

From: (b)(6) David Newman
Subject: Re: Activity in Case 9:22-mj-08332-BER USA v. Sealed Search Warrant Order
To: Olsen, Matthew (NSD)
Cc: Miller, Marsha (ODAG)
Sent: August 22, 2022 8:32 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Order on Motions to Unseal.pdf

Thanks. (b) (5)

A credit to Jay and the briefing team.

On Aug 22, 2022, at 2:22 PM, Olsen, Matthew (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> wrote:

Forwarding the court's order (b) (5)

-Matt

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From: Bratt, Jay (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:12:30 AM
To: Olsen, Matthew (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
<(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Cc: Toscas, George (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD> (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
<(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Subject: FW: Activity in Case 9:22-mj-08332-BER USA v. Sealed Search Warrant Order

From: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:12 AM
To: Gonzalez, Juan Antonio (USAFLS) <(b)(6) per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov>; (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD)
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Subject: RE: Activity in Case 9:22-mj-08332-BER USA v. Sealed Search Warrant Order

Thanks, Tony. For those without immediate PACER access, I'm attaching a pdf of the order.

From: Gonzalez, Juan Antonio (USAFLS) <(b)(6) per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2022 8:03 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Activity in Case 9:22-mj-08332-BER USA v. Sealed Search Warrant Order

This is a very well written order. Clearly written for the media/public and not really for the lawyers.
Contains nothing new.

Tony

Juan A. Gonzalez
U.S. Attorney
Southern District of Florida

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[ORDER as to Sealed Search Warrant, memorializing and supplementing oral rulings at August 18, 2022, hearing. Signed by Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart See attached document for full details. \(BER\)](#)

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From: (b)(6) David Newman
Subject: Fwd: Activity in Case 9:22-mj-08332-BER USA v. Sealed Search Warrant Order
To: (b)(6) DAG Monaco Account
Cc: Miller, Marsha (ODAG); Bruck, Andrew (ODAG)
Sent: August 22, 2022 8:36 AM (UTC-04:00)
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FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Newman, David A. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
Date: August 22, 2022 at 2:31:51 PM GMT -2

Duplicative Records

From: Miller, Marsha (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Final letters
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Sent: August 27, 2022 11:39 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Response to CH Manney and CH Schiff 8.26.22.pdf, Response to CH Warner and VC Rubio 8.26.22.pdf, Response to RM Turner 8.26.22.pdf, 2022.08.26-OUT-Warner-Rubio-FBI's execution search of former President.pdf

Thanks. Any feedback from leadership?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 27, 2022, at 11:22 AM, Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

As sent last night. Preliminary contact made with leadership, too.

We didn't (b) (5) but will plan to do that next week.

Austin R. Evers

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) (m)
(b) (6) (o)

From: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions
To: Lederman, Martin (OLC)
Cc: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC); Evers, Austin (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 28, 2022 11:16 PM (UTC-04:00)

I talked to Austin briefly today, and we'll coordinate tomorrow. Thanks, Marty.

On Aug 28, 2022, at 11:15 PM, Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC wrote:

Duplicative Records

From: Lederman, Martin (OLC)
Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Cc: Newman, David A. (ODAG); Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
Sent: August 29, 2022 3:38 PM (UTC-04:00)

Ok, but if there's a way to settle on it today, that'd be great. I suppose that in the meantime I could simply tell Gary that we are considering the question.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2022, at 3:26 PM, Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Please hold (b) (5)

From: Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC)
(b)(6) per OLC
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

Gary pinged me again. Everyone ok with me conveying our current view?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2022, at 9:13 AM, Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC> wrote:

I agree, too. And I'll add this:

(b)(5) per OLC

(b) (5) per OLC

How does that sound? Should I (b) (5) [redacted] ?

Marty Lederman
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
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(b)(6) per OLC (cell)
(b)(6) per OLC (office)

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC>; Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC>
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

Thanks, Chris. That makes sense (b) (5) [redacted]

From: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC>
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

On the question of (b)(5) per OLC [redacted], my first instinct is (b)(5) per OLC [redacted]

(b)(5) per OLC

From: Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 11:23 PM
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Cc: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC> Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b)(5) questions

(b)(5) per OLC

Marty Lederman
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(b)(6) per OLC (office)

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2022 11:19 PM
To: Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC>
Cc: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC> Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b)(5) questions

Thank you. I appreciate the update. I will connect tomorrow with this group and others to discuss further. In the meantime, I do not thin (b) (5)

On Aug 28, 2022, at 11:15 PM, Lederman, Martin (OLC)

(b)(6) per OLC wrote:

Gary Stern called today to raise a question or two (b)(5) per OLC

(b)(5) per OLC

Gary is interested to know what DOJ's view is on (b)(5) per OLC

I mentioned these questions briefly to Rush this afternoon. Our first order of business, I believe, is (b)(5) per OLC

One other thing to note: (b)(5) per OLC

(b)(5) per OLC

I'll be on the road much of tomorrow (Monday), but could talk if necessary.

Thanks.

Marty Lederman
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Justice
(b)(6) per OLC (cell)
(b)(6) per OLC (office)

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Cc: Lederman, Martin (OLC); Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC); Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
Sent: August 31, 2022 7:27 AM (UTC-04:00)

A relevant question is (b) (5)

Austin R. Evers
(b) (6) (m)

On Aug 31, 2022, at 7:11 AM, Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thank you, Marty. Let me read these and circle back.

On Aug 31, 2022, at 6:40 AM, Lederman, Martin (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC > wrote:

David: For purposes of your forthcoming call with Gary, note that he has also reached out to

(b)(5) per OLC

(b)(5) per OLC

(b)(5) per OLC

(b)(5) per OLC

After your call, we should discuss ASAP (i) whether we in OLC should have any follow-up conversations with Gary concerning (b)(5) per OLC

Thanks very much.

Marty Lederman
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Department of Justice
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(office)

From: Lederman, Martin (OLC)
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Schroeder, Christopher H.
(OLC) (b)(6) per OLC >
Cc: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
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Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

Gary pinged me again. Everyone ok with me conveying our current view?

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From: Lederman, Martin (OLC)
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions
To: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC); Evers, Austin (ODAG); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Cc: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
Sent: August 31, 2022 9:58 AM (UTC-04:00)

I'll be there

Marty Lederman
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
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(b)(6) (office)

From: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Cc: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

If Marty's available, that will work for me.

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC >; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Cc: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

David may be busy at 10:15 but why don't I connect with you and Marty at that time to get on the same page?

From: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) <(b)(6) per OLC >
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Cc: Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

Looks like I have 10:15-11, 12-12:30 and then after 4:30.

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 8:58 AM
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Lederman, Martin (OLC)
(b)(6) per OLC
Cc: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG)
<(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

(b) (5)

. I am free until 11 and then have windows over the course of the day.

Austin

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 7:11 AM
To: Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC
Cc: Schroeder, Christopher H. (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC; Evers, Austin (ODAG)
<(b) (6)> Atkinson, Lawrence (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: time-sensitive (b) (5) questions

Thank you, Marty. Let me read these and circle back.

On Aug 31, 2022, at 6:40 AM, Lederman, Martin (OLC) (b)(6) per OLC wrote:

Duplicative Records

From: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RM Turner Ltr to AG Gar and
To: Brink ey, Winnie (ODAG)
Cc: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)
Sent: September 12, 2022 6:03 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.09_AG Gar and_DOJ FBI Investigation.pdf

From: Evers, Austin (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 6:01 PM
To: Suero, Maya A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Thomas, Tina M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> Bruck, Andrew (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Chandler, Adam (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RM Turner Ltr to AG Garland

Can you please share this with the DAG as a FYI?

Austin R. Evers

Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) (m)
(b) (6) (o)

From: Miller, Marsha (ODAG)
Subject: RM Turner Ltr to AG Gar and
To: Kapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Sent: September 12, 2022 6:29 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2022.09.09_AG Gar and_DOJ FBI Investigation.pdf

From: (b)(6) Christine Berger
Subject: Fwd: Abbreviated AM Clips
To: (b)(6) AG Garland Account (OAG)
Sent: August 31, 2022 7:25 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Date: August 31, 2022 at 7:18:34 AM EDT
To: "Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Berger, Christine (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Figures, Shomari (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Visser, Tim (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Reich, Mitchell (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "(b) (6) (OAG)" <(b) (6)> "Schedule, DAG (SMO)" <(b) (6)> "Miller, Marshall (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>
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MORNING HEADLINES

- "Documents at Mar-a-Lago Were Moved and Hidden as U.S. Sought Them, Filing Suggests" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#), [WSJ](#)]
- "Ukraine's Overstretched Psychiatric Hospitals Face Wave of Traumatized Soldiers" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Mikhail Gorbachev, last leader of the Soviet Union, dies at 91" [[WaPo](#)]

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Feds Cite Efforts to Obstruct Probe of Docs at Trump Estate, Eric Tucker, Jill Colvin And Michael Balsamo, August 31, 2022, 12:15 AM

The Justice Department said Tuesday it had uncovered efforts to obstruct its investigation into the discovery of classified documents at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, saying "government records were likely concealed and removed" from a storage room at the property. The assertion was made in a court filing Tuesday night that lays out the most detailed chronology to date of interactions between Justice Department officials and Trump representatives over the presence of the documents at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [HuffPost](#), [HuffPost-2](#), [Insider](#), [Insider-2](#), [LAT](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Some U.S. Justice Dept staff barred from attending partisan events, Sarah N. Lynch, August 30, 2022, 2:00 PM

Political appointees at the U.S. Justice department will be barred from attending campaign events or fundraisers, according to new guidance issued by U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Tuesday ahead of November's midterm elections. "I know you agree it is critical that we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards to avoid even the appearance of political influence as we carry out the Department's mission," Garland wrote in his memo. "It is in that spirit that I have added these new restrictions on political activities by non-career employees." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Boston Herald](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#), [The Week](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Fox: Trump FBI raid: Ex-NJ Gov. Whitman, other former prosecutors call request for special master a 'waste of time', Brie Stimson, August 31, 2022, 5:30 AM

Ahead of the Department of Justice's filing that opposed President Trump's call for a "special master" to review White House documents seized from his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, seven former federal prosecutors filed an amicus brief asking a Florida federal judge to deny his request. Former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, Donald B. Ayer, Gregory A. Brower, John J. Farmer Jr., Stuart M. Gerson, Peter D. Keisler, William F. Weld – who all served in Republican administrations – called Trump's request a "waste of time." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Trump adds ex-Florida solicitor general to Mar-a-Lago legal team, source says, Steve Holland and Jacqueline Thomsen, August 30, 2022, 3:43 PM

Republican former President Donald Trump has added former Florida Solicitor General Chris Kise to his legal team in the case involving classified documents he stored at his Mar-a-Lago club, a source familiar with the situation said on Tuesday. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed a report by NBC News that Kise had been hired. Trump representatives did not immediately reply to a request for comment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Bloomberg Law](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] 'Trump wants to be treated like Hillary Clinton? By all means, Dana Milbank, August 30, 2022, 4:07 PM

Donald Trump and his MAGA mouthpieces say the former president should be treated the same way Hillary Clinton was — and they're right!. Ever since the FBI found boxes upon boxes of government secrets hoarded at his resort residence, Trump has complained that he's being held to a different standard from the one applied to Clinton during the probe of her private email server in 2016. "Absolutely nothing has happened to hold her accountable," Trump claimed when he confirmed the search of Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Intel agencies have been working with the FBI for months on assessing Mar-a-Lago documents, Katie Bo Lillis, Evan Perez, Jamie Gangel and Zachary Cohen, August 30, 2022, 7:51 AM

The intelligence community has been working with the FBI since mid-May to examine some of the classified documents taken from Mar-a-Lago in order to determine their level of classification, according to multiple sources familiar with the matter. This document-by-document review has allowed the agencies to determine whether any immediate efforts needed to be made to protect sources and methods as a result of the documents being held at former President Donald Trump's Florida residence and resort, the sources said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Trump Lawyers Stopped FBI Agents Checking Storage Room Boxes—Filing, Ewan Palmer, August 31, 2022, 4:54 AM

Donald Trump's lawyers had "explicitly prohibited" the FBI from looking inside a storage room at the former president's Mar-a-Lago resort when agents were attempting to retrieve classified documents in June. In court filings released Tuesday, the Department of Justice (DoJ) said it had evidence that Trump's counsel had attempted to conceal several boxes of White House records from federal agents after being subpoenaed to hand them over in May. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Trump's possession of intelligence documents raises fears for national security, Rebecca Beitsch and Morgan Chalfan, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

The revelation that former President Trump had some of the nation's most closely guarded forms of intelligence at his Florida home is renewing questions over the potentially grave risks to U.S. national security. The affidavit used to secure a search warrant for Trump's home released Friday reveals why

the government was so alarmed: Among an initial batch of 184 classified documents retrieved from Mar-a-Lago in January were secrets gained from “clandestine human sources,” information prohibited from being shared with foreign governments and information obtained by monitoring “foreign communications signals.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Government employee union chief warns of potential threats in wake of Mar-a-Lago search, Scott MacFarlane, August 30, 2022, 7:16 PM

The leader of the nation's largest federal government employees' union is warning of the potential for threats and harassment against civil servants who work for the National Archives and federal law enforcement agencies, in the wake of the search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida. The American Federation of Government Employees, which represents approximately 700,000 workers including employees from the National Archives, said union members are reporting worries about menacing and potential violent threats, amid reports of violent rhetoric on some social media platforms and chat groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Sun Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale, FL): Two Broward County residents accused of \$196 million Ponzi scheme, Ron Hurtibise, August 30, 2022, 6:01 PM

Two Broward County residents have been accused of running a massive Ponzi scheme that raised more than \$196 million from at least 15,400 investors in a little over a year. Johanna M. Garcia, Pavel Ramon Ruiz Hernandez and a team of 70 sales agents ran the scheme out of headquarters on West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, according to complaints filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Securities and Exchange Commission in U.S. District Court in Fort Lauderdale. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NWI Times (Munster, IN): Latin Dragons hitman sentenced to prison for 2012 homicide, Bill Dolan, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

A federal judge sentenced a hitman for the Latin Dragon Nation street gang to prison. U.S. District Court Judge Judge Philip P. Simon imposed a 35-year sentence Tuesday on Gustavo Mata, 30, of Chicago. Mata pleaded guilty April 28 to racketeering conspiracy charges that he worked with other Latin Dragons members beginning in 2009 to shoot rival gang members and engage in drug and firearms trafficking. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Dayton Daily News (Dayton, OH): Ohio man robs same Dayton store 5 times, gets more than 8 years, Jen Balduf, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

A 22-year-old Central Ohio man was sentenced Tuesday to more than eight years in federal prison for robbing the same Dollar General store five times last year in Dayton. David Joseph Carter II, of Powell, used a gun to rob the Dollar General store on Salem Avenue on Feb. 3, 8, 13, 28 and March 7, 2021, according to documents filed in U.S District Court in Dayton. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDTN-NBC \(Dayton, OH\)](#), [WRGT \(Dayton, OH\)](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Roswell man gets 17 years for making sex videos with 13-year-old girl in 2012, Matt Bruce, August 30, 2022, 6:30 PM

A Roswell man plied a 13-year-old girl he met on social media with drugs, alcohol and pills, then videotaped himself having sex with the impaired teenager in his apartment multiple times over a three-week span, officials said. Derrick Hunt, 39, was recently sentenced to 17½ years in prison for producing child pornography, U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia Ryan Buchanan announced in a news release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Georgia Sun](#), [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg restaurant owner sentenced to prison after drug trafficking conviction, Jenna Wise, August 30, 2022, 5:31 PM

A now-former Harrisburg restaurant owner was sentenced Monday to more than 9 years in prison for cocaine trafficking and weapons offenses, federal prosecutors said. Nyree Letterlough, 51, also known as “Gram” or “Grammie,” was sentenced to 111 months in prison, roughly nine months after a jury found her guilty of drug trafficking, possessing a gun in furtherance of drug trafficking and possession of a stolen gun, according to the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WGAL-NBC \(Lancaster, PA\)](#), [WHP-CBS \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#), [WPMT-Fox \(York, PA\)](#)

Chicago Sun-Times: Gang member convicted of killing rival to boost clout in Gangster Disciples faction, Tom Schuba, August 30, 2022, 4:25 PM

A federal jury has convicted a reputed gang member of killing a rival at a Chatham convenience store in an effort to boost his status within a faction of the Gangster Disciples. Pierre Robinson, 29, was found guilty last Thursday of murder as part of a racketeering conspiracy in the December 2014 fatal shooting of 23-year-old Glenn Houston Jr., court records show. Robinson had been indicted in November 2018 while serving a 33-month sentence in a federal weapons case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WZZM-ABC (Grand Rapids, MI): Muskegon man sentenced to 25 years in prison for sexual assault of 7-year-old, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 7:29 PM

A 33-year-old man from Muskegon was sentenced to prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting a child, the U.S. Department of Justice reported. Jeffrey David Paprocki will serve 300 months in prison and 10 years of parole for his crimes. He will also pay restitution to the victims. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOOD-TV \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WWMT-CBS/CW \(Kalamazoo, MI\)](#)

KOMU-NBC/CW (Columbia, MO): Jefferson City woman sentenced to federal prison for Molotov cocktail attack, Jack Laurie, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Jefferson City woman was sentenced in federal court Tuesday for throwing Molotov cocktails into two homes occupied by young children and elderly residents. Iasha Denise Cannady, 48, was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison without parole, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KRCG-CBS \(Jefferson City, MO\)](#), [KTTN \(Trenton, MO\)](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indianapolis man gets 10 years in federal prison after shooting at police, Kyla Russell, August 30, 2022, 12:00 PM

An Indianapolis man previously convicted of five felonies will spend a decade in prison for the illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, nearly eight months after a standoff with police. Wesley Cartwright, 39, was given 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in federal court. According to court documents, on Jan. 5, 2022, deputies with the Marion County Sheriff's Department attempted to serve an eviction notice to Cartwright at his Indianapolis residence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTHR-NBC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Rights groups sue to block Indiana abortion ban, Sharon Bernstein, August 30, 2022, 7:04 PM

Abortion rights groups and medical providers in Indiana said they filed a lawsuit on Tuesday to stop the state's ban on the procedure from going into effect. The lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky and other groups argues the law violates Indiana's state constitution by abrogating its protections for privacy, due process and other rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Springfield, federal officials select firm founded by Western Mass. native and past police chief to oversee DOJ decree to end excessive force by police, Jeanette DeForge, August 30, 2022, 7:55 PM

City and federal officials have selected a firm founded by a Western Massachusetts native and former state secretary of public safety to ensure the police department implements reforms to end what a federal investigation labeled as a pattern of excessive force by the former narcotics unit. Officials announced on Tuesday that O'Toole Associates LLC will serve as the compliance officer to the city and the Springfield Police Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Spectrum News: **Abortion rights groups file federal class action lawsuit in Texas**, Reena Diamante, August 30, 2022, 6:36 PM

One point of contention is a more than century-old Texan abortion ban and whether it's still enforceable today. As of this month, there are three abortion bans Texans have to contend with after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The fear of prosecution and punishment has been enough to deter reproductive rights groups in Texas from fundraising and covering the costs of out-of-state abortions and other travel expenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fort Smith Times Record: **Federal lawsuit filed against Arkansas law officers**, Robert Medley, August 30, 2022, 3:43 PM

A civil case against three Arkansas law officers caught on video beating a man during an arrest in Mulberry has now been filed in federal court in Fort Smith. Attorney David Powell of Fort Smith filed the civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Randal Ray Worcester, 27. Worcester was beaten by three law officers during an arrest Sunday, Aug. 21 after he allegedly threatened a store clerk in Alma in Crawford County. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFSM-CBS \(Fort Smith, AR\)](#), [KOLR-CBS \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CNN: **Texas spends more than \$12 million to bus migrants to Washington, DC, and New York**, Polo Sandoval and Andy Rose, August 31, 2022, 1:00 AM

The state of Texas has spent more than \$12 million busing migrants to Washington, DC, and New York who crossed into the state from Mexico, according to figures from the Texas Division of Emergency Management. A state government spreadsheet obtained by CNN through a Freedom of Information Act request shows that, as of August 9, Texas has paid \$12,707,720.92 to Wynne Transportation, the charter service that is taking migrants to the two cities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **A 'radical shift' at the border is making things tougher for Biden**, Catherine E. Shoichet and Christopher Hickey, August 30, 2022, 10:00 AM

There's a major detail missing from many conversations about the rising number of migrants coming to the US-Mexico border. Decades ago, the vast majority of migrants attempting to cross the border between ports of entry were Mexican. A few years ago, most came from the Central American countries known as the Northern Triangle: Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. But now, according to Border Patrol statistics, the number of people coming from outside those places -- from countries such as Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua and Venezuela -- is growing fast. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Border Patrol chief admits under oath Biden's no-consequence border policies caused immigration crisis**, Anna Giaritelli, August 30, 2022, 6:50 PM

The nation's top Border Patrol agent testified in a private legal deposition that the Biden administration's decision to walk back Trump-era enforcement measures has caused the illegal immigration crisis at the southern border. "In my experience, we have seen increases when there are no consequences," said Raul Ortiz in a July 29 deposition, according to video obtained by Fox News. Ortiz was tapped by Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas to head the Border Patrol early on in the Biden administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTNV-ABC (Las Vegas, NV): **Border patrol agents seize \$4.3 million in Fentanyl in Arizona**, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 8:28 PM

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection said border patrol agents seized \$4.3 million in Fentanyl last Wednesday. In Tucson, Arizona, sector agents said they performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that had several black duffel bags in the vehicle's rear cargo. Agents said the driver was nervous when she was questioned. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: California may be 1st to ban solo confinement for immigrants, Don Thompson, August 30, 2022, 9:00 PM

California would be the first U.S. state to ban solitary confinement in private civil detention centers used for immigrants who are under threat of deportation, under a bill that advanced Tuesday. But the measure carries a huge projected price tag by also including the state's prisons and jails, though supporters contest the cost estimates and say it could actually save money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Law360: DOJ Says Chicken Execs Can't Split Up Price-Fixing Trial, Daniel Ducassi, August 30, 2022, 3:54 PM

Prosecutors have told a Colorado federal judge that there's no good reason to sever price-fixing charges against a pair of former poultry industry executives from the obstruction charges one of them faces, arguing that this would result in "two largely identical trials." [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CBS: [VIDEO] DEA warns of colorful fentanyl aimed at children, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning of colorful fentanyl pills and powder that look like candy. Officials say drug cartels are using candy colors to get young people hooked. [[Watch](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [KING-NBC \(Seattle, WA\)](#), [KLAS-CBS \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [KVOA-NBC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [Newsweek](#), [WEVV-CBS/Fox \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WFTS-ABC \(Tampa, FL\)](#), [WTVT-Fox \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

CBS: Top-level FBI agent under fire for role in Hunter Biden investigation resigns, Andres Tray and Catherine Herridge, August 30, 2022, 8:26 AM

Timothy Thibault, a top-level FBI agent who had been under fire for his role in investigations regarding President Biden's son, Hunter Biden, resigned late last week and was walked out of the FBI, two U.S. officials confirmed. But these officials also said that Thibault had reached retirement age, and they added that all of those who retire hand over their badge and gun and are escorted out of the building. Thibault, who worked in the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., had recently been removed from his position as assistant special agent in charge at the FBI's Washington Field Office, which covers all of the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Fox-2](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Daily Beast: FBI Facing 'Unprecedented' MAGA Threats: 'Time to Hunt Fed Bois', Roger Sollenberger, Zachary Petrizzo, August 31, 2022, 5:05 AM

After FBI agents searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club looking for evidence of multiple federal crimes and documents Trump was never supposed to have in his private possession, some of Trump's supporters struck a striking, but familiar, refrain: It's time to kill government officials. Research shared with The Daily Beast by the Advance Democracy Institute fills in some of the landscape of what the FBI has characterized as an "unprecedented" threat environment, a reaction to what some legal experts consider the most serious legal threat facing the former president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Allegations of political bias, widespread misconduct prompt FBI agents to call for Wray to step down, Kerry Pickett, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

Rank-and-file FBI agents say they cannot see how FBI Director Christopher A. Wray stays in his position

after The Washington Times' exclusive report about a senior bureau official stepping down under scrutiny for suspected political bias affecting investigations. Kurt Siuzdak, a lawyer and former FBI agent who represents whistleblowers at the bureau, said agents tell him that Mr. Wray has lost control of the agency and should resign. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Micky Dolenz, last surviving member of The Monkees, suing FBI, Sarah Ash, August 31, 2022, 5:35 AM

Micky Dolenz, the last surviving member of the iconic 1960s-era, made-for-TV pop band The Monkees, is suing the FBI for files indicating the agency was monitoring the group, CBS Los Angeles reports. The heavily redacted file from 1967, first reported on by Rolling Stone, appears to show that the FBI was investigating the band for allegedly spreading anti-Vietnam war messaging during their shows. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR: A sudden homecoming for one of the people sent back to prison with no warning, Carrie Johnson , August 31, 2022, 5:00 AM

Big changes have arrived for the family of Eric Alvarez. Hours after a story aired on NPR's Morning Edition last week, a federal judge found "extraordinary circumstances" that called for the release of Alvarez's fiancée from a prison in Danbury, Conn. "In other words, Petitioner's family is currently experiencing a dire, urgent situation," ruled U.S. District Judge Sarala Nagala. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: UN racism body calls for U.S. to do more on abortion access, Emma Farge, August 30, 2022, 3:09 PM

A UN committee on Tuesday condemned the overturning of the constitutional right to abortion in the United States, saying it was hitting racial and ethnic minorities hardest and asked Washington to take mitigation measures. The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination said it was "deeply concerned" that the U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that ended the nationwide right to abortion had a "disparate impact on the sexual and reproductive health and rights of racial and ethnic minorities, particularly those with low incomes." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

CBS: California lawmakers approve protections for workers using recreational cannabis, Sarah Ash, August 30, 2022, 4:59 PM

California could soon become the seventh state to make sure people won't lose their jobs if they smoke marijuana when they are off the clock. State lawmakers on Tuesday passed Assembly Bill 2188 (AB2188), a that would stop companies from punishing workers who fail a certain type of drug test that detects not whether a person is high, but whether the person has used marijuana at all in recent days. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Marijuana Moment](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden blasts 'MAGA Republicans,' 'sickening' attacks on FBI, Chris Megerian, Marc Levy and Seung Min Kim, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

President Joe Biden on Tuesday railed against the "MAGA Republicans in Congress" who have refused to condemn the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol and now are targeting the FBI as he tried to portray Democrats as the true pro-law enforcement party ahead of the November midterms. In remarks initially billed as a crime-prevention speech, Biden seized on comments from allies of former President Donald Trump who have called for stripping funding from the FBI since it executed a search warrant at

Trump's Florida residence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

CONGRESS

Fox: AG Garland issues memo on DOJ communications with Congress after retirements, whistleblower reports, Bradford Betz, August 30, 2022, 9:02 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has issued a memo to Justice Department personnel reiterating the department's policy of prohibiting communication with members of Congress. Garland said all communication with Congress must be handled by the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA). Per DOJ policy, "no department employee may communicate with Senators, Representatives, congressional committees, or congressional staff without advance coordination, consultation, and approval by OLA." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 30, 2022

- Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, has died at age 91, Russian state media reported and his personal press secretary Vladimir Polyakov confirmed. His cause of death was not immediately released, but Gorbachev's office had said earlier that he was undergoing treatment at the Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Mississippi's capital city is grappling with multiple water problems; too much on the ground after heavy rainfall in the past week, and not enough safe water coming through the pipes for people to use. Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said late Monday that he's declaring a state of emergency for Jackson's water system, and he issued the proclamation Tuesday. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ukrainian President Zelenskyy said he won't give specific details about his country's mission to take back Russian-held territory in the South. Russia said they have repelled the Ukrainian attack. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
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- The Justice Department is facing a deadline to respond to former President Donald Trump's legal team's request for a "special master" to review the documents seized during an FBI search of Mar-a-Lago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration this week is expected to authorize the first updated versions of the COVID-19 boosters since the pandemic began. The new shots are reformulated versions of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Feds Cite Efforts to Obstruct Probe of Docs at Trump Estate, Eric Tucker, Jill Colvin
And Michael Balsamo, August 31, 2022, 12:15 AM

The Justice Department said Tuesday it had uncovered efforts to obstruct its investigation into the discovery of classified documents at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, saying "government records were likely concealed and removed" from a storage room at the property. The assertion was made in a court filing Tuesday night that lays out the most detailed chronology to date of interactions between Justice Department officials and Trump representatives over the presence of the documents at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [HuffPost](#), [HuffPost-2](#), [Insider](#), [Insider-2](#), [LAT](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Some U.S. Justice Dept staff barred from attending partisan events, Sarah N. Lynch, August 30, 2022, 2:00 PM

Political appointees at the U.S. Justice department will be barred from attending campaign events or fundraisers, according to new guidance issued by U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Tuesday ahead of November's midterm elections. "I know you agree it is critical that we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards to avoid even the appearance of political influence as we carry out the Department's mission," Garland wrote in his memo. "It is in that spirit that I have added these new restrictions on political activities by non-career employees." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [TND](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#), [The Week](#)

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NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] DOJ Pushes Back, Nuclear Plant Inspection, Mississippi Water Crisis, August 31, 2022, 5:54 AM

The Department of Justice revealed striking evidence that former President Trump obstructed a federal probe related to classified documents (1:16). International nuclear experts are set to assess the status of equipment and well-being of staff at the occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant (5:00). Heavy rain and flooding has left the residents of Jackson Mississippi without safe drinking water (8:27). [[Listen](#)]

Washington Examiner: Jim Jordan leads investigation into Justice Department inspector general, Daniel Chaitin, August 30, 2022, 9:51 PM

House Judiciary Committee Republicans are opening an investigation into Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz over reports suggesting his office's involvement in examining a cellphone the FBI seized from Rep. Scott Perry's (R-PA). A letter sent Monday by Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), the ranking member, said such a move by the agency's independent watchdog "creates a serious conflict of interest for the OIG in reviewing the Department's actions." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KAYU-Fox \(Spokane, WA\)](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

LAT: Huntington Beach man arrested, charged in Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol breach, Matt Szabo, August 30, 2022, 8:32 PM

A Huntington Beach man was arrested Thursday in connection with the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Brandon Cavanaugh, 30, was arrested in Huntington Beach after a warrant was issued nine days earlier. The charges against him include knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Judge Bars Use of 'Death List' Note in Oath Keepers Jan. 6 Trial, Zoe Tillman, August 30, 2022, 6:01 PM

US prosecutors can't show jurors a handwritten note containing the phrase "Death List" found in the home of a defendant in the Oath Keepers seditious conspiracy case, a judge ruled. The note was discovered during a search of defendant Thomas Caldwell's house in Virginia two weeks after Jan. 6, 2021. Under the phrase "Death List," it named two Georgia election workers -- Ruby Freeman and her daughter Wandrea Moss -- who testified earlier this year about threats they received after becoming targets of baseless conspiracy theories pushed by former President Donald Trump and his supporters. US District Judge Amit Mehta ruled Tuesday that the note, while "fairly shocking," didn't have enough of a direct connection to the crimes that Caldwell and his co-defendants are charged with and would be "highly prejudicial." [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Anthony Ornato, Secret Service and Trump official named in explosive Jan. 6 testimony, retires, Bart Jansen, August 30, 2022, 3:54 PM

A former White House aide to Donald Trump who was a central figure in explosive testimony about the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021, retired Monday from the Secret Service. Anthony Ornato, who served as Trump's deputy chief of staff for operations while also a top Secret Service official, retired after 25 years with the agency, according to agency spokesman Anthony Guglielmi. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Government employee union chief warns of potential threats in wake of Mar-a-Lago search, Scott MacFarlane, August 30, 2022, 7:16 PM

The leader of the nation's largest federal government employees' union is warning of the potential for threats and harassment against civil servants who work for the National Archives and federal law enforcement agencies, in the wake of the search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida. The American Federation of Government Employees, which represents approximately 700,000 workers including employees from the National Archives, said union members are reporting worries about menacing and potential violent threats, amid reports of violent rhetoric on some social media platforms and chat groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: D.C. Officer Daniel Hodges testifies against Capitol rioter who 'crushed' him with shield, Gary Grumbach and Ryan J. Reilly, August 30, 2022, 5:58 PM

A D.C. police officer who was crushed by a pro-Trump mob in a tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 testified on Tuesday against one of the rioters charged with assaulting him. Metropolitan Police Department Officer Daniel Hodges, who has spoken publicly about being attacked at the Capitol, including before the Jan. 6 committee, appeared in court Tuesday for the trial of three Capitol defendants: Patrick McCaughey III, Tristan Stevens, and David Mehaffie. The case is before Judge Trevor McFadden, the only federal judge in D.C. who has acquitted a Jan. 6

defendant. McCaughey, the Justice Department alleged, "threw his body weight" against Hodges and pressed a stolen police shield against him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

Insider: Poll finds 43% of Americans believe it's likely civil war will break out within the next 10 years, Matthew Loh, August 31, 2022, 4:54 AM

A new poll of 1,500 American citizens found that 43% of them think it's likely a civil war will break out over the next decade, an indicator of the growing concern about America's political divide. The poll conducted last week by the Economist and UK-headquartered analytics firm YouGov found that 55% of self-identified "strong" Republicans believed civil war is at least somewhat likely, while 40% of self-identified "strong" Democrats felt the same. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: FBI Warns of Cybercrime Risk to Decentralized Finance Platforms, August 31, 2022, 4:51 AM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has issued an advisory to cryptocurrency investors and exchanges on the dangers of cybercrime. "Cyber criminals are increasingly exploiting vulnerabilities in the smart contracts governing DeFi platforms to steal cryptocurrency, causing investors to lose money," the bureau said Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Federal court cancels upcoming hearing on possession of Trump attorney's phone, Julia Mueller, August 30, 2022, 12:54 PM

A New Mexico federal judge on Tuesday canceled a scheduled hearing over a Trump attorney's attempt to get back his cellphone that was seized by federal investigators. Conservative lawyer John Eastman, who advised former President Trump on efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election results, said in June that the FBI had seized his phone during the execution of a search warrant that he argued was unlawful. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Accused Gov. Whitmer kidnap plotter claimed to be Navy SEAL, was never in military, FBI says, Gus Burns, August 30, 2022, 11:31 PM

Shawn Fix, one of 14 men accused of planning to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, told fellow plotters he had access to a Black Hawk military helicopter, the FBI says. Fix, 40, of Belleville, also claimed to be a former U.S. Navy Seal with a secret cache of weapons and ammo, FBI Special Agent Henrik Impola testified at a preliminary hearing for Fix and four other co-defendants charged with providing material support for terrorism in Antrim County. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Mid Hudson Valley, NY): Retired Cop Blames PTSD For His Attack On Capitol Police Officer, Lanning Taliaferro, August 30, 2022, 8:19 AM

Thomas Webster, the retired police officer convicted in May of assaulting an officer during the U.S. Capitol riot, is to be sentenced Thursday. Now his lawyers have written a letter to the judge in an attempt to stave off what prosecutors are seeking: 17.5 years, the longest sentence so far, NBC News reported. In it, they describe an evaluation by a psychiatrist who concluded that Webster had PTSD from 20 years as an NYPD officer, including a "violent struggle" with an armed robber in the Bronx who was trying to get his gun, NBC News reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFDX-NBC (Wichita Falls, TX): What the Tech: FBI cybercrime report, Jamey Tucker, Dylan Jimenez, August 30, 2022, 11:22 PM

A warning from the FBI, cyber-attacks are setting records both in the number of complaints and

the amount of money being lost by victims. The bureau said in 2021 it received 847,376 complaints which is more than 2,300 per day. It represents a 7% increase from 2020. The attacks also took more than \$6.9 billion from victims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOAT-ABC (Albuquerque, NM): Albuquerque man arrested for attempting to support terrorist organization, ISIS, Nick Catlin, August 30, 2022, 3:00 PM

The Department of Justice announced Friday an arrest of an Albuquerque man for allegedly attempting to provide material support for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, a terrorist organization. Forty-five-year-old Herman Leyvouné Wilson was indicted by a federal grand jury and will stay in custody. Wilson was also charged with attempting to obstruct, influence and impede an official proceeding. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Trump adds ex-Florida solicitor general to Mar-a-Lago legal team, source says, Steve Holland and Jacqueline Thomsen, August 30, 2022, 3:43 PM

Republican former President Donald Trump has added former Florida Solicitor General Chris Kise to his legal team in the case involving classified documents he stored at his Mar-a-Lago club, a source familiar with the situation said on Tuesday. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed a report by NBC News that Kise had been hired. Trump representatives did not immediately reply to a request for comment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Bloomberg Law](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#)

AP: US to respond to request for special master for Trump docs, Eric Tucker, August 30, 2022, 12:30 PM

The Justice Department is set to respond Tuesday to the Trump legal team's request for a special master to review the documents seized during an FBI search of Mar-a-Lago this month. The filing is due ahead of a Thursday hearing in which U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon is set to hear arguments on the matter. Trump's lawyers last week asked for the appointment of a special master who'd be tasked with reviewing the records taken during the Aug. 8 search of Trump's Florida property and setting aside documents protected by claims of legal privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [Newsweek](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] 'Trump wants to be treated like Hillary Clinton? By all means, Dana Milbank, August 30, 2022, 4:07 PM

Donald Trump and his MAGA mouthpieces say the former president should be treated the same way Hillary Clinton was and they're right!. Ever since the FBI found boxes upon boxes of government secrets hoarded at his resort residence, Trump has complained that he's being held to a different standard from the one applied to Clinton during the probe of her private email server in 2016. "Absolutely nothing has happened to hold her accountable," Trump claimed when he confirmed the search of Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [VIDEO] John Dean predicts how DOJ will respond to Trump's request, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 11:30 PM

