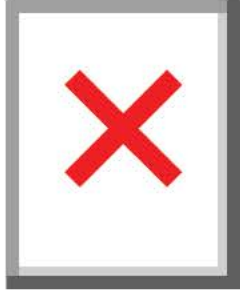


By **Amber Phillips**  
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The culture wars are on for 2022 elections, with the GOP seeing these battles as a winning message to retake Congress, [The Post's Annie Linskey reports](#). But what is a culture war, and how is it playing out in politics?

**Culture wars are battles over what our nation values.** Take one of the oldest culture wars in American politics: abortion. Do we as a nation value life at conception, as antiabortion advocates put it, or do we put more value on the rights of the mother, as abortion rights advocates put it?

**Culture wars tend to heat up whenever there is change in society.** A [growing number](#) of younger Americans are identifying as LGBTQ, for example. Some liberals have been pushing for more-inclusive policies as a result, such as the rights of transgender youths to play in sports or use the bathroom of the gender they identify with. It's becoming more common in workplaces and schools for everyone to display the pronouns they use, as a sign of inclusivity.



Demonstrators outside the South Dakota Capitol last year. (Stephen Groves/AP)

Some conservatives argue the display of pronouns is silly, considering the gender of most people is already clear. They have responded by passing legislation restricting not just which bathrooms LGBTQ people can use but how teachers can talk about

gender identity or sexuality. In Alabama, [transgender treatment for youths is now illegal](#). The right has framed its approach to this particular culture war as “pro-family,” suggesting that liberals want to break up the traditional family structure — or even that liberals are grooming children to be gay.

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**Culture wars find venues to thrive in.** Most of the culture wars going on right now are rooted in schools — debates over how much students should learn about race, or gender identity, or what books are allowed in the school library, or even [whether math lessons are too White or too woke](#). It’s easy to see why. Overnight, without warning, the pandemic made millions of parents full-time teachers. Now that kids are back in school, how much say parents should or shouldn’t have in their child’s education is the root of many of today’s culture wars.

Republicans are engaging in culture wars right now more than Democrats, who are somewhat hesitant on how to respond. But as for which side this all benefits, as Annie writes, it depends on which party can convince voters they’re the least extreme in these fights.

**Should abortion rights protesters be outside the homes of Supreme Court justices?**



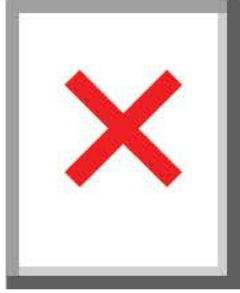
Protesters outside Justice Samuel Alito's home in Virginia this week. (Kent Nishimura/Poo/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock)

Let's debate, since this is a hot political topic, especially on the right. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) [compared](#) these protests to the Jan. 6 attack.

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**The case for protesting outside these justices homes:** The protests appear to be manifestations of frustration at the fact five unelected justices could soon overturn 50 years of a constitutional right that, [by roughly a margin of 2-to-1](#), Americans want to keep. In addition, ending *Roe v. Wade* will give politicians much more say over women’s reproductive choices — in many cases, lower-income women that these justices probably rarely come across. So, why not make these justices feel uncomfortable, and confronted, with the impact of their decisions? Especially since the protests have been peaceful. “I organize peaceful candlelit vigils in front of his house,” one of the protest originators, a neighbor of Justice Brett Kavanaugh, [told The Post recently](#). “... We’re about to get doomsday, so I’m not going to be civil to that man at all.”



One of the protesters outside Aito's home. (Kent Nishimura/Poo/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock)

**The case against it:** It's arguably intimidation, and as White House Jen Psaki said this week when asked about these protests, "Violence, threats, and intimidation have no place in political discourse." Democrats said immigration activists went too far last year [when some followed Sen. Kyrsten Sinema \(D-Ariz.\) into the bathroom to get her attention](#). Plus, from a political perspective, these protests allow Republicans to turn the tables on abortion and argue that it's Democrats who are extreme.

### **Real quick: Could Donald Trump be back on Twitter soon?**

It's possible. The likely next owner of Twitter, Elon Musk, said today he'll allow Trump to get back on Twitter if his purchase of the company goes through. That's

consistent with Musk's free-speech-for-all policy, and it will inevitably raise his hero status on the right.

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There's no doubt Trump's voice has been muted since major social media platforms kicked him off after the Jan. 6 attack, citing concerns he could incite more violence. But would Trump accept the invite?

Trump was pretty sure he was off Twitter, and he decided to launch his own social media platform. It's [fledgling and struggling](#), but he's devoted time and money to it, [reports The Post](#): "Trump advisers have worried that if Trump did rejoin Twitter, he would instantly depress the value of his company's recently launched Twitter clone, Truth Social, which he is still eager to reap financial benefits from."



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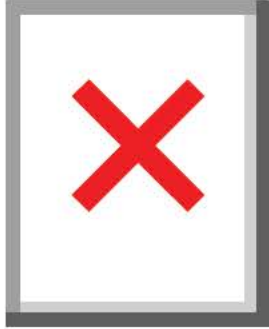
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**President Biden signed into law a modern-day version of the World War II era Lend-Lease Act intended to increase shipments of U.S. military aid to Ukraine,** [reports](#) CNN. The legislation—entitled the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022—authorizes the Biden administration to ramp up shipments of lethal aid to assist Ukraine in its fight against Russia. The new law allows for the U.S. to bypass certain restrictions to lend or lease military equipment to Ukrainian forces in a more timely manner.

**The head of the U.N. Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine reported that the number of civilians killed during the war with Russia is likely “thousands higher” than the number reported,** [writes](#) the Washington Post. The U.N. envoy reports that it has confirmed 3,381 civilians have been killed. The leader of the U.N. monitoring mission Matilda Bogner told reporters that the “black hole” of information that complicates determining the real death toll of Ukrainian civilians is the besieged city of Mariupol, from which Bogner says information has been difficult to access and corroborate. Despite unclear information, Ukrainian officials estimate that the death toll of Ukrainian citizens in Mariupol alone is approximately 20,000.

**The United Nations released data indicating that food insecurity in Afghanistan has reached “catastrophic levels,”** [reports](#) the Hill. An analysis of the data conducted by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Program revealed that 19.7 million Afghans—47 percent of the total population—are “facing high levels of acute food insecurity.” The U.N. reported that Afghans suffering through food insecurity are mostly concentrated in the country’s northeast. Leading causes of food insecurity in Afghanistan include: economic decline, drought, the high cost of food and the global impact of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

**Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaska resigned amid political unrest,** [according to](#) the New York Times. Rajapaska issued his resignation hours after his supporters clashed with peaceful protestors in streets of the country’s capital, which left dozens of protestors injured and resulted in a nationwide curfew. After the clash, violence continued in Colombo, as mobs set homes and property belonging to members of Rajapaska’s cabinet ablaze. Rajapaska’s family’s ancestral home and his father’s memorial were also burned down.

**The Senate passed legislation to provide police protections for the immediate family members of Supreme Court justices,** [reports](#) the Wall Street Journal. The legislation was quickly passed in the wake of a leaked controversial draft decision indicating that the court could overturn the landmark abortion rights case *Roe v. Wade*. After the leak of the draft decision, protestors gathered outside the private home of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh in suburban Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Supreme Court building is also surrounded by metal security fencing to protect it against potential threats.

**The Justice Department announced it would provide \$40 million in funding for widespread community policing efforts,** [writes](#) the Hill. According to the Justice department, the fund allocates up to \$10 million for community crisis intervention teams, \$15 million for de-escalation training, \$8 million for accreditation efforts, \$5 million for crime fighting projects, and \$2 million for tolerance, diversity and anti-bias training.

**Members of the far-right conspiracy group QAnon are intercepting migrant children at the southern border of the United States,** [according to](#) the New York Times. Many armed QAnon members have reportedly set up camp along the Southern border to temporarily take in migrant children traveling the the United States. Many members of the group hold the belief that the children are traveling to the U.S. and becoming victims of sex trafficking. Margo Cowan, a public defender and immigration advocate, spoke about the group’s intercept of the children saying, “We believe the conduct of this group is illegal and extremely dangerous.”

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Katherine Pompilio [announced](#) this week’s Lawfare Live which will feature a discussion between Benjamin Wittes, Carrie Cordero and Adam Klein about the latest in Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act news.

Kiernan Christ [discussed](#) the Fediverse.

Tanner Larkin [explained](#) how Beijing is promoting an alternative conceptualization as a form of "normfare" to challenge the liberal international order.

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## MORNING HEADLINES

- "Pledges of Aid Deepen U.S. Involvement in Ukraine War" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "States Turn to Tax Cuts as Inflation Stays Hot" [[NYT](#)]
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## NATIONAL SECURITY

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**AP: US sanctions alleged IS child trafficking financiers**, Fatima Hussein, May 9, 2022, 5:00 PM

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Department says Sustani used the funds to help “smuggle teenage children out of the camps to the desert, where they were received by (IS) foreign fighters, likely as child recruits” for IS. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Guardian: Russian hackers targeting opponents of Ukraine invasion, warns GCHQ chief**, Dan Sabbagh, May 10, 2022, 5:28 AM

Russian hackers are seeking to target western countries supporting Ukraine in its efforts to resist Moscow’s invasion, the head of GCHQ has said. Jeremy Fleming, the director of the British spy agency, said in a speech on Tuesday morning that while fears of a fully fledged online war between Russia and Ukraine had perhaps failed to materialise, there remained “plenty” of cyber activity as part of the conflict. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## JAN. 6

**CNN: Media outlets led by CNN seek access to court filings that House January 6 committee made under seal**, Katelyn Polantz, May 9, 2022, 8:19 PM

Eighteen national media outlets led by CNN are asking a court to make public secret court filings in former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows’ lawsuit against the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, US Capitol attack. The House’s ongoing standoff with Meadows has been one of the most public and central disputes of the investigation. But twice in Meadows’ lawsuit, the House has submitted filings to the court under seal with no public explanation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**CNN: "Oath Keepers sharing with January 6 investigators their efforts to find election fraud, communications with Trump allies,"** Katelyn Polantz, Hannah Rabinowitz, Evan Perez and Andrew Millman, May 9, 2022, 11:04 AM

Top leaders in the Oath Keepers, the far-right extremist group, have been turning over phones and digital files and sitting for interviews with the FBI -- and detailing how they worked to benefit Donald Trump’s campaign and communicated with others in the former President’s orbit, according to court records and multiple sources familiar with the federal investigation. Kellye SoRelle, a lawyer working with the Oath Keepers, told CNN that she has met with the FBI several times and handed over phones [[Continue Reading](#)]

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Eric Holder: Trump forcing us to consider indicting a fmr. president**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 12:00 AM

Noting how Donald Trump violated many presidential norms during his administration, former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder tells MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell how Trump has forced the nation to a place where the Department of Justice must consider whether Donald Trump should be prosecuted. [[Watch](#)]

## SPECIAL COUNSEL

**WaPo: "Lawyer charged with lying to FBI may call ex-NYT reporter as witness,"** Devlin Barrett, May 9, 2022, 2:52 PM

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client, but was doing so at the behest of two of his clients: Hillary Clinton's campaign team and a technology executive named Rodney Joffe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL LAW

