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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CRIMINAL CASE NO.: 9:22-mj-08332-BER-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SEALED SEARCH WARRANT,

Defendant.

MOVANT JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.'S MOTION TO UNSEAL SEARCH WARRANT

Movant Judicial Watch, Inc., by counsel, respectfully requests this Court unseal the search warrant materials in *U.S. v. Sealed Search Warrant*, Case No. 9:22-mj-08332 as expeditiously as possible. As grounds thereof, Judicial Watch states as follows:

1. On August 8, 2022, FBI agents executed a search warrant at President Donald J. Trump's residence in Palm Beach, Florida. According to media reports, the warrant relates to an alleged dispute over the Presidential Records Act.
2. According to this Court's docket, all entries, including the search warrant are sealed.
3. Judicial Watch is a not-for-profit, educational organization that seeks to promote transparency, accountability, and integrity in government and fidelity to the rule of law. An integral part of Judicial Watch's mission is educating the public about the operations and activities of the government and government officials. To this end, Judicial Watch undertakes investigations of the federal government and federal officials by making extensive use of FOIA, among other

investigative tools. Judicial Watch subsequently analyzes all records it receives and disseminates its findings to the public.

4. Here, Judicial Watch is investigating the potential politicization of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice and whether the FBI and the Justice Department are abusing their law enforcement powers to harass a likely future political opponent of President Biden. If the Court were to unseal the materials, Judicial Watch would obtain the materials, analyze them, and make them available to the public. Unsealing the records therefore would further Judicial Watch's mission of educating the public.

5. Federal courts have long recognized a common-law right of access to judicial records. *Patel v. United States*, 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 152670, *13 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 9, 2019). Such right extends to pre-indictment search-warrant materials. *See Bennett v. United States*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 102771, *20 (S.D. Fla. July 23, 2013) (Courts have recognized that the common-law right to inspect judicial records applies where the record at issue is a sealed search-warrant affidavit.") (collecting cases).

6. "When deciding whether to grant a party's motion to seal or conversely the granting of a party's motion to unseal, the court is required to balance the historical presumption of access against any competing interest." *Id.* at *21 (quoting *In re Search of Office Suites for World and Islam Studies*, 925 F. Supp. 738, 742 (M.D. Fla. 1996)). Specifically, courts consider "whether the records are sought for improper purposes, whether access is likely to promote public understanding of historically significant events, and whether the press has already been permitted substantial access to the contents of the records." *In re Four Search Warrants*, 945 F. Supp. 1563, 1568 (N.D. Ga. 1996) (quoting *Newman v. Graddick*, 696 F.2d 796, 803 (11th Cir. 1983)).

7. All three considerations support Judicial Watch’s motion to unseal. First, Judicial Watch seeks access to the warrant materials as part of its educational mission. If the Court were to unseal the materials, Judicial Watch would obtain the materials, analyze them, and make them available to the public. Second, the public has an urgent and substantial interest in understanding the predicate for the execution of the unprecedented search warrant of the private residence of a former president and likely future political opponent. Third, no official explanation or information has been released about the search. As of the filing of this motion, the public record consists solely of speculation and inuendo. In short, the historical presumption of access to warrant materials vastly outweighs any interest the government may have in keeping the materials under seal.

8. Given the political context, and the highly unusual action of executing a search warrant at the residence of a former President and likely future political opponent, it is essential that the public understands as soon as possible the basis for the government’s action. Any government interest in securing the identities of witnesses and confidential sources, if any, may be addressed by appropriate redactions from the search warrant affidavit.

For the foregoing reasons, Judicial Watch respectfully requests this Court unseal the search warrant materials in *U.S. v. Sealed Search Warrant*, Case No. 9:22-mj-08332 as expeditiously as possible.

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Dated: August 9, 2022.

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From: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
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To: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG)
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Can you send me the motion from Judicial Watch?

From: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
Subject: 2022.08.11 Draft Remarks v1.docx
To: Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO)
Cc: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
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To: Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO)
Sent: August 11, 2022 1:24 PM (UTC-04:00)
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From: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
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To: Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG)
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We are only seeking the unsealing of the warrant (I.e., materials left after the search). No affidavit, no application.

On Aug 11, 2022, at 1:38 PM, Weinsheimer, Bradley (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
wrote:

Just confirming that you are only unsealing the warrant and not the application including the affidavit,
correct? I think (b) (5)

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Brad, could you take a quick look at this?

Thanks,
Rush

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From: (b)(6) David Newman email
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Emily Loeb

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From: Brogger, Marissa J. (PAO)
Subject: updated remarks
To: Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); Stieve, Victoria (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: August 11, 2022 2:25 PM (UTC-04:00)
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8.11.22 221pm

Since I became Attorney General, I have made clear that the Department of Justice will speak through its court filings and its work.

Today, the Justice Department has filed a motion in the Southern District of Florida to unseal a search warrant and property receipt relating to a court-approved search that the FBI conducted earlier this week.

That search was of premises located in Florida belonging to the former President. The Department did not make any public statements on the day of the search. The former President publicly confirmed the search that evening, as is his right.

Copies of both the warrant and the FBI property receipt were provided on the day of the search to the former President's counsel, who was on site during the search.

The search warrant was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause.

The "property receipt" is a document that federal law requires law enforcement agents to leave with the property owner.

The Department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former President's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter.

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Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy.

Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. Under my watch, that is precisely what the Justice Department is doing.

All Americans are entitled to the evenhanded application of the law, to due process of law, and to the presumption of innocence.

Much of our work is by necessity conducted out of the public eye. We do so to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and to protect the integrity of our investigations.

Federal law, longstanding Department rules, and our ethical obligations prevent me from providing further detail as to the basis for the search at this time. There are, however, certain points I want you to know.

First, I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter.

Second, the Department does not take such a decision lightly. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search, and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken.

Third, let me address recent unfounded attacks on the professionalism of FBI and Justice Department agents and prosecutors. I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked.

The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants.

Every day, they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism, and other threats to their safety, while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves.

I am honored to work alongside them.

This is all I can say right now. More information will be made available in the appropriate way and at the appropriate time. Thank you.

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
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To: Miller, Marsha (ODAG)
Sent: August 12, 2022 8:34 AM (UTC-04:00)

Will do.

On Aug 12, 2022, at 8:23 AM, Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thanks. Can you swing by when you have a chance (before 915 if possible)? Also, can you bring copies of exactly what would be unsealed (including redactions)?

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Garland asks court to unseal warrant for Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker And Michael Balsamo, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

The Justice Department is asking a federal court to unseal the warrant the FBI used to search the Mar-a-Lago estate of former President Donald Trump, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, acknowledging extraordinary public interest in the case about classified records. The request is striking because such documents traditionally remain sealed during a pending investigation. But the Justice Department appeared to recognize that its silence since the search had created a vacuum for bitter verbal attacks by Trump and his allies, and that the public was entitled to the FBI's side about what prompted Monday's action at the former president's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today-2](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Garland Calls Trump's Bluff as Justice Department Moves to Unseal Warrant, Charlie Savage, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Thursday called former President Donald J. Trump's bluff. Ever since the F.B.I. executed a search warrant at Mr. Trump's Florida residence on Monday, Mr. Trump and his supporters have been portraying the search as baseless and politically motivated. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Here are the main takeaways from Garland's statement on the Mar-a-Lago search, Glenn Thrush, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

All week, former President Donald J. Trump's allies pressed Attorney General Merrick B. Garland to explain the basis for the search warrant federal agents had executed at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence — and he refused to break the silence he wears like his unwrinkled, federal blue suit. On Thursday, Mr. Garland finally responded, summoning the news media to a seventh-floor briefing room at the headquarters of the Justice Department to offer a public rationale. The new information he provided was extremely limited, and largely dependent on whether Mr. Trump's lawyers choose to block the release of the warrant and other documents sealed by a federal judge. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland has a political duty to explain the circus perpetrated at Mar-a-Lago, George F. Will, August 11, 2022, 6:39 PM
After his 2016 Supreme Court nomination, Merrick Garland, according to the New York Times, assured senators that he did not have “a political bone” in his body. That seems to be true, unfortunately. His current job as attorney general inescapably involves making judgments that are inherently political. They involve exercising discretion about when to wield government power, and for what ends. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland’s surprise announcement calls the Trump-GOP bluff, Paul Waldman and Greg Sargent, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM
Since Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort was searched by FBI agents, Republicans have relentlessly attacked the bureau, the Justice Department and Attorney General Merrick Garland for conducting a supposed political vendetta. Unfortunately, too often the press has allowed their baseless accusations to pollute this story, so a bizarre inversion of reality has been given nearly equal weight with known facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Garland is no gambler. My bet is he’s acting on more than a hunch, Michael Gerson, August 11, 2022, 2:56 PM
The FBI’s search of Mar-a-Lago has created a logical tension at the center of American political life. An attorney general known for prudence and the restoration of norms has acted in bold and unprecedented fashion. If the FBI has been used as an instrument of political harassment — as some Republican leaders allege, without evidence — then former judge Merrick Garland has become Mr. Hyde. Or, in the typically restrained Republican translation, a Nazi. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Esquire](#), [HuffPo](#), [New Republic](#)