Former Nixon White House counsel and CNN contributor John Dean says he thinks the Department of Justice is going to set the record straight about the facts surrounding the search of Mar-a-Lago when it files its response to former President Donald Trump's request for a special

master. [\[Watch\]](#)

ABC: [VIDEO] Department of Justice finishes review of Mar-a-Lago documents,

Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 3:14 PM

Some documents have been set aside as potentially privileged information as a judge in Florida appears set to grant Donald Trump's request for a special master. [\[Watch\]](#)

CNN: Intel agencies have been working with the FBI for months on assessing Mar-a-Lago documents, Katie Bo Lillis, Evan Perez, Jamie Gangel and Zachary Cohen, August 30, 2022, 7:51 AM

The intelligence community has been working with the FBI since mid-May to examine some of the classified documents taken from Mar-a-Lago in order to determine their level of classification, according to multiple sources familiar with the matter. This document-by-document review has allowed the agencies to determine whether any immediate efforts needed to be made to protect sources and methods as a result of the documents being held at former President Donald Trump's Florida residence and resort, the sources said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: Trump Lawyers Stopped FBI Agents Checking Storage Room Boxes—Filing, Ewan Palmer, August 31, 2022, 4:54 AM

Donald Trump's lawyers had "explicitly prohibited" the FBI from looking inside a storage room at the former president's Mar-a-Lago resort when agents were attempting to retrieve classified documents in June. In court filings released Tuesday, the Department of Justice (DoJ) said it had evidence that Trump's counsel had attempted to conceal several boxes of White House records from federal agents after being subpoenaed to hand them over in May. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Trump's possession of intelligence documents raises fears for national security, Rebecca Beitsch and Morgan Chalfan, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

The revelation that former President Trump had some of the nation's most closely guarded forms of intelligence at his Florida home is renewing questions over the potentially grave risks to U.S. national security. The affidavit used to secure a search warrant for Trump's home released Friday reveals why the government was so alarmed: Among an initial batch of 184 classified documents retrieved from Mar-a-Lago in January were secrets gained from "clandestine human sources," information prohibited from being shared with foreign governments and information obtained by monitoring "foreign communications signals." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

NYT: Man Gets 3 Years in Scheme to Sell Bogus Tom Brady Super Bowl Rings, Michael Levenson, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

When the New England Patriots roared back from a 28-3 deficit to stun the Atlanta Falcons in overtime in the Super Bowl in 2017, it set off a frenzy among fans and collectors for memorabilia from the championship game. [...] The man, Scott V. Spina Jr., 25, of Roseland, N.J., was sentenced on Monday to three years in federal prison and ordered to pay \$63,000 in restitution to the former Patriots player who had agreed to sell him his ring and other memorabilia, prosecutors said. The player was identified by prosecutors in court papers only as "T.J." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsday: Nissequogue businessman sentenced to 2 years in federal prison for \$8.9M bank fraud, Michael O'Keefe, August 30, 2022, 9:37 PM

A Nissequogue businessman who pleaded guilty in 2019 to conspiring to commit wire fraud and bank fraud by using \$8.9 million in loans to pay for his personal expenses and pay off other fraudulently obtained loans was sentenced to 24 months in prison Tuesday in federal court in Central Islip. Federal prosecutors urged U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert in court documents to sentence Edward E. Bohm, 44, to 70 to 87 months in prison, saying that he had a 20-year criminal history that includes tax fraud, attempts to intimidate witnesses, threats of violence, conduct involving theft and driving while intoxicated. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Suffolk, NY\)](#)

Law360: Fla. Lab Owner Charged In NJ With \$53M Medicare Fraud, Hayley Fowler, August 30, 2022, 5:58 PM

The 48-year-old owner of several medical labs scattered across the U. S. has been charged with health care fraud after federal prosecutors in New Jersey accused him of billing Medicare for \$53 million in unnecessary genetic cancer screening tests. Daniel Hurt, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was arraigned Tuesday before U. S. District Judge Kevin McNulty in New Jersey federal court, the U. S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Las Vegas Review-Journal: Las Vegas woman sentenced to prison for defrauding elderly, Glen Meek, August 30, 2022, 8:23 PM

A Las Vegas woman was sentenced Tuesday in West Virginia to more than seven years in federal prison for defrauding the elderly. Shelly Leipham was found guilty by a jury in April of wire fraud, mail fraud and money laundering, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of West Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOLO-ABC \(Reno, NV\)](#), [WAJR-AM \(Morgantown, WV\)](#), [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#), [WV MetroNews](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Roswell man gets 17 years for making sex videos with 13-year-old girl in 2012, Matt Bruce, August 30, 2022, 6:30 PM

A Roswell man plied a 13-year-old girl he met on social media with drugs, alcohol and pills, then videotaped himself having sex with the impaired teenager in his apartment multiple times over a three-week span, officials said. Derrick Hunt, 39, was recently sentenced to 17½ years in prison for producing child pornography, U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia Ryan Buchanan announced in a news release Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Georgia Sun](#), [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Sun Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale, FL): Two Broward County residents accused of \$196 million Ponzi scheme, Ron Hurtibise, August 30, 2022, 6:01 PM

Two Broward County residents have been accused of running a massive Ponzi scheme that raised more than \$196 million from at least 15,400 investors in a little over a year. Johanna M. Garcia, Pavel Ramon Ruiz Hernandez and a team of 70 sales agents ran the scheme out of headquarters on West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, according to complaints filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Securities and Exchange Commission in U.S. District Court in Fort Lauderdale. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NWI Times (Munster, IN): Latin Dragons hitman sentenced to prison for 2012 homicide, Bill Dolan, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

A federal judge sentenced a hitman for the Latin Dragon Nation street gang to prison. U.S. District Court Judge Philip P. Simon imposed a 35-year sentence Tuesday on Gustavo Mata, 30,

of Chicago. Mata pleaded guilty April 28 to racketeering conspiracy charges that he worked with other Latin Dragons members beginning in 2009 to shoot rival gang members and engage in drug and firearms trafficking. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Dayton Daily News (Dayton, OH): **Ohio man robs same Dayton store 5 times, gets more than 8 years**, Jen Balduf, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

A 22-year-old Central Ohio man was sentenced Tuesday to more than eight years in federal prison for robbing the same Dollar General store five times last year in Dayton. David Joseph Carter II, of Powell, used a gun to rob the Dollar General store on Salem Avenue on Feb. 3, 8, 13, 28 and March 7, 2021, according to documents filed in U.S District Court in Dayton. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDTN-NBC \(Dayton, OH\)](#), [WRGT \(Dayton, OH\)](#)

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): **Harrisburg restaurant owner sentenced to prison after drug trafficking conviction**, Jenna Wise, August 30, 2022, 5:31 PM

A now-former Harrisburg restaurant owner was sentenced Monday to more than 9 years in prison for cocaine trafficking and weapons offenses, federal prosecutors said. Nyree Letterlough, 51, also known as “Gram” or “Grammie,” was sentenced to 111 months in prison, roughly nine months after a jury found her guilty of drug trafficking, possessing a gun in furtherance of drug trafficking and possession of a stolen gun, according to the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WGAL-NBC \(Lancaster, PA\)](#), [WHP-CBS \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#), [WPMT-Fox \(York, PA\)](#)

Daily Voice (Fairfield, CT): **Fairfield Woman Admits Embezzling \$1.5 Million**, Joe Lombardi, August 30, 2022, 5:30 PM

A Connecticut woman has admitted to embezzling approximately \$1.5 million from her employer. Fairfield County resident Carolina Guerrero, age 49, of the town of Fairfield, waived her right to be indicted and pleaded guilty on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at federal court in Hartford to a fraud charge related to her embezzlement, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut Vanessa Roberts Avery announced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Magnolia State Live (Mississippi): **Mississippi man faces maximum 15 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to armed 2021 carjacking**, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Mississippi man pleaded guilty to armed carjacking on Tuesday, announced U.S. Attorney Darren LaMarca and Special Agent in Charge Kurt Thielhorn of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. According to court documents, Anthony Lee Holder, 21, of Jackson, carjacked a victim at gunpoint in Jackson on February 7, 2021. A federal grand jury indicted Holder for armed carjacking on April 14, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Sun-Times: **Gang member convicted of killing rival to boost clout in Gangster Disciples faction**, Tom Schuba, August 30, 2022, 4:25 PM

A federal jury has convicted a reputed gang member of killing a rival at a Chatham convenience store in an effort to boost his status within a faction of the Gangster Disciples. Pierre Robinson, 29, was found guilty last Thursday of murder as part of a racketeering conspiracy in the December 2014 fatal shooting of 23-year-old Glenn Houston Jr., court records show. Robinson had been indicted in November 2018 while serving a 33-month sentence in a federal weapons case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Columbian (Vancouver, WA): **Man sentenced in federal drug case with Clark County ties**, Becca Robbins, August 30, 2022, 4:19 PM

After a multi-agency investigation involving the Clark County Sheriff's Office, a Portland man was sentenced to federal prison Tuesday in connection with an international drug smuggling operation. Eduardo Barbosa Lopez, 44, also known as Barbas, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Portland to 15 years and 8 months in federal prison. He was one of 42 people indicted in 2019 by a federal grand jury for their roles in a drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracy, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

WV News (Clarksburg, WV): **Fed judge in West Virginia gives Las Vegas woman 87-month prison term for scamming older Americans**, Matt Harvey, August 30, 2022, 4:00 PM

A 67-year-old Las Vegas woman was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison for scamming 52 older Americans from all across the country out of a total of about \$315,000. Northern West Virginia Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Kleeh cited Shelly Anne Leipham's lack of contrition and her callousness. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Four Jersey City Gang Members, Associates Admit Gang-Related Stabbing**, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 3:24 PM

Four members and associates of a neighborhood street gang in Hudson County admitted their respective roles in a gang-related stabbing, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to U.S. Attorney Sellinger, Jermaine Jennings, aka "Maine" and "Drill," 21, Divine Abraham, aka "Dee," 22, Jamil Bowens, 21, and Jaylen Boone, 22, all of Jersey City, pleaded guilty to separate informations charging each of them with assault resulting in serious bodily injury in aid of racketeering. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): **Nurse pleads guilty to taking liquid painkillers from hospital, replacing with saline**, Justine Lofton, August 30, 2022, 3:19 PM

A registered nurse was working at a Detroit hospital when she took liquid painkillers out of vials and syringes and replaced them with saline, officials said. Mary Cheatham, 42, of Ypsilanti, pleaded guilty in federal court to tampering with the painkillers, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDIV-NBC \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

Indianapolis Star: **Indianapolis man sentenced in 2020 drive-by shooting of Masjid E Noor Mosque**, Jen Guadarrama, August 30, 2022, 2:48 PM

Jonathan Warren, 22, was sentenced to more than 12 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to charges related to the drive-by shooting of the Masjid E Noor mosque in 2020. Warren, of Indianapolis, pleaded guilty to transmitting threatening communications in interstate commerce and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, a news release from the United States Attorney's Office stated. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WRTV-ABC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WTHR-NBC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

Kent Reporter (Kent, WA): **Kent man pleads guilty to federal drug trafficking charges**, Steve Hunter, August 30, 2022, 2:35 PM

A 37-year-old Kent man pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking charges and could face a minimum of 10 years in prison up to life in prison. Jose Elias Barbosa entered the plea Monday, Aug. 29 in U.S. District Court in Seattle, according to an Aug. 29 U.S. Department of Justice

press release. He is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 13 by U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTOP-FM (Washington, DC): Md. gang member pleads guilty to extorting business owners, Tadiwos Abedje, August 30, 2022, 9:18 PM

A Maryland man pleaded guilty to extorting business owners in Langley Park. The U.S. Attorney's Office District of Maryland said Jilmer Hernandez-Alvarado, 27, of Hyattsville is a member of MS-13, "an international criminal enterprise that is active throughout the United States." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Austin physician convicted in health care fraud scheme, Abigail Jones, August 30, 2022, 8:04 PM

A federal grand jury convicted an Austin-based medical director of engaging in a scheme that fraudulently billed patients. Dr. Sekhar Rao, 51, who was the medical director of the ADAR Group, LLC., fraudulently authorized toxicology and genetic testing, including cancer genetic testing, for some TRICARE beneficiaries, according to court documents and evidence presented at trial. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Becker's ASC Review](#)

WTMJ-AM (Milwaukee, WI): Oshkosh sex offender sentenced 15 years in federal prison after attempting to meet 13-year-old, Madison Goldbeck, August 30, 2022, 8:02 PM

A 60-year-old Oshkosh sex offender was recently sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for attempting to meet up with a 13-year-old for sexual activities. According to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Kevin J. Mueller began exchanging instant messages in early May with an individual he believed was the parent of a 13-year-old Oshkosh girl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WZZM-ABC (Grand Rapids, MI): Muskegon man sentenced to 25 years in prison for sexual assault of 7-year-old, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 7:29 PM

A 33-year-old man from Muskegon was sentenced to prison Tuesday for sexually assaulting a child, the U.S. Department of Justice reported. Jeffrey David Paprocki will serve 300 months in prison and 10 years of parole for his crimes. He will also pay restitution to the victims. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOOD-TV \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WWMT-CBS/CW \(Kalamazoo, MI\)](#)

WJAX-CBS (Jacksonville, FL): Lake City man caught by undercover cop, sentenced for illegal firearms and selling crack cocaine, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 7:12 PM

This May, Edrick D. Jackson of Lake City pled guilty to distributing 'crack' cocaine and for possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. U.S. District Judge Brian J. Davis has sentenced Jackson to five years in federal prison. The court also ordered Jackson to forfeit the ammunition and firearms involved in the offenses. Jackson had pleaded guilty on May 25, 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNWA-NBC (Rogers, AR): Arkansas man sentenced to 13 years in prison for drug trafficking, Justin Trobaugh, August 30, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Springdale, Arkansas, man was sentenced on Aug. 30 to 13 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release on one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of Arkansas, court documents say on Oct. 19, 2021, detectives with the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) received information that Ronnie Wayne Cain, 51, was in possession of a large quantity of methamphetamine and that Cain had a search waiver on file. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRCG-CBS (Jefferson City, MO): Versailles man sentenced to 15 years after pleading guilty to receiving child pornography, Jennifer Weiser, August 30, 2022, 5:58 PM

A Versailles man was sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to receiving child pornography on Tuesday. U.S. District Judge Brian C. Wimes sentenced Mylon Duane Addis, 52, to 15 years in federal prison without parole. On Dec. 9, 2021, Addis pleaded guilty to one count of receiving child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Robbins man gets 10 years for trafficking guns and 'switch' devices in Chicago area, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 5:49 PM

A Robbins man who pleaded guilty in June to trafficking handguns across the Chicago area has been sentenced to 10 years in prison. Leonard D. Johnson was also accused of dealing "switch" devices also known as "Glock switches" which convert semi-automatic weapons into machine guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOLF-Fox (Hazleton, PA): Dallas man charged with possession, conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, Rayna McGlynn, August 30, 2022, 5:30 PM

A Dallas man was charged Monday with conspiracy to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute fentanyl. Officials say 52-year-old Patrick Raymond Russin possessed and conspired to distribute fentanyl in Luzerne County for over a year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#)

WSAV-NBC/CW (Savannah, GA): Telfair County woman faces 5 years in prison for COVID relief fraud, Joseph Leonard, August 30, 2022, 5:11 PM

A Telfair County woman faces five years in prison for illegally obtaining COVID-19 relief funds. Shakeena Hamilton was sentenced to 60 months after pleading guilty to conspiracy an offense against the U.S. Government, said David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. The 34-year-old also has to pay more than \$2.5 million in restitution and serve three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#), [WTOC-CBS \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

WSAV-NBC/CW (Savannah, GA): 5 new defendants charged with COVID-19 relief fraud, Emily Dietrich, August 30, 2022, 5:10 PM

The number of arrests begins to rise as nearly 40 individuals have been charged with fraud so far in Southern District. Today, 5 new defendants are being charged with illegally obtaining pandemic relief funds. Since the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed in March 2020, and it has funded more than \$6.5 billion, the Southern District of Georgia U.S. Attorney's Office has federally charged about 40 defendants for committing fraud by obtaining Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) funding or Economic Injury Disaster Loans through Small Business Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOMU-NBC/CW (Columbia, MO): Jefferson City woman sentenced to federal prison for Molotov cocktail attack, Jack Laurie, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Jefferson City woman was sentenced in federal court Tuesday for throwing Molotov cocktails into two homes occupied by young children and elderly residents. Iasha Denise Cannady, 48, was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison without parole, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KRCG-CBS \(Jefferson City, MO\)](#), [KTTN \(Trenton, MO\)](#)

WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): Man pleads guilty to robbing \$550,000 in Texas robbing spree, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 4:04 PM

A man from Fannin County pleaded guilty on Monday to robbing over half a million dollars from banks throughout East Texas, according to United States Attorney's Office. Kevin Long, 30, was accused of robbing \$550,000 collectively from multiple East Texas banks between 2020 and 2021, including CapTex Bank in Bonham on Jan. 31, 2020; Financial Bank in Farmersville on Aug. 11, 2020; Bancorp South Bank in Tom Bean on Oct. 16, 2020; Commercial Bank in Farmerville on Aug. 13, 2021; and First United Bank in Leonard on August 20, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVEC-ABC (Hampton, VA): 2 men sentenced to prison in fraud scheme that hit Hampton Roads, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 3:17 PM

Two men were sentenced to over a decade in prison Tuesday for their role in an investment fraud scheme that cost elderly victims millions of dollars. From 2011 to 2017, David Alcorn of Arizona and Aghee William Smith II of California were part of a conspiracy scheme that took place in California, Arizona, Florida, Idaho, and Hampton Roads, Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOTA-ABC (Rapid City, SD): Rapid City man sentenced to federal prison for threatening witness, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 2:57 PM

Edward Martin, 50, has been sentenced to six and a half years in federal prison after being convicted on the charge of Obstructing Justice by Retaliating Against a Witness, according to a release from the Department of Justice. Martin made threatening comments in an attempt to dissuade a person from testifying against Martin's co-conspirators in pending federal criminal proceedings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): South Carolina man to pay back over \$2 million after pleading guilty to wire fraud, Karlton Clay, August 30, 2022, 2:42 PM

One South Carolina man has been ordered to pay back more than \$2 million after pleading guilty to wire fraud. According to authorities, Sung Wook Kim, also known as Paul, 36, of Lexington, used a position of trust to defraud his employer, fabricating three contracts with one of the company's clients and fraudulently signing documents related to those contracts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Williston County man sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to sexual crimes against minors, Karlton Clay, August 30, 2022, 2:41 PM

A Williston County man has been sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to sexual exploitation of a minor and the production of child pornography. According to authorities, Justin Allen Chavis, 27, engaged in sexual acts with two minor children, and that he produced photographs and videos of the abuse, which were distributed through the internet by Chavis. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WRDW-CBS \(Augusta, GA\)](#)

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): 'Modern-day Bonnie and Clyde' facing fraud charges for stealing mail, funds of Georgia residents, prosecutors say, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 2:02 PM

A South Carolina man - who referred to him and his girlfriend as the "modern day Bonnie and Clyde" is awaiting sentencing after admitting to using information from stolen mail to try to steal over a million dollars from multiple people, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Thirty-three-

year-old Michael H. Boatright of Chesterfield, South Carolina pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail, wire, and bank fraud, according to David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSAV-NBC/CW \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indianapolis man gets 10 years in federal prison after shooting at police, Kyla Russell, August 30, 2022, 12:00 PM

An Indianapolis man previously convicted of five felonies will spend a decade in prison for the illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, nearly eight months after a standoff with police. Wesley Cartwright, 39, was given 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in federal court. According to court documents, on Jan. 5, 2022, deputies with the Marion County Sheriff's Department attempted to serve an eviction notice to Cartwright at his Indianapolis residence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTHR-NBC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Rights groups sue to block Indiana abortion ban, Sharon Bernstein, August 30, 2022, 7:04 PM

Abortion rights groups and medical providers in Indiana said they filed a lawsuit on Tuesday to stop the state's ban on the procedure from going into effect. The lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai'i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky and other groups argues the law violates Indiana's state constitution by abrogating its protections for privacy, due process and other rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Republican (Springfield, MA): Springfield, federal officials select firm founded by Western Mass. native and past police chief to oversee DOJ decree to end excessive force by police, Jeanette DeForge, August 30, 2022, 7:55 PM

City and federal officials have selected a firm founded by a Western Massachusetts native and former state secretary of public safety to ensure the police department implements reforms to end what a federal investigation labeled as a pattern of excessive force by the former narcotics unit. Officials announced on Tuesday that O'Toole Associates LLC will serve as the compliance officer to the city and the Springfield Police Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Spectrum News: Abortion rights groups file federal class action lawsuit in Texas, Reena Diamante, August 30, 2022, 6:36 PM

One point of contention is a more than century-old Texan abortion ban and whether it's still enforceable today. As of this month, there are three abortion bans Texans have to contend with after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The fear of prosecution and punishment has been enough to deter reproductive rights groups in Texas from fundraising and covering the costs of out-of-state abortions and other travel expenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Atlanta Black Star: Florida Man, Who Attacked Black Family and Was Choked Unconscious by Father, Convicted of Hate Crime by Federal Jury, Nicole Duncan-Smith, August 30, 2022, 3:00 PM

A jury has convicted a Florida man of a hate crime after he attempted to run a Black family off the road. The conviction is the second loss the defendant received related to the case. During the incident the father in the family, a skilled fighter, beat the assailant, placing him in a chokehold. On Thursday, Aug. 25, the Department of Justice announced Jordan Patrick Leahy, 29, was found guilty by a federal jury in Tampa, Florida, for a racially charged hate crime against a Black family

on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fort Smith Times Record: **Federal lawsuit filed against Arkansas law officers**, Robert Medley, August 30, 2022, 3:43 PM

A civil case against three Arkansas law officers caught on video beating a man during an arrest in Mulberry has now been filed in federal court in Fort Smith. Attorney David Powell of Fort Smith filed the civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Randal Ray Worcester, 27. Worcester was beaten by three law officers during an arrest Sunday, Aug. 21 after he allegedly threatened a store clerk in Alma in Crawford County. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also**: [KFSM-CBS \(Fort Smith, AR\)](#), [KOLR-CBS \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: **Defamation case accusing cybersecurity firm Tiversa of extortion revived**, Brendan Pierson, August 30, 2022, 4:52 PM

A federal appeals court on Tuesday revived a lawsuit by defunct medical testing company LabMD Inc accusing cybersecurity firm Tiversa Holding Corp of defaming it by illicitly accessing LabMD's patient data and then claiming the "leak" showed lax security practices, fueling a federal investigation that ultimately resulted in its collapse. The unanimous panel of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also found that Chief Magistrate Judge Maureen Kelly was wrong to impose sanctions against LabMD and to hold the company in contempt for flouting her discovery orders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **DC Circ. Backs 'Pro Tanto' Rule For Shared FCA Damages**, Daniel Wilson, August 30, 2022, 7:58 PM

The D.C. Circuit ruled Tuesday that the potential damages Honeywell faced in a False Claims Act suit over allegedly faulty body armor sold to the government could be fully offset against other defendants' settlements, rejecting a "proportionate share" approach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: **California may be 1st to ban solo confinement for immigrants**, Don Thompson, August 30, 2022, 9:00 PM

California would be the first U.S. state to ban solitary confinement in private civil detention centers used for immigrants who are under threat of deportation, under a bill that advanced Tuesday. But the measure carries a huge projected price tag by also including the state's prisons and jails, though supporters contest the cost estimates and say it could actually save money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Texas spends more than \$12 million to bus migrants to Washington, DC, and New York**, Polo Sandoval and Andy Rose, August 31, 2022, 1:00 AM

The state of Texas has spent more than \$12 million busing migrants to Washington, DC, and New York who crossed into the state from Mexico, according to figures from the Texas Division of Emergency Management. A state government spreadsheet obtained by CNN through a Freedom of Information Act request shows that, as of August 9, Texas has paid \$12,707,720.92 to Wynne Transportation, the charter service that is taking migrants to the two cities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: He served his country but was deported. After 23 years, he was allowed to return, Justo Robles, August 30, 2022, 4:19 PM

Sitting across the restaurant table in Sacramento, Luis smiles when he sees his pancake stack holding a tiny American flag. It's a commemoration to his service by the waiter who recognized Luis' U.S. Army hat. Luis, in gratitude, pins the flag to his chest. The U.S. Army veteran was deported to Nicaragua in the late 1990s after a drug-related conviction following years of drug abuse and arrests he attributes to his depression and PTSD. Now, Luis, 65, is eating his favorite breakfast meal again in California. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: A 'radical shift' at the border is making things tougher for Biden, Catherine E. Shoichet and Christopher Hickey, August 30, 2022, 10:00 AM

There's a major detail missing from many conversations about the rising number of migrants coming to the US-Mexico border. Decades ago, the vast majority of migrants attempting to cross the border between ports of entry were Mexican. A few years ago, most came from the Central American countries known as the Northern Triangle: Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. But now, according to Border Patrol statistics, the number of people coming from outside those places -- from countries such as Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua and Venezuela -- is growing fast. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: A shipment of baby wipes turns out to be \$11.8 million worth of cocaine, Jonathan Franklin, August 30, 2022, 7:10 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers discovered more than 1,500 pounds of cocaine hidden in a place where you would least expect it: a shipment of baby wipes. The narcotics seizure occurred last Friday at the Laredo-Colombia Solidarity International Bridge, according to the agency in a news release. The bridge, located on the U.S.-Mexico border, connects Laredo, Texas over the Rio Grande with the Mexican state of Nuevo León. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Gray News](#), [KGTV-ABC \(San Diego, CA\)](#), [WOAI-NBC \(San Antonio, TX\)](#)

Washington Examiner: Border Patrol chief admits under oath Biden's no-consequence border policies caused immigration crisis, Anna Giaritelli, August 30, 2022, 6:50 PM

The nation's top Border Patrol agent testified in a private legal deposition that the Biden administration's decision to walk back Trump-era enforcement measures has caused the illegal immigration crisis at the southern border. "In my experience, we have seen increases when there are no consequences," said Raul Ortiz in a July 29 deposition, according to video obtained by Fox News. Ortiz was tapped by Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas to head the Border Patrol early on in the Biden administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

VT Digger (Montpelier, VT): 42 legislators are asking ICE not to deport Vermont farmworkers. Will Phil Scott join them?, Auditi Guha, August 30, 2022, 7:20 PM

Pedro Ubaldo came to Vermont from Mexico 10 years ago, when he was 16, and has been working on dairy farms ever since. But three years ago, he was pulled over by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials commonly known as ICE and detained without cause, Ubaldo said in a press release issued this week by Migrant Justice, a nonprofit representing immigrant farmworkers statewide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): Busy weekend results in multiple hard narcotics seizures by CBP officers, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 9:23 PM (EDT)

On Friday, Aug. 26, CBP officers seized about a quarter-pound of fentanyl from a 19-year-old

male U.S. citizen who was trying to cross into the United States using the pedestrian lanes at the Paso Del Norte crossing. After the initial inspection, the man was observed dropping an unknown bundle while walking away. Officers retrieved it and discovered the opioids. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTNV-ABC (Las Vegas, NV): Border patrol agents seize \$4.3 million in Fentanyl in Arizona, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 8:28 PM

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection said border patrol agents seized \$4.3 million in Fentanyl last Wednesday. In Tucson, Arizona, sector agents said they performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that had several black duffel bags in the vehicle's rear cargo. Agents said the driver was nervous when she was questioned. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYMA-NBC (Yuma, AZ): U.S. Customs and Border Protection's 'Se Busca Informacion' campaign targets five human smugglers, Faith Rodriquez and Mercedes Martinez, August 30, 2022, 6:43 PM

The U.S. and Mexico announced five criminal targets for their "Se Busca Informacion" initiative that is a joint effort by the U.S. Border Patrol and the Government of Mexico to find people from criminal organizations wanted for crimes such as human and drug smuggling on both sides of the border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KECI-NBC (Missoula, MT): U.S. citizen arrested for kidnapping Canadian citizen, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Colorado woman and U.S. citizen, Catherine Gurule, was arrested Saturday for illegally crossing the northern border. Border agents at the Plentywood Station in Montana intercepted a southbound vehicle northeast of Plentywood. During the arrest authorities discovered a passenger in Gurule's vehicle that was allegedly kidnapped and assaulted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Roomster accused by U.S. FTC, six states of bilking renters with fake reviews, Jonathan Stempel, August 30, 2022, 2:30 PM

Roomster was sued on Tuesday by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and six states, which accused the roommate matching service of using fake listings and reviews to take more than \$27 million from people often struggling to find affordable places to live. According to a complaint filed in Manhattan federal court, Roomster and its co-founders have since 2016 "inundated the internet with tens of thousands of fake positive reviews to bolster their false claims that properties listed on their Roomster platform are real, available, and verified." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: [ANALYSIS] FTC Opening Gives New Life To Languishing FCC Pick, Christopher Cole, August 30, 2022, 7:51 PM

Eight months after Gigi Sohn was named for a spot on the Federal Communications Commission, her nomination has appeared hopelessly stalled, but recent political developments may have given new life to her chances for an appointment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] The FTC needs a reminder that it's a regulator, not a legislator, Jordan Crenshaw, August 30, 2022, 5:30 PM

When Lina Khan took over as chair of the Federal Trade Commission last year, she described her vision for the agency as "shap[ing] the distribution of power and opportunity across our

economy.” Based on the FTC’s most recent move to impose a national data privacy regime, it seems the agency doesn’t intend for its powers to be constrained by Congress or the Supreme Court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Says Chicken Execs Can't Split Up Price-Fixing Trial, Daniel Ducassi, August 30, 2022, 3:54 PM

Prosecutors have told a Colorado federal judge that there's no good reason to sever price-fixing charges against a pair of former poultry industry executives from the obstruction charges one of them faces, arguing that this would result in "two largely identical trials." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Walmart Slams FTC's Money Transfer Suit As Gov't Overreach, Katryna Perera, August 30, 2022, 2:04 PM

Walmart urged an Illinois federal judge on Monday to toss a suit from the Federal Trade Commission alleging the retail giant turned a blind eye to fraudulent money transfers, arguing that the FTC does not have the constitutional or statutory authority to bring the lawsuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fortune: Data brokers invade Americans' privacy. But does their business model violate federal law?, Jacob Carpenter, August 30, 2022, 12:39 PM

Now here’s a Federal Trade Commission lawsuit that the public can get behind even if the case doesn’t ultimately go in the agency’s favor. FTC officials on Monday sued one of the nation’s larger data brokers, Kochava, alleging the Idaho-based company has violated federal law by acquiring and selling data that tracks consumers’ precise movements through their mobile phones. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Supply Chain Dive: Maersk abandons \$1B sale of container business after DOJ investigation, Alejandra Salgado, August 30, 2022, 12:00 PM

China International Marine Containers dropped a plan to acquire Maersk Container Industry for \$987.3 million following a Department of Justice investigation, the agency announced on Thursday. The Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division found that if Maersk’s cold storage container division were acquired by the China-based logistics company, it would have “consolidated control of over 90% of insulated container box and refrigerated shipping container production worldwide in Chinese state-owned or state-controlled entities,” according to the DOJ release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Split 5th Circ. Backs \$14M Air Pollution Fine For ExxonMobil, Haley Konnath, August 30, 2022, 11:51 PM

A split Fifth Circuit panel on Tuesday upheld a \$14 million penalty against ExxonMobil Corp. for air pollution violations at a Texas refining and chemical complex, with the majority finding that a Texas federal court's penalty determination was "well within its wide discretion." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds Rip Claims Of Infrastructure Act Diversity 'Quota' Bias, Linda Chiem, August 30, 2022, 5:10 PM

The Biden administration fired back at a Florida businessman's claims that the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law unconstitutionally discriminates against white men by setting aside

contracts for women- or minority-owned businesses, saying the plaintiff can't block a congressionally authorized program that's been in place for decades. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Connecticut Chemical Facility Settles Alleged EPA Violations,

Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 12:06 PM

Greenfield Global USA Inc. will pay a penalty of \$179,596 to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act's General Duty Clause and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act at its Brookfield, Conn., facility with the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the agency Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Cincinnati Enquirer: Cincinnati shelter takes in some of the 4,000 beagles rescued from lab in Virginia, Brook Endale, August 30, 2022, 6:29 PM

Some of the 4,000 beagles removed from a mass laboratory breeding facility in Virginia are now at a Cincinnati shelter being prepared for adoption. On Monday night, SPCA Cincinnati took in 20 of the beagles as part of a nationwide rescue effort. [...] According to a lawsuit filed against Envigo by the Department of Justice in May, the facility was accused of keeping the animals in conditions that fell far below the standards outlined by the Animal Welfare Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WKEF-ABC \(Dayton, OH\)](#)

TAX

Law360: IRS Can Initiate Liens On Tech Founder's Stock In \$18M Dispute, Theresa

Schliep, August 30, 2022, 5:06 PM

The IRS can proceed with tax liens on a technology company founder's stock to recoup \$18 million in taxes after a California federal court concluded he didn't sell those stocks to [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Couple Cites Forgeries To Fight \$800K Tax Bill At 2nd Circ., Anna Scott Farrell,

August 30, 2022, 4:04 PM

A New York City couple asked the Second Circuit to scrap a U.S. Tax Court decision holding them liable for more than \$800,000 in taxes and penalties, saying their signatures were [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CBS: Micky Dolenz, last surviving member of The Monkees, suing FBI, Sarah Ash, August 31, 2022, 5:35 AM

Micky Dolenz, the last surviving member of the iconic 1960s-era, made-for-TV pop band The Monkees, is suing the FBI for files indicating the agency was monitoring the group, CBS Los Angeles reports. The heavily redacted file from 1967, first reported on by Rolling Stone, appears to show that the FBI was investigating the band for allegedly spreading anti-Vietnam war messaging during their shows. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: [VIDEO] DEA warns of colorful fentanyl aimed at children, Unattributed, August 30, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning of colorful fentanyl pills and powder that look like candy. Officials say drug cartels are using candy colors to get young people hooked. [\[Watch\]](#)

See also: [The Hill](#), [KING-NBC \(Seattle, WA\)](#), [KLAS-CBS \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [KVOA-NBC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [Newsweek](#), [WEVV-CBS/Fox \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WFTS-ABC \(Tampa, FL\)](#), [WTVT-Fox \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

CBS: Double homicide under investigation in Hollywood, Ashley Dyer, August 30, 2022, 11:27 AM

Hollywood Police homicide detectives are investigating a double homicide that occurred Monday night. [...] The ATF was on scene with specially trained K9 dogs that can help locate bullet casings. Police are hoping the casings will lead them to the person responsible. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Top-level FBI agent under fire for role in Hunter Biden investigation resigns, Andres Tray and Catherine Herridge, August 30, 2022, 8:26 AM

Timothy Thibault, a top-level FBI agent who had been under fire for his role in investigations regarding President Biden's son, Hunter Biden, resigned late last week and was walked out of the FBI, two U.S. officials confirmed. But these officials also said that Thibault had reached retirement age, and they added that all of those who retire hand over their badge and gun and are escorted out of the building. Thibault, who worked in the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., had recently been removed from his position as assistant special agent in charge at the FBI's Washington Field Office, which covers all of the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [Fox-2](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Daily Beast: FBI Facing 'Unprecedented' MAGA Threats: 'Time to Hunt Fed Bois', Roger Sollenberger, Zachary Petrizzo, August 31, 2022, 5:05 AM

After FBI agents searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club looking for evidence of multiple federal crimes and documents Trump was never supposed to have in his private possession, some of Trump's supporters struck a striking, but familiar, refrain: It's time to kill government officials. Research shared with The Daily Beast by the Advance Democracy Institute fills in some of the landscape of what the FBI has characterized as an "unprecedented" threat environment, a reaction to what some legal experts consider the most serious legal threat facing the former president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Allegations of political bias, widespread misconduct prompt FBI agents to call for Wray to step down, Kerry Picket, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

Rank-and-file FBI agents say they cannot see how FBI Director Christopher A. Wray stays in his position after The Washington Times' exclusive report about a senior bureau official stepping down under scrutiny for suspected political bias affecting investigations. Kurt Siuzdak, a lawyer and former FBI agent who represents whistleblowers at the bureau, said agents tell him that Mr. Wray has lost control of the agency and should resign. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Visalia Times-Delta (Visalia, CA): Professional rock climber Charles Barrett charged in Yosemite National Park sexual assaults, Sheyanne N Romero, August 30, 2022, 8:30 PM (EDT)

A professional rock climber is facing sexual assault charges by federal prosecutors. A three-count indictment was unsealed following the arrest of Charles Barrett. The 38-year-old man is charged with aggravated sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact. Prosecutors say that Barrett committed sexual assaults two times and had "abusive sexual contact" a third time at Yosemite National Park. It's unclear how many victims are listed in the indictment, but the U.S. Attorney's

General Office is asking potential victims to come forward. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KABC-ABC \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [KPIX-CBS \(San Francisco, CA\)](#), [KMPH-Fox \(Fresno, CA\)](#)

KFMB-CBS/CW (San Diego, CA): Behind the scenes look inside Sheriff's bomb and arson unit, Rocio De La Fe , August 31, 2022, 1:29 AM

Detectives with the San Diego County Sheriff's Bomb/Arson task force unit play a critical role in responding to some of the most dangerous calls for service, which includes fires, standoffs, active shooters, explosive and suspicious devices. And even major events such as, dignitary and presidential missions. [...] We're very close with FBI, ATF and our partners even if the military and the sending of fire bomb squad." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KETV-ABC (Omaha, NE): ATF agents, Omaha Police investigate back-to-back burglaries at Omaha gun store, Sarah Fili, August 30, 2022, 11:16 PM