**AP: Ex-couple linked to Jared Fogle child porn case get prison**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 5:09 PM

A divorced Indiana couple who prosecutors say shared sexually explicit photos and videos of children with former Subway pitchman Jared Fogle were sentenced Monday to decades in prison. A federal judge sentenced Angela Baldwin, 40, of Connersville, to 33 years and four months in prison, the Justice Department said. A jury convicted her in October of two counts of producing child sexual abuse material, one count of conspiracy to produce such material, and one count of possessing it. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [NBC](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**USA Today: Title IX, a 'political football?' Rules around sexual assault on campus could change again**, Chris Quintana, May 10, 2022, 5:42 AM

A federal rule, less than 40 words long, helped to increase the number of women competing in college athletics. Now it's at the center of two major nationwide debates: whether transwomen should be allowed to compete against other women in school athletics and how colleges should be required to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct on campus. The Biden administration's Department of Education is expected to soon release its proposed regulations on Title IX, and the changes will likely focus on transgender students and sexual assault on campus. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRDW-CBS (Augusta, GA): Department of Justice to reopen Augusta Riot cold case investigation**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 3:39 PM

Local activists on Monday praised a new investigation of six slayings during the riot as well as the death of the Black teenager whose death set off the unrest. The renewed investigation is a result of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, which established a cold case initiative to investigate unsolved killings from the civil rights era. The measure was sponsored by the late Rep. John Lewis, a civil rights icon and Georgia congressman. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJBF-ABC \(Augusta, GA\)](#)

## CIVIL

**Bloomberg Law: Biden's Power to Set Contractor Wage Hikes Arises in Texas Court**, Erin Mulvaney, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Biden administration has the authority to increase wages for federal contractors, which will mean greater income and equality for those who do business with the government, a coalition of unions and civil rights groups told a Texas federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**NBC: Nearly 6,000 Ukrainians approved to enter the U.S. through Biden admin's website**, Julia Ainsley, May 9, 2022, 5:26 PM

The Department of Homeland Security has approved nearly 6,000 Ukrainians to enter the U.S. through an online application system that lets them gain legal authorization to fly to U.S. airports and then stay with Americans who have agreed to sponsor them, the agency said Monday. The online portal, known as Uniting for Ukraine, launched April 25 as part of President Joe Biden's stated goal to bring 100,000 people fleeing Russia's deadly invasion to

the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DOJ Lets Immigration Judges Consider Mental Health History**, Dave Simpson, May 9, 2022, 9:19 PM

Immigration courts can once again consider whether a noncitizen's mental health history lightens the immigration consequences of a conviction, according to a Monday decision from U. S. Attorney General Merrick Garland that overturns a 2014 Board of Immigration Appeals ruling. The board had refused to consider whether a green card holder's history of schizophrenia eased the severity of a conviction for assaulting a person with a weightlifting barbell. But Garland overruled the July 2014 ruling known as Matter of G-G-S, writing Monday that the relevance of mental health evidence is best decided through the board's "longstanding case-by-case approach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: EOIR Doesn't Have To Share Atty Probe Results, 9th Circ. Says**, Mike LaSusa, May 9, 2022, 6:16 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review must investigate complaints against attorneys who practice in immigration courts, but the agency doesn't have to divulge the results of those investigations to complainants, the Ninth Circuit ruled on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

**WSJ: S&P Drops Controversial Part of Ratings Plan for Insurers**, Leslie Scism, May 9, 2022, 3:52 PM

S&P Global Ratings has withdrawn a controversial part of a proposed revamping of its model for determining creditworthiness of insurers following criticism that its move appeared to be self-serving and could hurt competition. The firm's proposal had managed to anger insurance companies, state insurance regulators, rival ratings firms and even a bipartisan group of lawmakers on Capitol Hill, The Wall Street Journal detailed last month. S&P's about-face, announced Monday, follows a comment letter submitted by the antitrust division of the U.S. Justice Department. The letter cautioned that the proposed changes might warrant scrutiny by the division to determine whether there were violations of federal antitrust law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DOJ Says Vertical Focus Right For Sale Of Door Parts Supplier**, Matthew Perlman, May 9, 2022, 8:21 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice told a Virginia federal court that it was right to consider barring a door manufacturer from being a potential buyer of a door parts supplier slated for divestiture. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Feds Lose Bid To Delay Chicken Execs' 3rd Price-Fix Trial**, Max Jaeger, May 9, 2022, 3:27 PM

Federal prosecutors cannot delay their third bid at trying a group of poultry executives for alleged price-fixing, a Colorado judge has ruled, finding a weeklong gap in the proceedings will not prejudice the government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## TAX

**AP: Philly cheesesteak shop founder, son plead in tax fraud case**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

The founder of a Philadelphia cheesesteak restaurant and one of his sons have pleaded guilty in a federal tax fraud case alleging the hiding of nearly \$8 million in sales over the

course of a decade. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that 83-year-old Anthony Lucidonio Sr. and 55-year-old Nicholas Lucidonio, two owners of the well-known cheesesteak and sandwich shop Tony Luke's, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to defraud the U.S. government. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Tax](#), [Delaware Business Now](#), [KYW-CBS \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#), [Philly Voice](#), [WTFX-Fox \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**AP: Fugitive inmate captured after manhunt, ex-jail officer dead**, Kim Chandler and Mike Balsamo, May 9, 2022, 10:00 PM

A former Alabama jail official on the run with a murder suspect she was accused of helping escape shot and killed herself Monday as authorities caught up with the pair after more than a week of searching, officials said. The man she fled with surrendered. The death of Vicky White, 56, only deepened the mystery of why a respected jail official would leave everything to help free Casey White, 38, a hulking inmate with a violent and frightening history. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Evansville Courier & Press \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WaPo](#), [WEHT-ABC \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WHNT-CBS \(Huntsville, AL\)](#), [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**NYT: Clearview AI settles suit and agrees to limit sales of facial recognition database**, Ryan Mac and Kashmir Hill, May 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

Clearview AI, the facial recognition software maker, on Monday settled a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and agreed to limit its face database in the United States primarily to government agencies and not allow most American companies to have access to it. [...] The agreement is the latest blow to the New York-based start-up, which built its facial recognition software by scraping photos from the web and popular sites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Clearview then sold its software to local police departments and government agencies, including the F.B.I. and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**USA Today: No suspects yet in the arson of the headquarters of Wisconsin anti-abortion group**, Vic Micolucci, May 9, 2022, 4:24 PM

Police have not yet identified a suspect in the arson at the offices of a prominent anti-abortion group that occurred just days after a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion was leaked to reporters showing the court's landmark ruling legalizing abortion for the last 50 years would be overturned. [...] Barnes was joined Monday by ATF and FBI agents, who are assisting in the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WITI-Fox \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#), [WTMJ-AM \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

**NBC: A New Mexico teen convinced the FBI he was not a threat. Then he carried out a school shooting**, Ken Dilanian and David Douglas, May 10, 2022, 4:44 AM

William Atchison knew exactly why the two FBI agents were at his door. "Relating to my internet history or whatever?" he said as the duo entered his family's modest home in a remote area of northwestern New Mexico on March 24, 2016. The FBI's visit was prompted by an alarming post Atchison had left on an internet message board weeks earlier, according to court records. Atchison, 21, said he was "plotting [a] mass shooting" and looking for "weapons that are good for killing a lot of people within a budget." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRTV-ABC (Indianapolis, IN): Untraceable guns: Growing concerns in Indiana over regulation of 'ghost guns' and 'Glock switches'**, Jacob Murphey, May 9, 2022, 7:13 PM

Untraceable guns are a growing concern for local and federal law-enforcement, as technology evolves and people come up with new ways of obtaining or changing firearms.

[...] According to the ATF, around 23,000 ‘ghost guns’ were reported to them between 2016 and the end of 2021. Here in Indiana, the ATF said ‘ghost guns’ or ‘Privately Made Firearms’ are not a big issue, in part due to the relatively relaxed gun laws in our state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KFSM-CBS (Fort Smith, AR): 28,000+ pounds of medications collected on Arkansas Drug Take Back Day**, Kaitlyn Bond, May 9, 2022, 5:15 PM

During the 23rd Arkansas Drug Take Back Day, law enforcement agencies across the state collected medications from residents at various drop-off locations to be disposed of using an environmentally safe method. On April 30, as part of the Arkansas Drug Take Back program, 126 Arkansas law enforcement agencies collected 28,480 pounds, approximately 12.92 tons, of medications within a four-hour time span. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WWMT-CBS/CW (Kalamazoo, MI): DEA officer asks Meta to disclose information on Kalamazoo man's Facebook profile**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 3:39 PM

An affidavit to search a Kalamazoo man's Facebook account, who is suspected of distributing drugs and possessing a firearm, was filed by a former Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety officer. Marcel Behnen, the former Kalamazoo officer, is currently a Task Force Officer with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, according to the affidavit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Arizona execution on track after court challenges fail**, Bob Christie, May 9, 2022, 3:00 PM

The planned execution of an Arizona man remained on track Monday after two last-minute court efforts ended without decisions that would sidetrack the state from putting 66-year-old Clarence Dixon to death. Early in the day, the state Supreme Court declined to overturn a lower court ruling that found Dixon is competent to be put to death. And late in the day, Dixon’s lawyers dropped a challenge in federal court to the drug the state planned to use after agreeing that a new batch mixed by a pharmacist negated their argument that the drugs had expired. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#)

**KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): ‘We should have known’ about escaped prisoner from Sheridan**, Jenny Young, May 9, 2022, 11:27 PM

Many questions remain about how a prisoner escaped a federal prison camp in McMinnville on April 25 and members of the public weren’t notified about it until early May. Andrew Cain Kristovich was originally arrested by federal agents in 2018 on gun charges and a conspiracy to distribute fentanyl-laced imitation oxycodone pills. Authorities say he escaped FCI Sheridan on April 25, then traveled to an associate’s house in Clark County, Washington, where he allegedly assaulted and raped the person before fleeing with their debit card, cellphone and car. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## DOJ GRANTS

**The Hill: DOJ announces \$40 million to fund community policing**, Monique Beals, May 9, 2022, 4:08 PM

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## US SUPREME COURT

**USA Today: Abortion rights protests that started at Supreme Court steps move to justices' front doorsteps**, Candy Woodall, Rick Rouan, Chelsey Cox, May 9, 2022, 9:25 PM

The abortion rights demonstrations that started on the steps of the Supreme Court and the U.S. Capitol last week to protest an expected high court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* now have shifted to the front lawns of the justices themselves. The group ShutDownDC has organized protests outside the homes of three conservative Supreme Court justices with more expected to follow. Over the weekend, about 100 protesters demonstrated outside the homes of Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, according to the group's Twitter account. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Fox: DOJ silent on abortion protests at justices' homes despite federal law prohibiting 'pickets' to influence case**, Kelly Laco, May 10, 2022, 2:08 AM

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**Fox: Pro-choice protests at Supreme Court justices' homes breaks federal law: Bill Barr**, Charles Creitz, May 9, 2022, 9:26 PM