ABC: Garland puts pressure back on Trump as GOP targets Justice: The Note, Rick Klein, Averi Harper, and Alisa Wiersema, August 12, 2022, 6:06 AM
For those inclined to think Attorney General Merrick Garland is playing chess to counter former President Donald Trump’s checkers, consider how much easier it is to win at checkers. Consider as well the extraordinary challenge Garland threw back to Trump – and not just with the decision his legal team now faces Friday about whether to stand in the way of public release of the search warrant and list of items seized at Mar-a-Lago on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] FBI weaponized by Biden Justice Department in campaign against Trump, Michael R. Pompeo, August 12, 2022, 5:00 AM
On Monday night, Federal Bureau of Investigation officials raided former President Donald Trump’s residence at Mar-a-Lago after following through on a search warrant. In so doing, a federal government agency undertook the most severe and egregious action against a former president in the history of our country. This raid goes far beyond an alleged need to recover documents and return them to the National Archives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Trump lawyer slams Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: 'Pathetic presser', Unattributed, August 12, 2022, 12:31 AM
Attorney for former President Donald Trump Christina Bobb reacted to Attorney General Merrick Garland's press conference on the FBI's raid of Trump's Mar-a-

Lago home on "The Ingraham Angle." CHRISTINA BOBB: This is what the Democrats do. They don't have any good reason for doing what they did. The pathetic presser that Merrick Garland held for three minutes was insufficient, so they had to create fear. Normally, they should come out with exactly what happened, and why, and explain themselves and if it was a good reason, they would have solid ground. They are not on solid ground. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for AG search warrant for Unabomber's cabin: Former FBI official, Joshua Comins, August 11, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former FBI deputy assistant director of counterterrorism Terry Turchie said Attorney General Merrick Garland wouldn't recommend approval for a search warrant for the Unabomber's cabin on Thursday's "Jesse Watters Primetime." "I've never said this publicly, but I'll just tell you right now because it just sickens me to watch and listen to Merrick Garland, because Merrick Garland was in charge of the prosecution at DOJ of the Unabomber," Turchie said. "And I have to tell you something: He would not recommend to the AG that our search warrant to get into Theodore Kaczynski's cabin be approved." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: DOJ bets its future on how it handles the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Ryan J. Reilly, August 11, 2022, 10:11 PM

In approving the unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, Justice Department leaders have bet the house on their handling of an investigation that will have sweeping implications for the future of both federal law enforcement and American democracy. Monday's hourslong search of Trump's Florida resort in connection with an investigation into classified documents that Trump is alleged to have kept on the property will reverberate in American politics for the foreseeable future. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, The Last Word: [VIDEO] 'Merrick Garland Has Outsmarted Donald Trump At Every Turn', Lawrence O'Donnell, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell explains how Attorney General Garland "has handled the most important week of his life flawlessly" and says "Donald Trump has no idea what to say now with Merrick Garland closing in on him." [[Watch](#)]

ABC: Congressional Republicans call Garland's remarks on Mar-a-Lago search insufficient, Tal Axelrod, August 11, 2022, 6:10 PM

Congressional Republicans were quick to pan Merrick Garland's Thursday remarks on the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago -- calling the attorney general's comments insufficient and insisting the Justice Department release more information behind the unprecedented raid even as Garland said he wants the search warrant unsealed. But GOP lawmakers said the Justice Department's motion to unseal parts of the warrant would not cut it, demanding that more information behind the search's genesis was needed given the gravity of the operation at a former president's home. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Garland praised for 'speaking up' as DOJ moves to make FBI Mar-a-Lago search details public, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM

Donald Trump could reveal the details of the FBI Mar-a-Lago search right now, but he has not, leaving the dangling question of, "why?" Now, the Department of

Justice is moving to make that information public. We also bring you fresh reporting on a subpoena from this past spring concerning sensitive documents the FBI believed Trump was still improperly holding. Dr. Jason Johnson in for Joy Reid and our panel of experts analyze this developing story on The ReidOut on MSNBC. [[Watch](#)]

NPR, Up First: **[AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Warrant, FBI Office Attacked, New CDC COVID Guidance**, August 12, 2022, 5:52 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has requested that the Mar-a-Lago search warrant be made public (1:16). Violent rhetoric from the GOP fueled an attack on the Cincinnati FBI office (5:47). The CDC relaxes COVID-19 guidance signaling a new phase of the pandemic (9:38). [[Listen](#)]

Politico: **[OPINION] Why it took so long for Merrick Garland to go public**, Myah Ward, August 11, 2022, 7:59 PM

Merrick Garland has broken his silence. In a five-minute afternoon presser, the attorney general revealed that he personally approved of the decision to execute the search warrant at Mar-a-Lago on Monday, and announced the Department of Justice's decision to unseal portions of the warrant. The move comes after three days of wall-to-wall media coverage and a massive outcry from Republicans who have demanded more information about the search and why it was necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsday: **[EDITORIAL] Garland's position makes plain sense**, Editorial Board, August 11, 2022, 7:42 PM

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland's terse but strong statement on Thursday regarding the search of former President Donald Trump's estate in Florida brought a brief and timely glimpse of light to a muddled situation created by the former commander-in-chief himself. Yes, Garland approved the warrant for federal agents to search Mar-a-Lago. No, the former federal appeals court judge did not take this measure involving a former president lightly. And he made it clear that he won't abide by "unfounded attacks" on the FBI and Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: **Merrick Garland calls Trump's bluff**, Kyle Cheney and Meridith McGraw, August 11, 2022, 7:11 PM

Donald Trump and his allies spent days pounding the Justice Department for executing a search warrant at the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, whipping supporters into a frenzy and exploiting DOJ's characteristic secrecy by telling their own versions of events. Some even developed a rallying cry as they attacked the department: Release the warrant! [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Judicial group launches ads claiming Democrats endanger Supreme Court justices**, Alex Swoyer, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

A conservative judicial group launched a \$10 million ad campaign this week claiming that Democrats are endangering Supreme Court justices, and is targeting Attorney General Merrick Garland in its first ad. Judicial Crisis Network's first cable and digital ad will launch Thursday in the Washington, D.C., market. It claims that Mr. Garland cowered to a "woke mob" by refusing to enforce federal laws against protesting in front of a justice's home as an attempt to obstruct justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Ex-cop sentenced to more than 7 years in prison for role in storming U.S. Capitol, Sarah N. Lynch, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A former Virginia police sergeant who joined Donald Trump's supporters in storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was sentenced to seven years and three months in prison on Thursday, a Justice Department spokesperson said. A jury in April convicted Thomas Robertson, a former police sergeant for the town of Rocky Mount, Virginia, of six criminal charges, including obstructing an official proceeding and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

Bloomberg: [OPINION] Bolton Plot Should Be a Warning on Iran Nuclear Talks, Bobby Ghosh, August 11, 2022, 8:27 PM

The Iranian regime has a long, dishonorable history of assassination plots against dissidents and detractors abroad, but commissioning a hit against a former US national security adviser represents a raising of the bar in brazenness. The revelation that a member of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps attempted to have John Bolton murdered — on American soil, at that — should serve as a sobering reminder for President Joe Biden of Tehran's depravity as he contemplates making a deal that will both enrich and embolden those behind the plot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#)

WSJ: Man Who Brandished Rifle at Cincinnati FBI Office Killed in Standoff, Ben Kesling and Sadie Gurman, August 11, 2022, 6:41 PM