One person is in custody after back-to-back break-ins at an Omaha gun store. Video provided by the Omaha Police Department shows inside Frontier Justice off 82nd and Center Streets. On [sic] 5:38 a.m. on June 30th, the general manager of the store calls the police after getting an intrusion alarm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEWS-ABC (Cleveland, OH): There were 30 carjackings or attempted carjackings in Cuyahoga County over two weeks in August, Tracy Carlross, August 30, 2022, 5:31 PM

From Aug. 9 through Aug. 24, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office said there have been 30 attempted carjackings or carjackings across the county. Now, several law enforcement agencies and the prosecutor's office are trying to put the breaks on the crimes. [...] Inside the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, is the Crime Strategies Unit. It is made up of crime analysts, prosecutors, dozens of local police agencies and federal agencies including FBI and ATF. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMDT-ABC/CW (Salisbury, MD): Drug investigation leads to discovery of over 1,000 bags of heroin, \$45k in cash, Sarah Ash, August 30, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Ocean View woman has been arrested following a drug investigation. On Friday, the Ocean View Police Department and the DEA Taskforce raided a home at 87 West Avenue following reports of suspicious activity in the area. During a search of the home, police seized 1,052 baggies of heroin, 368 suspected Fentanyl pills, and \$45,237 in cash. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHAM-ABC (Rochester, NY): Police: Baby found dead in ditch, man faces murder, child abuse charges, David Bondy, Caleb Holloway, August 30, 2022, 2:00 PM

A man in Michigan is facing charges connected to the discovery of a dead child in a ditch last week, police said. [...] Officials said the suspect was arrested on Friday with the assistance of the Michigan State Police and the ATF in Flint. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR: A sudden homecoming for one of the people sent back to prison with no warning, Carrie Johnson , August 31, 2022, 5:00 AM

Big changes have arrived for the family of Eric Alvarez. Hours after a story aired on NPR's Morning Edition last week, a federal judge found "extraordinary circumstances" that called for the release of Alvarez's fiancée from a prison in Danbury, Conn. "In other words, Petitioner's family is currently experiencing a dire, urgent situation," ruled U.S. District Judge Sarala Nagala. [[Continue](#)

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US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: UN racism body calls for U.S. to do more on abortion access, Emma Farge, August 30, 2022, 3:09 PM

A UN committee on Tuesday condemned the overturning of the constitutional right to abortion in the United States, saying it was hitting racial and ethnic minorities hardest and asked Washington to take mitigation measures. The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination said it was "deeply concerned" that the U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that ended the nationwide right to abortion had a "disparate impact on the sexual and reproductive health and rights of racial and ethnic minorities, particularly those with low incomes." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [VOA](#)

Washington Times: Biden administration tells Supreme Court to pass on birthright citizenship case, Kaelan Deese, August 30, 2022, 11:45 AM

President Joe Biden's administration asked the Supreme Court on Monday not to take up a case regarding citizenship rights for American Samoans despite advocates who say it would give the high court a chance to undo decades of precedent that Justices Neil Gorsuch and Sonia Sotomayor have decried as racist. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: BIA Tells 8th Circ. Washout Death Suit Rightly Dismissed, Andrew Westney, August 30, 2022, 9:01 PM

The Bureau of Indian Affairs urged the Eighth Circuit to uphold the dismissal of wrongful death and injury claims resulting from a washed-out road on the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's reservation, saying an exception to federal tort liability shielded the tribe's decision not to post warning signs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Okla. Tribe Fights Juul's Bid To Trim E-Cig Lawsuit, Caleb Symons, August 30, 2022, 4:23 PM

An Oklahoma tribe defended its claim that Juul Labs Inc. violated the Sooner State's consumer protection law by pushing e-cigarette products on Native people through a fraudulent marketing campaign, telling a federal judge that it qualifies for relief under that statute. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXII-CBS/Fox (Sherman, TX): Court documents suggest Faith Lindsey's accused killer plans to plead guilty, Caroline Cluiss, August 30, 2022, 7:31 PM

A man accused of murdering a Pauls Valley girl is expected to plead guilty tomorrow morning at a federal court hearing in Muskogee. Family and friends last saw Faith Lindsey in late October of 2019. On Wednesday - nearly three years later - her suspected killer is planning to plead guilty to 2nd degree murder. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTUU-NBC (Anchorage, AK): Guidelines issued to boost response to Alaska missing and murdered Indigenous people, Joey Klecka, August 30, 2022, 6:23 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Alaska came out with guidelines Tuesday intended to help solve current cases and prevent any additional missing and murdered Indigenous people in

Alaska. In a press release, U.S. Attorney for Alaska, S. Lane Tucker, announced that Savanna's Act guidelines have been completed, putting into place ways to strengthen communication and coordination between government agencies and tribal governments in response to violence and abuse of Alaska Native residents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

CBS: California lawmakers approve protections for workers using recreational cannabis, Sarah Ash, August 30, 2022, 4:59 PM

California could soon become the seventh state to make sure people won't lose their jobs if they smoke marijuana when they are off the clock. State lawmakers on Tuesday passed Assembly Bill 2188 (AB2188), a that would stop companies from punishing workers who fail a certain type of drug test that detects not whether a person is high, but whether the person has used marijuana at all in recent days. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Marijuana Moment](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden blasts 'MAGA Republicans,' 'sickening' attacks on FBI, Chris Megerian, Marc Levy and Seung Min Kim, August 30, 2022, 6:00 PM

President Joe Biden on Tuesday railed against the "MAGA Republicans in Congress" who have refused to condemn the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol and now are targeting the FBI as he tried to portray Democrats as the true pro-law enforcement party ahead of the November midterms. In remarks initially billed as a crime-prevention speech, Biden seized on comments from allies of former President Donald Trump who have called for stripping funding from the FBI since it executed a search warrant at Trump's Florida residence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

CBS: GOP seat lead shrinks as Biden approval ticks up — CBS News Battleground Tracker poll, Anthony Salvanto, Jennifer De Pinto, Fred Backus and Kabir Khanna, August 28, 2022, 11:30 AM

Republicans head into the fall still in position to gain enough House seats for a majority, but a tumultuous summer has made their advantage appear a little smaller today with a trend so far pointing toward narrow gains instead of a wave. Our CBS News Battleground Tracker estimates Republicans at 226 seats today, down from 230 estimated in July. A majority of 218 is needed to win control. While Republicans continue to lead with people who prioritize the economy, at least three things are tempering their overall advantage: Abortion rights: it's still on voters' minds, buttressing Democratic support and helping them with women in swing districts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Biden condemns 'sickening' attacks on FBI after Mar-a-Lago search, Morgan Chalfant, August 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

President Biden on Tuesday forcefully condemned attacks on the FBI from some Republicans in the wake of the bureau's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property. Speaking at an event on public safety in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Biden vowed his own support for law enforcement while casting conservatives as anti-police due to their stances on the Jan. 6, 2021, attack at the Capitol and more recently the events at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Biden's Gun Control Plan Updates: Biden Says 'Vote Against' Assault Weapons, Lauren Giella AND Meghan Roos, August 30, 2022, 1:46 PM

President Joe Biden visited his home state of Pennsylvania on Tuesday to talk about his plans to curb crime and gun violence. During a speech in Wilkes-Barre, Biden called out Republicans for opposing his proposal to restore a ban on assault weapons and highlighted how his American Rescue Plan is making communities safer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Fox: Trump FBI raid: Ex-NJ Gov. Whitman, other former prosecutors call request for special master a 'waste of time', Brie Stimson, August 31, 2022, 5:30 AM

Ahead of the Department of Justice's filing that opposed President Trump's call for a "special master" to review White House documents seized from his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, seven former federal prosecutors filed an amicus brief asking a Florida federal judge to deny his request. Former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, Donald B. Ayer, Gregory A. Brower, John J. Farmer Jr., Stuart M. Gerson, Peter D. Keisler, William F. Weld who all served in Republican administrations called Trump's request a "waste of time." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: DOJ Told to Unseal More of Warrant on Sen. Burr's Stock Trades, Mike Leonard, August 30, 2022, 3:14 PM

Prosecutors who investigated pandemic-related insider trading allegations against Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) but never charged him with a crime lost their bid to keep certain portions of their search warrant materials under wraps, although a federal judge in Washington did allow limited redactions. Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell handed a partial win Monday to the Los Angeles Times, saying centuries of legal tradition required her to unseal files that might infringe the privacy interests of Burr and his brother-in-law, who was also investigated, after Burr announced the investigation had been dropped. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 30, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, has died at age 91, Russian state media reported and his personal press secretary Vladimir Polyakov confirmed. His cause of death was not immediately released, but Gorbachev's office had said earlier that he was undergoing treatment at the Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Mississippi's capital city is grappling with multiple water problems; too much on the ground after heavy rainfall in the past week, and not enough safe water coming through the pipes for people to use. Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said late Monday that he's declaring a state of emergency for Jackson's water system, and he issued the proclamation Tuesday. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Ukrainian President Zelenskyy said he won't give specific details about his country's mission to take back Russian-held territory in the South. Russia said they have repelled the Ukrainian attack. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Joe Biden on Tuesday railed against the "MAGA Republicans in Congress" who have refused to condemn the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol and now are targeting the FBI as he tried to portray Democrats as the true pro-law enforcement party ahead of the November midterms. President Biden also defended his record on crime today ahead of the midterm elections and discussed his administration's plan to curb gun violence. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Justice Department is facing a deadline to respond to former President Donald Trump's legal team's request for a "special master" to review the documents seized during an FBI search of Mar-a-Lago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration this week is expected to authorize the first updated versions of the COVID-19 boosters since the pandemic began. The new shots are reformulated versions of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines. [[NBC](#)]
- The U.S. Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet says Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard seized and later let go of a U.S. sea drone in the Persian Gulf. [[ABC](#)]
- The 18-year-old woman who accused former Buffalo Bills punter Matt Araiza and two other San Diego State University players of gang-raping her as a minor said she was left bleeding after the alleged assault took place at an off-campus party in October. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "DOJ Cites Likely Obstruction of Mar-a-Lago Search" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Ukraine's Overstretched Psychiatric Hospitals Face Wave of Traumatized Soldiers" [[WSJ](#)]
- "U.S. Life Expectancy Falls Again in 'Historic' Setback" [[NYT](#)]
- "Mikhail Gorbachev, last leader of the Soviet Union, dies at 91" [[WaPo](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Bloomberg: Trump Accuses DOJ of Criminalizing His Possession of Records, Erik Larson, August 31, 2022, 9:50 PM

Former President Donald Trump accused the Justice Department of “criminalizing” his possession of personal documents by investigating the presence of hundreds of highly classified White House records at his Mar-a-Lago estate. Trump made the allegation in a Wednesday night court filing seeking to bolster his case for a neutral third party to review documents seized by the FBI during an Aug. 8 search of the former president’s Florida home. A federal judge who was appointed to the bench by the former president is scheduled to hear arguments on his request Thursday at 1 p.m. in West Palm Beach. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Axios-2](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#), [Politico-2](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [TND](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Trump’s Legal Jab Left Him Open to Justice Dept. Strike, Alan Feuer and Glenn Thrush, August 31, 2022, 9:30 PM

Former President Donald J. Trump may have thought that he was playing offense when he asked a federal judge last week for an independent review of documents seized from his residence in Florida a move that, at best, could delay but not derail an investigation into his handling of the records. But on Tuesday night, the Justice Department used a routine court filing in the matter to initiate a blistering counteroffensive that disclosed new evidence that Mr. Trump and his legal team may have interfered with the inquiry. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland leading the 'most corrupt' Justice Department in American history: Newt Gingrich, Charles Creitz, August 31, 2022, 11:36 PM

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich declared the Biden-Garland DOJ to be “the most corrupt Justice Department in all of American history” after criticism regarding its handling of the Hunter Biden laptop investigation and Mar-a-Lago raid on “The Ingraham Angle.” The DOJ filed a document Wednesday in the Mar-a-Lago case pushing back on Trump attorneys’ filing in favor of a special master to examine and sort documents seized by the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Jarrett blasts 'feeble and anemic' DOJ filing in Trump special-master case, Charles Creitz, August 31, 2022, 10:36 PM

The Justice Department’s filing criticizing former President Trump’s request for a special master to sort out records seized during the FBI’s raid of his Palm Beach, Fla., Mar-a-Lago estate is “feeble and anemic,” Fox News legal analyst Gregg Jarrett said Wednesday. Jarrett told “Hannity” that the filing, which claims among other things that Trump’s team has no standing to request a special master to view the seized documents, is something a freshman law student would reject as sound. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Judge Jeanine: DOJ doesn't have to charge Trump to affect the election, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 8:05 PM

Fox News host Judge Jeanine Pirro reacted to the Department of Justice’s motion to block former President Donald Trump’s request for a special master on “Jesse Watters Primetime,” deeming it “another witch hunt.” JUDGE JEANINE: If you’re not convinced this is just another witch hunt, well, new reports say the DOJ is waiting past the midterms to reveal any Trump charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, All In with Chris Hayes: [VIDEO] Fmr. Federal Prosecutor: Trump Response To DOJ Filing Is 'Word Salad', August 31, 2022, 9:00 PM

Former federal prosecutor Cynthia Alksne on the Team Trump response to the DOJ filing regarding the Mar-a-Lago probe: "It's a word salad because it doesn't really address the issues. My favorite part is on Page 2 they say we're not going to address allegations made by the Department of Justice in their brief on Pages 3 through 14. Well that's the meat of it!" [\[Watch\]](#)

NPR: In filings, Justice Department rebuts Trump's claims on Mar-a-Lago search, Carrie Johnson, August 31, 2022, 11:01 AM

When the U.S. attorney general appeared before television cameras this month to discuss the FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago, Merrick Garland said his Justice Department "will speak through its court filings and its work." The careful former judge, whose voice sometimes fails to rise above the din in Washington, is speaking loudly this time in legal briefs spurred by former President Donald Trump's demands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Slate: [ANALYSIS] Mar-a-Lago Filing Shows Merrick Garland Must Move Quickly to Indict Trump, Dennis Aftergut and Philip Allen Lacovara, August 31, 2022, 11:45 AM

Accountability is the foundation of a law-bound society. When criminal misconduct by the powerful goes unpunished, belief in obeying the law is undermined. On Tuesday, the Department of Justice laid out damning new details in its latest legal filing regarding the court-authorized Mar-a-Lago search, details that make it clear that Donald Trump likely committed serious felonies. In the DOJ's new court papers responding to a Trump lawsuit requesting a special master be appointed to look through the seized documents, the DOJ provided photo and documentary evidence of this extensive lawbreaking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: AG Garland bans DOJ employees from talking to Congress amid flood of whistleblower complaints, Kerry Pickett and Jeff Mordock, August 31, 2022, 11:00 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has issued a memo blocking Justice Department employees from communicating with members of Congress in the wake of stunning whistleblower disclosures regarding the FBI probe into Hunter Biden's business affairs. Mr. Garland wrote that all communication with Congress must be conducted through the department's office of legislative affairs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Garland's perilous path to prosecuting Trump, Josh Gerstein, August 31, 2022, 9:23 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has a mantra when it comes to politically charged investigations: "We will follow the facts and the law, wherever they lead." But Garland's mantra won't get him the answers he wants in the gargantuan decision of whether to prosecute former President Donald Trump over the trove of government documents many of them marked as highly classified that he took to Mar-a-Lago on his way out of the White House. Political fallout, precedent and national security risk are just some of the intangibles Garland will have to consider as he considers what would potentially be the highest-profile criminal case in American history, according to former prosecutors, intelligence agency lawyers and Justice Department officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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AP: Watchdog probing Massachusetts US attorney's fundraiser tript, Alanna Durkin Richer and Farnoush Amiri, August 31, 2022, 3:22 PM7

A watchdog agency is investigating whether Massachusetts' top federal prosecutor violated a law that limits political activity by government workers for attending a political fundraiser that featured First Lady Jill Biden, according to an email reviewed by The Associated Press. The U.S. Office of Special Counsel said in the email last week that it has opened an investigation into a potential violation of the law known as the Hatch Act after Republican Sen. Tom Cotton raised concerns over U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins' attendance at a July Democratic National Committee fundraiser in Andover. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston Globe](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: U.S. gets warrant to seize \$45 mln airplane owned by Russian energy firm

Lukoil, Kanishka Singh, August 31, 2022, 4:37 PM

The United States obtained a warrant to seize a \$45 million aircraft owned by Russian energy firm PJSC Lukoil ([LKOH.MM](#)), the U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday, though the aircraft is currently believed to be in Russia. "The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas authorized the seizure," the department said in a statement. The aircraft flew into and out of Russia in violation of the U.S. Department of Commerce's sanctions against Russia, the Justice Department added. The Boeing 737-7EM aircraft last flew into the United States in March 2019, the Justice Department added. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [KHOU-CBS \(Houston, TX\)](#), [WSJ](#)

Bloomberg: Trump Settles One Of His Document Fights With House Democrats, Zoe

Tillman, August 31, 2022, 8:33 PM

Former president Donald Trump has settled a long-running fight with House Democrats over a subpoena for years of his financial records, his lawyers disclosed in a court filing late Wednesday. The notice from Trump's attorneys didn't include any details about the terms of the agreement, stating only that they'd reached a deal with the House Oversight Committee one day earlier. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: John Eastman invokes the Fifth in Georgia election probe, Summer Concepcion,

August 31, 2022, 2:32 PM

Former Trump lawyer John Eastman invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and cited attorney-client privilege Wednesday when he appeared before a Fulton County grand jury investigating attempts to influence the 2020 election in Georgia, his attorneys said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: China shuts down counter-drug talks with U.S., fueling fears of more overdose deaths, Bill Hertz, August 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

China's decision to suspend counternarcotics cooperation with the United States to protest a high-profile congressional visit to Taiwan is fueling fears of a sharp increase in overdose deaths from Chinese-supplied stocks of fentanyl. The Chinese suspension of the bilateral talks was announced on Aug. 5, and current and former U.S. officials are warning of the fallout from increased drug trafficking into the country by Mexican cartels working with Chinese criminal gangs to move fentanyl, the chemicals used to make it, and other illicit drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Roanoke Times (Roanoke, VA): **Botetourt County man charged in U.S. Capitol riots says he was improperly questioned**, Laurence Hammack, August 31, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Botetourt County man charged with assaulting police officers during the riots at the U.S. Capitol is asking a judge to throw out a statement he made to federal authorities. Markus Maly contends in a motion filed Tuesday in Washington D.C.'s federal court that he did not waive his Miranda right to remain silent before he was questioned following his arrest earlier this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): **Pa. man who breached Capitol on Jan. 6 seeks dismissal of 3 charges**, John Beauge, August 31, 2022, 3:14 PM

A Pennsylvania man charged in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol is seeking to have three of the charges against him dismissed. Brian Gundersen, 28, who recently moved from State College to Lock Haven, is accused of illegally entering the Capitol and assaulting a police officer. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WUSA-CBS (Washington, DC): **DC resident charged in Capitol riot fails to appear in court, police unable to locate him**, Jordan Fischer, August 31, 2022, 8:57 PM

A D.C. judge issued a bench warrant earlier this month for a District resident charged with entering the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6, but police say they haven't been able to locate him for three weeks and now his attorney in his Capitol riot case says she can't reach him either. On Aug. 10, D.C. Superior Court Judge Kimberley Knowles issued a warrant for Darrell Neely for failure to appear at a probation violation hearing for a 2021 domestic violence case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: **U.S. Justice Dept to face off against Trump legal team over seized records**, Francisco Alvarado and Sarah N. Lynch, September 1, 2022, 6:07 AM

Former President Donald Trump's legal team will square off against the U.S. Justice Department in federal court on Thursday, in a bid to convince a judge to appoint a special master to review the materials the FBI seized from Trump's Florida estate. The hearing comes less than two days after prosecutors laid out fresh details about their ongoing criminal investigation into whether Trump illegally retained government records and sought to obstruct the government's probe by concealing some of them from the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Reuters-2](#)

AP: **Obstruction now a major focus in Trump documents probe**, Eric Tucker, August 31, 2022, 10:45 PM

The FBI investigation into top-secret government information discovered at Mar-a-Lago is zeroing in on the question of whether former President Donald Trump's team criminally obstructed the probe. A new document alleges that government records had been concealed and removed and that law enforcement officials were misled about what was still there. The allegation does not necessarily mean that Trump or anyone else will ultimately face charges. But it could pose the most direct legal threat to Trump or those in his orbit, in part because the Justice Department has historically viewed obstruction as an aggravating factor that tilts in favor of bringing charges in investigations involving the mishandling of classified information. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Media outlets ask court to unseal more records tied to FBI search of Trump's homes, Sarah N. Lynch, August 31, 2022, 11:00 AM

News media outlets on Wednesday filed a new bid to unseal even more court records tied to the FBI's unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, asking a federal judge to make public more details about the records that were seized. The news media request came just hours after the Justice Department late on Tuesday evening filed a 54-page document outlining publicly for the first time evidence it obtained that Trump may have tried to obstruct its investigation by deliberately trying to conceal documents. In the media request, the news outlets asked U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to make public two other records that the Justice Department also separately filed under seal earlier on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Feds cite efforts to obstruct probe of docs at Trump estate, Eric Tucker, Jill Colvin and Michael Balsamo, August 31, 2022, 8:00 AM

The Justice Department says classified documents were “likely concealed and removed” from a storage room at former President Donald Trump’s Florida estate as part of an effort to obstruct the federal investigation into the discovery of the government records. The FBI also seized boxes and containers holding more than 100 classified records during its Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago and found classified documents stashed in Trump’s office, according to a filing that lays out the most detailed chronology to date of months of strained interactions between Justice Department officials and Trump representatives over the discovery of government secrets. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#)

USA Today: Meet Trump's cast of record keepers, who have taken on significance amid Mar-a-Lago probe, Kevin McCoy, Kevin Johnson, September 1, 2022, 5:01 AM

White House personnel who oversee the handling of presidential records and classified documents typically don't generate news headlines. The job entails ensuring White House staffers don't take presidential records when they leave, and coordinating document submissions with National Archives officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] DOJ's Mar-a-Lago filing reveals damning details on the Trump papers saga, Editorial Board, August 31, 2022, 5:10 PM

Americans following the Mar-a-Lago search saga have, until this week, had to imagine what all the fuss was about, based on written descriptions of what the FBI found when it scoured former president Donald Trump’s home on Aug. 8. That changed late Tuesday, when the Justice Department released a photograph showing several sets of papers labeled “Top Secret/SCI,” in menacing red-lettered folders, strewn on a carpeted floor alongside a cardboard box containing at least one framed Time magazine cover. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Timeline of Effort to Retrieve Documents From Trump's Mar-a-Lago, Sadie Gurman and Aruna Viswanatha, August 31, 2022, 3:19 PM

Federal officials engaged in a year-and-a-half-long effort to retrieve hundreds of sensitive and classified government documents from former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago home, culminating in the FBI search of the sprawling premises on Aug. 8. Here is a look at key dates in the Justice Department’s investigation, drawn from court documents and interviews. 2021: Jan. 18 Crews from a Miami news station spot at least two moving trucks at Mar-a-Lago that investigators said in court documents contained documents transported from the White House. Jan. 20 Mr. Trump makes a rushed and chaotic exit from the White House and Joe Biden is sworn in as president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

VOA: US Judge to Consider Special Master in Trump Records Case, Amber Phillips, September 1, 2022, 12:46 AM

Lawyers for the U.S. Justice Department and former President Donald Trump are due to appear at a hearing Thursday as a federal judge considers whether to appoint a special master to review materials the FBI seized from Trump's Florida home. U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon said last weekend she was inclined to appoint a special master but first wanted to hear what the government had to say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: How the Picture of Top Secret Folders at Mar-a-Lago Came About, Glenn Thrush and Adam Goldman, August 31, 2022, 2:10 PM

The Justice Department used 35 pages of type in a court filing on Tuesday to provide new details of its investigation into former President Donald J. Trump's handling of hundreds of classified documents that were taken from the White House at the end of his term. But the most easily digestible element of the filing was appended at the end: a single photograph showing documents with secret and top secret markings arrayed on a patterned carpet, with a carton of framed pictures on one side. The photograph did not clearly display any details of the subject matter of the documents, which were conspicuously bordered in red when labeled secret and in yellow for top secret. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: DOJ Is Likely to Wait Past Election to Reveal Any Trump Charges, Chris Strohm, August 31, 2022, 1:14 PM

Federal prosecutors are likely to wait until after the November election to announce any charges against Donald Trump, if they determine he broke laws, according to people familiar. The unprecedented prospect of bringing charges against a former US president is creating intense scrutiny of the Justice Department in the aftermath of its search of his home at Mar-a-Lago. A separate DOJ probe is focused on his effort to overturn the 2020 election, which he lost to President Joe Biden. Under long-standing department policy, prosecutors are barred from taking investigative steps or filing charges for the purpose of affecting an election or helping a candidate or party, traditionally 60 days before an election. This year, that would be by Sept. 10, which makes it unlikely anything would be announced until after Nov. 8, said people who asked to remain anonymous speaking about potential Justice Department actions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Takeaways from the government filing about what was hidden at Mar-a-Lago, Amber Phillips, August 31, 2022, 11:16 AM

In the ongoing legal battle about whether the government can keep the material FBI agents recovered from Mar-a-Lago this month, the government has now alleged that legal representatives of former president Donald Trump hid boxes of material and may have even given federal agents false information about handing it all over, according to an extraordinary late-night court filing Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Bloomberg: Everything You Need to Know About Trump's Push for a 'Special Master', Zoe Tillman, August 31, 2022, 10:03 AM

A federal judge in Florida signaled she's leaning toward granting former president Donald Trump's request for a special master to review documents seized from his Mar-a-Lago home as part of a probe into his handling of sensitive government records. At issue is whether he can block prosecutors from making use of documents he says should be protected by some form of legal privilege. The Justice Department is opposed to the request. Trump's motion could delay

the investigation and has, at a minimum, provided him with a new forum to attack the investigation. US District Judge Aileen Cannon, nominated to the bench by Trump, is set to hear arguments Sept. 1. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: What to watch for at Thursday's hearing in Trump's bid for a special master over documents seized at Mar-a-Lago, Tierney Sneed, September 1, 2022, 6:07 AM

After an explosive court brief and picture of classified documents from Mar-a-Lago earlier this week, the Justice Department will argue in court Thursday against a request by former President Donald Trump that a so-called special master be appointed in to review the evidence the FBI seized at his Florida resort last month. US District Judge Aileen Cannon will be considering whether to bring in third party oversight of the Justice Department, in which an outside attorney would in theory identify and filter out evidence that should be withheld from investigators because it was privileged. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Special Master Decision, Alaska Special Election, UN China Report, September 1, 2022, 5:48 AM

A federal judge will decide today whether to appoint a special master to review documents removed from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate (1:16). Mary Peltola is the first Alaska Native to fill Alaska's only US house seat (5:25). The UN Commission on Human Rights released a damning report detailing abuses against ethnic Uyghurs in Xinjiang China (9:02). [[Listen](#)]

NBC: Trump's seized passports could be a problem for him, legal experts say, Dareh Gregorian, September 1, , 2022, 5:00 AM

Donald Trump has complained that FBI agents' seizure of his passports showed that investigators ran amok as they searched his Florida resort, but new information about how and where the documents were found could spell major trouble for the former president, legal experts told NBC News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [ANALYSIS] DOJ says Trump likely hid classified documents: Is this a turning point?, Howard Kurtz, September 1, 2022, 3:05 AM

Now we finally have a visual. There is something about the single photograph released by the Justice Department of a jumble of documents from cardboard boxes marked "SECRET/SCI" and "TOP SECRET/SCI" that makes the stakes of the Donald Trump investigation indelibly real. Whereas before we might have had a blurry vision of hurriedly packed boxes and perhaps confusion in returning them to the government, the highly classified markings some so sensitive that FBI agents had to receive additional clearances to review them brings the situation into sharp relief. The super-secret papers at Mar-a-Lago were right next to framed Time magazine covers featuring Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Trump's filing opposing Mar-a-Lago raid forced DOJ's hand, experts say, Alexander Mallin and Katherine Faulders, August 31, 2022, 3:25 PM

After three weeks of accusations from former President Donald Trump and his allies that the Justice Department and FBI overreached in their unprecedented August 8 search of Mar-a-Lago, the DOJ responded Tuesday with a late-night filing that laid bare the fruitless negotiations that preceded the raid -- and provided ample evidence that in their own legal filing, Trump's attorneys had left out key details and made multiple unfounded or false claims about the circumstances surrounding the DOJ's efforts to retrieve classified documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: No, the FBI's Trump investigation is not just like the Hillary Clinton email probe.

Here's why, Mike Levine, August 31, 2022, 9:22 AM

As more details emerge about why the FBI decided to raid former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month, both Trump and his allies are increasingly suggesting the FBI is treating him differently than it treated Hillary Clinton, who avoided charges for her use of a private email server as secretary of state. "James Comey read off a list of all ... Hillary Clinton's crimes, only to say that no reasonable prosecutor would prosecute," Trump said of the former FBI director in a social media post this past weekend. But a review of government documents from both investigations suggests there are key differences between the evidence uncovered in Clinton's case and the evidence already publicly documented in the Trump investigation.

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MSNBC: [OPINION] The Justice Department's case for obstruction at Mar-a-Lago is growing stronger, Frank Figliuzzi, September 1, 2022, 5:56 AM

After the Department of Justice's 36-page response to former President Donald Trump's request for a special master to review material the FBI seized from his home, we could be inching close to someone, maybe Trump himself, being charged with obstruction of justice. Tuesday's well-crafted objections to Trump's request constitute a simple, yet persuasive, smackdown of the Trump team's flawed legal logic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

CNSNews: 10 Alleged MS-13 Members Indicted on Murder Charges in Texas, Maryland, 'Multiple Acts of Mutilation and Dismemberment', Micky Wootten, August 31, 2022, 3:25 PM

Ten alleged MS-13 gang members have been indicted by a federal grand jury in the Southern District of Texas on a series of charges, including seven murders that "were allegedly brutal in nature." Some of the crimes also occurred in Maryland. On Aug. 25, 2022, the Department of justice issued a press release about the indictment. The indictment charges 10 alleged MS-13 gang members with "crimes including racketeering conspiracy, murder, attempted murder, and conspiracy to murder in aid of racketeering, related firearms charges, and obstruction of justice.

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D1SoftballNews: Options Trader Admits Fraud After Costa Rica Extradition, Zach, August 31, 2022, 7:00 PM

The United States will give Peru more than half a million dollars in money confiscated from former Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo (2001-2006), investigated for corruption in the Odebrecht case. The US Department of Justice announced Wednesday that it will send approximately \$686,000 to the Peruvian Government, seized from the former president. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Options Trader Admits Fraud After Costa Rica Extradition, Elliot Weld, August 31, 2022, 6:04 PM

An American options trader who was recently extradited from Costa Rica pled guilty Wednesday to one count of fraud conspiracy for running companies out of the Central American country, Kosovo and Long Island, New York, that manipulated data to deceive investors into parting with their money. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Glen Cove, NY\)](#)

Joplin Globe: Kentucky man draws prison term in I-44 meth bust, Jeff Lehr, August 31,

2022 10:00 PM

A federal judge sentenced a Louisville, Kentucky, man to 16 years and eight months in prison Wednesday for transporting more than 2 kilograms of methamphetamine in a rental car stopped on Interstate 44 in Jasper County. U.S. District Judge M. Douglas Harpool ordered that Quennel A. Young, 31, serve the prison term without parole at a sentencing hearing in Springfield. Young was found guilty of possession of meth with intent to distribute in a single-day bench trial Feb. 9. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KOAM-CBS \(Pittsburg, KS\)](#)

The Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): **Salamanca man indicted on charges of receiving, possessing and producing child pornography**, Dale Anderson, August 31, 2022, 8:30 PM
Salamanca man has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of receiving, possessing and producing child pornography, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross announced. If convicted, Robert Calkins Jr., 37, faces a minimum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. According to the indictment, State Police began investigating Calkins in April 2020 after receiving reports about him from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

The Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): **Former Buffalo man pleads guilty to lying about his income to get bank loans**, Dale Anderson, August 31, 2022, 7:30 PM
A former Buffalo man has pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Lawrence J. Vilaro to lying to three banks on his loan applications, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross reported. If convicted, Hassan Moussa Fares, 30, faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NY Daily News: **Feds charge former Rockland County diving coach with sexually exploiting young athletes**, Molly Crane-Newman, August 31, 2022, 6:16 PM
A former Rockland County diving instructor was charged with sexually exploiting athletes as young as 14 years old in a federal indictment unsealed Wednesday. Victor Byrne, 56, who now lives in Orlando, Fla., sexually abused two teenagers he coached on a team of competitive divers starting in 2006, federal prosecutors alleged. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Big Country News (ID): **Twin Falls Man Sentenced to Over 11 Years in Prison for Possession of Child Pornography**, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 6:00 PM
A 28-year-old Twin Falls man has been sentenced to 136 months (11+ years) in federal prison for the possession of child pornography. Domingo Zapata was also ordered to serve 10 years of supervised release following his prison sentence, forfeit the cellphone that was used to commit the offense, and to pay \$33,000 in restitution to the victims in the images he possessed. As a result of the conviction, Zapata will be required to register as a sex offender. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KIFI-ABC \(Idaho Falls, ID\)](#)

WAVY-NBC (Portsmouth, VA) : **Chesapeake man pleads guilty on drug charges**, Courtney Ingalls, August 31, 2022, 5:16 PM
A Chesapeake man faces up to 40 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to drug charges. According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, 41-year-old Barry Justin King pleaded guilty on Wednesday to conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Dallas Morning News (Dallas, TX): **Former executive in North Texas hospice fraud case**

sentenced to 4 years in federal prison, Catherine Marfin, August 31, 2022, 4:28 PM

An executive with a Frisco hospice company has been sentenced to four years in federal prison for his role in a scheme that defrauded Medicare out of millions of dollars. Slade Brown, 52, pleaded guilty in 2018 to conspiracy to commit health care fraud. He was sentenced Aug. 25. Starling Marshall McCallum, an attorney listed for Brown in court records, did not immediately return a request for comment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Britain Herald (New Britain, CT): **Man indicted for robbing bank in Newington supermarket**, Justin Muszynski, August 31, 2022, 4:08 PM

A Middletown resident has been indicted on federal charges alleging he robbed multiple banks, including one in Newington. The U.S. Attorney's Office on Wednesday said Gino Rizzo, 28, and Jalaria Pantano, 27, were arrested following a three-count indictment. Federal officials believe Rizzo robbed two banks on his own, while the pair conspired to rob a third bank together.

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Arizona Republic: **Arizona sex offender who posed as famous producer gets 30 years for exploiting teens**, Jose R. Gonzalez, August 31, 2022, 3:47 PM

A registered sex offender from Arizona has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for traveling cross-country to sexually abuse a minor while posing as a famous movie producer and actor. Kyle Matthew Thompson, 47, of Mohave Valley, was sentenced Aug. 24 by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell after a jury on Feb. 24 found him guilty on two counts of travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct and two counts of commission of sex offense by a registered sex offender, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Providence Journal (Rhode Island): **Prison sentences for 4 men who used homeless people in \$480k counterfeit check scheme**, Jack Perry, August 31, 2022, 3:23 PM

Four Georgia men have been sentenced to federal prison after they admitted recruiting homeless and transient people from the Providence area to cash counterfeit business checks. Banks in Rhode Island and three other New England states lost nearly \$481,000 to the scheme, which operated from October 2018 to February 2021, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Cunha. The men had tried getting about \$677,687 in counterfeit checks cashed.