Former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr said some pro-choice protests may be violations of longstanding federal law Monday on "Jesse Watters Primetime." Barr, who served under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Trump, told Fox News intimidating justices is "not [a] valid" form of protest, which federal statute highlights. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**CNN: It's impossible to wall off reversing *Roe* from landmark marriage and contraception rulings**, Ariane de Vogue, May 9, 2022, 2:00 PM

Justice Samuel Alito, in his draft opinion that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, tries to make clear it should not necessarily impact other decisions such as the right to marry a person of a different race or same sex and the right to contraception, which rely on some of the same threads of legal reasoning as the abortion rights landmark. In the draft, Alito said that what "sharply distinguishes" *Roe*, and the 1992 follow-up *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, from those other cases is that abortion destroys "potential life." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ADMINISTRATION

**AP: Biden signs Ukraine bill, seeks \$40B aid, in Putin rejoinder**, Mary Zeke Miller And Lisa Mascaro, May 9, 2022, 9:30 PM

Washington sought to portray a united front against Russia's invasion of Ukraine Monday as President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan measure to reboot the World War II-era "lend-lease" program, which helped defeat Nazi Germany, to bolster Kyiv and Eastern European allies. The signing comes as the U.S. Congress is poised to unleash billions more to fight the war against Russia — with Democrats preparing \$40 billion in military and humanitarian aid, larger than the \$33 billion package Biden has requested. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

## CONGRESS

**AP: Senate passes bill to boost security for Supreme Court**, Mary Clare Jalonick And Lisa Mascaro, May 9, 2022, 10:00 PM

The Senate passed legislation Monday to beef up security for Supreme Court justices, ensuring they and their families are protected as the court deliberates abortion access and whether to overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision. The bipartisan bill, which passed by voice vote with no objections, did not provide additional funding, which could come later. But it aims to put the court on par with the executive and legislative branches, making certain the nine justices are provided security as some protesters have gathered outside their homes. The bill now moves to the House for its consideration. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [WSJ](#), [WSJ-2](#)

## NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 9, 2022

- Russian President Putin accused the U.S., NATO and Kyiv of starting the fight in Ukraine during the Victory Day Parade. In Ukraine, President Zelenskyy accused Putin of "repeating the horrific crimes of Hitler's regime today" as a Russian airstrike killed an estimated 60 people at a Luhansk school. First lady Jill Biden made an unannounced stop in Ukraine on Sunday during a tour of Eastern Europe. She met with Ukraine's first lady, who made her first public appearance since the war began.

[[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Alabama corrections official Vicky White and escaped capital murder suspect Casey Cole White were found Monday after a 10-day manhunt. Cole White was returned to custody and Vicky White was hospitalized after suffering a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, officials said. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Abortion rights protesters took to the streets across the U.S. following the leak that suggests the Supreme Court is ready to overturn Roe v. Wade. Lawmakers on both sides of the debate are focusing on what comes next if it's struck down. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A lab in Philadelphia is investigating the mysterious deaths of three American tourists in the Bahamas. All the tourists were staying at the Sandals Emerald Bay Resort in Exuma, and officials say foul play isn't suspected. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Former Defense Secretary Mark Esper sat down with "60 Minutes" for an interview that aired Sunday night to talk about his new -- and revealing -- book about his time spent in the Trump administration. Esper says the biggest threat facing America isn't Russian aggression, the global pandemic or an increasingly menacing China. It's "extreme political partisanship" in Washington. [[CBS](#)]
- Agents at the U.S.-Mexico border are using new technology to scan trucks for fentanyl amid the overdose crisis in America. Fentanyl-laced pills seized by law enforcement surged nearly 50-fold between 2018 and 2021. [[CBS](#)]
- Days before the critical Pennsylvania primary, former President Trump is showing celebrity candidate Mehmet Oz support. The latest polls show Oz up two points after Trump's endorsement and still virtually tied with former hedge fund executive from Western Pennsylvania, David McCormick. Forty percent of Republicans in Pennsylvania still say they haven't made up their minds, even with some of the highest stakes of the midterms. [[NBC](#)]
- NBC News investigates a 2017 New Mexico school shooting the victim's family says could have been stopped. The gunman left a trail of hatred online long before he shot

and killed two students, and then took his own life. A year before the shooting, he sent a threat causing two FBI agents to question him at his home, where he convinced them it was a sick joke. [\[NBC\]](#)

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### DOJ

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10:30 AM: Deputy Attorney General Monaco will attend the opening of the University of Chicago Community Safety and Leadership Academies and participate in a fireside chat with University President Paul Alivisatos, moderated by Dean of the Public Policy School, Katie Baicker.

## US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

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## US ATTORNEYS

**Law360: Conn. Associate AG Sworn In As State's US Attorney**, Clarice Silber, May 9, 2022, 3:52 PM  
Connecticut Associate Attorney General Vanessa Roberts Avery has been sworn in as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, the U.S. attorney's office said Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CT Insider](#), [Daily Voice \(Hartford, CT\)](#), [News12 \(New York City, NY\)](#), [Patch \(West Hartford, CT\)](#)

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**WSJ: [OPINION] For Russia, It’s All About the Benjamins**, Markos Kounalakis, May 9, 2022, 6:15 PM  
Most Russians haven’t been affected by Western sanctions, but there’s one thing the U.S. Treasury can do to put real political pressure on Vladimir Putin – immediately stop circulating and honoring \$100 bills in Russia. Rather than investing in a retirement fund, ordinary and wealthy Russians alike protect their life savings by converting their rubles to dollars and stashing them at home. Russian ruble volatility and U.S. dollar security and stability have made American currency a preferred savings mechanism. For years, Russians’ bill of preference has been the \$100. As of 2019, more than 661,500 pounds of \$100 bills were in Russia – many of them stashed in lumpy mattresses and home-sewn money belts. That’s \$31.5 billion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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**WSJ: U.S. Targets Russian Media, Bank Executives With New Sanctions**, Ken Thomas, May 9, 2022, 2:04 PM

The Biden administration announced new sanctions targeting Russian state-controlled media and banking executives, a ban on Americans providing accounting and management-consulting services and new export controls targeting the country's industrial sector. The package will seek to clamp down on advertising dollars flowing into three Russian television stations, bar U.S. consulting firms from providing services to Russian companies seeking to evade sanctions and limit Russia's access to industrial engines, motors and bulldozers. It also targets more than 2,600 Russian and Belarusian military, including personnel involved in alleged war crimes in Bucha. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: Media outlets led by CNN seek access to court filings that House January 6 committee made under seal**, Katelyn Polantz, May 9, 2022, 8:19 PM

Eighteen national media outlets led by CNN are asking a court to make public secret court filings in former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows' lawsuit against the House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, US Capitol attack. The House's ongoing standoff with Meadows has been one of the most public and central disputes of the investigation. But twice in Meadows' lawsuit, the House has submitted filings to the court under seal with no public explanation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

**CNN: "Oath Keepers sharing with January 6 investigators their efforts to find election fraud, communications with Trump allies,"** Katelyn Polantz, Hannah Rabinowitz, Evan Perez and Andrew Millman, May 9, 2022, 11:04 AM

Top leaders in the Oath Keepers, the far-right extremist group, have been turning over phones and digital files and sitting for interviews with the FBI – and detailing how they worked to benefit Donald Trump's campaign and communicated with others in the former President's orbit, according to court records and multiple sources familiar with the federal investigation. Kellye SoRelle, a lawyer working with the Oath Keepers, told CNN that she has met with the FBI several times and handed over phones [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Guardian: Russian hackers targeting opponents of Ukraine invasion, warns GCHQ chief**, Dan Sabbagh, May 10, 2022, 5:28 AM

Russian hackers are seeking to target western countries supporting Ukraine in its efforts to resist Moscow's invasion, the head of GCHQ has said. Jeremy Fleming, the director of the British spy agency, said in a speech on Tuesday morning that while fears of a fully fledged online war between Russia and Ukraine had perhaps failed to materialise, there remained "plenty" of cyber activity as part of the conflict. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**MSNBC: [VIDEO] Eric Holder: Trump forcing us to consider indicting a fmr. president**, Unattributed, May 10, 2022, 12:00 AM

Noting how Donald Trump violated many presidential norms during his administration, former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder tells MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell how Trump has forced the nation to a place where the Department of Justice must consider whether Donald Trump should be prosecuted. [[Watch](#)]

**Insider: Who is Dairo Úsuga? The leader of the Colombian 'Gulf Clan' cartel is considered the most**

**significant kingpin arrest since Pablo Escobar**, Azmi Haroun, May 9, 2022, 9:00 PM

US Marshals took custody of Dairo Antonio Úsuga last weekend, ending a longstanding manhunt for the Colombian "Gulf Clan" cartel leader, who is considered one of the most notorious Colombian drug kingpins since Pablo Escobar. Úsuga was extradited to the US last Wednesday after Colombia's military captured him in a rural hideout on October 24, 2021, in a special operation that involved 500 soldiers and 22 helicopters.

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**Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Athens man sentenced in Jan. 6 case**, Chris Joyner, May 9, 2022, 5:00PM

A federal judge in Washington on Monday sentenced Athens resident Noland Harold Kidd to 45 days in prison for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021 riot, calling him "part of the first wave" of protesters to stream through a breached fire door on the Senate side of the U.S. Capitol. Kidd was arrested last June with his girlfriend, Savannah Danielle McDonald, after the FBI linked them to security camera footage and video interviews the two gave to journalists outside the Capitol. However, Kidd might have never come to Washington if his boss at Coca-Cola hadn't offered him time off to attend the Stop the Steal rally that preceded the riot, according to his testimony Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KOCO-ABC (Oklahoma City, OK): Oklahoman takes plea deal on charges from US Capitol riot**, Andy Weber, May 9, 2022, 11:11 PM

One Oklahoma took a plea deal on his charges from the U.S. Capitol riots. 16 months after the riot at the U.S. Capitol, some of the people charged are wrapping up their court cases. One Oklahoman took a plea deal on his charges from Jan. 6. Jerry Ryals had traveled to Washington with his boss, electrician Anthony Alfred Griffith. Both were arrested in March of last year and were facing several charges including disorderly conduct. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**KING-NBC (Seattle, WA): Port Orchard man reaches plea deal with federal prosecutors over Capitol riot charges**, Andy Weber, May 9, 2022, 8:19 PM

A Port Orchard man pleaded guilty to a charge related to his participation in the U.S. Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021. John Cameron initially faced four charges but ended up pleading guilty to one count of parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building following an agreement with federal prosecutors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBIR-NBC (Knoxville, TN): Michigan chemist sentenced to 14 years in prison for stealing trade secrets from chemical companies**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 5:53 PM

A Michigan chemist was sentenced to serve around 14 years in prison Monday after authorities said she stole trade secrets from drink can companies to set up her own company in China. They said Dr. Xiaorong You, 59, from Lansing, stole trade secrets about how BPA-free coatings are made for the inside of drink cans. She got access to the secrets while working at The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta and the Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WJHL-CBS/ABC \(Johnson City, TN\)](#)

## **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE**

**AP: Call Trump or Pence? It's decision time for Jan. 6 panel**, Mary Clare Jalonick and Farnoush Amiri, May 9, 2022, 7:00 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection has interviewed nearly 1,000 people. But the nine-member panel has yet to talk to the two most prominent players in that day's events — former President Donald Trump and former Vice President Mike Pence. As the investigation winds down and the panel plans a series of hearings in June, members of the committee are debating whether to call the two men, whose conflict over whether to certify Joe Biden's 2020 presidential election win was at the center of the attack.