A man armed with a rifle tried to break into the security screening area of the FBI's Cincinnati field office before fleeing the scene and being killed in a gunbattle with police, officials said. The man attempted to breach the screening area at the office Thursday morning, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. His entry set off an alarm, and armed agents responded. He first fired a nail gun at law enforcement, then brandished an AR-15-style rifle before fleeing in a Ford Crown Victoria, according to law enforcement officials. He was reportedly wearing body armor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WTGS (Hardeeville, SC): Iraqi man sentenced to federal prison for attempting to smuggle guns through Savannah: DOJ, Parker Fluke, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Iraqi national has been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of attempting to smuggle guns through the Port of Savannah, according to a release from the US Dept. of Justice. U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia David Estes said Nihad Al Jaber, 43, of Clarkston, received a sentence of 94 months in prison. His charges included smuggling, failure to notify a common carrier and submitting false or misleading export information. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Detailed accusations of Secret Service impeding Jan 6 investigation were scrapped from report to Congress, Whitney Wild and Zachary Cohen, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A memo detailing how federal investigators believed the Secret Service was

impeding them from obtaining key information about the agency's response to January 6, 2021, was significantly altered to remove reference to nearly all those efforts before a final report was presented to lawmakers in June. The memo's original language contained detailed descriptions from the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office of the multiple ways the Secret Service stalled the watchdog's investigation into the agency's actions before and during the Capitol riot, including erasing text messages from that day. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Politico](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump calls for 'immediate' release of Mar-a-Lago warrant, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 12, 2022, 12:20 AM

Former President Donald Trump called late Thursday for the "immediate" release of the federal warrant the FBI used to search his Florida estate, hours after the Justice Department had asked a court to unseal the warrant, with Attorney General Merrick Garland citing the "substantial public interest in this matter." In messages posted on his Truth Social platform, Trump wrote, "Not only will I not oppose the release of documents ... I am going a step further by ENCOURAGING the immediate release of those documents." He continued to assail the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago as "unAmerican, unwarranted and unnecessary." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [Fox](#), [Financial Times](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Time](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapotosky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys, a state attorney general and the Justice Department. Authorities are looking into Trump and his family business for a medley of possible wrongdoing, including his actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol and how he valued his various assets for loan and tax purposes. The probes threaten Trump with criminal or financial penalties, or plain old public embarrassment, as he remains a dominant presence in his party and weighs a 2024 bid to return to the White House. Here's a list of the key investigations and where they stand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: FBI searched Trump's home to look for nuclear documents and other items, sources say, Devlin Barrett, Josh Dawsey, Perry Stein and Shane Harris, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

Classified documents relating to nuclear weapons were among the items FBI agents sought in a search of former president Donald Trump's Florida residence on Monday, according to people familiar with the investigation. Experts in classified information said the unusual search underscores deep concern among government officials about the types of information they thought could be located at Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club and potentially in danger of falling into the wrong hands. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Forbes](#), [HuffPost](#), [MSNBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Reuters](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WXYZ-ABC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WaPo: How agents get warrants like the one used at Mar-a-Lago, and what they mean, Perry Stein, August 11, 2022, 12:00 PM

FBI agents executed a search warrant at former president Donald Trump's Florida home on Monday, taking about a dozen boxes of material after opening a safe and entering a padlocked storage area. Trump and his allies have denounced the search as unlawful and politically motivated but provided no evidence to back that up and have refused to share a copy of the warrant with the public. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Media outlets file motion to unseal entirety of DOJ's records to search Mar-a-Lago, Jared Gans, August 11, 2022, 8:41 PM

A group of four major media companies filed a motion on Thursday to unseal all court documents related to the search warrant that the FBI executed at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property on Monday. The Washington Post, CNN, NBC News and E.W. Scripps Company filed the motion in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida to ask for documents pertaining to the search warrant, including the search warrants themselves, the warrant application, "all probable cause affidavits filed in support of the search warrant" and any motion to seal the "warrant-related records", among other things. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: Trump talked his way into DOJ requesting release of records from Mar-a-Lago search, Sonam Sheth, C. Ryan Barber, August 11, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday asked a federal judge to unseal the search warrant and other records related to the raid of Mar-a-Lago, the South Florida home and members-only club of former President Donald Trump. At a press conference, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department had taken the unusual step "in light of the former president's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter." The attorney general also confirmed that he personally signed off on the pursuit of a warrant to search Trump's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Dad gets home detention for bribing Georgetown coach, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Pennsylvania man who pleaded guilty to bribing a Georgetown University tennis coach to get his daughter into the school was sentenced Thursday to about a month in home detention. Robert Repella, a former pharmaceutical executive, agreed to pay then-Georgetown tennis coach Gordon Ernst at least \$120,000 to have his daughter designated as a tennis recruit for the Washington D.C. university, prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [Law360](#),

Bloomberg: US Capitol's '600 Rooms' Spurred Subpoena Confusion, Ex-Trump Aide Says in Jan. 6 Case, Sabrina Willmer, August 11, 2022, 11:14 AM

Former White House trade adviser Peter Navarro is arguing in his criminal contempt case that a subpoena left out the room in which he was to testify before the US House committee investigating the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. The Capitol building has 600 rooms and the subpoena didn't specify which one, Navarro's

lawyer John Rowley said at a hearing Thursday in federal court in Washington. He added that the panel later changed the site of the deposition to a different building altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Tulsa World: Grove man pleads guilty to a 2019 Delaware County homicide, Ashley Jones, August 11, 2022, 10:30 PM

One out of three family members charged with murdering a man and shooting a woman in Delaware County has pleaded guilty to lesser charges. Cody Dwayne Buzzard, 28, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in Indian Country and to brandishing and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courier (Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA): Man injured in 2020 gunfight sentenced on gun charges, Jeff Reinitz, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man who was shot in the chest during a 2020 gunfight in Waterloo has been sentenced to prison on weapons charges. Judge C.J. Williams sentenced Chad Edward Lee, 20, to up to eight years and four months in federal prison during a Thursday hearing in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. His prison time will be followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Orlando Sentinel: Clermont cheerleading coach indicted for sexually assaulting minors he trained, DOJ says, Amanda Rabines, August 11, 2022, 8:50 PM

The Clermont cheerleading coach who was arrested at his Winter Garden home for allegedly sexually assaulting minors he trained is facing a possible life sentence after being indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Florida. Vigilant D'Haiti, 40, has been charged with one count of possessing images and videos of children being sexually exploited, one count of production of child sexual abuse images and videos, and one count of enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: After receiving time served in city, Baltimore arsonist sentenced in federal court to 12 years for setting fire to ex-girlfriend's home, Jessica Anderson, August 11, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Baltimore man who received a controversial sentence last year in the city for setting his ex-girlfriend's home on fire was sentenced Thursday to 12 years in federal prison. Luther Moody Trent, 22, pleaded guilty in June to one count of malicious destruction in connection to a blaze at his ex-girlfriend's house where she and two others were inside. Trent admitted to pouring gasoline on her rowhouse at 1900 Linden Ave. on May 21, 2021, and lighting it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez sentenced to 19.5 years in prison for killing crew mate with knife and hammer off coast of Massachusetts, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:59 PM

A scalloping ship crewmember who attacked three co-workers, killing one, was sentenced in Boston federal court Thursday to 19 and a half years in prison after being convicted of murder in the 2018 incident off the coast of Massachusetts, officials said. Franklin Freddy Meave Vazquez, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs to 235 months in prison followed by

three years of supervised release, the United States Attorney's Office said.
[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston.com](#)

Tennessean (Nashville, TN): **Former T.J. Martel Foundation VP Melissa Goodwin faces prison time in embezzlement scheme**, Molly Davis, August 11, 2022, 5:51 PM

Melissa Goodwin was sentenced to four years in prison for embezzling more than \$3.7 million from the T.J. Martel Foundation for Cancer Research, U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin announced Thursday. Goodwin worked as the executive vice president and general manager of the foundation. She was charged with wire fraud earlier this year and pleaded guilty to devising and operating a scheme to defraud the foundation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): **Vancouver man pleads guilty to federal charge of mail fraud**, Becca Robbins, August 11, 2022, 5:15 PM

A Vancouver man pleaded guilty Thursday to a federal charge of mail fraud in connection with a Ponzi scheme that defrauded 32 investors of \$4.3 million. Charles Richard Burgess, 66, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 4 in U.S. District Court in Tacoma. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The charging information, filed Aug. 4, states that between 1995 and April 2021, Burgess sold investments in an unregistered investment vehicle that he called "the pool." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): **Connecticut man Syed I. Bokhari ordered to forfeit \$2.1M, sentenced to one year of probation for selling wholesale tobacco to Mass. residents**, Tom Matthews, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

A Connecticut man who sold wholesale tobacco over the internet to Massachusetts residents was recently ordered to forfeit \$2.1M for his role in tobacco trafficking, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Syed I. Bokhari, 57, was sentenced to one year of probation Thursday by U.S. District Court Judge Mark G. Mastroianni in federal court in Springfield for violating the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act. Prosecutors recommended a sentence of 18 months in prison, officials said. He pleaded guilty on April 19. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWLP-NBC/CW \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

Providence Journal: **U.S. Attorney: Pawtucket man videotaped kidnapping of man believed to be police informant**, Jack Perry, August 11, 2022, 4:45 PM