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Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): **Kalamazoo County man sentenced to prison for bank robbery**, Marie Weidmayer, August 31, 2022, 12:14 PM

A Parchment man was sentenced to prison after he robbed a Kalamazoo bank. Matthew Allen Main, 35, was sentenced Aug. 29 to nearly six years in federal prison for one count of bank robbery by force or violence in U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan. A second count was dismissed. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWMT-CBS/CW \(Kalamazoo, MI\)](#), [WXMI-Fox \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

Kansas City Star: **Kansas City man accused in 2 shootings on same day sentenced to federal prison**, Anna Sporre, August 31, 2022, 11:22 AM

A Kansas City man accused of carrying out two shootings in one day in 2021 has been sentenced to nearly seven years in federal prison. Deion D. Alford, 22, was sentenced Tuesday in the U.S. Court for the Western District of Missouri to six years and 10 months in federal prison without the possibility of parole. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDAF-Fox \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): Lordsburg man sentenced to 45 years on child porn charges, Jordan Honeycutt, August 31, 2022, 8:28 PM

Gilbert Gallegos, 46, has been sentenced to 45 years in prison after he pled guilty to two counts of the production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. According to court records, Gallegos and an 11-year-old engaged in sexual acts which Gallegos recorded on his cell phone. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Man who robbed Missouri liquor store at gunpoint sentenced to 12 years in prison, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 7:00 PM

U.S. District Judge Rodney W. Sippel on Wednesday sentenced a man who robbed a liquor store in St. Peters, Missouri to 12 years in prison. Bobby Andre, of Northwoods, robbed the Cool Spot Liquor store in St. Peters of about \$143 on July 31, 2018, at gunpoint, using a blue cloth rag to hide his face. Andre dropped the rag before leaving the store. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Felon accused of shooting co-worker in Missouri restaurant sentenced to 8 ½ years in prison on gun charge, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 7:00 PM

U.S. District Judge Audrey G. Fleissig on Wednesday sentenced a convicted felon from St. Louis to eight and one-half years in prison for a gun crime. Philandias Calvin was arrested on Sept. 28, 2021, as a suspect in the shooting of his co-worker at Rigazzi's restaurant ten days earlier. He was found with a .380 caliber Hi-Point pistol in his right pocket and three loaded magazines for the gun in his left pocket, Calvin admitted in a plea agreement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

KTLA-CW (Los Angeles, CA): Chatsworth man pleads guilty to stalking sisters, Iman Palm, August 31, 2022, 6:55 PM

A San Fernando Valley man pleaded guilty Wednesday to stalking and cyberstalking two sisters, the United States Attorney's Office announced. Alex Scott Roberts, 27, admitted to stalking the sisters by harassing them online and through text messages in July and August 2020. After one of the sisters and her family told Roberts she didn't want to be in contact with him, he created a Craigslist ad that falsely advertised an open room at her house. The ad detailed that prospective renters could "stop by anytime," according to Roberts' plea agreement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRDO-AM (Colorado Springs, CO): Colorado Springs man pleads guilty to providing a teen with deadly Fentanyl, Emily Arseneau, August 31, 2022, 6:41 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado announced that Nathaniel David Corser, age 23, from Colorado Springs, pleaded guilty today to the distribution of fentanyl resulting in death. According to the plea agreement, on July 4, 2021, Corser met a 19-year-old man at Cottonwood Creek Park in Colorado Springs for a drug deal they had arranged through text messages. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KXRM-Fox \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#)

KIMT-CBS (Mason City, IA): Rochester man charged with federal gun crime, Mike Bunge, August 31, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Rochester man is facing a federal indictment for illegal possession of a weapon. Marcus Anthony Jackson, aka "Homicide," is charged with possession of a firearm as a felon. Court documents state Jackson, 49, was found with a Taurus G2C 9mm pistol on May 25. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the State of Minnesota says Jackson has multiple prior felony convictions in

Olmsted, Hennepin, and Ramsey Counties and is prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition at any time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Jefferson County man sentenced after pleading guilty to child pornography charge, Stephanie Usery, August 31, 2022, 5:19 PM

A Jefferson County man has been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to a child pornography charge. Jonathan R. Brown, 34, pleaded guilty in March to one count of receipt of child pornography. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri St. Louis reported that Brown had used the dark web to download and view child pornography at least as far back as 2015. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): St. Joseph man found guilty of illegal firearm, Mike Coutee, August 31, 2022, 5:04 PM

A St. Joseph man was convicted by a federal trial jury Wednesday of illegally possessing a firearm. Earl B. Penn, 30, was found guilty of one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 15 years without the possibility of parole. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): Johnston man to serve 3 years on child porn charges, Steven Matregrano, August 31, 2022, 4:57 PM

A Johnston man who admitted to possessing more than 2,000 videos and images of child porn will spend the next three years behind bars, according to U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha. Jon Knowles, 49, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography back in May. Prosecutors said between June and August 2021, Knowles installed a software program on his computer that made it possible for him to download and assemble video files. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHAM-ABC (Rochester, NY): Hamlin man pleads guilty to child porn charge, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 4:30 PM

A registered sex offender from Hamlin is now awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a federal child pornography charge. Michael Woloschuk, 42, pleaded guilty to possession of child pornography involving prepubescent minors. The charge carries 10-20 years in prison, a lifetime of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Two charged with gun, drug and robbery offenses, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 4:30 PM

A Mayville woman and a Jamestown man have been charged on gun, drug and robbery offenses after police say they ran a narcotics conspiracy over 18 months. Police say that between November 2020 and April 2022, 41-year-old Alisha Klinger of Mayville and 36-year-old Jacob Snow of Jamestown conspired with others to sell fentanyl. The indictment also accuses them of stealing drugs and cash from people involved in illegal drug trafficking and possessing and brandishing illegal firearms while doing so. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Smithfield man convicted of supplying drugs that lead to overdose death, Judith Retana, August 31, 2022, 4:28 PM

A Smithfield man could spend 20 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of selling drugs to a man who died of an overdose. Shamel Nesbitt, 32, is scheduled for November. "The drug dealers and criminal networks lacing fentanyl into their supply are on notice. We will bring charges and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law. When your criminal activity leads to death, you can face up to life in prison," said U.S. Attorney Michael Easley. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Estranged mother arrested for transporting California teen to Missouri boarding school, Kevin S. Held, August 31, 2022, 4:04 PM

A California mother and former dean of a Missouri boarding school for troubled youth were charged last week for a scheme to take the woman's teenage son against his will and bring him to the Show Me State. Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California unsealed a federal indictment on Tuesday accusing Shana Gaviola, 35, and Julio Sandoval, 41, of violating a protective order and hiring people to, in essence, kidnap Gaviola's own son in July 2021. At the time, Sandoval was the dean of the Agapè Boarding School in Stockton, Missouri, and the founder of an agency that transported minors to the school. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WILX-NBC (Onondaga, MI): Muskegon man sentenced to 25 years for child sexual assault, Jake Draugelis, August 31, 2022, 3:50 PM

A Muskegon man has been sentenced to 300 months in the Federal Bureau of Prisons for producing pictures of his sexual assault of a 7-year-old child. Jeffrey David Paprocki, a 33-year-old man from Muskegon, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Janet T. Neff, who also imposed 10 years of supervised release following his release from custody and restitution paid to the victims. Judge Neff said the 25-year sentence was to protect the community, as well as to send a strong message of deterrence to others. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Courts: Man ran child porn groups on app, gets 20 years in prison, Jeff Wiehe, August 31, 2022, 3:48 PM

A former Indiana man who acted as the administrator of several groups on a social media app that contained child pornography was sentenced to 20 years in prison Wednesday, according to United States Attorneys. The same man is also facing child molesting charges in DeKalb County that could put him in prison for the rest of his life, according to court documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFMZ (Allentown, PA): Judge sentences man whose organization distributed fentanyl from stash house in Whitehall Twp., other locations in US, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 3:30 PM

A man whose nationwide fentanyl trafficking organization distributed fentanyl from a stash house in Whitehall Township and from other locations in the country has been sentenced. Manuel Lopez Avitia, 45, a Mexican national, was sentenced to 15 years and one month in prison, and five years of supervised release, according to a news release from the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WIBW-AM (Topeka, KS): Americus woman charged with producing, possessing, distributing child porn, Sarah Motter, August 31, 2022, 1:01 PM

An Americus woman has been federally charged with producing, possessing and distributing child pornography. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas says on Wednesday, Aug. 31, a federal grand jury in Wichita indicted Brandi Snyder, 34, of Americus, on two counts of sexual exploitation of a child - production of child pornography, one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Members of Ghostface Gangsters, including 3 founders, plead guilty to RICO charges, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 11:06 AM

The Department of Justice announced on Wednesday that 25 people, including three of the seven pillars of the Ghostface Gangsters gang, have pleaded guilty to several Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) charges. According to the release, the charges include conspiracy, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, attempted murder, maiming, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, use of a firearm during a crime of violence, use of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFIE-NBC (Evansville, IN): Evansville man sentenced to federal prison in child sexual abuse material case, Jeff Wiehe, August 31, 2022, 7:55 AM

An Evansville man has been sentenced in a child sexual abuse material case. Authorities say 36-year-old Chris Lynn Carder II was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to distributing child sexual abuse material. According to court documents, in July of 2019, an FBI agent working in Salt Lake City, Utah was conducting an undercover investigation online using the social networking application Kik. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Judge: Disabled Wisconsin voters can get help with ballots, Harm Venhuizen, August 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

Wisconsin voters with disabilities can get help returning their ballots, a federal judge said Wednesday, citing a federal law that trumps a recent state Supreme Court ruling and state laws that suggest otherwise. U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson issued his order ahead of the November election saying that voters who have difficulty returning their own ballot can choose someone to do so for them. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

CNN: This California school district punished Black students more severely, feds say.

Now they have agreed to make changes, Nicquel Terry Ellis, August 31, 2022, 4:00 PM

A California school district is vowing to reform its discipline practices after a federal investigation revealed it was giving harsher punishment to Black students compared to White students who displayed similar behavior. Officials from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights say the Victor Valley Union High School District in southern California's San Bernardino County committed a pattern of discriminatory practices toward Black students that violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): Federal judge allows NY gun law to go into effect

Thursday, but warns it may be unconstitutional, Douglass Dowty, August 31, 2022, 9:18 PM

A ruling by a federal judge in Syracuse tonight will allow New York's sweeping gun control law to go into effect Thursday as planned. But, the judge warned, several parts of the law were likely unconstitutional and could be challenged again in the future. The new state law was a response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that struck down a century-old New York law that required a specific reason for someone to obtain a concealed-carry handgun license. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Judge sanctions Atlanta city attorneys in \$100 million taser case, Asia Simone Burns, August 31, 2022, 3:00 PM

The federal judge overseeing an excessive force case that resulted in last week's \$100 million jury verdict against the city of Atlanta and one of its police officers has publicly reprimanded the

city's attorneys for withholding key evidence from the plaintiff's lawyers, according to a court filing on Tuesday. Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens' administration has yet to comment publicly on what some legal observers are calling one of the largest police misconduct jury verdicts ever in the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSAZ-NBC (Huntington, WV): Former police officer and firefighter sentenced to prison for raping underage girl, Eric Fossell, August 31, 2022, 10:00 PM

A former firefighter and police officer was sentenced Wednesday to 14 years in prison for raping an underage girl, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Christopher Osborne, 26, also must serve five years of supervised release and register as a sex offender, according to the news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Former Northwoods police officer fined for assaulting woman at St. Louis County DMV, Matt Woods, August 31, 2022, 4:46 PM

A former Northwoods, Missouri Police Officer was fined \$10,000 for assaulting someone at a DMV in Florissant. Michael L. Bennett, 64, pleaded guilty to hitting a woman at the DMV repeatedly in April during a confrontation. Court documents say Bennett was off duty and in plain clothes when he intervened in an argument between a customer and an employee. Bennett identified himself as a police officer, the documents say, and began giving commands to the customer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Bloomberg Law: Woman's ADA Claim on Home-Based Care Sent Back to Lower Court, Christopher Brown, August 31, 2022, 3:59 PM

A federal appeals court set aside a preliminary injunction Wednesday requiring the state of Texas to continue paying for a disabled woman's home-based care rather than putting her in an institution. Barbara Harrison, who suffers from cerebral palsy and a variety of other serious conditions, claimed that the state's decision to institutionalize her rather than paying for her home-based care violated the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Novo Nordisk Strikes \$6.3M Deal To End Feds' FCA Claims, Ryan Harrof, August 31, 2022, 3:48 PM

Novo Nordisk Inc. has agreed to pay the United States \$6.3 million to resolve allegations the global pharmaceutical firm sold needles under U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs supply contracts that were made in countries not compliant with the Trade Agreements Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Times of San Diego: Two Men Sentenced to Prison in Scam Targeting San Diego Grandparents, Elizabeth Ireland, August 31, 2022, 9:00 PM

Two men who pleaded guilty to taking part in a nationwide racketeering scheme targeting the elderly, which took more than \$300,000 from at least 10 San Diego County residents, were sentenced Wednesday to federal prison terms. Timothy Ingram, 30, of North Hollywood, and 46-year-old Florida resident Joaquin Lopez were sentenced Wednesday for their roles in a scam that took over \$2 million from more than 70 senior citizens across the nation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Texas governor buses migrants to Chicago amid border security dispute, Ted Hesson, August 31, 2022, 9:24 PM

The state of Texas bused a group of about 60 newly arrived migrants to Chicago on Wednesday, as Republican Governor Greg Abbott expands his effort to push responsibility for border crossers to his Democratic political opponents. Texas has bused more than 7,000 migrants to Washington, D.C., and New York City since April, spending nearly \$13 million on the initiative through Aug. 8, according to state data obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Times](#)

AP: Colorado woman arrested in alleged kidnapping of Canadian, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Colorado woman faces numerous felony charges after she was caught allegedly trying to cross the U.S.-Canada border illegally with a person she had kidnapped and assaulted, federal authorities said. The 48-year-old suspect from Aguilar, Colorado, was arrested over the weekend along a remote area of border in northeastern Montana, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: \$11.8 million worth of cocaine seized from truck purportedly carrying baby wipes, officials say, Orlando Mayorquin, August 31, 2022, 4:19 PM

Officials in Texas seized roughly 1,500 pounds of cocaine Friday inside a trailer truck that purported to carry baby wipes, U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced. Officials estimated the shipment's street value at about \$11.8 million. A truck hauling a 2016 Stoughton trailer attempted to cross into the United States from Mexico at the Colombia-Solidarity bridge connecting Laredo, Texas, to Mexico over the Rio Grande river. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: The facts behind the high number of migrants arriving at the border under Biden, Camilo Montoya, August 31, 2022, 12:19 PM

The soaring number of migrant arrivals along the U.S. southern border over the past year and a half has fueled dire humanitarian challenges, strained government resources and created a political liability for President Biden. In some ways, the migration flows across the U.S.-Mexico border during the Biden administration are unprecedented. Arrests of individuals who crossed the U.S. southern border illegally have reached all-time highs. Arrivals of migrants from certain countries, including Cuba and Venezuela, have set new records. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 1st Circ. Calls Removal Statute 'Hard-Hearted' In Affirming BIA, Jonathan Capriel, August 31, 2022, 6:49 PM

The First Circuit was bound Wednesday to stand by an immigration appeals board decision that ordered a Guatemalan man removed from the country despite the hardship it would cause his children, saying the call was in line with the "hard-hearted" and "stringent statutory requirement." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Calif. Judge Imposes New Rules For Migrant Youth Placement, Rae Varona, August 31, 2022, 5:57 PM

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement must notify young detained migrants and their counsel when it decides against releasing them to their parents or relatives and provide reasons for withholding release, a California federal judge has ordered.

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Washington Times: **ICE identifies cop-killer suspects as illegal immigrants**, Stephen Dinan, August 31, 2022, 4:00 PM

Three Mexican brothers identified as part of an investigation into the shocking murder of a North Carolina sheriff's deputy were all in the country illegally including one who was caught and released at the border under the Trump administration. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **BIA Must Consider New Evidence For Immigration Credibility**, Jonathan Capriel, August 31, 2022, 3:15 PM

The Ninth Circuit revived a Sikh man's second attempt at obtaining asylum in the United States, finding that the Board of Immigration Appeals should have considered new information he presented in his later bid about the dangers of living as a Sikh in India. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMAR-ABC (Baltimore, MD): **Two Salvadoran men arrested at Dulles airport for sex crimes with minors in Maryland**, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 9:00 PM

Two Salvadoran men living in Maryland were arrested at Washington Dulles International Airport for sex crimes with minors. Jose Efrain Mejia Alas, a 34-year-old Salvadoran national living in Germantown, was arrested on Aug. 21 as he attempted to board a flight to El Salvador. He was wanted in Montgomery County for two counts of second-degree rape, sexual abuse of a minor and other charges. [...] In both cases, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers confirmed with the wanting jurisdictions that the warrants remained active, and officers verified the identities of both travelers as the subjects of those felony-charged warrants. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): **2 Nogales men sentenced to 45 months in prison for human smuggling**, Tommy Hoos, August 31, 2022, 9:00 PM

Two Nogales men have been sentenced to 45 months in prison for their involvement in smuggling undocumented migrants into the United States. Twenty-seven-year-old Ian Esteban Serrano and 22-year-old Marco Antonio Romero were both sentenced to 37 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to transport and harbor illegal aliens for profit. A consecutive sentence of eight months was added for Serrano and Romero's violation of supervised release from a previous conviction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **U.S. states ask Congress for more airline oversight authority**, David Shepardson, August 31, 2022, 2:43 PM

U.S. states and federal agencies should have new powers to investigate airline passengers complaints, a bipartisan group of 36 state attorneys general said Wednesday sharply criticizing air carriers and the Transportation Department (USDOT). Passenger airlines are exempt from Federal Trade Commission (FTC) oversight and most state investigations for consumer complaints under a 1958 law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: **Walmart fires back at FTC over money-lending services lawsuit: 'Egregious instance of agency overreach'**, Brianna Herlihy, August 31, 2022, 9:59 AM

Walmart says that the Federal Trade Commission's lawsuit against the corporation is "an egregious instance of agency overreach" and is arguing the case should be dismissed. In a court filing on Monday, the largest company in America defended itself against the FTC's claims that

Walmart allegedly "turned a blind eye" to scammers taking advantage of money-lending services like MoneyGram that are available at its stores to "fleece" Walmart customers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Google Spars With States Over Viability Of Ad Monopoly Suit, Pete Brush, August 31, 2022, 7:17 PM

A New York federal judge mulled the viability of antitrust claims Wednesday in a suit from a Texas-led coalition of states claiming Google LLC has become an "evil" monopolist in its quest to dominate display advertising markets worth hundreds of billions of dollars. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Calif. Wants Japanese Auto Co. To Pay For Antitrust Damage, Kelly Lienhard, August 31, 2022, 7:07 PM

California is pursuing [sic] compensation from a Japanese automotive company accused of running a decadelong conspiracy to suppress competition of wire harness products used in cars, claiming in a Michigan federal court suit that although the company had reached a \$17.7 million settlement with the federal government, California has suffered "extensive" market damage. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Monthly Merger Review Snapshot, Bryan Koenig, August 31, 2022, 3:48 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice tried two simultaneous merger challenges in the same D.C. federal courthouse, Maersk called off a \$1 billion sale under DOJ pressure, and a Federal Trade Commission challenge of a Meta virtual reality app merger moved forward. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Says FDIC Chair Can't Block Agency's Board Majority, Kelly Lienhard, August 31, 2022, 5:09 PM

The chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. cannot stop a majority of the agency's Board of Directors from presenting items for a vote and decision, the U.S. Department of Justice has found, rebuking a former Trump-appointed FDIC chair who attempted to override a board vote in a fight over the agency's bank merger policy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: [ANALYSIS] Enforcers' Antitrust Overhaul Just Getting Started, Bryan Koenig, August 31, 2022, 4:25 PM

Despite stinging losses in key criminal prosecutions, Biden administration antitrust enforcers are proceeding full-steam ahead with merger challenges and other actions as they try to rewrite the competition law playbook. Here, Law360 takes a look at some of the major antitrust developments so far this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Reuters: Feds implore court to review California fracking injunction, Clark Mindock, August 31, 2022, 6:22 PM

A federal appeals court panel jumped the gun when it blocked the U.S. government from issuing fracking permits off the coast of California, according to a request by the Biden administration for a new, full court hearing. The Interior Department said in its request for a hearing by the full 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals filed Wednesday that the court's earlier three-judge panel got it wrong when it determined the government's environmental assessment amounted to final agency action and, thus, was open to court challenges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. Appeals Court upholds \$14 mln judgment against Exxon, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 5:27 PM

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on Tuesday upheld a \$14.25 million judgment against Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM.N) for pollution from its Baytown, Texas, refining and petrochemical complex. The judgment stems from a U.S. Clean Air Act lawsuit brought by two environmental groups, Environment Texas and the Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter. This is Exxon's second appeal of a Houston U.S. district court's ruling that Exxon was responsible for repeated releases of pollution from the refinery and chemical plants in Baytown. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Rio Grande LNG terminal approval too obliging to industry, court told, Clark Mindock, August 31, 2022, 4:10 PM

Environmental groups and fishermen on Wednesday told a federal appeals court the U.S. government's permitting for a Gulf Coast natural gas export terminal was too accommodating to industry interests at the expense of wetlands. During oral arguments in New Orleans, Sierra Club attorney Thomas Gosselin, who represents the groups petitioning the permit, said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Clean Water Act permit for the Rio Grande LNG export terminal and the related Rio Bravo Pipeline Project would cause sustained damage to wetlands in southern Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Maritime Executive: Chief Engineer Sentenced to Prison for Oily Waste Discharge, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 10:40 PM

The chief engineer of a bulker has been sentenced to a year in prison for ordering the discharge of about 10,000 gallons of oily bilge water over the side off the coast of Louisiana. Chief engineer Kirill Kompaniets was in charge of the engine department aboard the Gannet Bulker during a voyage in early 2021. On March 13, the vessel was anchored in Southwest Pass, within U.S. waters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Monsanto Can't Beat Texas Couple's Roundup Cancer Suit, Gina Kim, August 31, 2022, 7:45 PM

A Texas federal judge denied Monsanto an early win Wednesday in a Texas married couple's suit claiming Roundup weedkiller caused the husband's cancer, finding there's evidence suggesting the product's registration process before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was inadequate because Monsanto was never asked to test the risks of getting cancer from long-term exposure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hawaii News Now: 4 families claim Navy 'harbored toxic secrets' in federal lawsuit over Red Hill crisis, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 3:48 PM

Four families affected by the Red Hill water crisis filed a new federal lawsuit Wednesday against the Navy. The lawsuit said the fuel-contaminated water led to seizures, gastrointestinal disorders, rashes and lesions. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Honolulu Civil Beat](#)

WLBT-NBC (Jackson, MS): Co-owner of Brandon business pleads guilty to illegally dumping waste into Jackson sewer system, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 5:12 PM

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the co-owner of Gold Coast Commodities, Inc., who serves as vice president of the Brandon fat and oil recycling business, has pled guilty to illegally dumping industrial waste into the Jackson sewer system. On Wednesday, Robert David Douglas, 60, of Flowood, admitted to authorizing payments in court on behalf of Gold Coast for the transportation and disposal of its industrial waste illegally at a commercial entity in Jackson.

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WHIO-AM (Dayton, OH): EPA finds area biodigester in violation of Clean Air Act,

Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 4:19 PM

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has found the owners of a controversial biodigester in Greene County in violation of the Clean Air Act. News Center 7 has previously reported residents have long complained about foul odors from the facility, located on Herr Road in Bath Township. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

WaPo: D.C. attorney general sues billionaire, alleging income tax evasion, Michael Brice-

Saddler, August 31, 2022, 6:50 PM

D.C. Attorney General Karl A. Racine (D) on Wednesday announced a lawsuit against billionaire Michael J. Saylor and the technology company he co-founded, MicroStrategy, alleging that Saylor has lived in D.C. for more than a decade while evading \$25 million in D.C. income taxes and that MicroStrategy conspired to help him. The lawsuit, which Racine filed Aug. 22 in D.C. Superior Court, alleges that Saylor has for years fraudulently claimed to be a resident of lower-tax jurisdictions despite living in a 7,000-square-foot penthouse on the Georgetown waterfront.

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Law360: IRS Names New Head Of Tax-Exempt Division, David van den Berg, August 31,

2022, 6:54 PM

The Internal Revenue Service announced Wednesday that the deputy commissioner of its Tax-Exempt and Government Entities division will step up to the role of division commissioner. [...]

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Law360: CPA In \$93M Case Wants IRS Records Made Available, Emly Cameron, August 31,

2022, 3:53 PM

A certified public accountant accused of hiding some \$93 million that he received from a Russian gas company asked a Florida federal court to require the U.S. government to provide IRS [...]

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FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Suspect in 2016 San Diego killing captured in El Salvador, Unattributed, August 31,

2022, 10:00 AM

An Arizona man wanted for the killing of his girlfriend in San Diego in 2016 was captured in El Salvador, the U.S. Marshals Service said. Raymond McLeod, 37, who was on the U.S. Marshals' 15 Most Wanted list, was taken into custody Monday afternoon by local law enforcement and confirmed his identity to accompanying U.S. authorities, the service said in a statement Tuesday.

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

CNN: FBI agent criticized over anti-Trump postings says he's cooperating with

investigators, Jeremy Herb, August 31, 2022, 5:10 PM

A veteran FBI agent who engaged with social media posts critical of former President Donald Trump and retired from the bureau last week says he is cooperating with a government

investigation into his conduct. Timothy Thibault, who worked in the FBI's Washington field office as assistant special agent in charge, retired voluntarily from the FBI last week, according to a statement from Morrison & Foerster, the law firm that's representing him. The statement said that Thibault said he informed his supervisors that he intended to retire roughly a month ago, following a 30-year FBI career. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Jim Jordan Pushing FBI, DOJ Officials to Reveal Misconduct, Nick Mordowanec, August 31, 2022, 3:22 PM

Ohio Representative Jim Jordan is encouraging federal officials to come forward as whistleblowers in the investigation into classified documents found at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, weeks after the congressman said 14 FBI agents came forward to Republican officials. The Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation is intensifying following a redacted release of an affidavit that led to the search of Trump's Florida home. One photo in a 36-page court filing released Tuesday night by the DOJ sparked conversation, showing numerous "secret" and "top secret" documents strewn about a floor inside Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: FBI deploys cyber team to Montenegro following massive cyberattack, Ines Kagubare, August 31, 2022, 2:10 PM

The FBI is deploying a team of cybersecurity experts to Montenegro to investigate a massive cyberattack that hit the country's critical infrastructure over the weekend, The Associated Press reported on Wednesday. The attack targeted Montenegro's water supply systems, transportation services and online government services. Government officials have reported that the attacks are still ongoing, but that state infrastructure was not permanently damaged. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: FBI agents say Director Christopher Wray 'has got to go,' lost control of agency: report, Mark Moore, August 31, 2022, 10:51 AM

FBI Director Christopher Wray has lost the confidence of rank-and-file FBI agents after a senior bureau official left under a cloud of accusations that he shielded Hunter Biden's laptop from a criminal probe and some believe the top G-man should step down, a new report says. "I'm hearing from [FBI personnel] that they feel like the director has lost control of the bureau," Kurt Siuzdak, a lawyer representing FBI whistleblowers, told the Washington Times in a report published Tuesday. "They're saying, 'How does this guy survive? He's leaving. He's got to leave.'" [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: 'Rainbow fentanyl' meant to entice children is sweeping into US, DEA warns, Anna Giaritelli, August 31, 2022, 10:07 AM

The Drug Enforcement Administration is warning America of a new, colorful pill making its way into U.S. communities that has the potential to kill any person (or child) who consumes it. "Rainbow fentanyl" is being seized at the nation's borders from drug smugglers, but plenty more is heading into the United States and being dispersed nationwide. The DEA found these new pills in 18 states in August alone. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Cincinnati Enquirer \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#), [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KETV-ABC \(Omaha, NE\)](#), [KSHB-NBC \(Kansas City, MO\)](#), [KUSA-NBC \(Denver, CO\)](#), [WBRC-Fox \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [WPBF-ABC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

Los Angeles Daily News: ATF: 2 Hemet men arrested after selling guns and gifting pipe bombs to undercover agent, Quinn Wilson, August 31, 2022, 9:08 PM

After selling firearms, ammunition and gifting pipe bombs to an undercover federal agent, two

Hemet men were taken into custody, authorities announced Wednesday, Aug. 31. In a criminal complaint unsealed Wednesday, Stanley Camarena, 29, and Manuel Perez, 52, were charged with one count of being felons in possession of firearms and ammunition, said the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in a news release. Camarena was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 30, while his roommate, Perez, was arrested Wednesday, the ATF said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCAU-ABC (Sioux City, IA): ATF, FBI executes warrants over federal firearms law violations in west central Iowa communities, Wesley Thoene, August 31, 2022, 11:19 PM
Five federal search warrants were executed in western central Iowa Wednesday. Agents from the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) execute them at the following locations. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMEG-CBS \(Sioux City, IA\)](#)

KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO): DEA partnership with Kansas, Missouri Police Athletic Leagues aims to keep children safe from drugs, Megan Abundis, August 31, 2022, 10:25 PM
The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) from the Kansas City District Office began four new after school programs on Wednesday. The effort is a part of the DEA's new focus Operation Engage. The DEA partnered with the Missouri and Kansas Police Athletic Leagues and their programs to reach communities with the greatest need, providing kids a free after school alternative to drugs through dance and martial arts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

WCNC-NBC (Charlotte, NC): Nearly six months after a deadly Chester County shooting, deputies say suspect was caught in Texas, Matthew Ablon, August 31, 2022, 9:40 PM
Early in March 2022, the Chester County Sheriff's Office said they were looking for 30-year-old Vangereil "Gerald" Dreteckes Miller. Deputies accused him of shooting five people. [...] The Chester County Sheriff's Office thanked the Chester Police Department, FBI, South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, Secret Service, US Marshals, Fort Worth Police Department, and law enforcement partners in San Antonio for assisting in the investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVUE-ABC (Austin, TX): Police appeal to public in search for 2020 North Austin murder suspect, Jeff Bell, August 31, 2022, 6:48 PM
The Austin Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service are asking for the public's assistance in locating a suspect accused of murdering a 16-year-old in the Tech Ridge area in September 2020. Franco Javier Maldonado, 22, has an outstanding warrant for the murder of Luke Kemper on Sept. 29, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBJ-ABC/CBS (Jackson, TN): Fugitive wanted in Madison County arrested after 14 years on the run, Kyle Peppers, August 31, 2022, 6:48 PM
A violent fugitive wanted in West Tennessee has been captured after 14 years on the run. 54-year-old Blaize Angol was arrested in Valdosta, Georgia around 1 p.m. Wednesday. The arrest followed a coordinated investigation by the U.S. Marshals Two Rivers Violent Fugitive Task Force in Jackson and the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force in Macon, Georgia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTXF-Fox (Philadelphia, PA): FBI looking for murder suspect in May shooting death of woman in Upper Darby home, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 2:29 PM

A murder suspect is still on the loose several months after officials say a woman was killed inside her home in Upper Darby. FBI Philadelphia's Newtown Square Resident Agency is now assisting in the search for Abdul Rafi Muhsin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: US: Prison chaplain used faith and fear to abuse inmates, Michael R. Sisak and Michael Balsamo, August 31, 2022, 9:00 AM

Behind a closed chapel office door inside a federal women's prison in California, a chaplain forced inmates seeking his spiritual guidance to have sex with him exploiting their faith and their powerlessness behind bars for his own gratification, prosecutors said. James Theodore Highhouse, who pleaded guilty in February and is scheduled to be sentenced on Wednesday, would tell women he abused at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California, that everyone in the Bible had sex and that God wanted them to be together, prosecutors said. Highhouse, an Army veteran, pressured one inmate into having intercourse with him on Veterans Day by telling her she needed to serve her country and on Thanksgiving by telling her she needed to show her gratitude for him, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Ex-Minneapolis officer now in custody at federal prison in Colorado, Krystal Frasier, August 31, 2022, 2:04 PM

Federal records show a former Minneapolis officer who was found guilty in connection to the murder of George Floyd is now in a federal prison. Thomas Lane is now in custody at Federal Correctional Institution Englewood in Littleton, Colorado, just outside of Denver. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: New York to restrict gun carrying after Supreme Court ruling, Michael Hill, Maysoon Khan and Bobby Caina Calvan, August 31, 2022, 6:00 PM

Amid the bright lights and electronic billboards of New York's Times Square, city authorities are posting signs proclaiming the bustling crossroads a "Gun Free Zone." The sprawling Manhattan tourist attraction is one of scores of "sensitive" places including parks, churches and theaters that will be off-limits for guns under a sweeping new state law going into effect Thursday. The measure, passed after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June expanded gun rights, also sets stringent standards for issuing concealed carry permits. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

AP: US argues Supreme Court shouldn't review Dylann Roof case, Meg Kinnard, August 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

Dylann Roof's death sentence and conviction in the 2015 racist slayings of nine members of a Black South Carolina congregation should be upheld and don't merit review by the U.S. Supreme Court, attorneys for the federal government wrote in a filing Wednesday. Attorneys for the U.S. Justice Department argued in the 39-page brief that Roof "fails to identify any meaningful disagreement in the lower courts" over how his legal representation played out at trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Tennessee Lookout: Asian American Groups Urge Rejection Of U.S. Attorney Nominee, Jamie Satterfield, August 31, 2022, 10:56 AM

Advocacy groups across the nation are calling on the Biden administration and the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject the nomination of Casey Arrowood for U.S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Tennessee. The Biden administration in August nominated Arrowood for the top job at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Knoxville despite his role in the wrongful prosecution of University of Tennessee professor Dr. Anming Hu as part of former President Donald Trump's "China Initiative." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

NYT: How the Pandemic Shortened Life Expectancy in Indigenous Communities, Simon Romero, Roni Caryn Rabin and Mark Walker, August 31, 2022, 8:00 PM

Carol Schumacher, 56, who was raised in the remote community of Chilchinbeto in the Navajo Nation, has lost 42 family members to Covid-19 over the last two years. The dead included two brothers aged 55 and 54, and cousins as young as 18 and 19. Ms. Schumacher returned to the Navajo Nation from her home in Wisconsin this summer to grieve with family. She knew what to expect, having grown up on the reservation in Arizona. But what she saw left her reeling. [...] Now federal health researchers have put a number to the misery that Ms. Schumacher and so many other families in Native communities experienced in the first two years of the pandemic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Tribes Need Full List Of Economic Aid Programs, GAO Says, Caleb Symons, August 31, 2022, 7:27 PM

Federal researchers say the U.S. Department of Commerce should publish and maintain a list of government-backed initiatives meant to advance Native tribes' economies, one of several recommendations from a new study that found such aid is fragmented across several agencies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: NTIA Awards \$105M In Ariz. Tribal Grants, Pipe Blackburn, August 31, 2022, 5:06 PM

Five Arizona tribal entities will receive a combined \$105 million in federal broadband funds, the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration announced this week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Oregon Capital Chronicle: 24 attorneys general defend law to prevent 'unwarranted displacement' of Indigenous children, Laina G. Stebbins, August 31, 2022, 5:18 PM

Twenty four attorneys general, including Ellen Rosenblum of Oregon, have joined in arguing that a long-standing federal law protecting Native American adoptees should be upheld. The 44-year-old Indian Child Welfare Act provides foundational protections guaranteed to Indigenous children, their families and their tribal communities. It was implemented to prevent the unwarranted displacement of Native children, a practice that had previously been widespread in the United States. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCAX-CBS (Burlington, VT): New Vt. role aimed at keeping Native American kids with relatives, tribe members, Kiana Burks, August 31, 2022, 3:44 PM

The Vermont Department for Children and Families has created a new role to help manage state

custody proceedings involving Native American children. The Indian Child Welfare Act coordinator is expected to begin in October. The title references the federal law that aims to keep Native American children under the care of relatives or tribe members whenever safe and possible. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCCO-CBS (Minneapolis, MN): Red Lake man sentenced to nearly 20 years for choking, sexually assaulting woman, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 2:05 PM

A 30-year-old Red Lake man has been sentenced to nearly two decades in prison for sexually assaulting a woman after picking her up from the side of the road. On Tuesday, John Paul Sayers was given a 239-month prison sentence for aggravated sexual assault, which will be followed by 10 years of supervised release, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFGO-AM \(Fargo, ND\)](#), [KSTP-ABC \(Saint Paul, MN\)](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

LAT: California passes bill to protect workers who smoke pot off the clock, Melissa Hernandez, August 31, 2022, 8:02 PM

California could soon become the seventh state in the United States to protect pot-smoking employees. Assembly Bill 2188, passed Tuesday by the state Senate, would amend the state's anti-discrimination laws and the Fair Employment and Housing Act to prevent companies from punishing employees who use cannabis outside work and test positive for the drug. A person can test positive in a hair or urine sample, usually taken in a pre-employment drug screening, even if they are not under the influence but have smoked in recent days or weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Medical marijuana in Nebraska faces setback at the 8th Circuit, Andrew Nelson, August 31, 2022, 9:00 PM

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday reversed a preliminary injunction barring the Nebraska Secretary of State from enforcing a provision of the Nebraska Constitution that a pro-medical-marijuana organization argues is unconstitutional. The provision requires someone seeking to place an issue on a ballot to collect supporting petition signatures from at least 5% of registered voters in two-fifths of Nebraska's 93 counties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 31, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The DOJ has issued a 36-page filing laying out a possible case for obstruction of the probe by Trump and his lawyers. It also included a photo of some of the alleged highly classified documents that were seized from former Pres. Trump's home. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Jackson's water crisis is rippling through the economy, where the nearly 200,000-person population is still without drinking water and now, it's impacting businesses. But the recent water contamination is just the latest in a system broken for years. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- A team of inspectors is expected to reach the site of Europe’s largest nuclear power plant in Ukraine on a mission to prevent a Chernobyl-style disaster. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- New COVID booster shots that target the Omicron variant could be available within days after the FDA authorized the updated boosters. Now, the CDC has to recommend who should receive the additional shot. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- More than 100 schools across Philadelphia were forced to close early due to insufficient or no air conditioning after indoor temperatures topped 90 degrees. Meanwhile, nearly 55 million people are under heat warnings out West. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Navy is dealing with the fallout of a growing scandal that exposed a culture of abuse, cheating and drug use in its SEAL candidate program. A 24-year-old died during the grueling selection process known as “hell week.” Now, his family is speaking out. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Border officials in Texas are reporting they seized nearly 2,000 packages of cocaine with a street value of almost \$12 million that were disguised as a shipment of baby wipes. [[CBS](#)]
- A body camera video showed a deadly police shooting that took place in Columbus, Ohio. Police say they were trying to serve a warrant to 20-year-old Donovan Lewis for improperly handling a firearm, assault and domestic violence. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Oil Prices Fall, Stock Futures Point to Deepening Losses” [[WSJ](#)]
- “The Pandemic Erased Two Decades of Progress in Math and Reading” [[NYT](#)]
- “Justice Dept. filing points to new legal trouble for Trump and lawyers, experts say” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Fire near Castaic explodes to more than 4,600 acres as 8 firefighters suffer heat-related injuries” [[LAT](#)]

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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

NYT: Trump's Legal Jab Left Him Open to Justice Dept. Strike, Alan Feuer and Glenn Thrush, August 31, 2022, 9:30 PM

Former President Donald J. Trump may have thought that he was playing offense when he asked a federal judge last week for an independent review of documents seized from his residence in Florida — a move that, at best, could delay but not derail an investigation into his handling of the records. But on Tuesday night, the Justice Department used a routine court filing in the matter to initiate a blistering counteroffensive that disclosed new evidence that Mr. Trump and his legal team may have interfered with the inquiry. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [USA Today](#)

AP: Obstruction now a major focus in Trump documents probe, Eric Tucker, August 31, 2022, 10:45 PM