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## CRIMINAL LAW

**AP: Ex-couple linked to Jared Fogle child porn case get prison**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 5:09 PM  
A divorced Indiana couple who prosecutors say shared sexually explicit photos and videos of children with former Subway pitchman Jared Fogle were sentenced Monday to decades in prison. A federal judge sentenced Angela Baldwin, 40, of Connersville, to 33 years and four months in prison, the Justice Department said. A jury convicted her in October of two counts of producing child sexual abuse material, one count of conspiracy to produce such material, and one count of possessing it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [NBC](#)

**Bloomberg Law: Floridians Sent to Prison for COVID Aid Loan Fraud**, Aysha Bagchi, May 9, 2022, 3:24 PM

Two Florida men were each sentenced to several years in prison for conspiring to commit wire fraud through their roles in a scheme to defraud a pandemic-relief business loan program. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio sentenced James Stote to 10 years in prison and Phillip J. Augustin to six-and-a-half years in prison on Friday, according to a Justice Department press release. Each man pleaded guilty to the government's charge that they committed wire fraud through a scheme involving submitting fraudulent applications for Paycheck Protection Program loans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): Bartlesville teen pleads guilty in death of toddler he threw across room**, Curtis Killman, May 9, 2022, 10:30 PM

A Bartlesville teenager pleaded guilty Monday to second-degree murder in Indian Country related to the 2021 death of a toddler. Terry Nathan Hindman, 17, faces up to 17½ years in prison under the terms of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors. He admitted to throwing 23-month-old Elliott Myles Winget with "excessive force" across the room Sept. 29 onto a couch in a Bartlesville apartment that he shared at the time with his girlfriend and her toddler. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KOKI-Fox \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

**Sacramento Bee: Sacramento man convicted in fraud to get more than \$1.2 million in COVID relief loans**, Rosalio Ahumada, May 9, 2022, 9:16 PM

A Sacramento man on Monday pleaded guilty to submitting false payroll records and other documents to claim more than \$1.2 million in federal COVID-19 relief loans intended for small businesses suffering financially during the pandemic, prosecutors said. Aaron Ashcraft, 42, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud and one count of bank fraud for the scheme he carried out from May 2020 through April 2021, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Sacramento. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Orange County Register: Mission Viejo man accused in \$1.5 million COVID-19 relief scam sentenced to more than 2 years in prison**, Eric Licas, May 9, 2022, 8:17 PM

A Mission Viejo man who received \$1.5 million loaned by the federal government to support businesses struggling during the pandemic was sentenced to more than two years in prison Monday, May 9, after admitting that he lied to obtain the money and used it for personal expenses. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Pa. man must pay half of \$431,591 restitution for illegal use of COVID-19 relief funds**, John Beauge, May 9, 2022, 7:55 PM

A Columbia County man who admitted illegally using COVID-19 relief funds has received the same sentence as the co-defendant that includes sharing in restitution of \$431,591. Darryl Corradini, 63, of Bloomsburg, was sentenced Monday by U.S. Middle District Judge Matthew W. Brann to 18 months in prison followed by three

years' supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

*The Columbian (Vancouver, WA):* **Vancouver man accused of illegally buying guns, claiming to be citizen**, Becca Robbins, May 9, 2022, 7:37 PM

A Vancouver man was arrested Friday, accused of falsely claiming to be a U.S. citizen and illegally buying guns, despite previous criminal convictions. Joao Ricardo DeBorba, 46, is facing eight counts of illegal possession of a firearm, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. He is being held in the Federal Detention Center in SeaTac. DeBorba entered the U.S. from Brazil in 1999 on a tourist visa, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release. Investigators say he overstayed his visa and created fake documents to work in the country and to buy firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

*NJ Metro Breaking News:* **Former Newark Postal Employee Admits Fraudulently Obtaining Unemployment Benefits**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 5:36 PM

A former U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employee today admitted that he fraudulently obtained unemployment insurance benefits, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Federal officials said Khaori Monroe, 29, of Newark, pleaded guilty by videoconference before U.S. District Judge Julien X. Neals to an information charging him with one count of wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Spectrum News:* **3 SoCal residents found guilty in health care fraud scheme**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

A federal jury in Los Angeles Monday convicted three defendants who participated in an \$18.5 million scheme that submitted fraudulent claims to the state's Drug Medi-Cal program for alcohol and drug treatment services for high school and middle school students. With the guilty verdicts, a total of 19 people have been convicted of federal criminal charges stemming from fraudulent bills submitted by a Long Beach company the non-profit Atlantic Recovery Services, later called Atlantic Health Services that provided substance use disorder treatment services to students at local high schools and middle schools through Medi-Cal and its Drug Medi-Cal program, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Newport Dispatch (Newport, VT):* **Rutland man charged with local convenience store robberies**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 3:30 PM

Daniel Webster, 37, of Rutland, was arraigned by waiver today on a Superseding Indictment that alleges Webster committed two robberies that interfered with interstate commerce. The first robbery occurred on July 24, 2021, at the Mobil gas station located on South Main Street in Rutland. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*NJ Metro Breaking News:* **Passaic County Man Sentenced to 21 Months for Role in Stealing Employer's Oral Care Formulas**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 2:33 PM

A former research technician and scientist for a worldwide consumer products company that researched, developed, designed, manufactured, marketed, and sold oral care consumer products was sentenced to 21 months in prison for his role in a wire fraud conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Muamer Reci, 58, of Haskell, previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Judge Cecchi imposed the sentence today in Newark federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCS-ABC (Springfield, IL):* **Springfield man accused of trying to entice minors in sexual activity**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 9:30 PM

A Springfield man will spend eight years behind bars for trying to get minors to engage in sexual activity. Matthew Wetzel, 37, was sentenced on Thursday, May 5 for attempted enticement of a minor and use of interstate facilities to attempt to transmit information about a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCIA-CBS \(Champaign, IL\)](#)

**WAND-NBC (Decatur, IL): Coffeen man sentenced for receipt of child pornography**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 7:30 PM

A man who prosecutors said solicited and received child pornography images from a minor will serve over a decade behind bars. The sentencing for Trey Pease, 30, of Coffeen was handed down on May 4, a Monday press release from federal prosecutors said. Evidence showed between the summer of 2017 and the spring of 2018, Pease committed these crimes and conversed with the minor through an online social media application. He sent an image of himself to the minor, prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Men sentenced to prison for multistate drug ring involvement**, Amanda Barber, May 9, 2022, 6:51 PM

According to the Department of Justice (DOJ), two men were sentenced to prison Monday for participating in a multistate drug trafficking organization that distributed large amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl and other illegal drugs. Edward Shane Midkiff, 35, and Mark Anthony Chandler, 31, both of Huntington, were given prison sentences followed by supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WTSP-CBS (St. Petersburg, FL): DOJ: 4 plead guilty in connection with 'Robles Park' crime ring**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 6:37 PM

Four people in their 20s have pleaded guilty in connection with a crime ring that became known as "Robles Park," the Department of Justice announced Monday. Prosecutors say the criminal organization was involved in everything from murder to drug trafficking and identity fraud. The gang made headlines when the DOJ says two members opened fire in 2020 outside the Truth Lounge in Tampa leading to a shootout that left eight people injured, including children. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WKOW-ABC (Madison, WI): Chicago man sentenced to 48 months for attempting to possess fentanyl for distribution**, Wyatt Bandt, May 9, 2022, 6:30 PM

A Chicago man was sentenced to 48 months in prison last Friday for attempting to possess fentanyl with intent to distribute, according to a press release from the office of U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea. Jeffrey Kemp, 55, pleaded guilty to this charge on February 24, 2022. In 2020, federal and state law enforcement agencies began investigating several known drug traffickers in Dane County. As part of this investigation, it was learned that an individual in Chicago had narcotics sent to an address in Madison via U.S. mail. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WKOW-ABC (Madison, WI): Madison man sentenced to 7 years federal prison for cocaine trafficking and illegal gun possession**, Wyatt Bandt, May 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

Madison man Arwin C. Lacy, 31, was sentenced to seven years in federal prison last Friday for possessing cocaine with the intent to distribute and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, plus an additional year for violating his supervised release, according to a press release from the office of U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea. Lacy pleaded guilty to this charge on January 11, 2022. His eight years in prison will be followed by five years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WBIR-NBC (Knoxville, TN): Hamblen Co. man sentenced to more than 20 years after guilty plea to planning to distribute large amount of meth**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 5:01 PM

The Department of Justice announced Monday that a Hamblen County man had been sentenced to more than 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to planning to distribute large amounts of methamphetamine. After he's released, he will also be on 10 years of supervised release. They said Harley Ray Humphrey, 41, from Russellville, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and to having a gun while committing a drug trafficking crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*Daily Voice (Essex County, NJ):* **British Man Hired Undercover Agent To Arrange Sex With Drugged Girls: Feds**, Jon Craig, May 9, 2022, 4:53 PM

A British citizen has been charged with trying to pay for sex with New Jersey girls while giving them drugs, federal authorities said. Stephen Hudson, 51, of Ealing, England, is charged with one count of attempted online enticement of a minor and one count of travel with the intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct, they said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KYMA-CBS (Yuma, AZ):* **Man sentenced to 10 years in prison after series of armed robberies in Arizona**, Marcos Icahute, May 9, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man from Phoenix was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to two counts for robbery and one count of carrying a firearm in relation to a crime. The FBI and other local law enforcement were able to identify 28-year-old Jonathan Bastida-Delgado from witness descriptions and took him into custody on March 17, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KTRK-ABC (Houston, TX):* **Woman sentenced to federal prison for stealing identity to obtain \$1,200 in Marshall's gift cards**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 4:19 PM

A 43-year-old Houston woman has been sentenced to prison following her conviction of using stolen personal information to obtain over \$1,000, announced U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery. Daneshia Shane Walton pleaded guilty on Jan. 18 and admitted that on July 5, 2013, she used a victim's name, address and Social Security number to fraudulently obtain a Mastercard at a Marshall's department store in Houston. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPRC-NBC \(Houston, TX\)](#)

*WCBD-NBC (Charleston, SC):* **Man charged for traveling with 12-year-old girl from Ariz. to SC to engage in sexual activity**, Sophie Brams, May 9, 2022, 3:32 PM

A federal grand jury in Arizona has indicted a Bluffton man in connection with the transportation of a minor across state lines for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity. Timothy Mikell Schultheis, 24, is charged with Transportation of a Minor with Intent to Engage in Criminal Sexual Activity and Travel with Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WJHL-CBS/ABC (Johnson City, TN):* **Abingdon man sentenced to 3 years in federal prison for stealing mail**, Slater Teague, May 9, 2022, 3:25 PM

A man has been sentenced to three years in federal prison for stealing hundreds of pieces of mail over several months. A judge sentenced Bradley Alan Wolfe, 38 of Abingdon, on Monday after he pleaded guilty in December to one count of possession of stolen mail and one count of bank fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDBJ-CBS \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