On Wednesday, a Pawtucket man pleaded guilty to drug and gun charges and admitted his role in the violent kidnapping of a man he and others mistakenly believed had been cooperating with police, law-enforcement officials in Massachusetts announced. Anthony Basilici, 39, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, one count of possession and discharge of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, one count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice by retaliating against a witness, victim or informant, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Massachusetts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Baltimore Sun: **Pasadena man, 21, pleads guilty to federal child pornography charge**, Dan Belson, August 11, 2022, 4:37 PM

A 21-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to a child

pornography possession charge, admitting that he used file sharing services to collect and distribute images of sexual abuse. The charges against Raymond Martin Shamer III, of Pasadena, stem from a Department of Homeland Security investigation into the former Massachusetts Maritime Academy student's social media accounts, which authorities said he used to upload and share child pornography files. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*NJ Metro Breaking News: **Brooklyn Man Charged for Fraudulently Entering New Jersey Laboratory, Destroying, Stealing Equipment***, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:44 PM

A Brooklyn, New York man was arrested today for allegedly entering a laboratory business on false pretenses and destroying and stealing that business' equipment, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Eric Leykin, 31, of Brooklyn, New York, is charged by complaint with wire fraud and accessing a protected computer without authorization and recklessly causing damage [[Continue Reading](#)]

*NJ Metro Breaking News: **Bergen County Man Charged with Distributing Heroin***, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:33 PM

A Bergen County man was charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute heroin, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Esmelby Estevez-Castillo, 35, of Ridgefield Park, was arraigned on August 10, 2022, and pleaded not guilty. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Mahwah, NJ\)](#)

*NJ Metro Breaking News: **Camden County Man Sentenced to Five Years for Deploying Homemade Explosive at Local Fitness Center***, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 2:10 PM

A Camden County man was sentenced to five years in prison for setting off a homemade bomb at a fitness center, U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Dwayne Vandergrift, 40, of Gloucester City, previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with malicious use of explosive materials. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [New Jersey Advance Media](#), [Patch \(Gloucester Township, NJ\)](#)

*NJ Metro Breaking News: **Newark Men Among Four Charged with Distributing Fentanyl, Money Laundering in the Ironbound Section***,

Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:48 PM

Four New Jersey men were charged for their alleged roles in drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracies, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. Federal officials said Mr. William Panzera, 49, of North Haledon, Mr. Thomas Padovano, 48, and Mr. Bartholomew Padovano, 71, both of Newark; and Sean Tighe, 46, of Kearny, New Jersey, are each charged in a second superseding indictment with one count of drug trafficking conspiracy and one count of international promotional money laundering conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Newark, NJ\)](#), [WRIC-ABC \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

*Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **Bessemer kingpin sentenced to life in federal prison for leading multi-million-dollar drug enterprise***, Carol Robinson, August 11, 2022, 11:05 AM

A Bessemer man convicted under the federal drug "Kingpin" statute has been

sentenced to life in prison. Rolando Antuain Williamson, aka “Baldhead” and “Ball Head,” was found guilty in April.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KEPR-CBS (Pasco, WA): Kennewick drug trafficker sentenced to ten years in federal prison, Sasha Terry, August 11, 2022, 10:00 PM

On August 11th, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, Vanessa R. Waldref announced that 30-year-old Aurelio James Gonzalez of Kennewick has been sentenced in federal court in Spokane for two counts of Distribution of Methamphetamine. Chief United States District Judge Stanley A. Bastian sentenced Gonzales to a total of 120 months in federal prison and ordered Gonzales to serve a five-year term of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): ‘Horrendous’: Former Fort Campbell soldier, wife sentenced for child pornography crimes, Stephanie Langston, August 11, 2022, 9:39 PM

Disturbing, unthinkable images shared between a former Fort Campbell soldier and his wife landed the couple in federal prison. On Wednesday, Kara Adkins was sentenced to more than 20 years and Robert Adkins was sentenced to 10 years for child pornography crimes. Robert Adkins was an automated logistical specialist. He was a staff sergeant and served approximately 16 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTVG-ABC \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WTVF-CBS \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): Penitas Mayor pleaded guilty to fraud, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 8:31 PM

The mayor of Penitas pleaded guilty to fraud in connection with the La Joya Independent School District, a release states. Rodrigo Lopez, 38 of Penitas, admitted that in 2018 he aided and abetted the La Joya ISD athletic director in committing fraud against the district. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KRGV-ABC \(Weslaco, TX\)](#)

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Des Moines identity thief indicted for bank fraud on the run; stole more than \$100K over 3 years, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:12 PM

A 48-year-old Des Moines woman is being sought by law enforcement after escaping from federal agents when they tried to arrest her Thursday morning, U.S. Attorney Nick Brown’s office announced. Jennifer Suazo, also known as Jennifer Esperanza, was indicted by a grand jury for five counts of bank fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Man sentenced for threatening public officials in Norfolk, Dina Weinstein, August 11, 2022, 8:09 PM

A New York man was sentenced today to more than nine years in federal prison for mailing threatening letters to a federal law enforcement officer with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and to a federal prosecutor, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2021, 29-year-old Brock Beeman sent multiple threatening letters from prison to government employees associated with a separate criminal prosecution of Beeman in Norfolk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNDU-NBC (Richland, WA): Federal jury indicts Toppenish woman on drug

trafficking charges, Karlee Van de Venter, August 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal grand jury has charged Susen Ann Gorst, 34-year-old woman from Toppenish, with possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. Gorst was being investigated for fentanyl dealing by the Yakama Nation Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The agencies started surveilling the El Corral Motel after allegations were made that Gorst sold fentanyl there, according to a criminal complaint from August 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Felon convicted of selling fentanyl in downtown Seattle, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 6:59 PM

A 31-year-old man was convicted Thursday for selling fentanyl pills in downtown Seattle. The Seattle U.S. District Court convicted Kendall Alston of possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm, and Alston also plead guilty to two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, one of them in connection to a Jan. 2022 shoplifting arrest in Bellevue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPTV-Fox (Portland, OR): Florida man convicted of sexually abusing an Oregon child, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 6:43 PM

A Federal jury in Portland found a Florida man guilty of sexually abusing an Oregon child and sharing a video of the abuse online, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon on Thursday. "In trials involving the sexual abuse of children, jurors are tasked with taking in and reviewing a horrendous set of facts," said Natalie Wight, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. "In this case, the young witness took the stand to tell the jury the details of what happened in her own words. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Las Vegas man charged for running Ponzi scheme that bilked Northern Ohioans, others out of a combined \$8.5 million, Justin McMullen, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Las Vegas sports bettor was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and one count of mail fraud for running what the U.S. Department of Justice called a Ponzi scheme that defrauded approximately 72 victims, including many in Northern Ohio, out of more than \$8.5 million. Matthew J. Turnipseede, 49, allegedly promised investors in four of his companies double-digit returns, telling them that their money would generate profits through "sophisticated sports wagers" made with the help of an algorithm, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio's office said in a release announcing the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Parma man charged with helping set fire to parking booth during 2020 riots in Downtown Cleveland, Tyler Carey, August 11, 2022, 5:27 PM

A Parma man is facing federal charges for his alleged role in the infamous Downtown Cleveland riots from more than two years ago. Seth Calig, 49, is accused of helping a group set fire to a parking booth back on May 30, 2020. Specifically, the Department of Justice alleges Calig used a lighter to ignite a roll of paper towels before placing the flaming object inside the structure on West 3rd Street, while others looked on. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWCH-CBS (Wichita, KS): Greeley man convicted of defrauding VA for

disability benefits, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 5:26 PM

A federal jury on Thursday, Aug. 11, convicted a Kansas veteran for defrauding the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) out of disability benefits. A news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office said the jury convicted 53-year-old Bruce Hay, of Greeley, of wire fraud and theft of government funds in charges related to the scheme. Court documents and evidence presented at trial showed Hay "fraudulently misrepresented and exaggerated the extent of symptoms related to a purported conversion disorder diagnosis to receive VA disability benefits to which he was not entitled." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): Apopka man sentenced for 7-Eleven robbery, identity theft, Anthony Talcott, August 11, 2022, 5:18 PM

A 31-year-old Apopka man was sentenced Thursday to seven years and six months in federal prison in connection with a 7-Eleven robbery and identity theft, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Officials said Jarvis Jackson, 31, robbed a 7-Eleven store in Apopka in February 2021, wearing a black ski mask and handing a clerk a note that read, "Give All Money Out Register and \$30 Scratch Offs enter roll. I Have a Gun." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Georgia man sentenced after threatening to blow up New York IRS office, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced in federal court after admitting to his threats to blow up an IRS office in New York. According to the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's office, Benjamin Stasko, 34, of St. Simons Island, posted a comment on a federal agency's website on July 6th, 2020, alleging that a pipe bomb had been planted as a threat towards the IRS in the Ted Weiss Federal Building in New York, New York. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