The FBI investigation into top-secret government information discovered at Mar-a-Lago is zeroing in on the question of whether former President Donald Trump's team criminally obstructed the probe. A new document alleges that government records had been concealed and removed and that law enforcement officials were misled about what was still there. The allegation does not necessarily mean that Trump or anyone else will ultimately face charges. But it could pose the most direct legal threat to Trump or those in his orbit, in part because the Justice Department has historically viewed obstruction as an aggravating factor that tilts in favor of bringing charges in investigations involving the mishandling of classified information. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Bloomberg: Trump Accuses DOJ of Criminalizing His Possession of Records, Erik Larson, August 31, 2022, 9:50 PM

Former President Donald Trump accused the Justice Department of "criminalizing" his possession of personal documents by investigating the presence of hundreds of highly classified White House records at his Mar-a-Lago estate. Trump made the allegation in a Wednesday night court filing seeking to bolster his case for a neutral third party to review documents seized by the FBI during an Aug. 8 search of the former president's Florida home. A federal judge who was appointed to the bench by the former

president is scheduled to hear arguments on his request Thursday at 1 p.m. in West Palm Beach. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Axios-2](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [MSNBC](#), [Politico](#), [Politico-2](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

NPR: In filings, Justice Department rebuts Trump's claims on Mar-a-Lago search, Carrie Johnson, August 31, 2022, 11:01 AM

When the U.S. attorney general appeared before television cameras this month to discuss the FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago, Merrick Garland said his Justice Department "will speak through its court filings and its work." The careful former judge, whose voice sometimes fails to rise above the din in Washington, is speaking loudly this time — in legal briefs spurred by former President Donald Trump's demands. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Garland's perilous path to prosecuting Trump, Josh Gerstein, August 31, 2022, 9:23 AM
Attorney General Merrick Garland has a mantra when it comes to politically charged investigations: "We will follow the facts and the law, wherever they lead." But Garland's mantra won't get him the answers he wants in the gargantuan decision of whether to prosecute former President Donald Trump over the trove of government documents — many of them marked as highly classified — that he took to Mar-a-Lago on his way out of the White House. Political fallout, precedent and national security risk are just some of the intangibles Garland will have to consider as he considers what would potentially be the highest-profile criminal case in American history, according to former prosecutors, intelligence agency lawyers and Justice Department officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Slate: [ANALYSIS] Mar-a-Lago Filing Shows Merrick Garland Must Move Quickly to Indict Trump, Dennis Aaftergut and Philip Allen Lacovara, August 31, 2022, 11:45 AM

Accountability is the foundation of a law-bound society. When criminal misconduct by the powerful goes unpunished, belief in obeying the law is undermined. On Tuesday, the Department of Justice laid out damning new details in its latest legal filing regarding the court-authorized Mar-a-Lago search, details that make it clear that Donald Trump likely committed serious felonies. In the DOJ's new court papers responding to a Trump lawsuit requesting a special master be appointed to look through the seized documents, the DOJ provided photo and documentary evidence of this extensive lawbreaking. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: AG Garland bans DOJ employees from talking to Congress amid flood of whistleblower complaints, Kerry Picket and Jeff Mordock, August 31, 2022, 11:00 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has issued a memo blocking Justice Department employees from communicating with members of Congress in the wake of stunning whistleblower disclosures regarding the FBI probe into Hunter Biden's business affairs. Mr. Garland wrote that all communication with Congress must be conducted through the department's office of legislative affairs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Media outlets ask court to unseal more records tied to FBI search of Trump's homes, Sarah N. Lynch, August 31, 2022, 11:00 AM

News media outlets on Wednesday filed a new bid to unseal even more court records tied to the FBI's unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, asking a federal judge to make public more details about the records that were seized. The news media request came just hours after the Justice Department late on Tuesday evening filed a 54-page document outlining publicly for the first time evidence it obtained that Trump may have tried to obstruct its investigation by deliberately trying to conceal documents. In the media request, the news outlets asked U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to make public two other records that the Justice Department also separately filed under seal earlier on Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] DOJ's Mar-a-Lago filing reveals damning details on the Trump papers saga, Editorial Board, August 31, 2022, 5:10 PM

Americans following the Mar-a-Lago search saga have, until this week, had to imagine what all the fuss was about, based on written descriptions of what the FBI found when it scoured former president Donald Trump's home on Aug. 8. That changed late Tuesday, when the Justice Department released a photograph showing several sets of papers labeled "Top Secret/SCI," in menacing red-lettered folders, strewn on a carpeted floor alongside a cardboard box containing at least one framed Time magazine cover. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Timeline of Effort to Retrieve Documents From Trump's Mar-a-Lago, Sadie Gurman and Aruna Viswanatha, August 31, 2022, 3:19 PM

Federal officials engaged in a year-and-a-half-long effort to retrieve hundreds of sensitive and classified government documents from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, culminating in the FBI search of the sprawling premises on Aug. 8. Here is a look at key dates in the Justice Department's investigation, drawn from court documents and interviews. 2021: Jan. 18 Crews from a Miami news station spot at least two moving trucks at Mar-a-Lago that investigators said in court documents contained documents transported from the White House. Jan. 20 Mr. Trump makes a rushed and chaotic exit from the White House and Joe Biden is sworn in as president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: How the Picture of Top Secret Folders at Mar-a-Lago Came About, Glenn Thrush and Adam Goldman, August 31, 2022, 2:10 PM

The Justice Department used 35 pages of type in a court filing on Tuesday to provide new details of its investigation into former President Donald J. Trump's handling of hundreds of classified documents that were taken from the White House at the end of his term. But the most easily digestible element of the filing was appended at the end: a single photograph showing documents with secret and top secret markings arrayed on a patterned carpet, with a carton of framed pictures on one side. The photograph did not clearly display any details of the subject matter of the documents, which were conspicuously bordered in red when labeled secret and in yellow for top secret. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: DOJ Is Likely to Wait Past Election to Reveal Any Trump Charges, Chris Strohm, August 31, 2022, 1:14 PM

Federal prosecutors are likely to wait until after the November election to announce any charges against Donald Trump, if they determine he broke laws, according to people familiar. The unprecedented prospect of bringing charges against a former US president is creating intense scrutiny of the Justice Department in the aftermath of its search of his home at Mar-a-Lago. A separate DOJ probe is focused on his effort to overturn the 2020 election, which he lost to President Joe Biden. Under long-standing department policy, prosecutors are barred from taking investigative steps or filing charges for the purpose of affecting an election or helping a candidate or party, traditionally 60 days before an election. This year, that would be by Sept. 10, which makes it unlikely anything would be announced until after Nov. 8, said people who asked to remain anonymous speaking about potential Justice Department actions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Takeaways from the government filing about what was hidden at Mar-a-Lago, Amber Phillips, August 31, 2022, 11:16 AM

In the ongoing legal battle about whether the government can keep the material FBI agents recovered from Mar-a-Lago this month, the government has now alleged that legal representatives of former president Donald Trump hid boxes of material and may have even given federal agents false information about handing it all over, according to an extraordinary late-night court filing Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [The Hill](#)

NBC: Trump's seized passports could be a problem for him, legal experts say, Dareh Gregorian, September 1, , 2022, 5:00 AM

Donald Trump has complained that FBI agents' seizure of his passports showed that investigators ran amok as they searched his Florida resort, but new information about how and where the documents

were found could spell major trouble for the former president, legal experts told NBC News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [ANALYSIS] DOJ says Trump likely hid classified documents: Is this a turning point?,

Howard Kurtz, September 1, 2022, 3:05 AM

Now we finally have a visual. There is something about the single photograph released by the Justice Department of a jumble of documents from cardboard boxes – marked "SECRET/SCI" and "TOP SECRET/SCI" – that makes the stakes of the Donald Trump investigation indelibly real. Whereas before we might have had a blurry vision of hurriedly packed boxes and perhaps confusion in returning them to the government, the highly classified markings – some so sensitive that FBI agents had to receive additional clearances to review them – brings the situation into sharp relief. The super-secret papers at Mar-a-Lago were right next to framed Time magazine covers featuring Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Trump's filing opposing Mar-a-Lago raid forced DOJ's hand, experts say, Alexander Mallin and Katherine Faulders, August 31, 2022, 3:25 PM

After three weeks of accusations from former President Donald Trump and his allies that the Justice Department and FBI overreached in their unprecedented August 8 search of Mar-a-Lago, the DOJ responded Tuesday with a late-night filing that laid bare the fruitless negotiations that preceded the raid - and provided ample evidence that in their own legal filing, Trump's attorneys had left out key details and made multiple unfounded or false claims about the circumstances surrounding the DOJ's efforts to retrieve classified documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: No, the FBI's Trump investigation is not just like the Hillary Clinton email probe. Here's why, Mike Levine, August 31, 2022, 9:22 AM

As more details emerge about why the FBI decided to raid former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month, both Trump and his allies are increasingly suggesting the FBI is treating him differently than it treated Hillary Clinton, who avoided charges for her use of a private email server as secretary of state. "James Comey read off a list of all ... Hillary Clinton's crimes, only to say that no reasonable prosecutor would prosecute," Trump said of the former FBI director in a social media post this past weekend. But a review of government documents from both investigations suggests there are key differences between the evidence uncovered in Clinton's case and the evidence already publicly documented in the Trump investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [OPINION] The Justice Department's case for obstruction at Mar-a-Lago is growing stronger, Frank Figliuzzi, September 1, 2022, 5:56 AM

After the Department of Justice's 36-page response to former President Donald Trump's request for a special master to review material the FBI seized from his home, we could be inching close to someone, maybe Trump himself, being charged with obstruction of justice. Tuesday's well-crafted objections to Trump's request constitute a simple, yet persuasive, smackdown of the Trump team's flawed legal logic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, All In with Chris Hayes: [VIDEO] Fmr. Federal Prosecutor: Trump Response To DOJ Filing Is 'Word Salad', August 31, 2022, 9:00 PM

Former federal prosecutor Cynthia Alksne on the Team Trump response to the DOJ filing regarding the Mar-a-Lago probe: "It's a word salad because it doesn't really address the issues. My favorite part is on Page 2—they say we're not going to address allegations made by the Department of Justice in their brief on Pages 3 through 14. Well that's the meat of it!" [[Watch](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland leading the 'most corrupt' Justice Department in American history: Newt Gingrich, Charles Creitz, August 31, 2022, 11:36 PM

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich declared the Biden-Garland DOJ to be "the most corrupt Justice

Department in all of American history" after criticism regarding its handling of the Hunter Biden laptop investigation and Mar-a-Lago raid on "The Ingraham Angle." The DOJ filed a document Wednesday in the Mar-a-Lago case pushing back on Trump attorneys' filing in favor of a special master to examine and sort documents seized by the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Jarrett blasts 'feeble and anemic' DOJ filing in Trump special-master case, Charles Creitz, August 31, 2022, 10:36 PM

The Justice Department's filing criticizing former President Trump's request for a special master to sort out records seized during the FBI's raid of his Palm Beach, Fla., Mar-a-Lago estate is "feeble and anemic," Fox News legal analyst Gregg Jarrett said Wednesday. Jarrett told "Hannity" that the filing, which claims among other things that Trump's team has no standing to request a special master to view the seized documents, is something a freshman law student would reject as sound. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Judge Jeanine: DOJ doesn't have to charge Trump to affect the election, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 8:05 PM

Fox News host Judge Jeanine Pirro reacted to the Department of Justice's motion to block former President Donald Trump's request for a special master on "Jesse Watters Primetime," deeming it "another witch hunt." JUDGE JEANINE: If you're not convinced this is just another witch hunt, well, new reports say the DOJ is waiting past the midterms to reveal any Trump charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: U.S. gets warrant to seize \$45 mln airplane owned by Russian energy firm Lukoil, Kanishka Singh, August 31, 2022, 4:37 PM

The United States obtained a warrant to seize a \$45 million aircraft owned by Russian energy firm PJSC Lukoil, the U.S. Justice Department said on Wednesday, though the aircraft is currently believed to be in Russia. "The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas authorized the seizure," the department said in a statement. The aircraft flew into and out of Russia in violation of the U.S. Department of Commerce's sanctions against Russia, the Justice Department added. The Boeing 737-7EM aircraft last flew into the United States in March 2019, the Justice Department added. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [The Hill](#), [KHOU-CBS \(Houston, TX\)](#), [WSJ](#)

Washington Times: China shuts down counter-drug talks with U.S., fueling fears of more overdose deaths, Bill Hertz, August 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

China's decision to suspend counternarcotics cooperation with the United States to protest a high-profile congressional visit to Taiwan is fueling fears of a sharp increase in overdose deaths from Chinese-supplied stocks of fentanyl. The Chinese suspension of the bilateral talks was announced on Aug. 5, and current and former U.S. officials are warning of the fallout from increased drug trafficking into the country by Mexican cartels working with Chinese criminal gangs to move fentanyl, the chemicals used to make it, and other illicit drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Members of Ghostface Gangsters, including 3 founders, plead guilty to RICO charges, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 11:06 AM

The Department of Justice announced on Wednesday that 25 people, including three of the seven pillars of the Ghostface Gangsters gang, have pleaded guilty to several Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) charges. According to the release, the charges include conspiracy, conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, attempted murder, maiming, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, use of a firearm during a crime of violence, use of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSAZ-NBC (Huntington, WV): Former police officer and firefighter sentenced to prison for raping underage girl, Eric Fossell, August 31, 2022, 10:00 PM

A former firefighter and police officer was sentenced Wednesday to 14 years in prison for raping an underage girl, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Christopher Osborne, 26, also must serve five years of supervised release and register as a sex offender, according to the news release.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Judge: Disabled Wisconsin voters can get help with ballots, Harm Venhuizen, August 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

Wisconsin voters with disabilities can get help returning their ballots, a federal judge said Wednesday, citing a federal law that trumps a recent state Supreme Court ruling and state laws that suggest otherwise. U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson issued his order ahead of the November election saying that voters who have difficulty returning their own ballot can choose someone to do so for them.

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

Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): Federal judge allows NY gun law to go into effect Thursday, but warns it may be unconstitutional, Douglass Dowty, August 31, 2022, 9:18 PM

A ruling by a federal judge in Syracuse tonight will allow New York's sweeping gun control law to go into effect Thursday as planned. But, the judge warned, several parts of the law were likely unconstitutional and could be challenged again in the future. The new state law was a response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June that struck down a century-old New York law that required a specific reason for someone to obtain a concealed-carry handgun license. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Judge sanctions Atlanta city attorneys in \$100 million taser case, Asia Simone Burns, August 31, 2022, 3:00 PM

The federal judge overseeing an excessive force case that resulted in last week's \$100 million jury verdict against the city of Atlanta and one of its police officers has publicly reprimanded the city's attorneys for withholding key evidence from the plaintiff's lawyers, according to a court filing on Tuesday. Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens' administration has yet to comment publicly on what some legal observers are calling one of the largest police misconduct jury verdicts ever in the country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Texas governor buses migrants to Chicago amid border security dispute, Ted Hesson, August 31, 2022, 9:24 PM

The state of Texas bused a group of about 60 newly arrived migrants to Chicago on Wednesday, as Republican Governor Greg Abbott expands his effort to push responsibility for border crossers to his Democratic political opponents. Texas has bused more than 7,000 migrants to Washington, D.C., and New York City since April, spending nearly \$13 million on the initiative through Aug. 8, according to state data obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Times](#)

CBS: The facts behind the high number of migrants arriving at the border under Biden, Camilo Montoya, August 31, 2022, 12:19 PM

The soaring number of migrant arrivals along the U.S. southern border over the past year and a half has fueled dire humanitarian challenges, strained government resources and created a political liability for President Biden. In some ways, the migration flows across the U.S.-Mexico border during the Biden administration are unprecedented. Arrests of individuals who crossed the U.S. southern border illegally have reached all-time highs. Arrivals of migrants from certain countries, including Cuba and Venezuela,

have set new records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Law360: **[ANALYSIS] Enforcers' Antitrust Overhaul Just Getting Started**, Bryan Koenig, August 31, 2022, 4:25 PM

Despite stinging losses in key criminal prosecutions, Biden administration antitrust enforcers are proceeding full-steam ahead with merger challenges and other actions as they try to rewrite the competition law playbook. Here, Law360 takes a look at some of the major antitrust developments so far this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Reuters: **Feds implore court to review California fracking injunction**, Clark Mindock, August 31, 2022, 6:22 PM

A federal appeals court panel jumped the gun when it blocked the U.S. government from issuing fracking permits off the coast of California, according to a request by the Biden administration for a new, full court hearing. The Interior Department said in its request for a hearing by the full 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals filed Wednesday that the court's earlier three-judge panel got it wrong when it determined the government's environmental assessment amounted to final agency action and, thus, was open to court challenges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hawaii News Now: **4 families claim Navy 'harbored toxic secrets' in federal lawsuit over Red Hill crisis**, Unattributed, August 31, 2022, 3:48 PM

Four families affected by the Red Hill water crisis filed a new federal lawsuit Wednesday against the Navy. The lawsuit said the fuel-contaminated water led to seizures, gastrointestinal disorders, rashes and lesions. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Honolulu Civil Beat](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CNN: **FBI agent criticized over anti-Trump postings says he's cooperating with investigators**, Jeremy Herb, August 31, 2022, 5:10 PM

A veteran FBI agent who engaged with social media posts critical of former President Donald Trump and retired from the bureau last week says he is cooperating with a government investigation into his conduct. Timothy Thibault, who worked in the FBI's Washington field office as assistant special agent in charge, retired voluntarily from the FBI last week, according to a statement from Morrison & Foerster, the law firm that's representing him. The statement said that Thibault said he informed his supervisors that he intended to retire roughly a month ago, following a 30-year FBI career. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: **FBI agents say Director Christopher Wray 'has got to go,' lost control of agency: report**, Mark Moore, August 31, 2022, 10:51 AM

FBI Director Christopher Wray has lost the confidence of rank-and-file FBI agents after a senior bureau official left under a cloud of accusations that he shielded Hunter Biden's laptop from a criminal probe — and some believe the top G-man should step down, a new report says. "I'm hearing from [FBI personnel] that they feel like the director has lost control of the bureau," Kurt Siuzdak, a lawyer representing FBI whistleblowers, told the Washington Times in a report published Tuesday. "They're saying, 'How does this guy survive? He's leaving. He's got to leave.'" [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCAU-ABC (Sioux City, IA): **ATF, FBI executes warrants over federal firearms law violations in west central Iowa communities**, Wesley Thoene, August 31, 2022, 11:19 PM

Five federal search warrants were executed in western central Iowa Wednesday. Agents from the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) execute

them at the following locations. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMEG-CBS \(Sioux City, IA\)](#)

KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO): DEA partnership with Kansas, Missouri Police Athletic Leagues aims to keep children safe from drugs, Megan Abundis, August 31, 2022, 10:25 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) from the Kansas City District Office began four new after school programs on Wednesday. The effort is a part of the DEA's new focus — Operation Engage. The DEA partnered with the Missouri and Kansas Police Athletic Leagues and their programs to reach communities with the greatest need, providing kids a free after school alternative to drugs through dance and martial arts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCTV-CBS \(Kansas City, MO\)](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: US: Prison chaplain used faith and fear to abuse inmates, Michael R. Sisak and Michael Balsamo, August 31, 2022, 9:00 AM

Behind a closed chapel office door inside a federal women's prison in California, a chaplain forced inmates seeking his spiritual guidance to have sex with him — exploiting their faith and their powerlessness behind bars for his own gratification, prosecutors said. James Theodore Highhouse, who pleaded guilty in February and is scheduled to be sentenced on Wednesday, would tell women he abused at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California, that everyone in the Bible had sex and that God wanted them to be together, prosecutors said. Highhouse, an Army veteran, pressured one inmate into having intercourse with him on Veterans Day by telling her she needed to serve her country and on Thanksgiving by telling her she needed to show her gratitude for him, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Ex-Minneapolis officer now in custody at federal prison in Colorado, Krystal Frasier, August 31, 2022, 2:04 PM

Federal records show a former Minneapolis officer who was found guilty in connection to the murder of George Floyd is now in a federal prison. Thomas Lane is now in custody at Federal Correctional Institution Englewood in Littleton, Colorado, just outside of Denver. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: New York to restrict gun carrying after Supreme Court ruling, Michael Hill, Maysoon Khan and Bobby Caina Calvan, August 31, 2022, 6:00 PM

Amid the bright lights and electronic billboards of New York's Times Square, city authorities are posting signs proclaiming the bustling crossroads a "Gun Free Zone." The sprawling Manhattan tourist attraction is one of scores of "sensitive" places — including parks, churches and theaters — that will be off-limits for guns under a sweeping new state law going into effect Thursday. The measure, passed after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June expanded gun rights, also sets stringent standards for issuing concealed carry permits. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

AP: US argues Supreme Court shouldn't review Dylann Roof case, Meg Kinnard, August 31, 2022, 5:00 PM

Dylann Roof's death sentence and conviction in the 2015 racist slayings of nine members of a Black South Carolina congregation should be upheld and don't merit review by the U.S. Supreme Court, attorneys for the federal government wrote in a filing Wednesday. Attorneys for the U.S. Justice Department argued in the 39-page brief that Roof "fails to identify any meaningful disagreement in the lower courts" over how his legal representation played out at trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Tennessee Lookout: Asian American Groups Urge Rejection Of U.S. Attorney Nominee, Jamie

Satterfield, August 31, 2022, 10:56 AM

Advocacy groups across the nation are calling on the Biden administration and the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject the nomination of Casey Arrowood for U.S. Attorney of the Eastern District of Tennessee. The Biden administration in August nominated Arrowood for the top job at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Knoxville despite his role in the wrongful prosecution of University of Tennessee professor Dr. Anming Hu as part of former President Donald Trump's "China Initiative." [[Continue Reading](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

AP: Watchdog probing Massachusetts US attorney's fundraiser tript, Alanna Durkin Richer and Farnoush Amiri, August 31, 2022, 3:22 PM7

A watchdog agency is investigating whether Massachusetts' top federal prosecutor violated a law that limits political activity by government workers for attending a political fundraiser that featured First Lady Jill Biden, according to an email reviewed by The Associated Press. The U.S. Office of Special Counsel said in the email last week that it has opened an investigation into a potential violation of the law known as the Hatch Act after Republican Sen. Tom Cotton raised concerns over U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins' attendance at a July Democratic National Committee fundraiser in Andover. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Boston Globe](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Oregon Capital Chronicle: 24 attorneys general defend law to prevent 'unwarranted displacement' of Indigenous children, Laina G. Stebbins, August 31, 2022, 5:18 PM

Twenty four attorneys general, including Ellen Rosenblum of Oregon, have joined in arguing that a long-standing federal law protecting Native American adoptees should be upheld. The 44-year-old Indian Child Welfare Act provides foundational protections guaranteed to Indigenous children, their families and their tribal communities. It was implemented to prevent the unwarranted displacement of Native children, a practice that had previously been widespread in the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

LAT: California passes bill to protect workers who smoke pot off the clock, Melissa Hernandez, August 31, 2022, 8:02 PM

California could soon become the seventh state in the United States to protect pot-smoking employees. Assembly Bill 2188, passed Tuesday by the state Senate, would amend the state's anti-discrimination laws and the Fair Employment and Housing Act to prevent companies from punishing employees who use cannabis outside work and test positive for the drug. A person can test positive in a hair or urine sample, usually taken in a pre-employment drug screening, even if they are not under the influence but have smoked in recent days or weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 31, 2022

- The DOJ has issued a 36-page filing laying out a possible case for obstruction of the probe by Trump and his lawyers. It also included a photo of some of the alleged highly classified documents that were seized from former Pres. Trump's home. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Jackson's water crisis is rippling through the economy, where the nearly 200,000-person population is still without drinking water and now, it's impacting businesses. But the recent water contamination is just the latest in a system broken for years. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A team of inspectors is expected to reach the site of Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Ukraine on a mission to prevent a Chernobyl-style disaster. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- New COVID booster shots that target the Omicron variant could be available within days after the

FDA authorized the updated boosters. Now, the CDC has to recommend who should receive the additional shot. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The Navy is dealing with the fallout of a growing scandal that exposed a culture of abuse, cheating and drug use in its SEAL candidate program. A 24-year-old died during the grueling selection process known as “hell week.” Now, his family is speaking out. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Border officials in Texas are reporting they seized nearly 2,000 packages of cocaine with a street value of almost \$12 million that were disguised as a shipment of baby wipes. [[CBS](#)]
- A body camera video showed a deadly police shooting that took place in Columbus, Ohio. Police say they were trying to serve a warrant to 20-year-old Donovan Lewis for improperly handling a firearm, assault and domestic violence. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NBC: Brett Favre has been questioned by FBI in Mississippi welfare-money scandal, Mike Florio, September 1, 2022, 8:14 PM

Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre continues to deal with a legal entanglement that could blossom into a full blown mess, the likes of which he has never seen. Favre's involvement with a Mississippi welfare-money scandal continues. And it has reached a new level. According to NBC News, Favre's lawyer says that Favre has been questioned by the FBI. [...] During the summer, Mississippi fired lawyer Brad Pigott, at a time when he was trying to get more information about the involvement of Favre and former Mississippi governor Phil Bryant in the scandal. Also, Mississippi Representative Bennie Thompson sent a letter this month to Attorney General Merrick Garland requesting that the Department of Justice focus on Favre and Bryant. Based on the news that the FBI has interviewed Favre, maybe they are. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

Washington Times: Grassley warns AG Garland to back off from FBI whistleblowers, Kerry Pickett, September 1, 2022, 9:00 PM

Sen. Charles E. Grassley on Thursday excoriated Attorney General Merrick Garland for prohibiting Justice Department employees from communicating with members of Congress amid a flood of FBI whistleblower complaints to lawmakers. Mr. Grassley said that the attorney general's edict, sent to DOJ workers in an Aug. 30 memo, threatened to "chill and undermine the importance of whistleblower protections." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Missouri asking courts to compel DOJ to produce communications between top officials and social media companies, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 5:00 AM

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt and Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry filed a Joint Statement on Discovery Disputes, asking the Louisiana District Court to compel the Department of Justice to turn over communications between high-ranking Biden Administration officials from the White House, Department of State, FBI and others and major social media companies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Jan. 6 panel asks former Speaker Gingrich for information, Mary Clare Jalonick, September 1, 2022, 7:57 PM

The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection is seeking information from former House Speaker Newt Gingrich about his communications with senior advisers to then-President Donald Trump in the days leading up to the 2021 attack on the Capitol. The committee's chairman, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, wrote in a letter sent to Gingrich on Thursday that the panel has obtained emails Gingrich exchanged with Trump's associates about television advertisements that "repeated and relied upon false claims about fraud in the 2020 election" and were designed to cast doubt on the voting after it had already taken place. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Man accused of pepper spraying U.S. Capitol police pleads guilty to assault, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 7:18 PM

A New Jersey man accused of pepper spraying police officers during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on

the U.S. Capitol, including one who died the next day, pleaded guilty on Thursday to felony assault charges, the Justice Department said. Julian Khater and a childhood friend, George Tanios, had pepper and bear spray with them as they breached the Capitol grounds, the department said. Khater sprayed three officers directly in the face with the pepper spray, the department said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Forbes](#), [CNBC](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Inquirer \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WRAL-NBC \(Raleigh, NC\)](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: Trump says he will look 'favorably' on pardons for Capitol rioters if he runs and wins the White House, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:34 PM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday said he was giving financial help to some supporters involved in the Jan. 6, 2021 assault on Congress and would look very favorably on giving pardons if he were again elected to the White House. Thousands of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol after a fiery speech in which he repeated his false claims that his election defeat was the result of widespread fraud, an allegation repeatedly rejected by multiple courts, state election officials and members of Trump's own administration. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [NY Post](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Reuters: Former NYPD officer gets 10 years in longest U.S. Capitol attack sentence, Kanishka Singh, September 1, 2022, 4:27 PM

Former New York City police officer Thomas Webster, who assaulted police in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, was sentenced on Thursday to 10 years in prison, the longest sentence yet handed down in a case related to the attack. "The Defendant is sentenced to concurrent terms of 120 months," according to details of the sentence posted on the online portal page of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Boston Globe](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Voice \(South Orange, NJ\)](#), [Guardian](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NYT](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: Lawyers in Trump White House to appear before 1/6 grand jury, Eric Tucker, September 1, 2022, 12:44 PM

The White House counsel under former President Donald Trump and his top deputy are set to appear Friday before a federal grand jury investigating efforts to undo the 2020 presidential election, a person familiar with the matter said Thursday. Pat Cipollone was the top White House lawyer at the end of the Trump administration as Trump and outside allies pressed for ways to overturn the results of the election, culminating in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

AP: Oath Keepers' lawyer arrested in connection with Jan. 6, Alanna Durkin Richer, September 1, 2022, 11:46 AM

A lawyer for the far-right Oath Keepers extremist group has been charged with conspiracy in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack at the U.S. Capitol, authorities said Thursday. Kellye SoRelle, general counsel for the antigovernment group, was arrested in Texas on charges including conspiracy to obstruct the certification of President Joe Biden's electoral college victory, the Justice Department said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Forbes2](#), [The Hill](#), [KTBC-Fox \(Austin, TX\)](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WOKV \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#)

USA Today: Exclusive: Female troops saw the highest level of unwanted sexual contact since Pentagon began collecting data, Tom Vanden Brook, September 1, 2022, 3:53 PM

A new Pentagon survey shows women in the military endured the highest level of unwanted sexual contact since the Defense Department began tracking the data 16 years ago, a startling finding that shows sexual crimes rising steadily despite hundreds of millions spent to curb the problem and vows by senior leaders to tackle it. The Pentagon estimates that sexual assaults among female service members surged an estimated 35% from 2018 to 2021. The survey shows that 8.4% of women and 1.5% of men in the active-duty military said they had been the victim of a sex crime, ranging from groping to rape, according to results of the survey obtained by USA TODAY. In 2018, an estimated 6.2% of women in the armed services were victims of unwanted sexual contact. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Bloomberg: Lindsey Graham Again Ordered to Testify in Georgia's Trump Vote Probe, Zoe Tillman, September 1, 2022, 12:38 PM

A federal judge has again ordered Sen. Lindsey Graham to testify before a state grand jury investigating whether former President Donald Trump and his supporters violated the law in their efforts to undo Trump's 2020 election loss in Georgia. US District Judge Leigh Martin May previously ruled that Graham must testify in the probe by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. But an appeals court stayed May's order for further consideration of Graham's argument that calls he made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger were part of his legislative duties. May in a Thursday order limited certain questions that Graham could be asked about the Raffensperger calls to the extent they related to "investigatory fact-finding" in his role as a senator and his decision on whether to certify the election results. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

WaPo: Ginni Thomas pressed Wisconsin lawmakers to overturn Biden's 2020 victory, Emma Brown, September 1, 2022, 10:58 AM

Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, the conservative activist and wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, pressed lawmakers to overturn Joe Biden's 2020 victory not only in Arizona, as previously reported, but also in a second battleground state, Wisconsin, according to emails obtained under state public-records law. The Washington Post reported this year that Ginni Thomas emailed 29 Arizona state lawmakers, some of them twice, in November and December 2020. She urged them to set aside Biden's popular-vote victory and "choose" their own presidential electors, despite the fact that the responsibility for choosing electors rests with voters under Arizona state law. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Politico: Judge tosses suit from former Trump adviser over Russia surveillance, Josh Gerstein, September 1, 2022, 7:27 PM

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by Trump 2016 presidential campaign adviser Carter Page over surveillance he faced due to suspicions he was part of an effort by Russia to influence the U.S. political process. U.S. District Court Judge Dabney Friedrich issued a ruling Thursday tossing out the \$75 million suit Page filed in 2020 against eight current and former FBI officials as well as that law enforcement agency and the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

CBS: Baltimore couple arrested for alleged role in Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Mike Hellgren,

September 1, 2022, 5:51 PM

An engaged couple from Baltimore was arrested Tuesday on charges related to their role in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, according to federal court records. Carrie Ann Williams and Tyrone McFadden Jr. are charged with disorderly conduct in a restricted building, disorderly conduct in a Capitol Building and related charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Trump-aligned Pa. governor nominee Mastriano sues Jan. 6 committee, Betsy Woodruff Swan, September 1, 2022, 5:37 PM

State Sen. Doug Mastriano, the Republican nominee for governor in Pennsylvania, is suing the Jan. 6 select committee, setting up a legal fight between one of the most prominent congressional investigations in recent memory and a Trump-backed candidate in a hotly contested midterm race. Mastriano filed his suit on Thursday afternoon in federal court in Washington. It names the committee itself as a defendant, as well as each member of the panel and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In the suit, Mastriano argues that the committee's rules and composition mean it cannot compel witnesses to sit for depositions. Mastriano is asking for declaratory relief — a request for the judge to declare the committee cannot compel him to sit for a deposition — as well as for the panel to pay his attorney's fees. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: DOJ Moves To Seize Russian Energy Co.'s Boeing 737, Alyssa Aquino, September 1, 2022, 5:06 PM

The U. S. Department of Justice obtained a warrant to seize a Boeing 737, allegedly owned by the Russian energy giant Lukoil, on suspicions that the U. S. -built airliner was flown into Russia in violation of U. S. sanctions. Federal prosecutors received U. S. Magistrate Judge Sam Sheldon's signoff to seize the Boeing 737 on Tuesday, after presenting evidence showing that PJSC Lukoil flouted Washington's restrictions on the export of sensitive items by flying the airplane from Dubai to Moscow. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Hearing for five Gov. Whitmer kidnap plot suspects ends without ruling, Gus Burns, September 1, 2022, 2:49 PM

The preliminary hearing for five men accused of plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer concluded Thursday, Sept. 1, without a ruling from the judge. The decision will determine if Attorney General Dana Nessel's office has adequate evidence to take the case to trial in Antrim County Circuit Court. While preliminary hearing rulings are often immediate, 86th District Court Judge Michael S. Stepka said he'll allow the AG's Office and defense attorneys an opportunity to file written briefs before issuing a decision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Naperville, IL): Naperville Woman Pleads Guilty To Charges In Capital Riot: Report, Lisa Marie Farver, September 1, 2022, 2:43 PM

A 54-year-old Naperville woman has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges in connection with the Jan. 6 riots that took place at the U.S. Capitol, ABC reports. Dawn Franowski was charged with disorderly and disruptive conduct and entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds in September. Frankowski's charges came after she was tagged in a Facebook photo shared by David Wiersma, who also pleaded guilty to Capitol riot charges Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPSD-NBC (Paducah, KY): Cyber-crimes setting records, FBI warns, Jamey Tucker, September 2, 2022, 12:30 AM

A warning from the FBI: cyber-attacks are setting records both in the number of complaints and

the amount of money being lost by victims. The bureau said in 2021 it received 847,376 complaints which is more than 2,300 per day. It represents a 7% increase from 2020. The attacks also took more than \$6.9 billion from victims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOAI-NBC (San Antonio, TX): New head of FBI San Antonio warns about alarming rise in cyber crimes, Emily Baucum, September 1, 2022, 11:30 PM

In an exclusive interview with the Trouble Shooters, the new head of the FBI's San Antonio office is warning you about the alarming rise in cyber crimes. Reports have skyrocketed during the pandemic. Last year, the FBI handled 847,376 complaints costing people and businesses \$6.9 billion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump documents: Judge to hear arguments on outside expert, Adriana Gomez Licon and Eric Tucker, September 1, 2022, 8:30 AM

A federal judge awaited arguments Thursday on whether to appoint an outside legal expert to review government records seized by the FBI last month in a search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home. Lawyers for Trump say the appointment of a special master is necessary to ensure an independent inspection of the documents. This kind of review, they say, would allow for "highly personal information" such as diaries or journals to be separated from the investigation and returned to Trump, along with any other documents that may be protected by claims of attorney-client privilege or executive privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Fox-2](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Reuters-2](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WPEC-CBS \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

USA Today: Trump legal team continues push for special master in wake of Mar-a-Lago obstruction claim, Kevin Johnson, September 1, 2022, 9:12 PM

Donald Trump's legal team continued to press for the appointment of special master to review documents seized in the government's search of the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, asserting that the law enforcement action was aimed at "criminalizing a former president." On the eve of a scheduled hearing to weigh the appointment of a third-party screener, Trump's attorneys argued that the search was "legally unsupported" and suggested that their client maintained a privilege to possess the documents even after leaving office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Trump's Tastes in Intelligence: Power and Leverage, Julian E. Barnes, Michael C. Bender and Maggie Haberman, September 1, 2022, 8:00 PM

As president, Donald J. Trump showed the most interest in intelligence briefings when the topics revolved around his personal relationships with world leaders and the power available at his fingertips. He took little interest in secret weapons programs, but he often asked questions about the look of Navy ships and sometimes quizzed briefers on the size and power of America's nuclear arsenal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: McCarthy embraces Trump's assault on the Justice Department over the Mar-a-Lago search, Catie Edmondson, September 1, 2022, 8:00 PM

Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the Republican leader, on Thursday aligned himself with former President Donald J. Trump's efforts to undercut federal law enforcement over the search of Mar-a-Lago, condemning the court-ordered seizure of classified documents from the former president's home as an "assault on democracy." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Judge to Unseal More Detailed List of Materials Seized at Mar-a-Lago, Arian Campo-Flores and Sadie Gurman, September 1, 2022, 5:05 PM

A federal judge said she would make public a more detailed list of the items the FBI took during its search last month of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, opening the prospect of a much fuller picture of what documents might be among the classified material seized. U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon's decision came during a hearing Thursday over whether to appoint an outside party to review the materials now in the Justice Department's hands to determine whether issues of executive and lawyer-client privilege put some of it out of bounds to investigators. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNBC](#), [Guardian](#), [NBC](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Andy McCarthy on whether Justice Department's Trump investigation will prevent 2024 presidential run, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:28 PM

Fox News contributor Andy McCarty explained why an investigation into former President Donald Trump may not prevent him from running for president again Thursday on "Your World." ANDY MCCARTHY: The fact is, constitutionally, there's nothing that prevents somebody who is either under investigation, convicted or even in prison for running for president. There's nothing in the Constitution that says you can't. You would think that the American voter will decide how much of a hamstring that you want on somebody who's either running for or carrying out the duties of the presidency. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox-2](#), [RCP](#)

ABC: DOJ revelations could place Trump lawyers in legal peril of their own, experts say, Lucien Bruggeman and Katherine Faulders, September 1, 2022, 3:55 PM

New allegations from the Justice Department on Tuesday could implicate Donald Trump's own lawyers in a potential effort to obstruct the ongoing probe into the former president's retention of classified documents, making the attorneys potential witnesses or even targets in the high-stakes criminal inquiry, experts tell ABC News. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC-2](#)

Politico: Judge considers temporary limit on DOJ access to Trump document, Josh Gerstein, Kyle Cheney and Nicholas W, September 1, 2022, 4:55 PM

A federal judge indicated Thursday that she's giving serious consideration to temporarily barring Justice Department investigators from reviewing material seized from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. U.S. District Court Judge Aileen Cannon suggested that she's mulling imposing that restriction, while potentially allowing an exception for the intelligence community to continue reviewing national security risks from the potential exposure of the slew of sensitive documents the FBI found at Trump's compound earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Texas woman pleads guilty to role in \$2.6M romance scam, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 3:59 PM

A Texas woman who played a role in internet romance scams that cheated victims out of a total of about \$2.6 million pleaded guilty Thursday to wire fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud, federal prosecutors in Rhode Island said. Dominique Golden, 31, of Houston, personally collected nearly \$1.3 million in cash, checks, money orders, and wire transfers from people across the U.S. that was deposited into bank accounts opened under the names of fake people and businesses that she controlled, according to the office of U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha.