*Patch (Prospect Heights-Crown Heights, NY):* **Brooklyn Gang Leader Gets 24 Years For Murder-For-Hire Plot: Feds**, Anna Quinn, May 9, 2022, 3:19 PM

A Brooklyn gang leader hired to help kill a suspected snitch more than a decade ago will spend 24 years in prison, according to prosecutors. Ronald Williams, 47, was sentenced Monday for the 2013 murder plot, which unfolded after local drug dealer Leon Campbell decided to kill a customer he suspected was cooperating with law enforcement, according to prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## CIVIL RIGHTS

*USA Today:* **Title IX, a 'political football?' Rules around sexual assault on campus could change again**, Chris Quintana, May 10, 2022, 5:42 AM



A federal rule, less than 40 words long, helped to increase the number of women competing in college athletics. Now it's at the center of two major nationwide debates: whether transwomen should be allowed to compete against other women in school athletics and how colleges should be required to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct on campus. The Biden administration's Department of Education is expected to soon release its proposed regulations on Title IX, and the changes will likely focus on transgender students and sexual assault on campus. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: Cyber Risks Top Agenda for Employee Benefits Advisory Panel**, Austin R. Ramsey, May 9, 2022, 4:47 PM

A federal employee benefits advisory panel will investigate issues employers face ensuring against cybersecurity risks and how health and retirement plans mitigate those risks differently. The ERISA Advisory Council voted Monday to spend the next year researching cyber risks. Officials said cybersecurity remains a top priority for both regulators and plan sponsors as they navigate employee benefit structures in a digital economy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg Law: Biden's Power to Set Contractor Wage Hikes Arises in Texas Court**, Erin Mulvaney, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Biden administration has the authority to increase wages for federal contractors, which will mean greater income and equality for those who do business with the government, a coalition of unions and civil rights groups told a Texas federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**WRDW-CBS (Augusta, GA): Department of Justice to reopen Augusta Riot cold case investigation**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 3:39 PM

Local activists on Monday praised a new investigation of six slayings during the riot as well as the death of the Black teenager whose death set off the unrest. The renewed investigation is a result of the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, which established a cold case initiative to investigate unsolved killings from the civil rights era. The measure was sponsored by the late Rep. John Lewis, a civil rights icon and Georgia congressman. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJBF-ABC \(Augusta, GA\)](#)

## CIVIL LAW

**Law360: Calif. Sheriff Dropped From Cannabis Co. Seizure Suit**, Justice, P. J. D'Annunzio, May 9, 2022, 7:48 PM

A California sheriff has been let out of a lawsuit accusing him and federal law enforcement authorities of unlawfully searching armored cars and seizing cash from cannabis companies to make money through civil forfeiture. U. S. District Judge Fred W. Slaughter ordered the dismissal of San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Shannon D. Dicus from Empyreal Enterprises' lawsuit Friday, following the filing of a joint stipulation from the parties that Dicus be let out. "The court's entry of the order disposes of the entire action," Judge Slaughter said in his order. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Times of San Diego: Center for Autistic Children Pays \$650K to Settle Medi-Cal Fraud Claims Filed in SD**, Elizabeth Ireland, May 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

Prism Behavioral Solutions has paid \$650,000 to resolve allegations that it billed the state's Medi-Cal program for services to autistic children without actually providing care to the children, according to a San Diego settlement agreement announced Monday. Prism provides treatment to children diagnosed with autism and other related disorders through therapy called Applied Behavioral Analysis. The company maintains a corporate address in Woodland Hills and provides services to patients throughout Southern California. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [City News Service](#)

## IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

**AP: Afghans still adjusting to US: New life, new struggles**, Ben Fox, Jacquelyn Martin and Julie Watson, May 10, 2022, 5:30 AM

Taliban forces had taken the Afghan capital. Crowds of panicked people thronged the airport. And a young man who had worked as a subcontractor for the U.S. military faced a terrible choice. Hasibullah Hasrat, after having navigated the chaotic streets and Taliban checkpoints to make it inside the airport, could either go back for his wife and two young children or board an evacuation flight and get them later. [...] Hasrat's decision haunts him. He is in the U.S., one of more than 78,000 Afghans admitted into the country following the U.S. troop withdrawal in August that ended America's longest war. But his family hasn't been able to join him. They're still in Afghanistan, where an economic crisis has led to widespread hunger and where Taliban repression is on the rise. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**AP: 1 in 3 fears immigrants influence US elections: AP-NORC poll**, Anita Snow, May 9, 2022, 5:00 PM

With anti-immigrant rhetoric bubbling over in the leadup to this year's critical midterm elections, about 1 in 3 U.S. adults believes an effort is underway to replace U.S.-born Americans with immigrants for electoral gains. About 3 in 10 also worry that more immigration is causing U.S.-born Americans to lose their economic, political and cultural influence, according to a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to fear a loss of influence because of immigration, 36% to 27%. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Bloomberg: U.S. Seeks to Bolster Latin American Economies to Curb Migration**, Eric Martin and Jenny Leonard, May 9, 2022, 5:42 PM

The Biden administration is working on a proposal to bolster economies in Latin America and strengthen U.S. ties ahead of a key regional summit the U.S. will host next month to help confront the challenge of fast-increasing migration. The proposed economic framework, still in the early stages, will address issues including so-called nearshoring and supply-chain vulnerabilities revealed by the pandemic, according to people familiar with the process, who asked not to be identified because the plans aren't public. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**NBC: Nearly 6,000 Ukrainians approved to enter the U.S. through Biden admin's website**, Julia Ainsley, May 9, 2022, 5:26 PM

The Department of Homeland Security has approved nearly 6,000 Ukrainians to enter the U.S. through an online application system that lets them gain legal authorization to fly to U.S. airports and then stay with Americans who have agreed to sponsor them, the agency said Monday. The online portal, known as Uniting for Ukraine, launched April 25 as part of President Joe Biden's stated goal to bring 100,000 people fleeing Russia's deadly invasion to the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DOJ Lets Immigration Judges Consider Mental Health History**, Dave Simpson, May 9, 2022, 9:19 PM

Immigration courts can once again consider whether a noncitizen's mental health history lightens the immigration consequences of a conviction, according to a Monday decision from U. S. Attorney General Merrick Garland that overturns a 2014 Board of Immigration Appeals ruling. The board had refused to consider whether a green card holder's history of schizophrenia eased the severity of a conviction for assaulting a person with a weightlifting barbell. But Garland overruled the July 2014 ruling known as Matter of G-G-S, writing Monday that the relevance of mental health evidence is best decided through the board's

"longstanding case-by-case approach. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [UPI](#)

*The Hill*: **Border fights loom over immigration talks**, Jordain Carney, May 9, 2022, 6:29 PM

When a small group of senators met recently to kick-start the latest iteration of immigration negotiations, Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the group, laid out his starting line: the border. "I ... said we can't do anything until we deal with the border crisis. And so that's, until we kind of get over that obstacle, I think it's hard to get public support for doing these other things where there is a lot of common ground," Cornyn told *The Hill* in recounting his message. What the policy should be for processing migrants arriving at the southern border has been a long-running sticking point in any attempts on Capitol Hill to strike a deal on immigration, a perennial legislative white whale. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **EOIR Doesn't Have To Share Atty Probe Results, 9th Circ. Says**, Mike LaSusa, May 9, 2022, 6:16 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review must investigate complaints against attorneys who practice in immigration courts, but the agency doesn't have to divulge the results of those investigations to complainants, the Ninth Circuit ruled on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Law360*: **CBP To Phase Out 'Critical Incident' Response Teams**, Mike LaSusa, May 9, 2022, 4:40 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will phase out the use of investigative squads known as Critical Incident Teams after immigration advocacy groups accused them of operating as "cover-up units," and members of Congress opened an investigation into their practices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KGTV-ABC (San Diego, CA)*: **Customs and Border Protection to remove special units accused of cover-ups**, Sophia Hernandez, May 9, 2022, 5:22 PM

Customs and Border Protection announced they are getting rid of their special units, which have been accused for decades of covering up crimes committed by the agency. According to a memorandum released Friday, by October 2022, CBP will no longer have any of their secret units and instead rely on the Office of Professional Responsibility to conduct investigations on patrol officers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX)*: **CBP officers seize large bundles of narcotics, arrest 30 fugitives last week**, Erika Esquivel, May 9, 2022, 2:00 PM

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers working at El Paso area ports of entry seized cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, and fentanyl and arrested 30 fugitives over the last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ)*: **Two accused of taking migrants hostage**, Phil Villarreal, May 9, 2022, 12:58 PM

Two Mexican men were indicted for several crimes including hostage-taking, transportation of illegal aliens and firearms offenses. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, 29-year-old Olegario Lares-De La Rosa and 28-year-old Ivan Heriberto Borboa-Ruiz, 28 were indicted for those crimes, as well as prohibited possessors of firearms and ammunition and conspiracy to commit transportation of illegal aliens for profit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ANTITRUST

*Bloomberg*: **Senate Democrats Plan Tuesday Vote to Confirm Cook for Fed Post**, Steven T. Dennis, May 9, 2022, 7:01 PM

Senate Democrats plan to hold votes to confirm Lisa Cook's nomination to be a Federal Reserve governor on

Tuesday, they announced Monday night. Covid-19 cases among Democrats in the evenly divided chamber have delayed a number of nominations over the past few weeks. A procedural vote failed with some Democrats absent after contracting the coronavirus, sparking a logjam on Federal Reserve and other nominations. [...] Earlier Monday, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer scheduled a Wednesday vote to advance the nomination of Alvaro Bedoya to the Federal Trade Commission. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#)

**WSJ: S&P Drops Controversial Part of Ratings Plan for Insurers**, Leslie Scism, May 9, 2022, 3:52 PM  
S&P Global Ratings has withdrawn a controversial part of a proposed revamping of its model for determining creditworthiness of insurers following criticism that its move appeared to be self-serving and could hurt competition. The firm's proposal had managed to anger insurance companies, state insurance regulators, rival ratings firms and even a bipartisan group of lawmakers on Capitol Hill, The Wall Street Journal detailed last month. S&P's about-face, announced Monday, follows a comment letter submitted by the antitrust division of the U.S. Justice Department. The letter cautioned that the proposed changes might warrant scrutiny by the division to determine whether there were violations of federal antitrust law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: DOJ Says Vertical Focus Right For Sale Of Door Parts Supplier**, Matthew Perlman, May 9, 2022, 8:21 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice told a Virginia federal court that it was right to consider barring a door manufacturer from being a potential buyer of a door parts supplier slated for divestiture. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Judge OKs \$75M Deals In Contact Lens Price-Fixing Suit**, Carolina Bolado, May 9, 2022, 7:06 PM

A Florida federal judge gave his initial approval on Monday to two deals that would allow Alcon Vision LLC and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc. to pay a combined \$75 million to resolve sprawling price-fixing litigation over disposable contact lenses. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Feds Lose Bid To Delay Chicken Execs' 3rd Price-Fix Trial**, Max Jaeger, May 9, 2022, 3:27 PM