WIVT-ABC (Binghamton, NY): Man sentenced in scheme to sell info stolen from NYSDOL, Sara Rizzo, August 11, 2022, 4:49 PM

A man has been sentenced for his role in a scheme to sell information illegally taken from the New York State Department of Labor. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) said Guy Cuomo, also known as "John Monaco," 54, of Fredrick, Maryland, was sentenced to 3 years and 9 months in prison. In November 2021, Cuomo was found guilty of computer fraud, misuse of a social security number, aggravated identity theft, and related conspiracy charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Lee's Summit man sentenced for 4 bank robberies in 2 weeks, Heidi Schmidt, August 11, 2022, 4:34 PM

A Lee's Summit man will spend 15-years in prison for robbing four banks. Joseph, P. Hall, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of bank robbery in January. He admitted stealing \$7,025 from a Raytown Bank of America branch on June 2, 2021. He also admitted he robbed Great Southern Bank in Lee's Summit the next day. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KSHB-NBC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

KOLO-ABC (Reno, NV): Nevada woman charged with falsifying records appears in court Thursday, Kevin Sheridan, August 11, 2022, 4:22 PM

A Nevada woman charged with obstruction of justice by falsifying records will make her initial court appearance in New Jersey on Thursday. Anna Kline is charged with one count of falsifying records in a federal investigation. She was arrested on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): Documents: Felon gets 18 months for escape from federal custody, Jana Garrett, August 11, 2022, 4:17 PM

Glynn Petticord, 51, of Evansville, was sentenced to eighteen months in federal prison after pleading guilty to escaping from federal custody. According to court documents, Petticord was sentenced to 156 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Documents say towards the end of his sentence, Petticord was transferred to a residential reentry center in Evansville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man charged with unlicensed dealing in firearms: attorney, Avery Van Etten, August 11, 2022, 3:54 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a Harrisburg man was indicted Wednesday on allegations that he purchased guns for other people and engaged in unlicensed dealing in firearms. Johvaughan Young, 23, allegedly purchased 13 handguns between June 30, 2020, and Sept. 14, 2021, that he said for were himself when they actually were not, according to a release from United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): York man indicted for assaulting post office coworkers, James Wesser, August 11, 2022, 3:39 PM

The US Attorney's office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a York man has been indicted on assault charges. According to a release, 34-year-old Christopher Moody was indicted on assault charges from an incident that occurred on Dec. 10, 2020, where Moody assaulted two of his fellow postal employees causing bodily injury. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Woman sentenced for passing bad checks at West Virginia car dealerships, Bailey Brautigan, August 11, 2022, 2:02 PM

A woman was sentenced to one year in prison for a scheme to obtain vehicles from car dealerships in Kentucky and West Virginia. In April, 51-year-old Mindy Turner admitted that she passed a bad check at a car dealership in Louisville, Kentucky in June of 2021 so they could obtain a 2020 Ford Explorer valued at around \$53,000. Court documents say that the two then transported the vehicle to West Virginia and tried to trade it in at a Charleston dealership for a more expensive Ford F-150. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): Alex Friedmann pleads guilty to federal firearms charge, Ethan Illers, August 11, 2022, 12:42 PM

A Nashville man has pleaded guilty to federal charges after he hid weapons in the Davidson County Detention Center, vandalizing the jail in the process. The Department of Justice says 52-year-old Alexander Friedmann pleaded guilty Thursday to charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Man, 53, who terrorized local women on dating

apps indicted for cyberstalking, Nicole Sanders, August 11, 2022, 11:09 AM
A 53-year-old man accused of threatening and cyberstalking five people since 2021 has been indicted by a grand jury Wednesday. According to the indictment, Robert Merkle allegedly harassed four people in January and one person in October online. In 2017, he messaged two women expressing desires for violent sexual fantasies. One of the victims met him at a Meet Up group in the Central West End. Angela, who asked to remain anonymous, met him in August at Dressel's. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Monday hearing set for 2 ex-cops in George Floyd's killing, STEVE KARNOWSKI, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

A judge scheduled a hearing for Monday on the "status of plea negotiations" for the two remaining officers awaiting trial on state charges in the killing of George Floyd, with the hearing coming after the judge's window for accepting any deal appears to have closed. Hennepin County Judge Peter Cahill said in previous orders that he would not accept plea agreements unless they came within a 15-day window after former Officers Tou Thao and J. Alexander Kueng were sentenced in federal court on separate civil rights charges. Those sentences came down July 27. His orders did not specify business days or calendar days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Dallas salon shooting suspect indicted on hate crime charge for allegedly shooting 3 Korean women, Amanda Su, August 11, 2022, 4:39 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon in May was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced. Jeremy Smith, 37, is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault, each with a hate-crime enhancement and punishable by five years to life in prison. He was arrested by Dallas police on May 16 and remains in the county jail with bail set at \$700,000. [...] Texas federal prosecutors, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice's civil rights division partnered for a federal hate crime investigation into Smith. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Texas governor must turn over Dropbox files in redistricting case, Stephen Paulsen, August 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has ordered Texas Governor Greg Abbott to turn over documents in an ongoing dispute over proposed election maps in Texas — including documents stored online through a Dropbox link. In a lawsuit that started last year, the League of United Latin American Citizens and other civil rights groups allege that new Texas congressional maps "unlawfully dilute the voting strength of Latinos." With around 4 million new residents in the 2020 census, Texas is the only state set to gain two new congressional seats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

WSJ: Judge Declares Mistrial in Flint Water Crisis Civil Case, Tatal Ansari, August 11, 2022, 8:53 PM

A judge declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors were unable to reach a verdict in a case involving companies that had been hired to help Flint, Mich., fix its water system—but were alleged to have instead contributed to the city's lead-tainted water crisis. Multiple Flint residents had sued Veolia North America and Texas-based Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc., an engineering consulting firm also known as LAN, accusing them of being partially responsible for the water crisis that began in 2014. The civil case, which involved just a few plaintiffs, was seen as a bellwether for possible further litigation, according to legal experts.

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Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Sex Assault Suit Against Former General, Daniel Wilson, August 11, 2022, 7:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday affirmed that a former Army colonel could pursue sexual assault allegations against the Pentagon's recently retired second-highest-ranking officer, Gen. John Hyten, saying the colonel's claims could not be considered incident to military service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Pharmacy, Owner Agree to Pay \$4.1 Million to Resolve Liability, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 3:35 PM

Philadelphia-based Spivack Inc.—previously operating under the name Verree Pharmacy—and owner-pharmacist Mitchell Spivack have agreed to pay more than \$4.1 million to resolve forfeiture claims as well as their civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act and False Claims Act, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Federal Medical Injury Lawsuit Jeopardized by Washington Law, Mary Anne Pazanowski, August 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

Washington's drop-dead date for filing medical malpractice lawsuits likely bars a Navy spouse's suit against the federal government because it's substantive and doesn't conflict with federal law, the Ninth Circuit said Thursday. The Federal Tort Claims Act doesn't supplant Washington's statute of repose, which puts an outside limit of eight years, running from the date of the occurrence, on filing medical malpractice claims, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said. The limit applies even if a patient hasn't discovered an injury and its cause, the court said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Springfield News-Leader: Indoor thermostat company connected to Preferred Family Healthcare to pay \$1M, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

After Preferred Family Healthcare paid more than \$8 million in April, a Springfield company affiliated with the nonprofit is paying \$1 million as part of a non-prosecution agreement, according to a Department of Justice press release. Pro 1 IAQ, Inc., is a Missouri corporation with operations in Springfield and Boulder, Colorado, that designs and sells indoor thermostats nationwide. The corporation signed an agreement that admitted former executive officers engaged in a conspiracy to embezzle funds from Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. from 2008 to November 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KY3 \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: Middlesex County Company Admits Undervaluing Merchandise to Avoid Paying U.S. Customs Duties, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 12:58 PM

A Middlesex County company has entered into a settlement agreement with the United States to resolve allegations that it made false statements to avoid paying customs duties, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to the admissions and contentions of the United States in the settlement agreement: Eos Energy Storage LLC (Eos) is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Edison that designs and sells industrial batteries to power companies and other commercial enterprises. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Edison-Metuchen, NJ\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Immigration judge could be replaced over 'stupid' comment, court says, Daniel Wiessner, August 11, 2022, 1:19 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday said a federal immigration board must reconsider disqualifying a judge from a deportation case after she called a Nicaraguan man's claim that he is not fluent in Spanish "stupid" and "laughable." A unanimous three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) applied too high of a bar in finding that the judge's comment did not violate the due process rights of Rodolfo Tinoco Acevedo, a legal permanent resident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