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Law360: UK Hedge Fund Exec Charged With \$20M Forex Scheme, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 5:52 PM

A founder of UK-based hedge fund Glen Point Capital has been arrested and charged with manipulating two foreign exchange currency rates to fraudulently trigger a \$20 million payout, Manhattan federal prosecutors said Thursday. Neil Phillips was arrested in Spain earlier this week after a sealed indictment was issued against him in March, according to a statement by the U. S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law.com](#)

Law360: NYC Woman Jailed After Arrest On Charges Of Extorting CEO, Pete Brush, September 1, 2022, 4:46 PM

A Manhattan federal judge denied bail Thursday for a New York City woman accused of using online aliases to extort "wealthy and high-profile men," including a public company CEO, ordering her detention a day after she initially was granted bail. Calling 34-year-old defendant Sakoya Blackwood a flight risk after being shown a portfolio of fake IDs she allegedly used, U. S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman ordered Blackwood jailed pending trial. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NY Daily News](#)

Delaware Business Now: Seaford man sentenced for collecting Social Security benefits of deceased client, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 10:00 PM

A Seaford man was sentenced to 30 days in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for defrauding the Social Security Administration of nearly \$150,000. According to court documents, Marques Fountain, 42, collected another man's SSA retirement benefits. The man, for whom Fountain served as a caretaker passed away in 2009. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMDT-ABC/CW \(Salisbury, MD\)](#)

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Grand jury indicts Missouri woman on charges accusing her of committing \$200,000 pandemic loan fraud, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 10:00 PM

A grand jury indicted a woman from St. Peters, Missouri on charges accusing her of committing a \$204,095 fraud involving a loan program intended for small businesses to continue to pay their employees during the pandemic. The indictment says that from June 2020 through April 2021, Trashunda M. Harrison, 36, submitted multiple applications for Paycheck Protection Program loans in the names of three businesses. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Times of San Diego: Rancho Santa Fe Neurosurgeon Faces 5 Years in Prison for Part in \$40M Kickback Scheme, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 10:00 PM

A San Diego County neurosurgeon pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge that he accepted more than \$3 million in bribes for performing surgery at a now-defunct Long Beach hospital. The owner of Pacific Hospital was later imprisoned for committing a massive workers' compensation system scam. Lokesh Tantuwaya, 55, of Rancho Santa Fe, entered his plea to one count of conspiracy to commit honest services fraud and to violate the federal anti-kickback statute. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): Syracuse man who sold crack to undercover deputies sentenced to 8 years in prison, Fernando Alba, September 1, 2022, 7:05 PM

A Syracuse man who sold crack cocaine to undercover deputies was sentenced Wednesday to eight years in prison, federal prosecutors said. Marquail Jones, 33, previously admitted to trafficking drugs from Syracuse to towns in the North Country, according to a news release from

the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District of New York. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Indianapolis Business Journal: **Indianapolis woman accused of embezzling \$270K from WFYI**, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:00 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office has charged a 52-year-old Indianapolis woman with conspiracy to commit wire fraud after authorities say she embezzled \$270,000 from WFYI Public Media where she worked as an accounting specialist. Mindi B. Madison, 52, is scheduled to make an initial appearance in U.S. District Court on Sept. 15. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [WISH-CW \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WRTV-ABC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

Sun Journal (Lewiston, ID): **Auburn man sentenced to 10 years for trafficking in cocaine, fentanyl**, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 5:58 PM

An Auburn man will serve ten years in federal prison after pleading guilty to charges that he sold fentanyl and cocaine from his High Street apartment in the summer of 2021. Vincent Steed, 42, pleaded guilty in December to a charge of possessing with the intent to distribute the drugs. When he was arrested by drug agents in June of 2021, Steed was already on supervised release having been recently released from prison after a 2016 conviction for similar drug charges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (South Windsor, CT): **South Windsor Woman Gets 5 Years In Prison For Fraudulent Scheme**, Tim Jensen, September 1, 2022, 5:13 PM

A South Windsor resident was sentenced in federal court Thursday to five years imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, for conspiracy and fraud offenses related to a scheme through which individuals seeking immigration services were defrauded. Khatija Khan, 41, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Stefan R. Underhill. She is free on bond and is required to report to prison Dec. 14, according to Vanessa Roberts Avery, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Duluth News Tribune (Duluth, MN): **Superior man sentenced for 'drug-induced rampage' through Twin Ports**, Kevin Murphy, September 1, 2022, 5:06 PM

A Superior man who went on a one-person crime spree in the Twin Ports last October was sentenced Thursday in federal court to 10 years in prison and three years supervised release. Cody Walker-Nelson, 31, told District Judge William Conley that Oct. 1 was "the worst day of his entire life," when he stole several vehicles, attempted to rob a bank, drove the wrong direction on the Bong Bridge, and ended up in an armed standoff with a SWAT team. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Sun Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale, FL): **Former CEO of Broward pharmaceutical company sentenced to prison after distributing contaminated laxative**, Andie Dimichele, September 1, 2022, 5:00 PM

The former leader of a Broward-based drug manufacturing company will spend three years behind bars for his role in distributing a laxative contaminated with bacteria, yeast and mold to pediatric hospitals. Raidel Figueroa, CEO and co-owner of Pharmatech LLC, was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison Wednesday after pleading guilty to four felony charges in June. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Argus Observer (Ontario, OR): **Ontario man gets 20 years in federal prison for distributing child pornography**, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 8:57 PM

A 27-year-old Ontario man will serve 240 months in federal prison for distribution of child

pornography. Gregory Boris was sentenced Thursday, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office-District of Idaho. The announcement was made Thursday by U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Register Citizen (Torrington, CT): **Feds: New Haven man sentences [sic] to five years in prison on illegal firearms charge**, Ben Lambert, September 1, 2022, 4:00 PM

A city man was sentenced to five years in prison Thursday after he was caught with an illegal firearm used to help with trafficking cocaine, according to the U.S. attorney's office for Connecticut. Trea Fraser, 27, of New Haven pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime in November, prosecutors said. His time in prison will be followed by five years of supervised release, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): **Round Rock man sentenced, ordered to pay over \$600K for money laundering scheme**, Abigail Jones, September 1, 2022, 10:09 PM

A 37-year-old Round Rock man was sentenced to over 10 years in prison and ordered to pay over \$600,000 for his role in a money laundering scheme. A federal judge sentenced Okanlawon Azeez Egerongbe to 120 months in prison and to pay \$633,520 in restitution for laundering millions of dollars from victims in various fraud schemes. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTBC-Fox \(Austin, TX\)](#)

KGPE-CBS (Fresno, CA): **DOJ: Fresno business owner indicted for theft \$5M in livestock feed ingredients**, Marcela Chavez, September 1, 2022, 8:30 PM (EDT)

A multi-million dollar theft of livestock feed ingredients in Fresno resulted in two people being indicted on multiple counts of fraud, according to the Department of Justice. Court documents show that from 2015 to 2017, 68-year-old Richard Best from Fresno and 46-year-old Shawn Sawa, formerly of Clovis, stole \$4.8 million worth of canola, a product used to make cow's food from international food processors and sold it on, DOJ officials say. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMPH-Fox \(Fresno, CA\)](#)

KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): **Arizona man sentenced to 46 months in prison for importing drugs**, Kelsi Brenton, September 1, 2022, 8:30 PM

An Arizona man on Wednesday was sentenced to 46 months in prison and five years of supervised release for importing drugs. Twenty-two-year-old Jesus Alfonso Duarte pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import fentanyl, methamphetamine, and heroin. In March 2020, Duarte entered the United States at DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona with over 25 pounds of methamphetamine, five pound of heroin, and two pounds of fentanyl in his vehicle, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYMA-NBC \(Yuma, AZ\)](#)

WCTV-CBS (Thomasville, GA): **Perry man sentenced to 10 years in prison for distributing meth**, Raghad Hamad, September 1, 2022, 8:04 PM

A 46-year-old man was arrested and sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Stephen Lance Gamble was arrested on Wednesday after pleading guilty to the conspiracy of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine or 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): **Boone County man sentenced to prison for attempting to damage mine property**, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 7:00 PM

Federal prosecutors said a Boone County man was sentenced to prison Thursday for attempting to damage property at a mine in Boone in Lincoln counties. Brandon Beverly, 46, of Whitesville was sentenced to two years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KERO-ABC (Bakersfield, CA): Bakersfield man indicted in illegal possession of firearm, Pete Menting, September 1, 2022, 6:32 PM (EDT)

A federal grand jury indicted a Bakersfield man Thursday on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to court documents, on June 3rd, Billy Reo Howard, 51, of Bakersfield, was pulled over on suspicion of driving a vehicle with expired tags on Garces Highway. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJXT-CW (Jacksonville, FL): Retired Jacksonville teacher sentenced to 5+ years for possessing child sex abuse videos, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:26 PM

A judge on Thursday sentenced a former Duval County teacher to five years and 10 months in prison for possessing images and videos depicting sexual abuse of children, according to a news release from the Department of Justice. Additionally, the court ordered Michael Paul Gillis, 65, to serve a 10-year term of supervised release, register as a sex offender and forfeit his computer media, the DOJ said. He had pleaded guilty to charges on April 27 after being arrested at his Westside home by FBI agents in February. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KALB-NBC/CBS (Alexandria, LA): Lake Charles man sentenced to 15 years for child porn, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 5:20 PM

A Lake Charles man was sentenced to 15 years and a lifetime of supervision for producing child pornography. Shane Robinson, 28, pleaded guilty in May to a charge of production of child pornography. Robinson was identified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) as possibly possessing or distributing child pornography, according to U.S. Attorney Brandon Brown. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indy man sentenced to 7 years in prison for illegally possessing a firearm, Divine Triplett, September 1, 2022, 4:39 PM

An Indianapolis man was sentenced to seven years in federal prison Thursday for illegally possessing a firearm. According to court documents, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers responded to a report of a personal injury accident on West Morris Street on Aug. 3, 2021. When they arrived, they found Jerry Poindexter, 27, unconscious in the drivers seat of a vehicle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTVO-ABC (Rockford, IL): Beloit cocaine dealer sentenced to 9 years, John Clark, September 1, 2022, 4:18 PM

Eshawn Reed, 40, has been sentenced to spend 9 years in federal prison on charges of cocaine trafficking and weapons charges. According to the U.S. Justice Department, Reed distributed crack cocaine in the Janesville area on April 6th, July 19, and August 5, 2021, and then on August 10th, he possessed both crack cocaine and a loaded Ruger 57 handgun. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [WKOW-ABC \(Madison, WI\)](#)

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Courts: Local man gets 10 years for dealing methamphetamine, Jeff Wiehe, September 1, 2022, 4:02 PM

A 45-year-old Fort Wayne man who dealt methamphetamine to a criminal informant working with law enforcement received just over 10 years in prison at his sentencing this week, according to U.S. District Court records. Starsky Guin previously pleaded guilty to distribution of methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, according to United States Attorney Clifford D. Johnson. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWSB-ABC (Sarasota, FL): Palmetto man guilty of multiple wireless store robberies, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 4:01 PM

A Palmetto man was found guilty by a federal jury of multiple federal charges in connection with the robberies of four wireless stores. Delon Adams 50, of Palmetto, was found guilty of four counts of robbery, four counts of brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, possessing a firearm and ammunition as a convicted felon, extortion, and criminal contempt of court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KBZK-CBS (Butte, MT): Philipsburg woman sentenced to prison, owing over \$140,000 in acts of fraud, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 3:27 PM

A Philipsburg woman is sentenced to prison after admittedly lying about her income and resources in order to receive more benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA), SNAP, and Medicaid for over 10 years. Virginia Kathleen Pearson, 56 years old, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year and one day in prison and three years of supervised release. According to U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich, Pearson must also pay full restitution of the \$142,542 she accumulated from her fraudulent actions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WITI-Fox (Milwaukee, WI): Hartford woman pleads guilty; wire fraud, money laundering, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 3:06 PM

A Hartford woman pleaded guilty on Thursday, Sept. 1 to executing a multi-million-dollar wire fraud and money laundering scheme. Vicki Berka, 61, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud and one count of money laundering for embezzling approximately \$2.7 million from her former employer, Bader Rutter & Associates. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Beckley man pleads guilty to federal drug crime, Danielle Sandler, September 1, 2022, 3:00 PM

A man pleaded guilty today, September 1, 2022 to the distribution of crack cocaine. According to court documents Liteef Hughes, 41, of Beckley, admitted to selling crack to an undercover officer on April 28, 2022 at his home in Beckley. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOAY-ABC (Oak Hill, WV): Fayette County woman sentenced to prison for federal drug crime, Brandy Lawrence, September 1, 2022, 2:30 PM

A federal court has sentenced Brittany Ellen Flint, 33, of Fayetteville, to one year and three months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release for distributing methamphetamine. According to court documents and statements, Flint admitted to selling approximately 6.8 grams of methamphetamine to a confidential informant in Oak Hill in January. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Scranton doctor sentenced on bribery, drug charges, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 2:22 PM

Officials say on Wednesday, they have sentenced a Scranton doctor to 11 years in prison for taking bribes in exchange for drugs. According to US Attorney Gerard M. Karam, Kurt Moran, 70,

a Scranton physician, pleaded guilty to crimes related to the unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (Subsys), maintaining drug-involved premises, and health care fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOLF-Fox \(Hazleton, PA\)](#)

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Leader of Virginia gang was known to FBI ahead of Tappahannock shooting, Jakob Cordes, September 1, 2022, 1:32 PM

The leader of a street gang operating in Virginia's rural Northern Neck has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after selling a firearm to a federal informant. Shadonta Lateef Beane, 26, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, but he also faces local charges related to a shooting at a Raceway gas station in Tappahannock. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLFY-CBS (Lafayette, LA): Rayne man sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for gun charge, Scott Lewis, September 1, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Rayne man will spend 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm back in April. Lamar Malbrough, 31, of Rayne, will also have to serve three years of supervised release after his prison term, according to U.S. Attorney Brandon B. Brown. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYTX-CBS (Tyler and Longview, TX): Harrison County woman gets over 4 years in federal prison for trafficking fentanyl, Zak Wellerman, September 1, 2022, 1:07 PM

A Harrison County woman has been sentenced to four and a half years in federal prison after pleading guilty to having fentanyl and attempting to sell the drug out of state. Kerri Marie Thorn, 31, of Harleton, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl on May 10. On Thursday, she was sentenced to 54 months in prison, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTAL-NBC (Shreveport, LA): Bossier City man gets 15 years for dealing meth, Emily Greer, September 1, 2022, 1:01 PM

A Bossier City man has been sentenced to 188 months in prison for possessing and trafficking meth. Michael C. Francis has been sentenced to 15 years and 8 months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, on drug trafficking charges. The 37-year-old and eight other defendants were involved in a drug trafficking conspiracy and pled guilty to possessing and distributing methamphetamine in Caddo and Bossier Parish. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Lawyer: Ohio man's police shooting death reckless, senseless, Andrew Welsh-Huggins, September 1, 2022, 2:00 PM

Columbus police came under criticism Thursday for the killing of a man who was lying on his bed when an officer attempting to serve warrants fatally shot him, as a lawyer representing the slain man's family demanded immediate changes to policing in the city and promised a lawsuit. Not enough has happened in Ohio's capital city to alter policing practices despite several instances of white officers in the city shooting Black people, added attorney Rex Elliott, representing the family of Donovan Lewis, the Black man killed Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP-2](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Bossip](#), [Brady United](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Columbus Dispatch](#), [Columbus Dispatch-2](#), [Columbus Dispatch-3](#) [VIDEO], [Columbus Dispatch-4](#), [Common Dreams](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Heavy](#), [Heavy-2](#), [The Hill](#), [KDKA-CBS \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#), [NAACP](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Ohio Capital Journal](#), [Reuters](#), [Scripps National](#), [USA Today](#), [WBNS-CBS \(Columbus, OH\)](#), [WaPo](#), [WSYX-ABC](#)

[\(Columbus, OH\)](#)

CNN: California passes 'historic' legislative package protecting or expanding abortion access, Veronica Stracqualursi, September 2, 2022, 2:00 AM

The California Legislature this week passed about a dozen bills in what proponents call a "historic" legislative package to protect and expand abortion access in the state, as its Democratic leaders seek to make California a "reproductive freedom" state. Lawmakers approved the bills in the final days of their legislative session, which ended Wednesday. The legislation now goes to Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has been supportive of abortion rights, for his signature. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): DOJ reaches settlement with nursing board, Jessica Jacoby, September 1, 2022, 11:24 PM

The Indiana State Board of Nursing has agreed to a settlement with the Department of Justice (DOJ). The settlement is meant to resolve claims that the nursing board violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). According to the DOJ, the settlement agrees to allow nurses with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to remain on their medications while participating in the Indiana State Nursing Assistance Program. The medication must be prescribed by a licensed practitioner as a part of a medically necessary treatment plan along with recovery monitoring agreements like the assistance program. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Federal prison chaplain sentenced to 7 years in prison for sexually assaulting a female inmate, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 10:00 PM

A former chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, James Theodore Highhouse, 50, was sentenced in federal court in the Northern District of California to 84 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for repeatedly sexually abusing an incarcerated female and then lying to federal agents about his misconduct. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Philips subsidiary to pay over \$24 mln for alleged false claims for medical equipment, Kanishka Singh, September 1, 2022, 3:47 PM

A subsidiary of Dutch medical device maker Philips has agreed to pay over \$24 million to resolve alleged false claims over respiratory-related medical equipment, the U.S. Justice Department said on Thursday. The subsidiary, Philips RS North America LLC, formerly known as Respirationics Inc, resolved allegations that it misled federal health care programs by paying kickbacks to durable medical equipment suppliers, the Justice Department said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [MassDevice](#)

Bloomberg Law: Honeywell's Damages Success May Be Hard for Others to Repeat, Daniel Seiden, September 2, 2022, 3:45 AM

Honeywell International Inc.'s recent appeals court win where it evaded damages in the US government's 12-year body armor fraud suit may provide a roadmap for other False Claims Act defendants, but the road could be one that is less traveled. Honeywell this week won a federal appeals court ruling allowing it to offset the \$35 million in trebled damages sought by the US, with the \$36 million other defendants had already paid in settlements, under the dollar-for-dollar offset approach known as pro tanto. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: States Urge 5th Circ. To Back Title 42 Injunction, Jonathan Capriel, September 1, 2022, 4:57 PM

Twenty-three states urged the Fifth Circuit to reject the "half-hearted" effort by the Biden administration to end the Trump-era rapid deportation policy implemented during COVID-19, arguing that the government failed to give good cause as to why it shouldn't have solicited public comment before pursuing Title 42's demise. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Ex-Souktel CEO Agrees to Settle False Claims Act Allegations, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 12:26 PM

Jacob Korenblum, the former chief executive officer of Souktel Inc., has agreed to pay \$100,000 to resolve allegations that he knowingly caused employees to submit false claims to the US Agency for International Development, the D.C. United States Attorney's Office announced Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Richmond, VA): S. Carolina supplement maker sentenced to prison in illegal steroid scheme, Jakob Cordes, September 1, 2022, 5:31 PM

A South Carolina man was sentenced to a year in prison last week in a Virginia federal court after he manufactured and sold potentially dangerous steroids and other unlicensed "dietary supplements" through an online store. John Cochcroft pleaded guilty to one count of manufacturing anabolic steroids, a schedule II controlled substance, and one count of introducing a new drug to interstate commerce with the intent to defraud or deceive. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: US changes focus to long-term residency for more Afghans, Julie Watson, September 1, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Biden administration said Thursday that it is phasing out a program that aimed to give at-risk Afghans a quicker pathway to the U.S. through humanitarian relief but was criticized for its bureaucratic barriers and for ultimately leaving people's lives in legal limbo. [...] Humanitarian parole was intended originally to be a fast-track way to pull out Afghans who were unable to leave during the evacuation by the U.S. military a year ago. But it has fallen short, advocates said. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services struggled to keep up with the surge in applicants and address the growing backlog. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#)

AP: Texas buses 75 migrants to Chicago in political battle, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 4:00 PM

Seventy-five immigrants bused from Texas by Gov. Greg Abbott have arrived in Chicago, the latest chapter of the bitter political battle over the immigration policy of President Joe Biden's administration. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office confirmed that the group arrived Wednesday night and said the nation's third-largest city welcomes them. Abbott is busing the immigrants from Texas as part of a strategy launched this year to share the influx of people from outside the United States with cities that have Democratic mayors. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey also has adopted this policy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Sun Times](#), [Washington Times](#)

WSJ: U.S. Lawmakers Press Customs on Enforcement of Uyghur Forced Labor Law, Richard Vanderford, September 1, 2022, 8:23 PM

A group of lawmakers are putting pressure on U.S. Customs over the importation of goods from

China's Xinjiang region, questioning how it is applying tough new restrictions that have forced many companies to re-examine their supply chains. More than two dozen Republican members of the House of Representatives want U.S. Customs and Border Protection to answer questions about its enforcement of the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, a law that went into effect in June that is meant to stem the import of goods linked to Uyghur forced labor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: ICE Inks \$4.8M Deal With Migrant Teens In Detention Litigation, Hailey Konnath, September 1, 2022, 8:55 PM

U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement has agreed to pay \$4.8 million to resolve a class action claiming the government routinely failed to consider safer options before transferring teens to adult detention facilities after they turned 18, according to a proposed settlement filed Thursday in D.C. federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Judge Recommends Immigrant Class Cert. In NY Detainer Suit, Jonathan Capriel, September 1, 2022, 8:13 PM

Immigrants suing New York's Suffolk County and its sheriff's office over their practice of holding people past their release date by request of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement have won over a federal judge, who recommended their proposed class be certified. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: CDC's Title 42 Order Wasn't Arbitrary Or Capricious, Feds Say, Rae Varona, September 1, 2022, 5:42 PM

The Biden administration has told a D.C. federal judge that the CDC's policy authorizing the rapid expulsion of migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic was the result of reasoned decision-making and thus wasn't "arbitrary and capricious" as claimed by asylum-seeking families. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: States Urge 5th Circ. To Back Title 42 Injunction, Jonathan Capriel, September 1, 2022, 4:57 PM

Twenty-three states urged the Fifth Circuit to reject the "half-hearted" effort by the Biden administration to end the Trump-era rapid deportation policy implemented during COVID-19, arguing that the government failed to give good cause as to why it shouldn't have solicited public comment before pursuing Title 42's demise. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: New York opens 'welcome center' as part of \$6.7M response to migrant buses, Anna Giaritelli, September 1, 2022, 2:46 PM

New York City has poured millions of dollars into creating a reception site and intake facility for migrants who arrive in Manhattan on buses from the Texas border. The city completed and opened this week a "welcome center" in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Manhattan that will give migrants a central location for information about public school enrollment, employment, and housing. The center opened its doors this week with a soft launch. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Shipment of Baby Wipes Turns Out to Be \$11.8M Worth of Cocaine: Police, William Mcge, September 1, 2022, 2:43PM

An alleged shipment of baby wipes stopped at the U.S.-Mexico border turned out to be \$11.8 million worth of cocaine, federal authorities said. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers made the seizure at the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge in Laredo, Texas, on August 26. The drugs were spotted when a trailer truck claiming to be full of baby wipes was sent for a second

inspection by officers from CBP's Office of Field Operations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Laredo Morning Times: **CBP officers seize \$7.6M in cocaine at World Trade Bridge**, César Rodriguez, September 1, 2022, 5:00 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized more than \$7 million in cocaine in two separate enforcement actions at the World Trade Bridge. The larger seizure occurred on Aug. 30, when a CBP officer referred a 2009 International tractor hauling a shipment of furniture to secondary inspection. K-9 and X-ray inspections resulted in the seizure of 285 packages containing about 718 pounds of cocaine within the shipment. The cocaine had an estimated street value of \$5,535,880. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Miami Herald: **A Cuban migrant boat approaching Hollywood beach stopped by the Coast Guard**, David Goodhue, September 1, 2022, 3:51 PM

The U.S. Coast Guard stopped a boat carrying migrants, at least some from Cuba, off the coast of Hollywood on Thursday afternoon. Three people from Cuba were “medically screened” and taken into custody by the U.S. Border Patrol, said Adam Hoffner, division chief for U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s Miami operations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): **CBP: 13 migrants arrested boarding private plane**,

Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 5:09 PM

Border Patrol arrested 13 migrants who allegedly were attempting to board a private plane in Edinburg. On Wednesday, Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol agents received information of migrants attempting to board the plane at the South Texas International Airport, according to a release from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGNS-NBC/ABC (Laredo, TX): **CBP unveils ‘wanted’ campaign targeting five human smugglers**, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 3:42 PM

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) unveiled a ‘wanted’ campaign targeting a handful of human smugglers. The initiative was launched in 2016 with joint efforts by Border Patrol and the Mexican government. The flyers are placed along heavily-traveled areas for the public to see. The five individuals on the campaign are from the Arizona area and are wanted by authorities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **Ebooks plaintiffs scramble to salvage class action after magistrate calls for dismissal**, Alison Frankel, September 1, 2022, 4:03 PM

Plaintiffs' lawyers in an antitrust class action alleging that Amazon.com Inc conspired with five leading U.S. publishers to fix the price of ebooks argued in a new brief that a Manhattan federal magistrate erroneously disregarded obvious evidence of collusion when she recommended the dismissal of their case last month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Bloomberg: **Top Antitrust Official Blasts ‘Unfair’ Chicken Farming Contracts**, Mike Dorning, September 1, 2022, 4:56 PM

One of the US’s top antitrust regulators is backing the Biden administration’s efforts to change the way chicken companies pay farmers, a move that could potentially reshape the industry. Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan praised USDA regulations that would protect poultry growers paid via the controversial “tournament system,” which pits farmers against each other in a zero-sum game for a pool of money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Illumina defeats F.T.C. in major antitrust case, Steve Lohr, September 1, 2022, 3:00 PM

An administrative law judge ruled on Thursday in favor of Illumina, a gene-sequencing powerhouse, in its disputed acquisition of Grail, a start-up with blood-test technology for detecting cancer. The Federal Trade Commission last year sued to stop the \$8 billion purchase by Illumina. The commission argued that the cancer-testing industry was dependent on access to Illumina's gene sequencers, and thus Illumina could stifle Grail rivals in the small but fast-growing market. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#), [WSJ](#)

Law360: Booz Allen, EverWatch Get Partial Look At DOJ Merger Probe, Bryan Koenig, September 1, 2022, 8:23 PM

A Maryland federal judge partially peeled back the curtain into the U.S. Department of Justice investigation that led to allegations that Booz Allen Hamilton's proposed \$440 million purchase of EverWatch threatens competition for a National Security Agency contract, rejecting some DOJ arguments of privilege. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Gov't Spars With Oncology Exec On Antitrust Jury Directions, Piper Blackburn, September 1, 2022, 6:53 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice and the founder of an oncology group accused of splitting the cancer treatment market in Southwest Florida have clashed over proposed jury instructions that outline antitrust law for a trial slated to start next week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Lawmakers should rein in the runaway FTC, Tom Hebert, September 1, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has released a playbook for how the agency will expand its power over the American economy. FTC Chair Lina Khan has aggressively pursued a hyper-regulatory agenda since her bait-and-switch confirmation last summer. Lawmakers should conduct robust oversight hearings to determine just how far the agency has strayed from its statutory authority under Khan's leadership. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): FTC: E-cigarette use by youth on the rise despite federal ban, Amy Phillips, September 1, 2022, 4:12 PM

A new report released by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) finds that sales of flavored disposable e-cigarettes and menthol e-cigarette cartridges among youth rose in 2020. According to the report, youth e-cigarette use shifted to substitute products rather than declined, and that the distribution of free and discounted e-cigarettes—a practice linked to a rise in youth smoking reached record highs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Times Union (Albany, NY): Justice Department settlement details Cuomo's misuse of grants for Chamber staff, Chris Bragg, Sept. 1, 2022, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 7:05 PM

The state Environmental Facilities Corp. has agreed to pay a \$500,000 settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to settle allegations that it repeatedly received payments from a clean water fund to pay for staffers that were working in Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's office. The

investigation grew out of reporting by the Times Union in 2016 and 2017 concerning Cuomo's practice of paying Executive Chamber staffers through various state agencies and public authorities a tactic that obscured the true size and cost of the chamber's payroll. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WETM-NBC \(Elmira, NY\)](#), [WNYT-NBC \(Albany, NY\)](#), [WTEN-ABC \(Albany, NY\)](#)

Sacramento Bee: Crewman dumps 10,000 gallons of oily ship sludge off coast of New Orleans, feds say, Julia Marnin, September 1, 2022, 4:09 PM (EDT)

A foreign ship's chief engineer is going to prison after illegally dumping around 10,000 gallons of oily sludge off the coast of Louisiana then lying to the U.S. Coast Guard about it, federal prosecutors say. When an issue caused the ship's engine room to flood with the waste, Kirill Kompaniets, a Russian citizen, made the call to release the oil-contaminated liquid into the sea within 12 miles of New Orleans, court documents state. [...] A judge sentenced Kompaniets to one year and one day in federal prison on Aug. 30 on accusations of discharging the oily waste and obstructing justice, a news release says. "The intentional pollution of U.S. waters and the deliberate cover-up are serious criminal offenses that will not be tolerated," Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Marine Insight](#)

WILX-NBC (Onondaga, MI): US fines Waterford business \$10 million for sales of emission 'defeat devices', Jake Draugelis, September 1, 2022, 5:03 PM

Two companies based out of Waterford, Mich. have had As a result of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts to improve air quality and fuel efficiency, modern cars and trucks emit less pollution than older vehicles. Engine manufacturers are required to meet these standards, carefully calibrating their engines and installing sophisticated emissions control systems. However, it's possible to buy after-market devices to get around these systems. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] Don't buy GOP fear mongering about the IRS, Editorial Board, September 1, 2022, 3:55 PM

The Internal Revenue Service, unlike some other three-letter agencies, is rarely the subject of thriller books or action films. But to hear Republicans' recent fearmongering, you wouldn't know it. The newly enacted Inflation Reduction Act invests about \$80 billion in the IRS over 10 years, which is supposed to boost tax collections by an estimated \$204 billion. In response, the GOP has launched a rumor campaign alleging the funds will finance a battalion of gun-toting enforcers tasked with terrorizing the country's most vulnerable citizens. "Stop Biden's shadow army of 87,000 IRS agents," tweeted Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) alongside an ad. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: The witnesses missing from tax hearings: average taxpayers, Tobias Burns, September 2, 2022, 6:00 AM

As Congress raced to pass long-stalled health, climate and tax legislation this summer, Democrats advanced the country's latest update to U.S. tax laws, giving the IRS \$15 million to design a free "e-file" tax return system. However, over the course of several months working on the legislation, on no occasions were working Americans asked in hearings before the main tax writing and tax collection oversight committees in Congress to describe or comment on the personal administrative work of filing their yearly taxes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Forbes: Cutting Through The Misinformation About The IRS's Plan To Spend \$80 Billion,

Howard Gleckman, September 1, 2022, 2:43 PM

Understanding how the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will affect the Internal Revenue Service's operations requires wading through a swamp of misinformation, disinformation, and no information. But to cut through much of the political muck, here are the facts we know and some key questions about how the IRS will spend the substantial new funding provided by the new law.

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Cleveland Plain Dealer: Tax evasion, Cliff Pinckard, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:03 AM

[...] Tax evasion: The chief financial officer for a company that owns a chain of Irish pubs is accused of falsifying documents to avoid paying \$1 million in sales tax to eight states, including Ohio. Adam Ferrise reports that prosecutors say Ciaran Dillon of Solon shaved off about a month of sales tax each year from Claddagh Irish Pubs that operated around the Midwest for nearly a decade. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WKYC-NBC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Local business owner to pay more than \$700k for not turning over employee taxes, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 1:16 PM

A University City man will have to pay \$1,000 a month until the money he owes is paid. The United State Attorney's Office said Jonathan Michaelson withheld taxes from employee paychecks and never turned them over to the IRS. Michaelson was sentenced to five years of probation and to pay more than \$700,000 in restitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: US agents search properties linked to Russian oligarch, Michael R. Sisak And Joshua Goodman, September 1, 2022, 8:00 PM

U.S. federal agents on Thursday simultaneously searched properties in Manhattan, a posh Hamptons beach community, and an exclusive Miami island that have been linked to a billionaire Russian oligarch whose \$120 million yacht was seized in April. The FBI confirmed it was at a Park Avenue high-rise, an estate in Southampton, New York, and the enclave of Fisher Island on Thursday, conducting what Miami-based FBI spokesperson Jim Marshall described as "court-ordered law enforcement activity." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] Christopher Wray's FBI: James Comey Redux?, Kimberley A. Strassel, September 1, 2022, 6:27 PM

The aces at the New York Times are indignant over the "torrent" of "vitriol unleashed on federal law enforcement officials" following the Mar-a-Lago raid. It's as if the press corps has memory-holed the last six years of FBI history. Director Christopher Wray's Federal Bureau of Investigation isn't looking all that different from James Comey's FBI. The bureau again faces questions over politicized agents and questionable investigations. Mr. Comey left a foundering ship, and it's an open question whether the current leadership has the will or wherewithal to right it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: FBI Agents Association vouches for Wray, disputes reports of resignation calls within bureau, Kerry Picket, September 2, 2022, 1:00 AM

Supporters of embattled FBI Director Christopher A. Wray are circling the wagons following The Washington Times' exclusive report that the bureau's rank-and-file agents want him to resign.