Federal prosecutors cannot delay their third bid at trying a group of poultry executives for alleged price-fixing, a Colorado judge has ruled, finding a weeklong gap in the proceedings will not prejudice the government. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## ENVIRONMENT

**Reuters: U.S. to announce plans to battle illegal fishing in the Pacific**, David Brunnstrom and Michael Martina, May 9, 2022, 4:08 PM

The United States will soon announce plans to better battle illegal fishing in the Pacific, U.S Indo-Pacific coordinator Kurt Campbell said on Monday, as part of increased U.S. engagement with the region to counter China's growing influence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: Enbridge Asks To Trim Wis. Tribe's Pipeline Suit**, Humberto Rocha, May 9, 2022, 8:43 PM  
Enbridge Energy Co. urged a Wisconsin federal court to dismiss four out of six counts in a suit filed by the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians seeking to shut down its Line 5 pipeline, saying those counts are foreclosed by federal law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**Law360: [ANALYSIS] Grid Hurdles Can't Be Overlooked In US Offshore Wind Push**, Keith Goldberg, May 9, 2022, 6:47 PM

The Biden administration is moving aggressively to open more federal waters to offshore wind development, but experts caution that the momentum is threatened by the stubborn challenge of building the power lines needed to get wind farms and other clean energy projects on the grid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Feds, Developers Prep Deal Over W.Va. National Park Damage**, Faith Williams, May 9, 2022, 6:16 PM

The federal government and a group of property developers have asked a West Virginia federal judge to suspend their suit, saying they are readying a settlement regarding nearly 150 trees that were cut down at New River Gorge National Park. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: DC Circ. Cool To Challenge Of Smog Regs For Texas Cities**, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, May 9, 2022, 3:41 PM

The D.C. Circuit on Monday appeared poised to toss green groups' lawsuit alleging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency unlawfully weakened smog protections for Houston and Dallas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: Explosives Co. Can't Escape Farmers' Montana Wildfire Suit**, Mike Curley, May 9, 2022, 1:48 PM

A Montana federal judge won't let an explosive target maker escape a suit from a group of farmers and a fire department alleging the use of its targets caused a 2019 wildfire, saying even though the plaintiffs did not use the targets, Montana law likely allows them to sue as bystanders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: EPA Must Revisit Permit For First-Ever Aquaculture Facility**, Clark Mindock, May 9, 2022, 1:24 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must better explain whether the nation's first-ever industrial-scale aquaculture facility in federal waters might degrade the marine environment, an agency appeals board ruled after environmental groups challenged the project. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## TAX

**AP: Philly cheesesteak shop founder, son plead in tax fraud case**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

The founder of a Philadelphia cheesesteak restaurant and one of his sons have pleaded guilty in a federal tax fraud case alleging the hiding of nearly \$8 million in sales over the course of a decade. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that 83-year-old Anthony Lucidonio Sr. and 55-year-old Nicholas Lucidonio, two owners of the well-known cheesesteak and sandwich shop Tony Luke's, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to defraud the U.S. government. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Tax](#), [Delaware Business Now](#), [KYW-CBS \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#), [Philly Voice](#), [WTFX-Fox \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

**Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: North Fayette day care owner pleads to federal tax charge**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 3:03 PM

The owner of a North Fayette day care center pleaded guilty Monday in federal court to failing to pay payroll taxes. Rebecca Lynn Boyce, 43, of North Fayette, will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge J. Nicholas Ranjan on Sept. 20. A federal grand jury indicted Boyce in April 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

**Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: Fake trusts supercharge tax refund fraud; Milwaukee woman charged with getting \$3.25 million from IRS**, Bruce Vielmetti, May 9, 2022, 12:27 PM

There was a time in Milwaukee when thieves used other people's identities to file false returns to steal refunds totaling anywhere from a few hundred bucks to thousands of dollars. As the IRS tried to crack down on so-

called Stolen Identity Refund Fraud, or SIRF, thieves seem to have supercharged the scam by turning to filing fake returns for trusts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

**AP: Fugitive inmate captured after manhunt, ex-jail officer dead**, Kim Chandler and Mike Balsamo, May 9, 2022, 10:00 PM

A former Alabama jail official on the run with a murder suspect she was accused of helping escape shot and killed herself Monday as authorities caught up with the pair after more than a week of searching, officials said. The man she fled with surrendered. The death of Vicky White, 56, only deepened the mystery of why a respected jail official would leave everything to help free Casey White, 38, a hulking inmate with a violent and frightening history. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Evansville Courier & Press \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WaPo](#), [WEHT-ABC \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WHNT-CBS \(Huntsville, AL\)](#), [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WSJ](#)

**NYT: Clearview AI settles suit and agrees to limit sales of facial recognition database**, Ryan Mac and Kashmir Hill, May 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

Clearview AI, the facial recognition software maker, on Monday settled a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and agreed to limit its face database in the United States primarily to government agencies and not allow most American companies to have access to it. [...] The agreement is the latest blow to the New York-based start-up, which built its facial recognition software by scraping photos from the web and popular sites, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Clearview then sold its software to local police departments and government agencies, including the F.B.I. and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**USA Today: No suspects yet in the arson of the headquarters of Wisconsin anti-abortion group**, Vic Micolucci, May 9, 2022, 4:24 PM

Police have not yet identified a suspect in the arson at the offices of a prominent anti-abortion group that occurred just days after a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion was leaked to reporters showing the court's landmark ruling legalizing abortion for the last 50 years would be overturned. [...] Barnes was joined Monday by ATF and FBI agents, who are assisting in the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WITI-Fox \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#), [WTMJ-AM \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

**NBC: A New Mexico teen convinced the FBI he was not a threat. Then he carried out a school shooting**, Ken Dilanian and David Douglas, May 10, 2022, 4:44 AM

William Atchison knew exactly why the two FBI agents were at his door. "Relating to my internet history or whatever?" he said as the duo entered his family's modest home in a remote area of northwestern New Mexico on March 24, 2016. The FBI's visit was prompted by an alarming post Atchison had left on an internet message board weeks earlier, according to court records. Atchison, 21, said he was "plotting [a] mass shooting" and looking for "weapons that are good for killing a lot of people within a budget." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**NBC: [VIDEO] NBC News investigation: Warning signs prior to New Mexico school shooting may have been missed**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 7:00 PM

NBC News investigates a 2017 New Mexico school shooting the victim's family says could have been stopped. The gunman left a trail of hatred online long before he shot and killed two students, and then took his own life. A year before the shooting, he sent a threat causing two FBI agents to question him at his home, where he convinced them it was a sick joke. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Pittsburgh, PA):* **Officers investigating reported bank robbery in**

**Pittsburgh's Brookline neighborhood**, Megan Tomasic, May 10, 2022, 5:29 AM

Pittsburgh police and the FBI are investigating a reported bank robbery in the city's Brookline neighborhood, officials said. Crews responded to the 700 block of Brookline Boulevard around 2:20 p.m. Monday. According to Pittsburgh Public Safety Spokeswoman Cara Cruz, when officers arrived they learned a man handed the bank teller a note saying he wanted money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*NorthcentralPa.com (Williamsport, PA):* **FBI warns of increase in sextortion incidents, more schemes targeting boys**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

FBI Philadelphia is warning parents and caregivers about an increase in incidents involving the sextortion of children. Sextortion begins when an adult contacts a minor over any online platform used to meet and communicate, such as a game, app, or social media account, according to the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KNUE (Jacksonville, TX):* **10 Famous FBI Cases and Criminals With Ties to the State of Texas**, Billy Jenkins, May 10, 2022, 4:30 AM

Often times we are bringing things to your attention that have to do with local crimes that law enforcement is currently working on. But when crimes get extreme law enforcement calls in reinforcements in the form of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Normally these cases are more intense, or something that causes damage to lots of people or crosses state lines when smaller agencies don't have the resources to track down these individuals. Here is a look into 10 famous cases and criminals all with ties to the state of Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KLFY-CBS (Lafayette, LA):* **FBI says it 'does not confirm or deny' existence of investigation in Lafayette**, Dionne Johnson, May 10, 2022, 12:05 AM

More than a dozen FBI agents were on a case at the Lafayette Parish courthouse for most of the evening Monday. Multiple people in the area called our newsroom to say that they noticed at least 15 agents at the courthouse beginning around 4:00 p.m. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KATC-ABC/CW \(Lafayette, LA\)](#)

*KING-NBC (Seattle, WA):* **FBI on lookout for Washington couple convicted of multiple fraud count**, Lionel Donovan, May 9, 2022, 10:46 PM

Renee Erdmann and Bernard Ross Hansen were found guilty of 10 counts of mail fraud and 10 counts of wire fraud last July. Charging documents from the FBI state that the couple defrauded thousands of their customers while running the bullion business, Northwest Territorial Mint, with offices in Auburn and Federal Way. The documents stated the couple promised goods that they failed to deliver, taking in more than \$20 million. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH):* **Activists, loved ones pass out flyers for missing Cleveland woman**, Jordan Unger, May 9, 2022, 10:17 PM

Activists joined family and friends to pass out flyers Monday evening of a Cleveland woman who went missing last year. Rajah McQueen, 27, was last seen in her car at about 7:30 a.m. on June 26, 2021 in the east of East 131st Street and Harvard Avenue in Cleveland. According to the FBI, her car was last seen with another person behind the wheel. There were two new bullet holes in it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*WCTV-CBS (Thomasville, GA):* **'Loss of a home:' Chabad FSU community determined to move forward following devastating fire**, Jacob Murphey, May 9, 2022, 7:20 PM

Flames transformed a synagogue into ashes Sunday morning, stunning the Tallahassee Jewish community and sparking an effort to move forward. [...] Investigators from both the State Fire Marshal's office and the

Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives were on scene Monday combing through the rubble. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WRTV-ABC (Indianapolis, IN): Untraceable guns: Growing concerns in Indiana over regulation of 'ghost guns' and 'Glock switches'**, Jacob Murphey, May 9, 2022, 7:13 PM

Untraceable guns are a growing concern for local and federal law-enforcement, as technology evolves and people come up with new ways of obtaining or changing firearms. [...] According to the ATF, around 23,000 'ghost guns' were reported to them between 2016 and the end of 2021. Here in Indiana, the ATF said 'ghost guns' or 'Privately Made Firearms' are not a big issue, in part due to the relatively relaxed gun laws in our state. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WJXT-CW (Jacksonville, FL): Reward increased to \$55K for information in murder of father of 4**, Vic Micolucci, May 9, 2022, 7:09 PM

The reward for information leading to an arrest and prosecution in the killing of a St. Johns County father in Jacksonville Beach has been increased to \$55,000, according to his widow. Jared Bridegan's widow, Kirsten, told News4JAX on Monday that the Crime Stoppers reward for information leading to the arrest of whoever killed her husband in February was raised from \$25,000 to \$50,000. That's in addition to another \$5,000 from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for information leading to a conviction in the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WFMD-AM (Frederick, MD): Taneytown Man Arrested On Child Pornography Charges**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 6:52 PM

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office has charged a Taneytown man with child pornography offenses. Evan Thomas Harris Frock, 32, was taken into custody after a search and seizure warrant was served at his home Courtland Street on Monday. The operation was conducted by the Carroll County Advocacy and Investigations Center as part of the FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