USA Today: 'Make my day': Texas Gov. Abbott challenges NYC Mayor Adams over migrant busing dispute, Natalie Neysa Alund, August 11, 2022, 7:03 PM

Texas Governor Greg Abbott is firing back at New York City Mayor Eric Adams after he threatened to send bus loads of New Yorkers to Texas to campaign against Abbott's re-election bid. "I kind of feel like Clint Eastwood. Go ahead, Mayor. Make my day," Abbott publicly declared Wednesday. The dueling politicians have gone back and forth since the Lone Star State began busing migrants from the Texas-Mexico border to the Big Apple on Aug. 5. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Trump-Era DHS Chief's Immigration Bond Rule Fails In Court, Rae Varona, August 11, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another Trump-era immigration policy promulgated by former acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf fell by the wayside, after a California federal judge vacated administrative hurdles imposed on surety companies that wish to challenge the government's determinations that noncitizens have breached their bond conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Biden administration abolishes ICE labor union, Stephen Dinan, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Biden administration delivered a death sentence Thursday to the labor organization that represents thousands of employees at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Federal Labor Relations Authority's decision erases the National ICE Council and leaves its 7,600 members, mostly deportation officers, without a collective bargaining agreement or union representation, members said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

City News Service: Fentanyl Trafficking on the Rise in San Diego County: Customs and Border Protection, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

Federal authorities said Thursday that fentanyl trafficking and drug seizures are on the rise in the San Diego region, which they described as "an epicenter" of fentanyl trafficking into the United States. Law enforcement in San Diego and Imperial counties seized 5,091 pounds of fentanyl from October of 2021 to this June, which is around 60% of all fentanyl that has been seized at ports of entry across the nation during that same time span, according to statistics released by Border Patrol officials and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYMA-NBC \(Yuma, AZ\)](#), [Times of San Diego](#)

Spectrum News: **How New York state could help asylum seekers from the southern border in NYC**, Susan Arbetter, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

For the past two months, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered asylum seekers and other immigrants who have crossed the border into the U.S. to be bussed to more liberal states like New York, which are struggling to find the capacity to house them. According to Murad Awawdeh, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), the asylum seekers arriving in New York City have sometimes walked thousands of miles to the southern border to find safety and economic opportunity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Alexandria, VA): **Dulles Airport Officers Seize Over \$95K In Unreported Currency From Travelers**, AJ Goldbloom, August 11, 2022, 5:06 PM

Custom and Border Protection officers at Washington Dulles International Airport seized over \$95,000 from recent travelers, officials said. Airport officials stopped a couple headed to Lebanon who surrendered over \$29,000 in unauthorized currency on July 21, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Nonpareil (Council Bluffs, IA): **ACLU sues for records in immigration raid in Nebraska**, Martha Stoddard, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska has gone to federal court seeking the release of information on the alleged mistreatment of workers rounded up during a 2018 immigration raid in Nebraska. The group filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court Monday after getting no response to a Freedom of Information Act request for more than two years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mitchell Daily Republic (Mitchell, SD): **Border Patrol: Canadian man at center of South Dakota Amber Alert entered U.S. illegally, drove through fence**, Hunter Dunteman, August 11, 2022, 12:31 PM

A Canadian man who was at the center of an Amber Alert in South Dakota entered the United States illegally by driving through a fence on the border, federal agents said. Benjamin Moore, 50, of Alberta, Canada, was arrested for possible illegal entry and kidnapping, according to a statement shared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Nashua, NH): **Nashua Murder Suspect Reportedly Being Held On Immigration Detainer**, Dan Shalin, August 11, 2022, 10:01 AM

The Nashua man charged with killing 34-year-old Julie Graichen last week is being held on an immigration detainer by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), WMUR reported. Miguel Ramirez, 25, was charged with one count of second-degree murder in the death of Graichen, who was found stabbed to

death in a Kinsley Street apartment on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): Border Patrol held migrants longer than it should in El Paso, OIG says, Julian Resendiz, August 11, 2022, 9:06 PM

A federal agency says it has complied with the first of four recommendations in an Office of the Inspector General report stating it held hundreds of migrants in El Paso and New Mexico longer than 72 hours. The OIG report released this week is based on surprise visits to seven El Paso Sector facilities last October. The inspections revealed that the Border Patrol held 493 migrants in custody "longer than specified in the applicable standards," which generally limit detention to 72 hours.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMUR-ABC (Manchester, NH): Man found not guilty in New Hampshire motorcycle crash trial now in ICE custody in Pennsylvania, KC Downey, August 11, 2022, 6:19 PM

News 9 Investigates has learned that a man found not guilty of causing a crash that killed seven motorcyclists in New Hampshire in 2019 is in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in Pennsylvania. Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 26, a citizen of Ukraine, is being held at the Moshannon Valley ICE Processing Center in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, according to the government agency's detainee locator search tool. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: U.S. consumer watchdog considers crackdown on collection of consumer information, David Shepardson, August 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. consumer watchdog agency said on Thursday that it will consider rules to better protect Americans' privacy and crack down on businesses that collect far-reaching personal information without consumers' full understanding. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a notice that it is considering writing rules to address lax data security and commercial surveillance, which is the "business of collecting, analyzing, and profiting from information about people." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#)

Law360: UnitedHealth, Change Turn Trial Gaze To Horizontal Overlap, Bryan Koenig, August 12, 2022, 12:03 AM

UnitedHealth Group and Change Healthcare countered Justice Department allegations that their proposed merger threatens direct competition in the claims processing sector by arguing at the D.C. federal court that their plan to divest an insurance claims technology business addresses the DOJ's concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

PYMNTS: FTC Sends \$9.7M in Fee Refunds to LendingClub Customers, Unattributed, August 11, 2022, 11:30 PM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is sending over \$9.7 million in payments to 61,990 customers who the FTC said were charged hidden fees from LendingClub, an FTC press release said. The FTC sued LendingClub in 2018 over the allegations that the company falsely promised loan applicants that they'd get a specific amount without hidden fees. The company, the FTC charged, had deducted hundreds or even thousands of dollars in hidden up-front fees from the

loans. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Author, Agents Say Advances Only Part Of Puzzle, Matthew Perlman, August 11, 2022, 10:27 PM

A nonfiction author and several agents told a D.C. federal judge on Thursday that there's more to negotiating a book deal than landing the largest possible advance, while throwing cold water on the government's fears over the merger of Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: A looming test for tech antitrust battles, Richard Waters, August 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The idea that your robot vacuum cleaner could suck up data about your home and send it back to Amazon might strike some people as creepy. If that happened, would Alexa start suggesting you buy a new rug when the old one wears out, or recommend a better way to arrange your furniture? Whether this would also be a threat to competition in the nascent home automation market, however, is an altogether different question. Separating those two issues has become of critical importance as regulators in the US break new ground in antitrust enforcement, with data very much at the center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: US launches process to set Idaho mercury pollution standards, Keith Ridler, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is developing proposed aquatic life water quality standards for mercury pollution in Idaho that could have statewide ramifications. The agency on Wednesday made public a proposed remedy resulting from a federal court's 2021 ruling in a lawsuit by the Portland, Oregon-based Northwest Environmental Advocates and the Boise, Idaho-based Idaho Conservation League. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Ruling clouds future of southeast Alaska king salmon fishery, Gene Johnson, August 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal court ruling this week has thrown into doubt the future of a valuable commercial king salmon fishery in Southeast Alaska, after a conservation group challenged the government's approval of the harvest as a threat to protected fish and the endangered killer whales that eat them. The ruling, issued Monday by U.S. District Judge Richard Jones in Seattle, said NOAA Fisheries violated the Endangered Species Act and other environmental law when it approved the troll fishery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Investors Get Second Chance At Cabot Pollution Suit, Jessica Corso, August 11, 2022, 10:18 PM

A Texas federal judge on Wednesday trimmed securities fraud allegations against Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., saying that investors could bring claims the company hid problems with its Pennsylvania fracking operations, leading to criminal charges and allegedly to a stock price drop. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: NM Judge Trims Navajo Farmers' Claims In Gold King MDL, Andrew Westney, August 11, 2022, 8:36 PM

A New Mexico federal judge on Thursday cut some claims and preserved others

brought by Navajo farmers and ranchers against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an EPA contractor for noneconomic damages from the 2015 Gold King Mine spill. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Enviro Groups Say Feds Delaying Protecting Prairie Chicken, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 11, 2022, 6:12 PM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has failed to meet a deadline to protect populations of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act, and now faces a lawsuit from green groups over the delay. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: EPA Contemplates Cumulative Impact Guidance for Civil Rights, Stephen Lee, August 11, 2022, 3:26 PM