Brian O'Hare, president of the FBI Agents Association, insisted Mr. Wray still has the support throughout the bureau. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH): Man accused of dragging elderly woman during robbery in New Jersey found in Shaker Heights, Cliff Pinckard, September 1, 2022, 10:46 PM

A man accused of taking a purse from an elderly woman and then dragging her with a stolen vehicle in New Jersey was arrested Thursday by federal agents in Shaker Heights. Gustavo Monteiro, 27, was wanted by police in Bayonne, New Jersey on a charge of aggravated robbery with a weapon, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. Members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested Monteiro as he sat in a vehicle outside of a gas station near the 13100 block of Larchmere Boulevard. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Lehigh, PA): Group Played TikTok Air Soft Gun Game Before Shooting That Left Friend Dead: MontCo DA, Cecilia Levine, September 1, 2022, 4:29 PM

Kahseem Williams, 18, was captured by the US Marshals while Jahme Barnes, 17, remains at large, Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele said. Both are facing various murder charges in the Pottstown killing of 25-year-old Dakari Rome, who was struck by a bullet that went through the second victim's hand, police said. Williams was arrested Thursday, Sept. 1 inside a home in the Hunting Park section of Philadelphia by the U.S. Marshal's, who took him into custody without incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): 'Our children are being poisoned': DEA warns of rainbow fentanyl used to target youth, Alicia Neaves , September 1, 2022, 11:54 PM

Within the last month, three students within the same Texas school district died of an overdose. The Kyle Police Department believes they took pills laced with fentanyl. Experts say more and more fake pills are circulating, many of which are marketed toward young people. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KIMT-CBS \(Mason City, IA\)](#), [KTVX-ABC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#), [KYW-CBS \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

KTXL-Fox (Sacramento, CA): Stockton homicide suspect arrested in Bay Area by Marshals, Jose Fabian, September 1, 2022, 11:19 PM

Stockton police said a suspect was arrested in connection to a fatal shooting that happened on Aug. 11. The suspect was identified as 43-year-old Leonard Allen Alexander. According to police, Alexander allegedly shot and killed a 23-year-old man near a Golden 1 Credit Union on Pacific Avenue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBFF-Fox (Baltimore, MD): Maryland's Most Wanted | Fugitive accused of trafficking PCP leads police on chase, Alexa Ashwell, September 1, 2022, 11:00 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service has joined the search for a Howard County man wanted in connection to a drug trafficking ring. Joseph Donta Parker, 41, is facing several drug-related charges including CDS: import into state and CDS: possession with intent to distribute. Investigators say Parker was participating in a ring that was shipping drugs into Maryland by mail. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRG-CBS (Pensacola, FL): US Marshals arrest 51 fugitives in Mobile area sweep, Tom Ingram, September 1, 2022, 8:07 PM

In a two-week sweep called Operation Gateway, US Marshals said they arrested 51 fugitives in the Mobile area on a wide range of charges, according to a news release, including five

documented gang members. The operation also brought in guns, drugs and cash. The US Marshal's Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, Mobile division said the operation, which ran from Aug 14. to Aug. 27, focused on "arresting individuals who have violent criminal histories and are currently wanted by Federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGBT-CBS (Harlingen, TX): CEO of immigrant childrens shelter arrested by FBI, Steven Masso, Diana Eva Maldonado, September 1, 2022, 6:54 PM

The CEO of a temporary shelter for unaccompanied migrant children was arrested Thursday morning by the FBI. Ruben Gallegos Jr., who is the CEO of International Educational Services, Inc. (IES), was arrested on charges of conspiracy and theft concerning programs receiving federal funds, a federal indictment stated. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOB-NBC (Albuquerque, NM): FBI serves more than a dozen warrants in multiple Albuquerque raids, Brianna Wilson, September 1, 2022, 6:45 PM

It was a busy Thursday morning for more than a dozen law enforcement agencies, with scenes in multiple southwest Albuquerque neighborhoods. Officials with the Albuquerque branch of the FBI said they executed 16 federal search warrants before the sun came up, but they would not say what they were searching for. "I can't get into a whole lot of the details as to what it is that we're looking at right behind me," Special Agent in Charge Raul Bujanda said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPML-NBC (Mobile, AL): Mobile pharmacy closed by DEA due to "imminent danger to public health and safety", Keith Lane, September 1, 2022, 5:00 PM

Ladas Pharmacy on Broad Street in Mobile is now closed after a DEA raid. The DEA issued an immediate suspension order, that means the DEA closed down this pharmacy because of an imminent danger to the public health and safety, due to dispensing and distribution of controlled substances. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WGXA-Fox/ABC (Macon, GA): FBI helps catch suspects in East Macon armed robbery that left clerk injured, Claire Helm, September 1, 2022, 5:00 PM

Two suspects are in custody for an armed robbery at a Jeffersonville Rd. convenience store. The Bibb County Sheriff's Office on Thursday announced the arrests of 33-year-old Antonio Demarcus Ford and 37-year-old Latosha Laquita Blash. They were taken into custody with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They were arrested after law enforcement served a warrant at a home on Magnolia Dr. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: State opposes lawsuit to block execution of Alabama inmate, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 3:53 PM

The state asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by an Alabama inmate who is trying to halt his lethal injection later this month by arguing officials lost paperwork in which he selected an alternate execution method. The lawsuit by Alan Eugene Miller, who was convicted of killing three men in a workplace shooting in 1999, does not state a claim a judge could use to block the execution, set for Sept. 22, Attorney General Steve Marshall argued in a request filed Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: James 'Whitey' Bulger killing: Son of Boston mobster's accused hitman seeking

answers for delay in charges, Stephanie Pagones, September 2, 2022, 2:00 AM

A son of one of the men accused of killing James "Whitey" Bulger after the reputed mob boss was discovered bludgeoned to death inside a federal lock-up nearly four years ago says he is still searching for answers as to why it took so long for Justice Department officials to charge his father. Alex Geas, 28, received a letter from his father, Fotios "Freddy" Geas, on Aug. 14. Just three days later, Freddy was charged in connection with Bulger's death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Washington Times: **Supreme Court probe into the abortion draft leaker goes unresolved four months later**, Alex Swoyer, September 1, 2022, 6:00 PM

In a town not known for keeping secrets, it's been four full months since the unprecedented leak of the Supreme Court's draft opinion overturning national abortion rights and the subsequent probe announced by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to identify the perpetrator with no public sign of progress in the manhunt. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: **Michigan State Title IX Ruling Needs SCOTUS Review**, States Say, Peter Hayes, September 1, 2022, 2:08 PM

Educational institutions receiving federal funds shouldn't be required to show "exact per-capita, sex-based parity" between the student population and athletic opportunities to comply with Title IX, Ohio and 14 other states told the US Supreme Court in a friend of the court brief. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: **Irrigation District Says It Belongs In Calif. Tribe's River Suit**, Andrew Westney, September 1, 2022, 8:44 PM

An irrigation district has urged the Ninth Circuit to overturn a decision that it couldn't step into the Yurok Tribe's suit over the U.S. government's refusal to release water for a river ceremony, saying a federal judge wrongly based his ruling on the tribe's sovereign immunity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **9th Circ. Questions Denial Of Medicaid Funds For Wash. Tribe**, Greg Lamm, September 1, 2022, 8:41 PM

A Ninth Circuit panel on Thursday questioned whether the federal government can deny Medicaid funding for dental services to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Washington because a state law bars nontribal Medicaid patients from accessing the tribal clinic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

WaPo: **California bill would protect employees who use cannabis outside work**, Derek Hawkins, September 1, 2022, 4:54 PM

It's been six years since California legalized recreational marijuana, but workers in the state can still face punishment if they fail cannabis tests required by their employers. That could soon change. This week, lawmakers in Sacramento passed a bill that would protect employees who use marijuana while they're off the clock a win for cannabis reformers after earlier versions of

the measure stalled in previous legislative sessions. If the governor signs it, California would become the seventh state to restrict companies from penalizing employees who get high on their own time. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Maine Pot Org. Seeks Rehearing Of Commerce Clause Ruling, Sam Reisman, September 1, 2022, 7:28 PM

A Maine-based marijuana trade group is urging the First Circuit to grant an en banc rehearing of a split decision affirming that the U.S. Constitution's dormant commerce clause applied to the federally illegal medical cannabis industry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Citing Pot's Illegality, Co. Seeks Quick Win In Patent Row, Katryna Perera, September 1, 2022, 6:42 PM

Cannabis company Coastal Harvest LLC told a California federal judge Wednesday that a patent infringement suit brought against it should be tossed because of marijuana's federal illegality. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Forbes: Should Marijuana Legalization Include Interstate Commerce?, Kris Kraner, September 1, 2022, 2:42 PM

As Congress moves forward with proposals to legalize marijuana at the federal level, with the introduction of the long-awaited Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act and subsequent historic Senate hearings, some questions remain about the details of what federal legalization should ultimately look like. In particular, what has emerged as one of the most contentious details when it comes to federal regulation of cannabis is the question of whether interstate cannabis commerce should be implemented with legalization, delayed for a few years, or barred altogether. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: J&J Reaches \$40.5M Opioid Deal With NH, Avoiding Trial, Emily Field, September 1, 2022, 7:46 PM

Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen announced Thursday that they have reached a \$40.5 million settlement with the state of New Hampshire to end claims that the company's opioid marketing minimized the risks of addiction, avoiding a trial set to start next week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden targets 'extremist' Trump allies as democratic threat in fraught political moment, Steve Holland, Trevor Hunnicutt and Jarrett Renshaw, September 2, 2022, 1:34 AM U.S. President Joe Biden charged Republican allies of Donald Trump with undermining the country's democracy and urged voters on Thursday to reject extremism ahead of November's midterm elections. Biden accused lawmakers and others devoted to the Make America Great Again (MAGA) agenda led by former U.S. President Trump as willing to overturn democratic elections, ignore the Constitution and "determined to take this country backwards" to a time without rights to abortion, privacy, contraception or same-sex marriage. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

ABC: Biden seeks to reframe midterms into stark choice between democracy and Trump-led extremism, Ben Gittleson, September 2, 2022, 4:06 AM

President Joe Biden used to steadfastly avoid uttering the name, "Donald Trump." But now, bolstered by stronger poll numbers and relatively positive economic news, Biden as of late has been seeking to make the midterm elections a referendum on the former president -- and the extreme ideas he says Trump's supporters espouse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

NYT: McCarthy embraces Trump's assault on the Justice Department over the Mar-a-Lago search, Catie Edmondson, September 2, 2022, 12:00 AM

Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the Republican leader, on Thursday aligned himself with former President Donald J. Trump's efforts to undercut federal law enforcement over the search of Mar-a-Lago, condemning the court-ordered seizure of classified documents from the former president's home as an "assault on democracy." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Cecilia Vega

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- A federal judge on Thursday ordered the release of a detailed list of the property seized during the FBI's search at former President Donald Trump's South Florida residence last month, while reserving judgment on whether to appoint an outside party to review the documents. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden called for unity in a prime-time speech in Philadelphia, while warning that extremism in the Republican party "threatens the very foundations of our republic." The White House says the speech, coming weeks before the midterms, was not a campaign event. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency issued a warning after the agency inspected Zaporizhzhia's nuclear power plant, saying that "the plant and the physical integrity of the plant has been violated." [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A federal judge in Washington has handed down the longest sentence yet stemming from the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol. Former New York City police officer Thomas Webster will serve 10 years in prison for assaulting authorities during the riot while wearing his police-issued body armor. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, hit its fourth day on Thursday, as authorities are still

struggling to get the city's water treatment plant back online and deliver safe drinking water to residents. President Biden declared a state of emergency in Jackson earlier this week, allowing for a surge of federal resources. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has greenlit the new Pfizer and Moderna vaccine boosters, redesigned to target the new COVID-19 variants. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Jobs Report to Give Snapshot of Labor-Market Demand” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- “Trump’s dominance of GOP threatens nation, Biden warns” [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- “CDC recommends new coronavirus boosters targeting omicron” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Record temps, raging fires, a strained power grid: California heat wave in full effect” [[LAT](#)]

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MORNING HEADLINES

- "Trump's dominance of GOP threatens nation, Biden warns" [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "CDC recommends new coronavirus boosters targeting omicron" [[WaPo](#)]

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Ex-N.Y.P.D. Officer Gets 10 Years for Jan. 6 Attack, Longest Sentence to Date, Eduardo Medina and Remy Tumin, September 1, 2022

A retired New York City police officer who swung a metal flagpole at a Washington officer during the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol was sentenced on Thursday to 10 years in prison, the longest sentence yet in a case stemming from the riot. The retired officer, Thomas Webster, was the first person charged in connection with the riot to defend himself before a jury with a self-defense argument. He was convicted in May of all of the felony charges he faced, including assault. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Boston Globe](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Voice \(South Orange, NJ\)](#), [Guardian](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Man accused of pepper spraying U.S. Capitol police pleads guilty to assault,

Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 7:18 PM

A New Jersey man accused of pepper spraying police officers during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, including one who died the next day, pleaded guilty on Thursday to felony assault charges, the Justice Department said. Julian Khater and a childhood friend, George Tanios, had pepper and bear spray with them as they breached the Capitol grounds, the department said. Khater sprayed three officers directly in the face with the pepper spray, the department said. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [Bloomberg](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Forbes](#), [CNBC](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Inquirer \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WRAL-NBC \(Raleigh, NC\)](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Oath Keepers' lawyer arrested in connection with Jan. 6, Alanna Durkin Richer, September 1, 2022, 11:46 AM

A lawyer for the far-right Oath Keepers extremist group has been charged with conspiracy in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack at the U.S. Capitol, authorities said Thursday. Kellye SoRelle — general counsel for the antigovernment group — was arrested in Texas on charges including conspiracy to

obstruct the certification of President Joe Biden's electoral college victory, the Justice Department said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Forbes2](#), [The Hill](#), [KTBC-Fox \(Austin, TX\)](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WOKV \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WaPo: Cannon to issue written ruling on Trump special-master request, Perry Stein and Devlin Barrett, September 1, 2022

A federal judge seemed sympathetic to arguments presented by Donald Trump's attorneys in a courtroom Thursday that the former president may retain some executive privileges after he left the White House. But U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon did not issue a ruling from the bench on whether she would grant the legal team's request to appoint a special master to review material seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and club, instead saying she would deliver a written decision in "due course." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Fox-2](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Reuters-2](#), [USA Today](#), [WPEC-CBS \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

ABC: DOJ revelations could place Trump lawyers in legal peril of their own, experts say, Lucien Bruggeman and Katherine Faulders, September 1, 2022, 3:55 PM

New allegations from the Justice Department on Tuesday could implicate Donald Trump's own lawyers in a potential effort to obstruct the ongoing probe into the former president's retention of classified documents, making the attorneys potential witnesses or even targets in the high-stakes criminal inquiry, experts tell ABC News. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC-2](#)

NYT: Trump's Tastes in Intelligence: Power and Leverage, Julian E. Barnes, Michael C. Bender and Maggie Haberman, September 1, 2022, 8:00 PM

As president, Donald J. Trump showed the most interest in intelligence briefings when the topics revolved around his personal relationships with world leaders and the power available at his fingertips. He took little interest in secret weapons programs, but he often asked questions about the look of Navy ships and sometimes quizzed briefers on the size and power of America's nuclear arsenal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: McCarthy embraces Trump's assault on the Justice Department over the Mar-a-Lago search, Catie Edmondson, September 1, 2022, 8:00 PM

Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the Republican leader, on Thursday aligned himself with former President Donald J. Trump's efforts to undercut federal law enforcement over the search of Mar-a-Lago, condemning the court-ordered seizure of classified documents from the former president's home as an "assault on democracy." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Trump legal team continues push for special master in wake of Mar-a-Lago obstruction claim, Kevin Johnson, September 1, 2022, 9:12 PM

Donald Trump's legal team continued to press for the appointment of special master to review documents seized in the government's search of the former president's Mar-a-Lago estate, asserting that the law enforcement action was aimed at "criminalizing a former president." On the eve of a scheduled hearing to weigh the appointment of a third-party screener, Trump's attorneys argued that the search was "legally unsupported" and suggested that their client maintained a privilege to possess the documents even after leaving office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: Judge to Unseal More Detailed List of Materials Seized at Mar-a-Lago, Arian Campo-Flores and Sadie Gurman, September 1, 2022, 5:05 PM

A federal judge said she would make public a more detailed list of the items the FBI took during its

search last month of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, opening the prospect of a much fuller picture of what documents might be among the classified material seized. U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon's decision came during a hearing Thursday over whether to appoint an outside party to review the materials now in the Justice Department's hands to determine whether issues of executive and lawyer-client privilege put some of it out of bounds to investigators. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNBC](#), [Guardian](#), [NBC](#)

Politico: Judge considers temporary limit on DOJ access to Trump document, Josh Gerstein, Kyle Cheney and Nicholas W, September 1, 2022, 4:55 PM

A federal judge indicated Thursday that she's giving serious consideration to temporarily barring Justice Department investigators from reviewing material seized from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. U.S. District Court Judge Aileen Cannon suggested that she's mulling imposing that restriction, while potentially allowing an exception for the intelligence community to continue reviewing national security risks from the potential exposure of the slew of sensitive documents the FBI found at Trump's compound earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Andy McCarthy on whether Justice Department's Trump investigation will prevent 2024 presidential run, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:28 PM

Fox News contributor Andy McCarthy explained why an investigation into former President Donald Trump may not prevent him from running for president again Thursday on "Your World." ANDY MCCARTHY: The fact is, constitutionally, there's nothing that prevents somebody who is either under investigation, convicted or even in prison for running for president. There's nothing in the Constitution that says you can't. You would think that the American voter will decide how much of a hamstring that you want on somebody who's either running for or carrying out the duties of the presidency. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox-2](#), [RCP](#)

JAN. 6

Reuters: Trump says he will look 'favorably' on pardons for Capitol rioters if he runs and wins the White House, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 6:34 PM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday said he was giving financial help to some supporters involved in the Jan. 6, 2021 assault on Congress and would look very favorably on giving pardons if he were again elected to the White House. Thousands of Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol after a fiery speech in which he repeated his false claims that his election defeat was the result of widespread fraud, an allegation repeatedly rejected by multiple courts, state election officials and members of Trump's own administration. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [NY Post](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WaPo: Ginni Thomas pressed Wisconsin lawmakers to overturn Biden's 2020 victory, Emma Brown, September 1, 2022, 10:58 AM

Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, the conservative activist and wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, pressed lawmakers to overturn Joe Biden's 2020 victory not only in Arizona, as previously reported, but also in a second battleground state, Wisconsin, according to emails obtained under state public-records law. The Washington Post reported this year that Ginni Thomas emailed 29 Arizona state lawmakers, some of them twice, in November and December 2020. She urged them to set aside Biden's popular-vote victory and "choose" their own presidential electors, despite the fact that the responsibility for choosing electors rests with voters under Arizona state law. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

AP: Lawyers in Trump White House to appear before 1/6 grand jury, Eric Tucker, September 1, 2022, 12:44 PM

The White House counsel under former President Donald Trump and his top deputy are set to appear Friday before a federal grand jury investigating efforts to undo the 2020 presidential election, a person familiar with the matter said Thursday. Pat Cipollone was the top White House lawyer at the end of the Trump administration as Trump and outside allies pressed for ways to overturn the results of the election, culminating in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

AP: Jan. 6 panel asks former Speaker Gingrich for information, Mary Clare Jalonick, September 1, 2022, 7:57 PM

The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection is seeking information from former House Speaker Newt Gingrich about his communications with senior advisers to then-President Donald Trump in the days leading up to the 2021 attack on the Capitol. The committee's chairman, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, wrote in a letter sent to Gingrich on Thursday that the panel has obtained emails Gingrich exchanged with Trump's associates about television advertisements that "repeated and relied upon false claims about fraud in the 2020 election" and were designed to cast doubt on the voting after it had already taken place. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Politico: Trump-aligned Pa. governor nominee Mastriano sues Jan. 6 committee, Betsy Woodruff Swan, September 1, 2022, 5:37 PM

State Sen. Doug Mastriano, the Republican nominee for governor in Pennsylvania, is suing the Jan. 6 select committee, setting up a legal fight between one of the most prominent congressional investigations in recent memory and a Trump-backed candidate in a hotly contested midterm race. Mastriano filed his suit on Thursday afternoon in federal court in Washington. It names the committee itself as a defendant, as well as each member of the panel and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. In the suit, Mastriano argues that the committee's rules and composition mean it cannot compel witnesses to sit for depositions. Mastriano is asking for declaratory relief — a request for the judge to declare the committee cannot compel him to sit for a deposition — as well as for the panel to pay his attorney's fees. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Lindsey Graham Again Ordered to Testify in Georgia's Trump Vote Probe, Zoe Tillman, September 1, 2022, 12:38 PM

A federal judge has again ordered Sen. Lindsey Graham to testify before a state grand jury investigating whether former President Donald Trump and his supporters violated the law in their efforts to undo Trump's 2020 election loss in Georgia. US District Judge Leigh Martin May previously ruled that Graham must testify in the probe by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. But an appeals court stayed May's order for further consideration of Graham's argument that calls he made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger were part of his legislative duties. May in a Thursday order limited certain questions that Graham could be asked about the Raffensperger calls to the extent they related to "investigatory fact-finding" in his role as a senator and his decision on whether to certify the election results. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Texas woman pleads guilty to role in \$2.6M romance scam, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 3:59 PM

A Texas woman who played a role in internet romance scams that cheated victims out of a total of about \$2.6 million pleaded guilty Thursday to wire fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud, federal prosecutors in Rhode Island said. Dominique Golden, 31, of Houston, personally collected nearly \$1.3 million in cash, checks, money orders, and wire transfers from people across the U.S. that was deposited into bank accounts opened under the names of fake people and businesses that she controlled, according to the office of U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: UK Hedge Fund Exec Charged With \$20M Forex Scheme, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 5:52 PM

A founder of UK-based hedge fund Glen Point Capital has been arrested and charged with manipulating two foreign exchange currency rates to fraudulently trigger a \$20 million payout, Manhattan federal prosecutors said Thursday. Neil Phillips was arrested in Spain earlier this week after a sealed indictment was issued against him in March, according to a statement by the U. S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law.com](#)

Law360: NYC Woman Jailed After Arrest On Charges Of Extorting CEO, Pete Brush, September 1, 2022, 4:46 PM

A Manhattan federal judge denied bail Thursday for a New York City woman accused of using online aliases to extort "wealthy and high-profile men," including a public company CEO, ordering her detention a day after she initially was granted bail. Calling 34-year-old defendant Sakoya Blackwood a flight risk after being shown a portfolio of fake IDs she allegedly used, U. S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman ordered Blackwood jailed pending trial. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Daily News](#)

Times of San Diego: Rancho Santa Fe Neurosurgeon Faces 5 Years in Prison for Part in \$40M Kickback Scheme, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 10:00 PM

A San Diego County neurosurgeon pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge that he accepted more than \$3 million in bribes for performing surgery at a now-defunct Long Beach hospital. The owner of Pacific Hospital was later imprisoned for committing a massive workers' compensation system scam. Lokesh Tantuwaya, 55, of Rancho Santa Fe, entered his plea to one count of conspiracy to commit honest services fraud and to violate the federal anti-kickback statute. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): Syracuse man who sold crack to undercover deputies sentenced to 8 years in prison, Fernando Alba, September 1, 2022, 7:05 PM

A Syracuse man who sold crack cocaine to undercover deputies was sentenced Wednesday to eight years in prison, federal prosecutors said. Marquail Jones, 33, previously admitted to trafficking drugs from Syracuse to towns in the North Country, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District of New York. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Sun Journal (Lewiston, ID): Auburn man sentenced to 10 years for trafficking in cocaine, fentanyl, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 5:58 PM

An Auburn man will serve ten years in federal prison after pleading guilty to charges that he sold fentanyl and cocaine from his High Street apartment in the summer of 2021. Vincent Steed, 42, pleaded guilty in December to a charge of possessing with the intent to distribute the drugs. When he was arrested by drug agents in June of 2021, Steed was already on supervised release having been recently released from prison after a 2016 conviction for similar drug charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Missouri asking courts to compel DOJ to produce communications between top officials and social media companies, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 5:00 AM

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt and Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry filed a Joint Statement on Discovery Disputes, asking the Louisiana District Court to compel the Department of Justice to turn over communications between high-ranking Biden Administration officials from the White House, Department of State, FBI and others and major social media companies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Lawyer: Ohio man's police shooting death reckless, senseless, Andrew Welsh-Huggins,

September 1, 2022, 2:00 PM

Columbus police came under criticism Thursday for the killing of a man who was lying on his bed when an officer attempting to serve warrants fatally shot him, as a lawyer representing the slain man's family demanded immediate changes to policing in the city and promised a lawsuit. Not enough has happened in Ohio's capital city to alter policing practices despite several instances of white officers in the city shooting Black people, added attorney Rex Elliott, representing the family of Donovan Lewis, the Black man killed Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP-2](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Bossip](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Columbus Dispatch](#), [Columbus Dispatch-2](#), [Columbus Dispatch-3](#) [VIDEO], [Columbus Dispatch-4](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Heavy](#), [Heavy-2](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Ohio Capital Journal](#), [Reuters](#), [Scripps National](#), [USA Today](#), [WBNS-CBS \(Columbus, OH\)](#), [WaPo](#), [WSYX-ABC \(Columbus, OH\)](#)

CNN: California passes 'historic' legislative package protecting or expanding abortion access, Veronica Stracqualursi, September 2, 2022, 2:00 AM

The California Legislature this week passed about a dozen bills in what proponents call a "historic" legislative package to protect and expand abortion access in the state, as its Democratic leaders seek to make California a "reproductive freedom" state. Lawmakers approved the bills in the final days of their legislative session, which ended Wednesday. The legislation now goes to Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, who has been supportive of abortion rights, for his signature. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): DOJ reaches settlement with nursing board, Jessica Jacoby, September 1, 2022, 11:24 PM

The Indiana State Board of Nursing has agreed to a settlement with the Department of Justice (DOJ). The settlement is meant to resolve claims that the nursing board violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). According to the DOJ, the settlement agrees to allow nurses with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to remain on their medications while participating in the Indiana State Nursing Assistance Program. The medication must be prescribed by a licensed practitioner as a part of a medically necessary treatment plan along with recovery monitoring agreements like the assistance program. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: US changes focus to long-term residency for more Afghans, Julie Watson, September 1, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Biden administration said Thursday that it is phasing out a program that aimed to give at-risk Afghans a quicker pathway to the U.S. through humanitarian relief but was criticized for its bureaucratic barriers and for ultimately leaving people's lives in legal limbo. [...] Humanitarian parole was intended originally to be a fast-track way to pull out Afghans who were unable to leave during the evacuation by the U.S. military a year ago. But it has fallen short, advocates said. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services struggled to keep up with the surge in applicants and address the growing backlog. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#)

AP: Texas buses 75 migrants to Chicago in political battle, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 4:00 PM

Seventy-five immigrants bused from Texas by Gov. Greg Abbott have arrived in Chicago, the latest chapter of the bitter political battle over the immigration policy of President Joe Biden's administration. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office confirmed that the group arrived Wednesday night and said the nation's third-largest city welcomes them. Abbott is busing the immigrants from Texas as part of a strategy launched this year to share the influx of people from outside the United States with cities that have Democratic mayors. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey also has adopted this policy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Sun Times](#), [Washington Times](#)

Law360: ICE Inks \$4.8M Deal With Migrant Teens In Detention Litigation, Hailey Konnath,

September 1, 2022, 8:55 PM

U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement has agreed to pay \$4.8 million to resolve a class action claiming the government routinely failed to consider safer options before transferring teens to adult detention facilities after they turned 18, according to a proposed settlement filed Thursday in D.C. federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: CDC's Title 42 Order Wasn't Arbitrary Or Capricious, Feds Say, Rae Varona, September 1, 2022, 5:42 PM

The Biden administration has told a D.C. federal judge that the CDC's policy authorizing the rapid expulsion of migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic was the result of reasoned decision-making and thus wasn't "arbitrary and capricious" as claimed by asylum-seeking families. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: New York opens 'welcome center' as part of \$6.7M response to migrant buses, Anna Giaritelli, September 1, 2022, 2:46 PM

New York City has poured millions of dollars into creating a reception site and intake facility for migrants who arrive in Manhattan on buses from the Texas border. The city completed and opened this week a "welcome center" in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood in Manhattan that will give migrants a central location for information about public school enrollment, employment, and housing. The center opened its doors this week with a soft launch. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Bloomberg: Top Antitrust Official Blasts 'Unfair' Chicken Farming Contracts, Mike Dorning, September 1, 2022, 4:56 PM

One of the US's top antitrust regulators is backing the Biden administration's efforts to change the way chicken companies pay farmers, a move that could potentially reshape the industry. Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan praised USDA regulations that would protect poultry growers paid via the controversial "tournament system," which pits farmers against each other in a zero-sum game for a pool of money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Booz Allen, EverWatch Get Partial Look At DOJ Merger Probe, Bryan Koenig, September 1, 2022, 8:23 PM

A Maryland federal judge partially peeled back the curtain into the U.S. Department of Justice investigation that led to allegations that Booz Allen Hamilton's proposed \$440 million purchase of EverWatch threatens competition for a National Security Agency contract, rejecting some DOJ arguments of privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Times Union (Albany, NY): Justice Department settlement details Cuomo's misuse of grants for Chamber staff, Chris Bragg, Sept. 1, 2022, Unattributed, September 1, 2022, 7:05 PM

The state Environmental Facilities Corp. has agreed to pay a \$500,000 settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to settle allegations that it repeatedly received payments from a clean water fund to pay for staffers that were working in Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's office. The investigation grew out of reporting by the Times Union in 2016 and 2017 concerning Cuomo's practice of paying Executive Chamber staffers through various state agencies and public authorities — a tactic that obscured the true size and cost of the chamber's payroll. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WETM-NBC \(Elmira, NY\)](#), [WNYT-NBC \(Albany, NY\)](#), [WTEN-ABC \(Albany, NY\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: US agents search properties linked to Russian oligarch, Michael R. Sisak And Joshua

Goodman, September 1, 2022, 8:00 PM

U.S. federal agents on Thursday simultaneously searched properties in Manhattan, a posh Hamptons beach community, and an exclusive Miami island that have been linked to a billionaire Russian oligarch whose \$120 million yacht was seized in April. The FBI confirmed it was at a Park Avenue high-rise, an estate in Southampton, New York, and the enclave of Fisher Island on Thursday, conducting what Miami-based FBI spokesperson Jim Marshall described as “court-ordered law enforcement activity.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [Reuters](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] Christopher Wray’s FBI: James Comey Redux?, Kimberley A. Strassel, September 1, 2022, 6:27 PM

The aces at the New York Times are indignant over the “torrent” of “vitriol unleashed on federal law enforcement officials” following the Mar-a-Lago raid. It’s as if the press corps has memory-holed the last six years of FBI history. Director Christopher Wray’s Federal Bureau of Investigation isn’t looking all that different from James Comey’s FBI. The bureau again faces questions over politicized agents and questionable investigations. Mr. Comey left a foundering ship, and it’s an open question whether the current leadership has the will or wherewithal to right it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: FBI Agents Association vouches for Wray, disputes reports of resignation calls within bureau, Kerry Pickett, September 2, 2022, 1:00 AM

Supporters of embattled FBI Director Christopher A. Wray are circling the wagons following The Washington Times’ exclusive report that the bureau’s rank-and-file agents want him to resign. Brian O’Hare, president of the FBI Agents Association, insisted Mr. Wray still has the support throughout the bureau. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Judge tosses suit from former Trump adviser over Russia surveillance, Josh Gerstein, September 1, 2022, 7:27 PM

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by Trump 2016 presidential campaign adviser Carter Page over surveillance he faced due to suspicions he was part of an effort by Russia to influence the U.S. political process. U.S. District Court Judge Dabney Friedrich issued a ruling Thursday tossing out the \$75 million suit Page filed in 2020 against eight current and former FBI officials as well as that law enforcement agency and the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

NBC: Brett Favre has been questioned by FBI in Mississippi welfare-money scandal, Mike Florio, September 1, 2022, 8:14 PM

Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre continues to deal with a legal entanglement that could blossom into a full blown mess, the likes of which he has never seen. Favre’s involvement with a Mississippi welfare-money scandal continues. And it has reached a new level. According to NBC News, Favre’s lawyer says that Favre has been questioned by the FBI. [...] During the summer, Mississippi fired lawyer Brad Pigott, at a time when he was trying to get more information about the involvement of Favre and former Mississippi governor Phil Bryant in the scandal. Also, Mississippi Representative Bennie Thompson sent a letter this month to Attorney General Merrick Garland requesting that the Department of Justice focus on Favre and Bryant. Based on the news that the FBI has interviewed Favre, maybe they are. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): 'Our children are being poisoned': DEA warns of rainbow fentanyl used to target youth, Alicia Neaves , September 1, 2022, 11:54 PM

Within the last month, three students within the same Texas school district died of an overdose. The Kyle Police Department believes they took pills laced with fentanyl. Experts say more and more fake pills are circulating, many of which are marketed toward young people. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KIMT-CBS \(Mason City, IA\)](#), [KTVX-ABC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#), [KYW-CBS \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)

WKRG-CBS (Pensacola, FL): **US Marshals arrest 51 fugitives in Mobile area sweep**, Tom Ingram, September 1, 2022, 8:07 PM

In a two-week sweep called Operation Gateway, US Marshals said they arrested 51 fugitives in the Mobile area on a wide range of charges, according to a news release, including five documented gang members. The operation also brought in guns, drugs and cash. The US Marshal's Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force, Mobile division said the operation, which ran from Aug. 14. to Aug. 27, focused on "arresting individuals who have violent criminal histories and are currently wanted by Federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOB-NBC (Albuquerque, NM): **FBI serves more than a dozen warrants in multiple Albuquerque raids**, Brianna Wilson, September 1, 2022, 6:45 PM

It was a busy Thursday morning for more than a dozen law enforcement agencies, with scenes in multiple southwest Albuquerque neighborhoods. Officials with the Albuquerque branch of the FBI said they executed 16 federal search warrants before the sun came up, but they would not say what they were searching for. "I can't get into a whole lot of the details as to what it is that we're looking at right behind me," Special Agent in Charge Raul Bujanda said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPMI-NBC (Mobile, AL): **Mobile pharmacy closed by DEA due to "imminent danger to public health and safety"**, Keith Lane, September 1, 2022, 5:00 PM

Ladas Pharmacy on Broad Street in Mobile is now closed after a DEA raid. The DEA issued an immediate suspension order, that means the DEA closed down this pharmacy because of an imminent danger to the public health and safety, due to dispensing and distribution of controlled substances. [[Continue Reading](#)].

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Fox: **James 'Whitey' Bulger killing: Son of Boston mobster's accused hitman seeking answers for delay in charges**, Stephanie Pagones, September 2, 2022, 2:00 AM

A son of one of the men accused of killing James "Whitey" Bulger after the reputed mob boss was discovered bludgeoned to death inside a federal lock-up nearly four years ago says he is still searching for answers as to why it took so long for Justice Department officials to charge his father. Alex Geas, 28, received a letter from his father, Fotios "Freddy" Geas, on Aug. 14. Just three days later, Freddy was charged in connection with Bulger's death. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Washington Times: **Supreme Court probe into the abortion draft leaker goes unresolved four months later**, Alex Swoyer, September 1, 2022, 6:00 PM

In a town not known for keeping secrets, it's been four full months since the unprecedented leak of the Supreme Court's draft opinion overturning national abortion rights and the subsequent probe announced by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to identify the perpetrator — with no public sign of progress in the manhunt. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

WaPo: **California bill would protect employees who use cannabis outside work**, Derek Hawkins, September 1, 2022, 4:54 PM

It's been six years since California legalized recreational marijuana, but workers in the state can still face punishment if they fail cannabis tests required by their employers. That could soon change. This week, lawmakers in Sacramento passed a bill that would protect employees who use marijuana while they're off the clock — a win for cannabis reformers after earlier versions of the measure stalled in previous legislative sessions. If the governor signs it, California would become the seventh state to restrict

companies from penalizing employees who get high on their own time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Forbes: Should Marijuana Legalization Include Interstate Commerce?, Kris Kraner, September 1, 2022, 2:42 PM

As Congress moves forward with proposals to legalize marijuana at the federal level, with the introduction of the long-awaited Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act and subsequent historic Senate hearings, some questions remain about the details of what federal legalization should ultimately look like. In particular, what has emerged as one of the most contentious details when it comes to federal regulation of cannabis is the question of whether interstate cannabis commerce should be implemented with legalization, delayed for a few years, or barred altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden targets 'extremist' Trump allies as democratic threat in fraught political moment, Steve Holland, Trevor Hunnicutt and Jarrett Renshaw, September 2, 2022, 1:34 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden charged Republican allies of Donald Trump with undermining the country's democracy and urged voters on Thursday to reject extremism ahead of November's midterm elections. Biden accused lawmakers and others devoted to the Make America Great Again (MAGA) agenda led by former U.S. President Trump as willing to overturn democratic elections, ignore the Constitution and "determined to take this country backwards" to a time without rights to abortion, privacy, contraception or same-sex marriage. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

CONGRESS

Washington Times: Grassley warns AG Garland to back off from FBI whistleblowers, Kerry Pickett, September 1, 2022, 9:00 PM

Sen. Charles E. Grassley on Thursday excoriated Attorney General Merrick Garland for prohibiting Justice Department employees from communicating with members of Congress amid a flood of FBI whistleblower complaints to lawmakers. Mr. Grassley said that the attorney general's edict, sent to DOJ workers in an Aug. 30 memo, threatened to "chill and undermine the importance of whistleblower protections." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: McCarthy embraces Trump's assault on the Justice Department over the Mar-a-Lago search, Catie Edmondson, September 2, 2022, 12:00 AM

Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the Republican leader, on Thursday aligned himself with former President Donald J. Trump's efforts to undercut federal law enforcement over the search of Mar-a-Lago, condemning the court-ordered seizure of classified documents from the former president's home as an "assault on democracy." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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- A federal judge on Thursday ordered the release of a detailed list of the property seized during the FBI's search at former President Donald Trump's South Florida residence last month, while reserving judgment on whether to appoint an outside party to review the documents. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency issued a warning after the agency inspected Zaporizhzhia's nuclear power plant, saying that "the plant and the physical integrity of the plant has been violated. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A federal judge in Washington has handed down the longest sentence yet stemming from the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol. Former New York City police officer Thomas Webster will serve 10 years in prison for assaulting authorities during the riot while wearing his police-issued body armor.

[[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- The water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, hit its fourth day on Thursday, as authorities are still struggling to get the city's water treatment plant back online and deliver safe drinking water to residents. President Biden declared a state of emergency in Jackson earlier this week, allowing for a surge of federal resources. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has greenlit the new Pfizer and Moderna vaccine boosters, redesigned to target the new COVID-19 variants. [[ABC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

MSNBC: The Republicans' case against Merrick Garland is amazingly weak, Steve Benen, September 2, 2022, 3:52 PM

Looking over members of President Joe Biden's cabinet, Attorney General Merrick Garland seems likely to become the target of Republican apoplexy. He was, after all, a respected judge whom some GOP senators used to see as a credible Supreme Court nominee. Garland is a quiet, moderate, and bookish lawyer with no background as an ideologue or an activist. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Wyoming Tribune Eagle (Cheyenne, WY): [OPINION] Merrick Garland is far from a savior, and is instead a 'paragon of vice', S. Michael Melia, September 3, 2022, 7:28 AM (EDT)
The famed, "neutral" DOJ/FBI raided "Orange-Man-Bad's" home and found ... Oh My! (Planted?)