**KFSM-CBS (Fort Smith, AR): 28,000+ pounds of medications collected on Arkansas Drug Take Back Day**, Kaitlyn Bond, May 9, 2022, 5:15 PM

During the 23rd Arkansas Drug Take Back Day, law enforcement agencies across the state collected medications from residents at various drop-off locations to be disposed of using an environmentally safe method. On April 30, as part of the Arkansas Drug Take Back program, 126 Arkansas law enforcement agencies collected 28,480 pounds, approximately 12.92 tons, of medications within a four-hour time span. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

**WWMT-CBS/CW (Kalamazoo, MI): DEA officer asks Meta to disclose information on Kalamazoo man's Facebook profile**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 3:39 PM

An affidavit to search a Kalamazoo man's Facebook account, who is suspected of distributing drugs and possessing a firearm, was filed by a former Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety officer. Marcel Behnen, the former Kalamazoo officer, is currently a Task Force Officer with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, according to the affidavit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

**AP: Arizona execution on track after court challenges fail**, Bob Christie, May 9, 2022, 3:00 PM

The planned execution of an Arizona man remained on track Monday after two last-minute court efforts ended without decisions that would sidetrack the state from putting 66-year-old Clarence Dixon to death. Early in the



day, the state Supreme Court declined to overturn a lower court ruling that found Dixon is competent to be put to death. And late in the day, Dixon's lawyers dropped a challenge in federal court to the drug the state planned to use after agreeing that a new batch mixed by a pharmacist negated their argument that the drugs had expired. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#)

*KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): 'We should have known' about escaped prisoner from Sheridan*, Jenny Young, May 9, 2022, 11:27 PM

Many questions remain about how a prisoner escaped a federal prison camp in McMinnville on April 25 and members of the public weren't notified about it until early May. Andrew Cain Kristovich was originally arrested by federal agents in 2018 on gun charges and a conspiracy to distribute fentanyl-laced imitation oxycodone pills. Authorities say he escaped FCI Sheridan on April 25, then traveled to an associate's house in Clark County, Washington, where he allegedly assaulted and raped the person before fleeing with their debit card, cellphone and car. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Detroit Free Press: Ex-Macomb prosecutor Eric Smith is a free man for a little longer*, Christina Hall, May 9, 2022, 7:58 PM

Former Macomb County prosecutor Eric Smith will have some more time as a free man. Smith's new date of surrender to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons is rescheduled to on or after June 15, but no later than June 30, according to a federal court order Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Attorneys seek to delay execution of longtime death row prisoner*, Shaddi Abusaid, May 9, 2022, 3:00 PM

Attorneys representing a Georgia prisoner set to be put to death next week for the 1976 murder of an 8-year-old Cobb County girl filed a lawsuit Monday seeking to delay the execution. Virgil Delano Presnell Jr, who killed the young girl 46 years ago, is scheduled to die by lethal injection May 17 at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison in Jackson. [...] The suit was filed on behalf of lawyers at the federal public defender's office in Atlanta, who will represent Presnell during his clemency petition before the state Board of Pardons and Paroles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## US SUPREME COURT

*USA Today: Abortion rights protests that started at Supreme Court steps move to justices' front doorsteps*, Candy Woodall, Rick Rouan, Chelsey Cox, May 9, 2022, 9:25 PM

The abortion rights demonstrations that started on the steps of the Supreme Court and the U.S. Capitol last week to protest an expected high court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* now have shifted to the front lawns of the justices themselves. The group ShutDownDC has organized protests outside the homes of three conservative Supreme Court justices with more expected to follow. Over the weekend, about 100 protesters demonstrated outside the homes of Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, according to the group's Twitter account. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*CNN: [ANALYSIS] The Supreme Court abortion leak has already transformed politics all over America*, Stephen Collinson, May 10, 2022, 1:00 AM

In just a week, the leaked draft Supreme Court opinion that could overturn *Roe v. Wade* has transformed US politics. Every major politician with power in the country, and those striving for it, are facing sudden, profound and sometimes treacherous questions over abortion ahead of the Supreme Court's final ruling, which could differ from the draft. Some also sense huge political opportunities. Democratic governors are vowing to stand firm for abortion rights against Republican legislatures seeking to ban the procedure, even without exceptions for rape and incest in some cases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Fox: Pro-choice protests at Supreme Court justices' homes breaks federal law: Bill Barr**, Charles Creitz, May 9, 2022, 9:26 PM

Former U.S. Attorney General Bill Barr said some pro-choice protests may be violations of longstanding federal law Monday on "Jesse Watters Primetime." Barr, who served under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Trump, told Fox News intimidating justices is "not [a] valid" form of protest, which federal statute highlights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**CNN: It's impossible to wall off reversing Roe from landmark marriage and contraception rulings**, Ariane de Vogue, May 9, 2022, 2:00 PM

Justice Samuel Alito, in his draft opinion that would overturn Roe v. Wade, tries to make clear it should not necessarily impact other decisions such as the right to marry a person of a different race or same sex and the right to contraception, which rely on some of the same threads of legal reasoning as the abortion rights landmark. In the draft, Alito said that what "sharply distinguishes" Roe, and the 1992 follow-up Casey v. Planned Parenthood, from those other cases is that abortion destroys "potential life." [[Continue Reading](#)]

**The Hill: US Marshals Service helping secure Supreme Court following abortion draft opinion leak**, Clhoe Folmar, May 9, 2022, 8:30 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service will help the Supreme Court with security issues after last week's leak of the draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade. After Politico published the draft ruling last Monday evening, the court and its justices have been beset with protests, including at some of their homes. "The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) has a strong partnership with the Supreme Court Police, and upon the request of the Marshal of the Supreme Court, the USMS does provide assistance as needed," the service said in a statement shared with CBS News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**Law360: 18 States Support 'Remain In Mexico' Ruling At High Court**, Craig Clough, May 9, 2022, 7:51 PM

Eighteen states including Indiana, Georgia and Ohio urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday to affirm a Fifth Circuit ruling propping up a Trump-era policy mandating that asylum-seekers wait out claims in Mexico, throwing their support behind an effort by Missouri and Texas to keep the policy in place. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

**Law360: 1st Circ. Says Tribes Lack Immunity Under Bankruptcy Code**, Andrew Westney, May 9, 2022, 5:04 PM

A divided First Circuit panel has ruled that Native American tribes aren't exempt from federal law barring suits against debtors once they file for bankruptcy, saying the U.S. Bankruptcy Code "unequivocally strips tribes" of their sovereign immunity to suit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**KSWO-ABC (Lawton, OK): Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt vetoes tribal judicial bill**, Unattributed, May 9, 2022, 10:09 PM

Governor Kevin Stitt has vetoed a bill that aimed to increase coordination between tribal judicial agencies and state agencies. The bill would have had the Department of Public Safety Act on convictions on tribal lands in the same way they would in state or municipal court cases. But Governor Stitt spoke harshly of the bill in his veto letter, calling it a "wolf in sheep's clothing." [[Continue Reading](#)]

## **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**

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### ***Marijuana Moment: Another Financial Association Pushes Senate To Pass Marijuana Banking Reform***, Kyle Jaeger, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

Another financial association is imploring Senate leadership to pass a bipartisan bill to safeguard banks that work with state-legal marijuana businesses. The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), which represents about 50,000 community banks throughout the country, sent a letter to key senators on Thursday, urging the adopting of cannabis banking reform language in a large-scale manufacturing bill that's headed to a bicameral conference committee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## OPIOID CRISIS

### ***Courthouse News: Walgreens, Big Pharma accused of fueling misinformation campaign***, Hillel Aron, May 9, 2022, 6:52 PM

San Francisco's opioid trial picked up Monday after a one-week hiatus with the expert testimony of Dr. Anna Lembke, who said Walgreens and three other defendants in the civil suit helped spread misinformation that led to the opioid crisis that took nearly half a million lives. Attorneys for the defendants have argued that Purdue Pharma, which invented, manufactured and marketed Oxycontin, was principally responsible for the opioid epidemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

## ADMINISTRATION

### ***AP: Biden signs Ukraine bill, seeks \$40B aid, in Putin rejoinder***, Mary Zeke Miller And Lisa Mascaro, May 9, 2022, 9:30 PM

Washington sought to portray a united front against Russia's invasion of Ukraine Monday as President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan measure to reboot the World War II-era "lend-lease" program, which helped defeat Nazi Germany, to bolster Kyiv and Eastern European allies. The signing comes as the U.S. Congress is poised to unleash billions more to fight the war against Russia with Democrats preparing \$40 billion in military and humanitarian aid, larger than the \$33 billion package Biden has requested. [[Continue Reading](#)]

**See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

## CONGRESS

### ***AP: Senate passes bill to boost security for Supreme Court***, Mary Clare Jalonick And Lisa Mascaro, May 9, 2022, 10:00 PM

The Senate passed legislation Monday to beef up security for Supreme Court justices, ensuring they and their families are protected as the court deliberates abortion access and whether to overturn the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision. The bipartisan bill, which passed by voice vote with no objections, did not provide additional funding, which could come later. But it aims to put the court on par with the executive and legislative branches, making certain the nine justices are provided security as some protesters have gathered outside their homes. The bill now moves to the House for its consideration. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [WSJ](#), [WSJ-2](#)

### ***NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] GOP Abortion Strategy, Nebraska Republican Primaries, Sri Lankan PM Resigns***, May 10, 2022, 5:47 AM

Republican leaders want to restrict abortions nationwide, but they lack wide public support (1:25). Voters in Nebraska cast ballots today to decide who will be their Republican candidate for governor in a race seen as

the latest test of former President Trump's influence in the party (5:08). And the prime minister of Sri Lanka is resigning after weeks of protest against his government (8:27). [\[Listen\]](#)

**Newsmax: Ron Johnson to Newsmax: DOJ Should Focus on 'Equal,' Not Environmental, Justice,**  
Charles Kim, May 9, 2022, 7:48 PM

Sen. Ron Johnson, R- Wis., told Newsmax Monday that the Department of Justice and Attorney General Merrick Garland should be concentrating on equal justice under the law for everyone instead of creating a new environmental justice office. "I would much rather have the attorney general try and work on equal justice under the law within his department of justice," Johnson said during "Eric Bolling: The Balance" Monday. "We do not have that right now." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

## **NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: MAY 9, 2022**

**ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir**

**CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell**

**NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt**

- Russian President Putin accused the U.S., NATO and Kyiv of starting the fight in Ukraine during the Victory Day Parade. In Ukraine, President Zelenskyy accused Putin of "repeating the horrific crimes of Hitler's regime today" as a Russian airstrike killed an estimated 60 people at a Luhansk school. First lady Jill Biden made an unannounced stop in Ukraine on Sunday during a tour of Eastern Europe. She met with Ukraine's first lady, who made her first public appearance since the war began.  
[\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Alabama corrections official Vicky White and escaped capital murder suspect Casey Cole White were found Monday after a 10-day manhunt. Cole White was returned to custody and Vicky White was hospitalized after suffering a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, officials said. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Abortion rights protesters took to the streets across the U.S. following the leak that suggests the Supreme Court is ready to overturn Roe v. Wade. Lawmakers on both sides of the debate are focusing on what comes next if it's struck down. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- A lab in Philadelphia is investigating the mysterious deaths of three American tourists in the Bahamas. All the tourists were staying at the Sandals Emerald Bay Resort in Exuma, and officials say foul play isn't suspected. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Former Defense Secretary Mark Esper sat down with "60 Minutes" for an interview that aired Sunday night to talk about his new -- and revealing -- book about his time spent in the Trump administration. Esper says the biggest threat facing America isn't Russian aggression, the global pandemic or an increasingly menacing China. It's "extreme political partisanship" in Washington. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Agents at the U.S.-Mexico border are using new technology to scan trucks for fentanyl amid the

overdose crisis in America. Fentanyl-laced pills seized by law enforcement surged nearly 50-fold between 2018 and 2021. [\[CBS\]](#)