The EPA is developing a framework to guide how it will consider cumulative impacts as a possible civil rights violation, an agency official said Thursday. Low-income people of color have voiced concerns about cumulative effects of agency decisions because many of their communities have been home to multiple, overlapping pollution sources for decades. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: FBI Director: Attacks on FBI integrity erode respect for rule of law, Costas Pitas, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

Attacks on the FBI's integrity erode respect for the rule of law, its director said on Thursday after an armed man tried to breach its building in Ohio and following criticism from some Republicans over a raid on Donald Trump's Florida home. "Unfounded attacks on the integrity of the FBI erode respect for the rule of law and are a grave disservice to the men and women who sacrifice so much to protect others," Christopher Wray said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: OnlyFans model charged for fatally stabbing her boyfriend 'without justification' in April, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

An OnlyFans and social media model was arrested in Hawaii on Wednesday and is being charged in the April death of her boyfriend, whom she admitted to police she stabbed. [...] The Hawaii County Police Department said she was arrested on the big island of Hawaii on Wednesday, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service. Authorities used an [sic] warrant issued by Miami-Dade County, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Car crash in Wyoming leads to huge meth bust at Santa Clara warehouse, Summer Lin, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

A car crash in Wyoming last month led federal agents across state lines to a Santa Clara warehouse believed to be used as a methamphetamine cooking and conversion site. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration raided a Santa Clara warehouse on Aug. 3, in the 600 block of Martin Avenue, where they found a laboratory believed to be an "active methamphetamine conversion site," according to court filings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Cause of Indiana house explosion that killed 3 and damaged 39 homes still undetermined, authorities say, Claudia Dominguez and Michelle Watson, August 11, 2022, 9:19 PM

The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and

damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [...] Search and rescue teams will be allowed back into the area once utilities are secured and the ATF determines its part of the investigation is over, Connelly said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: 'We have a problem': New ATF director takes agency's reins as country confronts a rise in violent crime, Devan Cole, Josh Campbell and Anna-Maja Rappard, August 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

The new director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives took the agency's helm last month at a time when gun violence and extremism are on the rise, putting him among a handful of top federal officials tasked with preventing and responding to high-profile incidents of violent crime rocking the nation. "I think the first thing we need to do is to be honest about the fact that we have a problem," Steve Dettelbach, the ATF's first Senate-approved leader in seven years, told CNN in an interview this week. "I will tell you, it's gotten more bold, more brazen and more violent." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Feds, police lacked probable cause to break in, search Pa. home: lawsuit, John Beauge, August 11, 2022, 7:21 PM

A search of a Williamsport home that did not result in any charges has led to a federal lawsuit against the FBI, U.S. Marshals, up to five unnamed city police officers and Agent Tyson Havens of the Lycoming County Narcotics Enforcement Unit. The complaint filed Tuesday in U.S. Middle District Court says officers broke into the home in the 900 block of Memorial Avenue on Aug. 19, 2020, without knocking or announcing their intention while the occupants were sleeping. Officers stormed inside, made threats and pointed guns at people inside the home, including children, according to the lawsuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Fugitive arrested in Harrisburg after three-hour standoff, Becky Metrick, August 11, 2022, 4:54 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, Harrisburg police and other law enforcement officials apprehended a man wanted on multiple felony warrants near 2nd and Forster streets, city spokesman Matt Maisel said. Police closed 2nd Street at Forster on Thursday afternoon around 1:30, and Rahfeek Scott was detained around 4 p.m. in the 800 block of Green Street. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): 5 people arrested after drug bust in Okeechobee, Monica Magalhaes, August 11, 2022, 11:18 PM

Five people were arrested Thursday after drugs were found inside a home in Okeechobee. Officials said the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, the Special Response Team, and field agents from the DEA executed a search warrant in a home located at 2942 NW 35th Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPEC-CBS \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): U.S. Marshals join search for suspect in Lincoln County shooting that injured 2 children, 1 adult, Jessica Barnett, August 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

The search for a suspect who shot at a vehicle filled with people in Tennessee before possibly fleeing to Alabama has now gotten the attention of the U.S. Marshals Service. Chief Deputy Joyce McConnell of the Lincoln County (Tenn.)

Sheriff's Office said U.S. Marshals were called to help find 42-year-old Brodrick DeWayne Fearn. McConnell said Fearn has also been entered into the National Crime Information Center database, allowing law enforcement agencies across the country to help as well. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids, MI): DEA brings Operation Engage to West Michigan, Kyle Kuhns, August 11, 2022, 5:49 PM

On Thursday, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration were in Grand Rapids to discuss multiple efforts going on in West Michigan to regulate controlled substances in communities. One of those efforts is through a program called Operation Engage. The initiative is meant to help raise awareness on local drug threats to reduce substance misuse. It's also meant to help connect the DEA with the communities they serve. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): One of six suspects in aggravated kidnapping arrested, Alejandra Yanez, August 11, 2022, 5:37 PM

One of three suspects wanted for an aggravated kidnapping case was arrested. As previously reported by ValleyCentral, on Sunday, July 3, 2022, deputies responded to an aggravated kidnapping at Avenida Katarina in Cameron Park, a release by the Cameron County Sheriff's Office stated. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVII-ABC (Amarillo, TX): 2 arrested after 14 pounds of cocaine found in spare tire during traffic stop, Jamie Burch, August 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

Two people were arrested after a state trooper found 14 pounds of cocaine in the spare tire of a car, according to authorities in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety said a state trooper stopped a Hyundai Elantra around 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday on Interstate 40 in Conway for a traffic violation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): FBI officials warn of cyber threats, sextortion of Tennessee children, Conley Grayson Norris, August 11, 2022, 4:35 PM

Cyber threats and sextortion are global crimes emerging here in Tennessee. Officials with the FBI's Memphis Field Office say children are spending a lot more time on the internet, which makes them more susceptible to sextortion. They say they are being bombarded with complaints. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMSN-Fox (Madison, WI): US Marshals Service: Man who escaped custody at Milwaukee airport in 2021 arrested in Ohio, Logan Reigstad, August 11, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 40-year-old man who escaped custody at Mitchell International Airport in late 2021 was arrested in northern Ohio on Wednesday, the U.S. Marshals Service said Thursday. In a news release, the agency said Robert Johnson, Jr., was arrested after leading law enforcement in Toledo, Ohio, on a chase on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Police: Man found with blasting caps in carry-on at Pittsburgh International Airport, Madeline Bartos, August 11, 2022, 2:47 PM

A man was arrested after police said TSA officers at the Pittsburgh International Airport found two blasting caps in his carry-on bag. [...] Investigators said he was

stopped just before 9 a.m. Thursday at the main security checkpoint. County police were called, and both the FBI and ATF were notified. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

East Bay Times: **U.S. Department of Justice reverses course, won't seek execution of alleged Sureño accused of three murders**, Nate Gartrell, August 11, 2022, 10:47 PM

More than two years after indicating they would seek death against an alleged Bay Area gang member charged with murdering three people, federal prosecutors have reversed course, filing court papers that say execution is no longer on the table. In December 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice indicated that Michael "Gallo" Rebolledo, 33, would be the lone defendant to face a potential death sentence out of 10 alleged Sureño gang members charged with a total of seven murder counts and several other shootings. In a court document reversing the decision, filed July 12, prosecutors didn't state the reason death is no longer being sought. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: **Supreme Court Denies Coinbase's Request to Block Customer Lawsuits**, Vicky Ge Huang, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court has denied cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase Global's request for emergency intervention in two lawsuits filed by angry customers. Earlier this month, Coinbase asked the court to block a pair of lawsuits and send the cases to arbitration. Federal judges in California had refused the company's demand for the disputes to be heard in arbitration. Coinbase wrote in the filings that the company would suffer "irreparable harm" if the Supreme Court allowed the lawsuits to proceed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **Supreme Court to hear case that could end 40 years of race-based affirmative action in university admissions**, Haley Chi-Sing, August 11, 2022, 11:30 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court announced it would hear one of two cases on Oct. 31 that could dismantle the 40-year precedent of race-based affirmative action in university admissions, with universities now urging the court to preserve the decision despite some expert opinion to the contrary. Students for Fair Admissions Inc. (SFFA) v. President & Fellows of Harvard College is one of two cases to come before the Supreme Court urging it to eliminate race as an admissions factor and, as a result, overturn the precedent case, Grutter v. Bollinger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: **Cherry-picked history: Reva Siegel on "living originalism" in Dobbs**, Angie Gou, August 11, 2022, 4:57 PM