- Days before the critical Pennsylvania primary, former President Trump is showing celebrity candidate Mehmet Oz support. The latest polls show Oz up two points after Trump's endorsement and still virtually tied with former hedge fund executive from Western Pennsylvania, David McCormick. Forty percent of Republicans in Pennsylvania still say they haven't made up their minds, even with some of the highest stakes of the midterms. [\[NBC\]](#)
- NBC News investigates a 2017 New Mexico school shooting the victim's family says could have been stopped. The gunman left a trail of hatred online long before he shot and killed two students, and then took his own life. A year before the shooting, he sent a threat causing two FBI agents to question him at his home, where he convinced them it was a sick joke. [\[NBC\]](#)

## MORNING HEADLINES

- "Pledges of Aid Deepen U.S. Involvement in Ukraine War" [\[WSJ\]](#), [\[NYT\]](#), [\[WaPo\]](#), [\[LAT\]](#)
- "Tech Industry Warns That More Remote-Work Jobs Are Headed Out of U.S." [\[WSJ\]](#)
- "States Turn to Tax Cuts as Inflation Stays Hot" [\[NYT\]](#)
- "Missiles strike port city of Odessa, causing damage" [\[WaPo\]](#)
- "From Tycoons to Pop Singers, Ukrainians of All Walks Come Together on the Front Lines" [\[WSJ\]](#)

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### TOP NEWS

#### DOJ Lets Immigration Judges Consider Mental Health History

Immigration courts can once again consider whether a noncitizen's mental health history lightens the immigration consequences of a conviction, according to a Monday decision from U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland that overturns a 2014 Board of Immigration Appeals ruling.

[Decision attached](#) | [Read full article](#) »

#### EOIR Doesn't Have To Share Atty Probe Results, 9th Circ. Says

The U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review must investigate complaints against attorneys who practice in immigration courts, but the agency doesn't have to divulge the results of those investigations to complainants, the Ninth Circuit ruled on Monday.

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#### CBP To Phase Out 'Critical Incident' Response Teams

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will phase out the use of investigative squads known as Critical Incident Teams after immigration advocacy groups accused them of operating as "cover-up units," and members of Congress opened an investigation into their practices.

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### POLICY & REGULATION

#### Ex-Gov't Officials Argue For More Foreign STEM Grads In US

A group of former senior national security officials urged bipartisan lawmakers Monday to exempt foreign science and engineering graduates from green card limitations, saying the U.S. risks losing its competitive technological edge against China



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## LITIGATION

### 18 States Support 'Remain In Mexico' Ruling At High Court

Eighteen states including Indiana, Georgia and Ohio urged the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday to affirm a Fifth Circuit ruling propping up a Trump-era policy mandating that asylum-seekers wait out claims in Mexico, throwing their support behind an effort by Missouri and Texas to keep the policy in place.

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### BIA Erred On Money Laundering Deportation, 2nd Circ. Says

The Second Circuit has found the Board of Immigration Appeals erred in denying a South Korean citizen's bid to stay in the country, deciding Monday the woman's second-degree money laundering conviction is not enough to warrant deportation.

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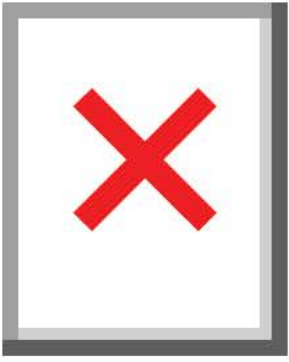


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**Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) is eclipsing** President Biden with endorsements and, at times, as the Democrats' leading voice on major issues, including abortion and canceling student debt, write Axios' Alexi McCammond and Sophia Cai.

**Why it matters:** The progressive's prominence is pressuring the incumbent president and White House to move left. It's also raising questions about her ambitions, especially as the Democratic Party faces electoral apocalypse this fall and questions about whose voice — and issues — are best to rebound.

- While Warren has [ruled out another campaign for president in 2024](#), her high profile would buttress any bid should Biden himself not run for a second term.
- Another high-profile liberal Democrat, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), hasn't ruled out another presidential campaign — so long as Biden doesn't run for re-election, according to [a leaked memo](#) from his former campaign manager Faiz Shakir.

**Driving the news:** Warren took to the steps of the Supreme Court twice last week to stand with abortion rights activists and give an impassioned [speech that's now gone viral](#).

- "I am here because I am angry, and I am here because the United States Congress can change all of this," Warren said, surrounded by advocates of abortion rights cheering at her every line. She called the court "extremist."
- That moment, supporters say, captured Warren's greatest strengths: her ability to mobilize quickly, validate concerns by lending her voice to the activists and tie the issue back to the economy.
- Since then, she's been all over the airwaves, appearing on "[The View](#)" and cable news programs to share her outrage.

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## 2. Scoop: The new "anti-woke" Chamber

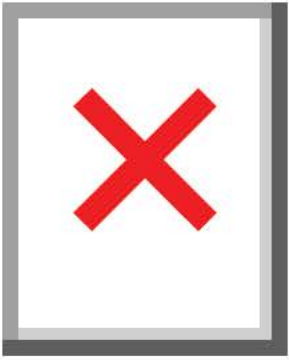


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**A new business lobby** backed by Republican heavyweights is looking to build clout with GOP leaders amid high-profile splits between the party's policymakers and key segments of corporate America, Axios' Lachlan Markay has learned.

**Why it matters:** The American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce is positioning itself as an alternative to groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The new group's backers complain the Chamber has lurched left from its onetime post at the vanguard of a Republican-aligned political apparatus.

- The chairman of the AmFree chamber, as it's known internally, is Terry Branstad — the former Republican governor of Iowa and President Trump's ambassador to China.
- Its CEO is Gentry Collins, a former political director of the Republican National Committee.
- The AmFree Chamber will provide an avenue for American businesses looking to influence Republicans, who appear poised to retake congressional majorities next year.

**What's happening:** The new chamber's formation comes as [corporate America grapples](#) with increasing pressure to engage on issues such as voting rights, racial justice and abortion — and the potential political fallout from doing so.

- "I hope to make the case to our policymakers at all levels that we must move away from the trend towards socialism and back to a pro-business, pro-growth posture," Branstad told business leaders during a conference call last Thursday, which Axios also attended.
- In a [memo pitching the group to potential members](#), a copy of which was obtained by Axios, the AmFree Chamber offers "tools for American businesses to maintain access to the marketplace in the face of 'woke capital' and 'cancel-culture' threats," among other benefits.

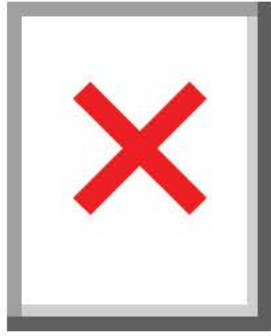
**What they're saying:** "[W]e warmly welcome anyone who joins our agenda, advocating for businesses and their workers. We need the pro-business voices to be heard loud and clear," a U.S. Chamber spokesperson told Axios.

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### 3. By the numbers: Endorsement count



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**The president has made fewer endorsements** during the 2022 campaign cycle than virtually any major political figure in either party, according to an analysis by Axios' Andrew Solender and Alexi.

**Why it matters:** Biden's restraint is traditional for most presidents but sharply contrasts with his predecessor, Donald Trump. He's sought to remake the GOP in his image and purge critics from its ranks by supporting and opposing a multitude of candidates.

- Trump has endorsed candidates for Congress, governor, attorney general, state legislature, state party chair, county judge and even foreign heads of state.
- Biden has made just four endorsements since taking office: Reps. Melanie Stansbury (D-N.M.), Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.) and Shontel Brown (D-Ohio), as well as former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, who lost a

bid to regain his old job last fall.

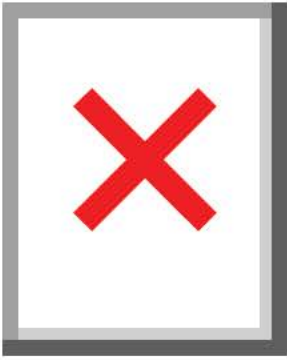
**What they're saying:** A Biden adviser told Axios the president is being “strategic” with his endorsements and has a “longstanding position” not to tip the scales in open primaries.

- “You can expect to see some endorsements from the president moving forward,” the adviser said.
- The adviser added that the endorseme<sup>nt</sup> il<sup>l</sup> )<sup>’</sup> n<sup>’</sup> who have been with him on votes and supporting his agenda, which is helping the American people.

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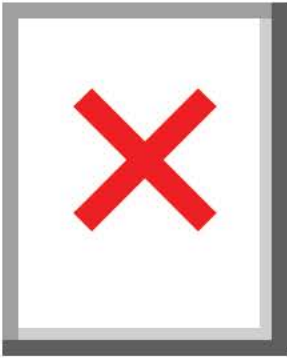
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☐☐ **White House press secretary Jen Psaki** [alluded to the protests in a tweet](#), stating, "Judges perform an incredibly important function in our society, and they must be able to do their jobs without concern for their personal safety."

☐ **Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell** ruled out nuking the legislative filibuster to pass abortion restrictions if Republicans take the majority, [telling Politico](#), "I will never support smashing the legislative filibuster on this issue."

☐ **Susan Rice**, the White House's domestic policy adviser, [said she tested positive for COVID-19 in the morning](#). She added, "I last saw the president in person on Wednesday — masked — and under CDC guidance he is not considered a close contact."

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## 5. Pic du jour



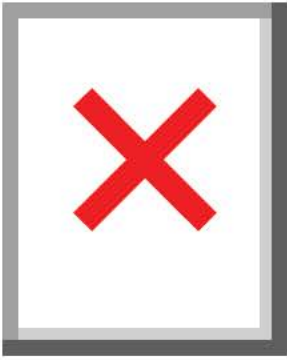


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**President Biden spoke with reporters** before signing the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 in the Oval Office.

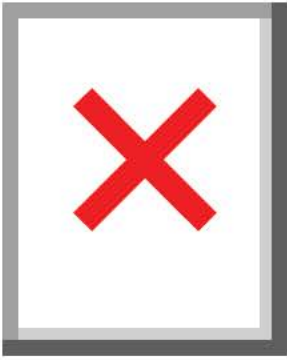
- It will expedite military aid and other resources to Ukraine.
- Joining the president were, from left, Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.), Vice President Kamala Harris, Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.), the first Ukrainian-born member of Congress.



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