"Dobbs is the product of originalism," Reva Siegel, professor of law at Yale University, said last month. Few legal scholars would disagree. But for Siegel, the more interesting question is what originalism means in practice — and how it led to the elimination of the constitutional right to obtain an abortion. Siegel explored those issues during the 18th Robert H. Jackson Lecture, an annual event featuring Supreme Court experts hosted by the Chautauqua Institution. This

year's lecture occurred on July 11 and was recently posted online. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Law360: Biden's 10th Circ. Pick Seen As Humble Yet Savvy Prosecutor, Hannah Albariza, August 11, 2022, 9:41 PM

President Joe Biden has tapped for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals a longtime federal prosecutor who's respected across party lines for his humility and compassion — and, if confirmed, would be the first person of color from Kansas to serve as a judge in that court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Archives to return Native American remains, burial objects, Kim Chandler, August 11, 2022, 8:00 PM

The remains of Native American people who once lived in Alabama were dug up a century ago — often by amateur archaeologists — and given to the state along with the jewelry, urns and other objects buried with them. The Alabama Department of Archives and History announced this week that it is beginning the process of returning the remains and funerary objects held in its collections to tribes as required by federal law. The department also announced it had removed the funerary objects from displays where the artifacts had sat for years, viewed by school groups and other visitors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Mich. Wins Chance To Tax Tribe's Members Off-Reservation, Sanjay Talwani, August 11, 2022, 6:32 PM

A federal judge on Thursday amended an injunction that prevented Michigan from collecting use tax from members of an American Indian tribe both inside and outside its tribal boundaries, saying state law could allow apportionment for off-reservation taxation of tribal members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Gov't Agencies Team Up For Tribal Broadband Program, Isaac Monterose, August 11, 2022, 5:21 PM

Two federal agencies have agreed to comply with a tribal broadband internet program's requirements for cultural resources, historic preservation and environmental protection, which will allow "high-speed internet service to be deployed quickly while also ensuring safeguards to protect Native lands and interests." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): 5 people plead not guilty to murder of Pine Ridge teenager, Jack Siebold, August 11, 2022, 4:38 PM

Five people pleaded not guilty to federal charges related to the murder of a juvenile female near Rockyford on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Tyson White Plume, age 27, pleaded not guilty to second degree murder and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: New York Will Start Accepting Marijuana Dispensary Applications In Two Weeks—Exclusively From People Harmed By Drug War, Kyle Jaeger, August 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

New York marijuana regulators on Thursday announced that they will be officially begin accepting applications for the state's first adult-use retailer licenses, reserved for people impacted by the drug war, starting on August 25. This comes about a month after the Cannabis Control Board (CCB) approved the initial conditional adult-use licensing rules and accepted a mockup of the application form. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Marijuana legalization in Missouri raises questions about cannabis banking, Kevin Barry, August 11, 2022, 11:06 PM
Missouri's recreational adult marijuana use ballot measure could expand the demand for marijuana products by a lot if the pool of potential customers vastly expands. Estimates say more than \$60 billion are spend [sic] on legal marijuana products every year with future estimates continuing to climb. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Patch (San Francisco, CA): Judge Finds Walgreens Liable For Opioid Epidemic In San Francisco, Jordan Mendoza, August 11, 2022, 11:39 PM
A federal court judge found Walgreens liable for contributing to the opioid epidemic in San Francisco in a trial that concluded on Wednesday. The court ruled that Walgreens over-dispensed opioids without proper due diligence and failed to identify, report, and halt suspicious orders as required by law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

The Hill: Biden's new challenge is FBI's Trump search, Morgan Chalfant and Amie Parnes, August 12, 2022, 6:00 AM
The White House has a new messaging challenge on its hands: Donald Trump. President Biden, wary of appearing to influence the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the former president, doesn't want to talk about the FBI search earlier this week at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Morning Joe: [VIDEO] White House Not Directing DOJ Investigation In 'Any way,' Says Adviser, Joe Scarborough, August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM
White House Senior Adviser Anita Dunn discusses the July inflation numbers, the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago and why she says the White House is not directing the DOJ's investigation into Trump in any way. Dunn also discusses President Biden's signing of the PACT Act for veterans. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden tries to tread carefully after FBI searches Trump's home, Naomi Lim, August 11, 2022, 11:00 PM
President Joe Biden's relationship with the Justice Department has become more complicated after the FBI enforced a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and office in Florida. With presidential son Hunter Biden under scrutiny by federal law enforcement officials, the White House has from the start aimed to keep a healthy distance from the Justice Department,

headed by Attorney General Merrick Garland. The situation grew thornier after the FBI's Aug. 9 search of Trump's Palm Beach estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Insider: Republicans may have shot themselves in the foot by hammering the DOJ to release the Mar-a-Lago search warrant, Camila DeChalus, Sonam Sheth, August 11, 2022, 8:37 PM

Former President Donald Trump's allies have spent this week clamoring for the Justice Department to release details from its search warrant for Mar-a-Lago and other supporting documentation. Now, it looks like they might get what they asked for. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced Thursday at a news conference that the Justice Department has filed a motion to unseal portions of the warrant following Trump's "public confirmation of the search." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

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- The Department of Justice has asked a federal court to unseal the search warrant the FBI used to search the Florida home of former President Donald Trump. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say a heavily armed man in Ohio attempted to breach an FBI field office this morning, leading to a shootout. The attack comes after the FBI's search at Mar-a-Lago prompted anti-law enforcement rhetoric and calls for violence. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The average price for a gallon of regular gas has dipped below \$4 for the first time in five months. The relief stems from an increase in global oil supply and a decrease in fuel demand. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The CDC has updated its COVID guidance to loosen a number of its health recommendations. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Firefighters in France are battling raging wildfires near Bordeaux, fueled by one of Europe's worst droughts in centuries during a historic heatwave that has killed thousands. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The cause of the Evansville, Indiana, house explosion that left three dead and damaged at least 39 homes is still undetermined, Evansville Fire Chief Michael Connelly said Thursday evening. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Heavy fighting is again raging around Europe's largest nuclear plant, with Russia and Ukraine accusing each other of shelling the facility. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Nearly one year after the US withdrawal from Kabul, Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan with more on what's changed in the country now that the Taliban is firmly in control. [[ABC](#)]
- A non-profit farm outside Kansas City is growing more than just crops in its field, it's also showing how boys can grow into responsible men by teaching them the importance of teamwork and the great outdoors. [[CBS](#)]
- When someone comes into a hospital and alleges abuse, forensic nurses traditionally look for signs of bruising with the naked eye. However, because

pigment in darker skin is closer to the skin's surface than the bruise, they may see nothing. [\[NBC\]](#)

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Trump Won’t Oppose Release of Search Warrant” [\[WSJ, NYT, WaPo, LAT\]](#)
- “House Set to Pass Democrats’ Climate, Health and Tax Package” [\[WSJ, NYT, WaPo, LAT\]](#)
- “With Western Funds Slow to Arrive, Ukraine Scrapes to Pay Its Soldiers” [\[WSJ, NYT\]](#)
- “CDC loosens coronavirus guidance, signaling strategic shift” [\[WaPo, NYT, LAT\]](#)

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Attorney General Merrick Garland Delivers Remarks

Washington, DC

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Thursday, August 11, 2022

Remarks as Delivered

Good afternoon. Since I became Attorney General, I have made clear that the Department of Justice will speak through its court filings and its work.

Just now, the Justice Department has filed a motion in the Southern District of Florida to unseal a search warrant and property receipt relating to a court-approved search that the FBI conducted earlier this week.

That search was of premises located in Florida belonging to the former President. The Department did not make any public statements on the day of the search. The former President publicly confirmed the search that evening, as is his right.

Copies of both the warrant and the FBI property receipt were provided on the day of the search to the former President's counsel, who was on site during the search.

The search warrant was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause.

The "property receipt" is a document that federal law requires law enforcement agents to leave with the property owner.

The Department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former President's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter.

Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy.

Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. Under my watch, that is precisely what the Justice Department is doing.

All Americans are entitled to the evenhanded application of the law, to due process of the law, and to the presumption of innocence.

Much of our work is by necessity conducted out of the public eye. We do that to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and to protect the integrity of our investigations.

Federal law, longstanding Department rules, and our ethical obligations prevent me from providing further details as to the basis of the search at this time. There are, however, certain points I want you to know.

First, I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter.

Second, the Department does not take such a decision lightly. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search, and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken.

Third, let me address recent unfounded attacks on the professionalism of the FBI and Justice Department agents and prosecutors. I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked.

The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants.

Every day, they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism, and other threats to their safety, while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves.

I am honored to work alongside them.

This is all I can say right now. More information will be made available in the appropriate way and at the appropriate time. Thank you.

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