Nuclear Secrets, and more! Sorry, I don't believe ANYTHING the Democrats/DOJ/FBI/MSM say, as I've found them to be rampant liars. Merrick Garland stated he'll prosecute anyone and follow the facts wherever they lead. Such noble words! Merrick, I believe you to be completely disingenuous in your pledge to "follow the facts" and uphold the rule of law; you couldn't care less about following any facts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Former Trump White House attorneys appear before grand jury probing Jan. 6, Sarah N. Lynch, September 2, 2022, 5:02 PM

The two former top lawyers for the Trump White House appeared at federal court on Friday to testify before a grand jury probing events surrounding the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, after they were subpoenaed earlier this year. Pat Cipollone, the former White House counsel, and his attorney Michael Purpura arrived at the federal courthouse shortly after 9:30 a.m. on Friday, where they were greeted in the hallway by Thomas Windom, the lead prosecutor investigating a failed bid by former President Donald Trump's allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election by submitting alternative slates of fake electors to the U.S. National Archives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Oath Keepers attorney arrested in Texas on charges tied to Jan. 6 Capitol breach, Katie Hall, September 2, 2022, 1:50 PM

The lawyer for the Oath Keepers, a far-right extremist group that has come under scrutiny by federal authorities since the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, has been charged with conspiracy in connection with the attack. Kellye SoRelle, who is the anti-government group's general counsel, was arrested Thursday morning in Junction, Texas, about 60 miles west of Fredericksburg, the U.S. attorney's office said. She is charged with conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, obstruction of an official proceeding, entering a restricted building, and tampering with documents, according to her indictment released Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: They Were at the Capitol on Jan. 6. Now They're Running for Congress., Catie Edmondson, September 2, 2022, 7:30 AM

As rioters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, Derrick Van Orden, a retired Navy SEAL, had a front-row seat to the mayhem, perching on the grounds beside a tall, intricately carved, sandstone lantern pier. J.R. Majewski, an Air Force veteran from Ohio, was also at the Capitol that day, alongside a live-streamer who frequently elevates the QAnon conspiracy theory. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#)

Daily Herald (Arlington Heights, IL): Capitol rioter from Illinois faces 5 years in prison, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 11:37 PM (EDT)

An Illinois man who attacked National Guard troops at the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection has pleaded guilty to a felony charge for interfering with law enforcement officers during civil disorder. Matthew Capsel, 28, of Ottawa now faces up to five years in prison, along with potential fines. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Sun-Times \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

WAKA-CBS (Selma, AL): What the Tech? FBI Issues Warning about Cyber Attacks, Jamie Tucker, September 2, 2022, 3:45 PM (EDT)

A warning from the FBI, cyber attacks are setting records both in the number of complaints and

the amount of money being lost by victims. The bureau said in 2021 it received 847,376 complaints which is more than 2,300 per day. It represents a 7% increase from 2020. The attacks also took more than \$6.9 billion from victims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: U.S. Capitol riot panel withdraws subpoena issued to RNC, Salesforce - Washington Post, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 5:00 PM

The U.S. House of Representatives committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol has withdrawn the subpoena it issued to the Republican National Committee (RNC) and email vendor Salesforce Inc (CRM.N), the Washington Post reported on Friday. The subpoena sought analytics information on email campaigns for former President Donald Trump, his campaign and the RNC, the Post said, adding that attorneys for Salesforce and the RNC were informed of the withdrawal this week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Judge denies Steve Bannon's request for a new trial after contempt of Congress conviction, Jared Gans, September 2, 2022, 9:50 PM

A federal judge on Friday rejected Steve Bannon's request for a new trial following his conviction on contempt of Congress charges, allowing his sentencing to remain on schedule for next month. U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols said in his ruling that a new trial is only warranted when a "serious miscarriage of justice" might have occurred, but Bannon's arguments do not demonstrate that. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: FBI found more than 11,000 government records at Trump's Florida home, Sarah N. Lynch and Jason Lange, September 2, 2022, 6:25 PM

The FBI recovered more than 11,000 government documents and photographs during its Aug. 8 search at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, as well as 48 empty folders labeled as "classified," according to court records that were unsealed on Friday. The unsealing by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon in West Palm Beach came one day after she heard oral arguments by Trump's attorneys and the Justice Department's top two counterintelligence prosecutors over whether she should appoint a special master to conduct a privilege review of the seized materials at Trump's request. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#)

AP: Trump search inventory reveals new details from FBI seizure, Eric Tucker, September 2, 2022, 5:54 PM

Along with highly classified government documents, the FBI agents who searched former President Donald Trump's Florida estate found dozens of empty folders marked classified but with nothing inside and no explanation of what might have been there, according to a more detailed inventory of the seized material made public on Friday. The agents also found more than 10,000 other government documents kept by Trump with no classification marked. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

NYT: Barr Dismisses Trump's Request for a Special Master, Glenn Thrush, September 2, 2022, 5:43PM

Former Attorney General William P. Barr dismissed former President Donald J. Trump's call for an independent review of materials seized from his Florida home on Friday and said an inventory of items recovered in the search last month seemed to support the Justice Department's claim that it was needed to safeguard national security. "As more information comes out, the actions of the department look more understandable," Mr. Barr told The New York Times in a phone interview, speaking of the decision by the current attorney general, Merrick B. Garland, to seek a search warrant of the complex at Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **also:** [Breitbart](#), [CNBC](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Fox](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NY Daily News](#), [Politico](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion Lindsey Graham? You're not helping anymore., Kathleen Parker, September 2, 2022, 5:28 PM

Sen. Lindsey O. Graham says he's worried about our country. We're worried, too, Senator and you're not helping. Graham's expression of concern immediately followed a recent Fox News appearance during which he said that "there will be riots in the streets" if the Justice Department indicts former president Donald Trump on charges related to his stashing classified documents in his Palm Beach, Fla., home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: After Mar-a-Lago search, Meadows turns over more texts and emails to Archives, Jamie Gangel, Kristen Holmes, Jeremy Herb and Evan Perez, September 2, 2022, 9:04 PM Within a week of the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows handed over texts and emails to the National Archives that he had not previously turned over from his time in the administration, sources familiar with the matter tell CNN. Meadows' submission to the Archives was part of a request for all electronic communications covered under the Presidential Records Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#)

ABC: From Kyle Rittenhouse to the president of World Taekwondo: Who's been inside Trump's Mar-a-Lago office?, Olivia Rubin and Will Steakin, September 2, 2022, 2:26 PM Since leaving the White House, former President Donald Trump has hosted a string of admirers and associates in his personal office at Mar-a-Lago. From celebrities to dignitaries, many of his visitors have posed for photos and received mementos -- and now, according to the Justice Department, it turns out at least some may also have been in close proximity to unsecured classified documents that the DOJ says should not have been in Trump's possession. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: Judge unseals more detailed inventory of what FBI seized at Mar-a-Lago, Alexander Mallin, September 2, 2022, 1:36 PM

A federal judge on Friday unsealed a more detailed inventory of what the FBI seized in the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate last month. The judge, who is considering the Trump legal team's request to name a third party to review the materials, ordered the release in a court hearing in Florida Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Scrutiny builds over FBI's discovery of empty folders at Mar-a-Lago, Rebecca Beitsch, September 3, 2022, 5:56 AM

Among the material allegedly seized from former President Trump's home were numerous empty folders that once contained classified information or intel designated to be returned to the military, renewing questions over fallout from the potential mishandling of records and if they have since

been recovered. In an inventory from the Justice Department unsealed by a judge Friday, the government detailed that interspersed with Trump's personal belongings were 48 empty folders with classified banners as well as another 42 empty folders that were labeled "return to staff secretary/military aide," according to the filing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Trump blasts Barr after former AG dismisses Mar-a-Lago declassification claims, Chris Irvine, September 2, 2022, 7:03 PM

Former President Donald Trump was quick to respond to his onetime attorney general William Barr on Friday after the latter said there was likely no legitimate reason for his former boss to have documents stashed at Mar-a-Lago. In an interview with Fox News, Barr said that regardless of whether Trump declassified the documents, they still belonged to the government, meaning he should not have had them after he left office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Trump's Special Master Bid May Put Heat On DOJ Practices, Carolina Bolado, September 2, 2022, 4:20 PM

Former President Donald Trump's push for a special master to review files taken from his Mar-a-Lago estate is shining a light on a prosecution practice white collar criminal defense attorneys have... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: READ: Full inventory of documents seized in Trump search, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 10:48 AM

A district judge has unsealed a full list of the documents seized from former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. Read the inventory below. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): Trump could be charged with crimes he suggested Edward Snowden should be executed for, says former Fox News analyst, Alia Shoaib, September 3, 2022, 9:42 AM

According to a former Fox News analyst, former President Donald Trump could be charged with the same crimes that he suggested a National Security Agency whistleblower should be executed for. "In a monumental irony," former New Jersey Superior Court judge Andrew Napolitano wrote in an op-ed in the New Jersey Herald, both Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and the NSA's Edward Snowden "stand charged with the very same crimes that are likely to be brought against Trump." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Judge throws out indictment of captain in 2019 California boat fire that killed 34, Dan Whitcomb, September 2, 2022, 6:32 PM

A federal judge in Los Angeles on Friday dismissed the criminal indictment against a dive boat captain charged with manslaughter in the deaths of 34 people when the vessel caught fire and sank off the California coast three years ago. The 75-foot (23-meter) Conception caught fire while most of those onboard were sleeping, killing 33 passengers and a crew member. It is considered one of California's worst maritime disasters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

AP: Fake Florida doctor sentenced to 9 years for dating scam, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 3:38 PM

A Florida man was sentenced to nine years in federal prison after pleading guilty to defrauding more than 30 women of more than \$1.3 million by pretending to be a doctor on online dating services, prosecutors said Thursday. Brian Brainard Wedgeworth, 47, who formerly lived in the Florida capital city of Tallahassee and in Center Point, Alabama, used 10 different aliases as part of the scheme, according to court records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: R. Kelly's lawyers start defense; he says he won't testify, Michael Tarm, September 2, 2022, 11:33 AM (EDT)

R. Kelly's lawyers began mounting a defense Thursday in Chicago against federal charges of child pornography, enticement of minors for sex and fixing his 2008 state trial, with an initial witness contending the singer was himself a victim of blackmail. The presentation to jurors won't include Kelly taking the witness stand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Breach Victim Facing 'Imminent' Harm Can Sue, 3rd Circ. Says, September 2, 2022, 9:27 PM

The Third Circuit on Friday revived a former ExecuPharm Inc. employee's proposed class action alleging that the pharmaceutical research company's negligence led to a data breach that leaked her private information on the dark web, finding that the employee's "imminent" risk of identity theft gives her standing to sue. In a precedential opinion, a unanimous three-judge panel concluded that Jennifer Clemens' emotional distress and the money spent on credit card monitoring services to prevent identity theft following ExecuPharm's data... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Chicken Execs Fight Testimony From Alleged Co-Conspirators, Daniel Ducassi, September 2, 2022, 6:09 PM

A pair of former chicken executives facing criminal price fixing charges have urged a Colorado federal judge to block nearly 300 statements by alleged co-conspirators from their coming trial, arguing that... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hartford Courant (Hartford, CT): A CT man embezzled payroll money from inside a hospital. Then he launched a new fraud scheme, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 10:33 AM

There were two separate criminal schemes; one targeted a hospital and the other an individual, according to federal authorities. Now, the man who pleaded guilty in connection with the fraud faces prison, according to federal authorities. Lamont Bethea, 31, of Hamden, pleaded guilty in federal court to one count wire fraud, which carries a term of up to 20 years in prison, and one count of bank fraud, which carries a term of up to 30 years in prison; he will be sentenced on Nov. 23. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Yonkers, NY): Yonkers Man Among Trio Nabbed In \$701K Fraud Scheme, Feds Say, Michael Mashburn, September 3, 2022, 9:30 AM

Errol Murray, age 21, of Yonkers; Taliek Lanier, age 22, of Albany; and Thomas Brace, age 61, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, formerly of Albany, were all arrested on federal charges of mail and wire fraud, plus identity theft. Federal prosecutors said the trio conspired with a 36-year-old Albany woman, Jamie Johnson, and provided her with the personal identifying information of other people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, KS): **Former Hutch ER doctor fined for 2020 battery of nurse in the emergency room**, John Green, September 3, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

A judge Friday ordered a former Hutchinson hospital emergency room doctor to pay a \$500 fine and court costs but receive no jail time on his conviction for battery against the ER's nursing director. A Reno County jury took only about 90 minutes following a day-long trial in April to reach a verdict against Dr. Christopher Kain for the Oct. 13, 2020, incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Camden News (Camden, AR): **Union County argues employee wasn't discriminated against**, Caitlan Butler, September 3, 2022, 6:00 AM (EDT)

Attorneys representing Union County, County Judge Mike Loftin and solid waste supervisor Jeff Orr are requesting a summary judgment in a civil rights lawsuit brought against the parties late last year. Last December, former Union County employee Steven Charles, who is African-American, filed suit against the county in the Circuit Court of Union County, Division 6, claiming that the county discriminated against him due to his race, violating his rights under the state and U.S. constitutions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel (Parkersburg, WV): **[EDITORIAL] Courage: Victim's testimony put away rapist**, Editorial Board, September 3, 2022, 12:54 AM

Those in positions of power and authority have preyed upon the vulnerable since the beginning of time. For the most part, they depend upon their own influence as well as a sense of fear and shame on the part of the victim to keep them above the law. But when a victim shrugs off that fear and shame, sometimes justice can be served. That was the case earlier this week when a former Marmet Police Department officer who was also a firefighter with both the Charleston Fire Department and Danville Volunteer Fire Department was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for raping a minor in the bunk room of the Danville Fire Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello, ID): **Arizona Man sentenced to five years for trafficking fentanyl in East Idaho**, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 7:53 PM (EDT)

Gabriel Lopez, 46, of Tucson, Arizona was sentenced to five years in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced today. According to court records, Lopez was arrested on July 19, 2021, after detectives with the BADGES Task Force conducted an investigation and found a bag containing 1,694 pills that tested positive for fentanyl in Lopez's vehicle during a traffic stop. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Ventura County Star (Camarillo, CA): **Ventura woman named in federal indictment for alleged sex trafficking of minor**, Victoria Talbot, September 2, 2022, 5:14 PM (EDT)

A Ventura woman has been named in a federal indictment alleging she helped traffic a teen girl for commercial sex work. Layla Kalani Valdivia, 23, was indicted by a grand jury on Aug. 11 for one count of conspiracy and one count of sex trafficking of a minor, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello, ID): **Man sentenced to five years in federal prison after police find nearly 1,700 fentanyl pills in his vehicle**, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 3:15

PM (EDT)

Gabriel Lopez, 46, of Tucson, Arizona was sentenced to five years in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced today. According to court records, Lopez was arrested on July 19, 2021, after detectives with the BADGES Task Force conducted an investigation and found a bag containing 1,694 pills that tested positive for fentanyl in Lopez's vehicle during a traffic stop. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVIA-ABC (El Paso, TX): Federal hearing scheduled to discuss death penalty for accused Walmart mass shooter, Brianna Perez and Brenda De Anda-Swann, September 3, 2022, 10:52 AM (EDT)

Federal Judge David Guaderrama is ordering prosecutors and defense attorneys to agree on a date for a hearing to discuss whether accused Walmart mass shooter Patrick Crusius will face the federal death penalty. The order, issued Thursday, gives both parties until September 16th to agree on a deadline for prosecutors to announce whether they will seek the capital punishment for Crusius. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMEG-CBS (Sioux City, IA): Holt County man sentenced to prison for crop insurance fraud, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 1:54 AM (EDT)

A Nebraska man will spend about four weeks in prison for federal crop insurance fraud. 48-year-old Ross Nelson of Newman Grove was sentenced to 16 weekends of "intermittent confinement," as well as four years of probation for "making a false statement in connection with federal crop insurance" in Federal Court in Lincoln. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indy man sentenced to 4+ years in prison for carrying a firearm as a felon, Daja Stowe, September 2, 2022, 11:11 PM

An Indianapolis man was sentenced to almost 5 years in a federal prison on Friday for being in possession of a firearm while being a felon on probation. On Nov. 5, 2019, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officers attempted a traffic stop of a vehicle near 42nd Street and Baker Drive. Christopher Allen, 29, was the passenger inside the vehicle, police say. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDBJ-CBS (Roanoke, VA): Final two members of large scale drug organization convicted in Lynchburg, Will Thomas, September 2, 2022, 9:50 PM

For three years the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia has worked to convict the more than two dozen members of what they call the largest supplier of narcotics in central Virginia. Friday, they did just that. "Today is a very important day here at the federal courthouse in Lynchburg. For the last three years, my office has been dedicated to dismantling the organization that is primarily responsible and is the largest supplier of narcotics here to the central Virginia area, including the city of Lynchburg," said Chris Kavanaugh, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Jury sides with Sbarro, manager in Las Vegas sex assault lawsuit, David Chams, September 2, 2022, 7:27 PM (EDT)

A jury sided with pizza chain Sbarro on Friday in a lawsuit from a once-undocumented worker who said a restaurant manager sexually assaulted her and threatened her with deportation at a location on the Las Vegas Strip. The federal trial over claims of sex discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation lasted two weeks. In court documents, Sandra Perez claimed the manager at the now-closed Sbarro Pizza inside the Monte Carlo hotel raped her on a weekly basis inside the location's walk-in cooler in 2016. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCLO-CBS/Premiere Radio Networks/Westwood One (Janesville, WI): Beloit man sentenced to federal prison on drug charges, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 6:22 PM (EDT)

A 40-year-old Beloit man is sentenced to nine years in federal prison after pleading guilty to distributing crack cocaine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. According to a news release, in August of last year, local law enforcement were planned to execute a search warrant on Eshawn M. Reed's Janesville home when Beloit Police attempted to stop the vehicle he was driving. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAUR-ABC (Morris, IL): Minooka Man Sentenced in Federal Prison for Illegally Possessing Firearms & Explosive Devices, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 6:13 PM (EDT)

A Grundy County man was sentenced to federal prison this afternoon. John Feeney, 32, of Minooka pled guilty in federal court earlier this year to one count of illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of illegal possession of an explosive during the commission of a felony. He was sentenced to 150 months or 12 and half years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTWO-ABC (Terre Haute, IN): Woman accused of embezzling \$270K from Indy radio, TV station, Matt Christy, September 2, 2022, 6:05 PM (EDT)

A 52-year-old accounting specialist from Indianapolis has been charged with embezzling more than \$270,000 from WFYI Public Media, which provides PBS television and NPR radio programming throughout Central Indiana. Mindi B. Madison has been charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and is set to make an appearance in federal court on Sept. 15. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): The Texas Chainsaw Copyright Infringement? Bastrop County business sued by film copyright owner, Cora Neas, September 2, 2022, 5:34 PM (EDT)

The holders of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" copyright are suing Bastrop County business owners and accusing them of marketing and selling "at least 66 illicit items" with trademarked logos and images related to the classic 1974 horror film, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court's Western District of Texas. Roy and Lisa Rose run The Gas Station off State Highway 304, which was a film location for the 1974 movie. It sells barbecue and horror memorabilia, hosts events and rents out cabin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KODE-ABC (Joplin, MO): Vinita man sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for the beating and stabbing death of a Jay man, Jeffrey Collins, September 2, 2022, 4:13 PM

A Vinita man who pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence in connection to the killing of a Grand

Lake man will serve 10 years in federal prison. Dale Eugene Warren's prison sentence will also be followed by three years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVPE-NPR/American Public Media/Public Radio International (Elkhart, IN): Former WFYI employee charged with embezzling more than \$270,000, no financial impact to nonprofit, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 3:59 PM

A former employee has been charged with embezzling more than \$270,000 from Indianapolis-based WFYI Public Media, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana. Mindi B. Madison, who was employed as an accounting specialist starting in 2018, has been charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVIT-NBC (New Britain, CT): South Windsor Woman Accused of Defrauding Immigration Clients Sentenced to 5 Years, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 12:02 PM

A South Windsor woman who federal officials said posed as an immigration attorney and stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from people seeking immigration services has been sentenced to five years in prison, according to the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut. Khatija Khan, 41, of South Windsor, was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. The victims who have been identified have lost at least \$326,212, federal officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Law360: Religious Group Urges 9th Circ. To Rehear Ariz. Mine Case, David Holtzman, September 2, 2022, 6:39 PM

A group that advocates for religious rights asked the Ninth Circuit on Friday for a new hearing on a planned copper mine east of Phoenix, arguing that the court's previous decision... [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Kansas teacher suspended for refusing to use student's preferred name, pronouns gets \$95K in lawsuit, Joseph Guzman, September 2, 2022, 1:06 PM

A former Kansas middle school teacher who was suspended for refusing to use the preferred name and pronouns of a student has been awarded \$95,000 in a lawsuit settlement, her attorneys announced this week. Pamela Ricard, a teacher who previously taught math at Fort Riley Middle School, was formally reprimanded and suspended for three days in April 2021 for using a student's legal name instead of a preferred first name. [...] A U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas in May allowed Ricard's lawsuit to move forward after finding "she was likely to prevail on her First Amendment free exercise of religion," according to her attorneys. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The San Diego Union-Tribune (San Diego, CA): In lawsuit over distance learning, parents accuse San Diego schools of violating Constitution, Kristen Taketa, September 3, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

Five of San Diego County's largest school districts and one charter school were sued last week by parents who say the schools failed to provide adequate instruction to their children during distance learning two years ago in what they allege was a violation of their constitutional rights. Twenty parents and guardians filed the federal lawsuit against San Diego Unified, Sweetwater

Union High, Chula Vista Elementary, Grossmont Union High, La Mesa-Spring Valley and the Helix High charter school in La Mesa. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Bayer to pay \$40 million to resolve U.S. whistleblower claims over three drugs,

Jonathan Stempel, September 2, 2022, 2:52 PM

Bayer AG (BAYGn.DE) agreed to pay \$40 million to settle claims over its alleged use of kickbacks and false statements related to three prescription drugs, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Friday. The settlement arose from whistleblower lawsuits filed in 2005 and 2006 in New Jersey by Laurie Simpson, a former Bayer employee who worked in its marketing department and accused the German company of violating the federal False Claims Act.

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Bloomberg: Trump Misses Filing Deadline in Conspiracy Suit Against Clinton, Erik Larson

September 2, 2022, 6:57 PM

Donald Trump's lawyers failed to meet a key filing deadline in his effort to stop the US from being removed as a defendant in a lawsuit in which the former president accused Hillary Clinton and various officials of conspiring against him during the Russia probe. US District Judge Donald Middlebrooks on Friday said Trump failed to respond by Sept. 1 to a motion to dismiss filed by the US government, which is one of many defendants in the suit filed under a civil racketeering law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Big Banks Say Forex-Rigging Suit Fails Over Lack Of Harm, Emilie Ruscoe,

September 3, 2022, 12:58 AM

Seven major banks accused of rigging benchmark foreign exchange rates have asked a Manhattan federal judge to rule in their favor and bring an early end to the proposed class action they face, contending that none of the parties who brought the suit can prove they were harmed by the alleged misconduct. In a Thursday filing, the banks, which include Bank of America, Citibank, JPMorgan, UBS, Barclays, HSBC and the Royal Bank of Scotland... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Smear-Campaign Trial Nets Real Estate Investment Co. \$37M, Cara Salvatore,

September 2, 2022, 9:43 PM

A Florida federal jury awarded a real estate investment company and media network more than \$37.5 million on Thursday over claims that competitors undertook a campaign to smear it via web and email by using registered trademarks and engaging in a racketeering conspiracy. The jury in Fort Lauderdale found in favor of Platinum Properties Investor Network Inc. , Hartman Media Co. LLC and the owner of both, Jason Hartmen, who lives in Palm Beach county. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 3rd Circ. Preview: J&J Unit, Pipeline Fights On Sept. Docket, P.J. D'Annunzio,

September 2, 2022, 5:29 PM

As the Third Circuit heads back to school this month, panels will be studying cancer patients' attempts to dismiss a J&J talc liability unit's bankruptcy as a bad-faith maneuver and fights...

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Law360: VW, DOJ Rip Bid To Rush Jones Day Emission Docs FOIA Row, Linda Chiem,

September 2, 2022, 5:14 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice and Volkswagen AG have said that a Loyola Marymount University professor cannot shortcut California federal court proceedings to force the release of a confidential Jones Day... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Herald & Review (Decatur, IL): Douglas County lawsuit says neglect left prisoner to die of heart attack, Tony Reid, September 2, 2022, 5:31 PM (EDT)

The family of a prisoner who died after suffering a heart attack has filed a wrongful death lawsuit naming staff and medical staff at both the Douglas County Jail and the Graham Correctional Center near Hillsboro. The federal lawsuit says inmate Philip E. Duncan, 62, was left to suffer a deteriorating heart condition while his pleas for help were ignored for weeks and he was denied medical attention. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: EXCLUSIVE Dozens of migrant children reported missing in Houston, raising alarms, Kristina Cooke, Mica Rosenberg and Ted Hesson, September 2, 2022, 4:22 PM
Federal and local officials are scrambling to locate close to a dozen unaccompanied migrant children, after Houston police raised concerns about dozens of migrant children reported missing in the Texas city since last year, according to U.S. government officials and related emails reviewed by Reuters. The cases underscore the challenges for U.S. President Joe Biden's administration as it faces a record number of unaccompanied kids arriving at the southwest border it must safely and quickly release to sponsors in the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Pecan farmers get caught in power vacuum on Texas border, Acacia Coronado, September 2, 2022, 3:28 PM

A Texas pecan farm nearly the size of Disneyland has become entangled in a turf war between the Biden administration and Republican Gov. Greg Abbott over immigration enforcement on the southern border. [...] The lock was put there, the couple says, by Texas authorities who have spent months arresting thousands of migrants on trespassing charges on private land. But the Urbinas didn't want the lock and neither did the U.S. Border Patrol, which found it impeded the agency's own immigration enforcement and had it removed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Nine Migrants Drown as Dozens Are Swept Down Rio Grande, David Montgomery and Miriam Jordan, September 3, 2022, 10:20 AM

Nine migrants drowned and 37 others were rescued as they tried to cross the raging waters of the Rio Grande to reach the United States on Thursday, administration officials said. [...] Rick Pauza, spokesman for the Customs and Border Protection office in Laredo, Texas, said in a statement that the authorities were continuing with the aid of the local fire department and sheriff's office to search for possible survivors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [Fox](#)

CBS: Mom of 5 granted permanent residency after 10-year deportation battle, Marissa Armas, September 2, 2022, 10:23 PM

Singing alongside her daughter, Guadalupe Lopez was overcome with emotion outside of The Meyer Law Office on Friday. After a 10-year deportation battle, Lopez and her husband Abel Bautista are celebrating being granted permanent residency to be able to stay in the country with

their five U.S.-born children. Guadalupe arrived in the U.S. from Guatemala in 1998. Bautista arrived in 1997 from Mexico. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds Say New DACA Rule Shouldn't Delay 5th Circ.'s Review, Alyssa Aquino, September 2, 2022, 8:55 PM

The Biden administration urged the Fifth Circuit to continue reviewing a lower court order blocking new applicants from enrolling in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, saying its recent efforts... [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#)

Law360: Hungarian Pop Star Can't Sue Feds For Immigration Detention, Rae Ann Varona, September 2, 2022, 8:22 PM

A Florida federal judge tossed a Hungarian pop star's lawsuit accusing U.S. immigration officials of unlawfully detaining him for more than a month, but allowed him to amend claims against the... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 1st Circ. Says Fuzzy Memory Of Assault Doesn't Bar Asylum, Jonathan Capriel, September 2, 2022, 5:11 PM

The Board of Immigration Appeals was wrong when it refused to consider a psychological report explaining why an El Salvadoran teen seeking asylum had trouble remembering the details of sexual assaults... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Denton Record-Chronicle (Denton, TX): Drones, choppers, chases: How Texas DPS pursues migrants under \$4B Abbott border effort, Robert T. Garrett, Allie Morris and Dianne Solis, September 2, 2022, 7:52 PM (EDT)

On a sweltering August night, 16 vehicles idled beside a forlorn stretch of Texas Highway 131 in Maverick County. [...] A large part of DPS' mission is assisting the U.S. Border Patrol, especially with helicopter overflights. By day and night, it's also seeking to grab migrants who've stepped on private land and charge them with the misdemeanor state offense of criminal trespassing or criminal mischief, if they've damaged a state-placed barrier such as concertina wire. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTAR-ESPN (Glendale, AZ): Arizona man sentenced to 46 months in prison for importing drugs, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

A 22-year-old Arizona man was sentenced to 46 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for conspiracy to import fentanyl, heroin and methamphetamine, authorities said. Jesus Duarte of Pima was sentenced on Wednesday after previously pleading guilty to the charges. [...] Homeland Security conducted the investigation and was assisted by the Customs and Border Protection's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSFX-Fox (Wilmington, NC): Mexicans charged with murder of North Carolina sheriff's deputy in US illegally: ICE, Adam Shaw, September 2, 2022, 11:41 PM

Two Mexican nationals charged with the murder of a North Carolina sheriff's deputy were in the country illegally, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) confirmed to Fox News Digital on Friday. ICE confirmed that it had issued immigration detainers for Alder Alfonso Marin Sotelo, 25, and Arturo Marin Sotelo 29, who were both charged with murder. Additionally, the agency had issued a detainer for Rolando Marin Sotelo, 22, who is charged with illegal possession of a

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

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Texas man wanted on child sex crime charges arrested at Washington Dulles in Virginia, Brian Farrell, September 2, 2022, 4:30 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers arrested a man at Washington Dulles International Airport who was wanted on child sex crime charges in San Antonio, Texas. The officers took Florentin Stefan Dita, 36, into custody Wednesday after he arrived on a flight from Austria. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): Baby wipe cocaine bust Laredo's largest drug seizure in 20 years, Fernie Ortiz, September 2, 2022, 10:54 AM

What should have been a shipment of baby wipes turned out to be a load of cocaine, the largest uncovered at a Laredo port of entry in two decades, border officials said. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the cocaine arrived in a trailer last Friday, Aug. 26, at the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge in Laredo, Texas, where a drug-sniffing dog alerted officers to 1,935 packages containing 1,533 pounds of the drug. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: U.S. begins antitrust review of Amazon's takeover of vacuum maker iRobot, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 9:17 PM

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has begun a review of Amazon.com's (AMZN.O) \$1.7 billion takeover of robot vacuum maker iRobot Corp (IRBT.O) to decide if the deal violates antitrust law, Politico reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter. The U.S. anti-trust body's iRobot review is wide-ranging and would include both head-to-head competition and whether the deal would illegally boost Amazon's market share in both the connected device market and the retail market in general, the report added. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: FTC Wants Zuckerberg to Seek Approval for Any Future Mergers, Leah Nylen, September 2, 2022, 7:43 PM

The US Federal Trade Commission will continue to pursue a case personally against Meta Platforms Inc. Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg over the acquisition of a virtual reality app, a lawyer for the agency told the FTC's in-house judge Friday. The agency has asked its in-house court to force both Meta and Zuckerberg to seek approval from the FTC before engaging in any future deals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox Business: FTC wants more information on Amazon's One Medical purchase, Ken Martin, September 3, 2022, 3:58 AM

The first Amazon deal made under new CEO Andy Jassy is getting Federal Trade Commission scrutiny. In question is Amazon's \$3.9 billion acquisition of the primary health organization One Medical. The investigation could delay the completion of the deal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: DOJ Lining Up 1st 'No Poach' Win With Staffing Co. Plea, Matthew Perlman, September 2, 2022, 8:07 PM

The government looks set to secure its first successful criminal prosecution of a labor-side

antitrust violation, after a health care staffing company said it plans to plead guilty to charges over... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: FTC Chair Backs USDA Rulemaking To Help Poultry Farmers, Bryan Koenig, September 2, 2022, 7:02 PM

Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina M. Khan praised the U.S. Department of Agriculture for considering regulations that would go beyond increased transparency requirements already under consideration for poultry growers, arguing that... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Pharma Companies Escape Suit Alleging Cheating Discount Program, David McAfee, September 2, 2022, 5:49 PM

Sanofi-Aventis US LLC and other top pharmaceutical companies convinced a federal judge in New York Friday to throw out a lawsuit alleging 340(b) Drug Discount program limitations. Mosaic Health Inc. and Central Virginia Health Services Inc. sued Sanofi, Eli Lilly and Co., and other pharmaceutical giants, saying the drug companies violated state and federal antitrust laws by coordinating to rescind a discount for “safety net” hospitals to treat patients who otherwise wouldn’t get care. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Ranchers seek to intervene in Idaho-US water rights fight, Keith Riddler, September 2, 2022, 5:12 PM

Individual ranchers and the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation are seeking to intervene in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Justice challenging recently-passed state water rights laws. The request filed earlier this week in U.S. District Court involves laws passed in the last five years that create a path through the Idaho Department of Water Resources for ranchers to take control of federal public land instream water rights through a state-approved forfeiture procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Climate change lawsuits jeopardize America’s national security, Donald J. Kochan, September 2, 2022, 10:30 AM

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is a reminder that energy security is both a national security issue and a household financial security issue. [...] Yet, the latter is exactly what we see happening with dozens of pending lawsuits in state and federal courts across the country brought in recent years by states, counties and municipalities against fossil fuel companies. The cases seek to hold these companies liable for climate change damages under novel theories of “public nuisance” and consumer fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

NYT: ‘That Nurse Should Be Alive’: How Police Delays Left a Suspect at Large, Ashley Southall, September 3, 2022, 10:37 AM

On the night of June 18, 2018, a hospital in New York City summoned the police to meet a woman who said she had been raped. [...] They illuminate how understaffing in the Special

Victims Division, which is the subject of a federal civil rights investigation, slowed efforts to catch a rape suspect as top police officials were vehemently denying that manpower was a problem.

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CBS: Murder victim's mother, a former police detective, reacts to fugitive Marine's arrest after working 6 years to find him: "I got him!", Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 7:03 AM

A tip along with the perseverance of the mother of a woman killed in San Diego in 2016 led to the arrest of her boyfriend, a U.S. Marine veteran who fled to El Salvador and was teaching English there, prosecutors said Friday at the arraignment of Raymond McLeod. McLeod, 37, who was on the U.S. Marshals' 15 Most Wanted list, pleaded not guilty to a murder charge in San Diego Superior Court. He is accused of strangling his girlfriend, Krystal Mitchell, 30, a mother of two.

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ABC: Fugitive ex-Marine charged in girlfriend's murder ordered held without bail, Meredith Deliso, September 2, 2022, 4:42 PM

A former Marine arrested in El Salvador earlier this week for the 2016 murder of his girlfriend was ordered held without bail during an arraignment hearing in California on Friday. Raymond McLeod was taken into custody on Monday following a yearslong manhunt. [...] McLeod was believed to have also been in Belize, Guatemala and, for the past two-and-a-half years, El Salvador, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Joseph O'Callahan told reporters during Friday's briefing.

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ABC: All 4,000 beagles now rescued from breeding facility under federal investigation, Ivan Pereira, September 2, 2022, 3:53 PM

Over 4,000 beagles that were being kept in inhumane conditions at a breeding center have landed in a better place, according to an animal rescue organization. The Humane Society of the United States announced Friday that it removed the last group of dogs from Envigo RMS LLC's facility in Cumberland, Virginia, at the request of the United States Department of Justice, which investigated the facility for inhumane conditions.

The Hill: [OPINION] It's time to permanently ban fentanyl-related substances, Dr. Tim Westlake, September 2, 2022, 5:30 PM

For the third year in a row, Milwaukee County in Wisconsin is on pace to set a record for drug overdose deaths. [...] The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) saw the wisdom in the idea and implemented the SOFA language nationally in 2018 in a temporary order. The SOFA fentanyl class language is now recognized as model legislation and is being implemented around the globe.

Daily Helmsman (Memphis, TN): Police Search for Clues in House of Kidnapped Jogger, Kameron Scott, September 2, 2022, 10:52 PM (EDT)

Law enforcement officials looked for clues at the house of a jogger who was kidnapped near the University of Memphis on Friday. Eliza Fletcher, a 34-year-old teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School, was abducted around 4:30 a.m. Friday morning in a parking lot while jogging near Carpenter Complex. [...] Surrounding them were officers from the MPD and agents from the TBI. Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives (ATF) were also on the scene.

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CT Insider (Norwalk, CT): Feds: Devices made semi-automatics into machine guns,

Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 7:27 PM

A Mississippi man has pleaded guilty to three counts in a case that involved using a 3D printer to create devices that turn semi-automatic weapons into machine guns, federal officials said Friday. Kent Edward Newhouse, 41, of Jackson, pleaded guilty to one count of engaging in business as a firearm manufacturer and two of possessing a firearm after a felony conviction, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Great Falls Tribune (Helena, MT): Burglary an 'eye-opening experience' for local gun shop owner, Traci Rosenbaum, September 2, 2022, 4:12 PM (EDT)

A Great Falls small business owner was burglarized recently, and now the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) are offering a reward for information in the case. Grove's Taxidermy and Firearms, owned by Travis Grove, was broken into at about 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 18, and the suspect or suspects burglarized several other businesses in the same complex at that time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Dodge City Daily Globe (Dodge City, KS): DEA warns of brightly-colored Fentanyl used to target young Americans, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 9:02 AM (EDT)

Courtesy the DEA The Drug Enforcement Administration is advising the public of an alarming emerging trend of colorful fentanyl available across the United States. In August 2022, DEA and our law enforcement partners began seizing brightly-colored fentanyl and fentanyl pills in 18 states. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WITI-Fox (Milwaukee, WI): Wisconsin's Most Wanted: Robert Camel sought, has ties to Racine, Angélica Sanchez, September 2, 2022, 9:45 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force is asking for help in the search for 33-year-old Robert Camel. Camel is wanted for a parole violation convicted of burglary in 2013 and has a history of not cooperating with authorities. "His previous history of violence which includes robbery, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct I would consider him dangerous for sure," explained the U.S. Marshal on the case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFXR-Fox (Roanoke, VA): Two people injured after police shooting in Virginia, Makea Luzader, September 2, 2022, 7:24 PM

Two people were brought to a hospital to be treated for their injuries following an officer-involved shooting in Prince William County on Thursday evening. Police say that the shooting took place on Cloverdale Road and Fox Glove Court during an undercover operation involving the FBI and ATF. Four different officers fired their weapons in what authorities described as an "exchange of gunfire." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KHOU-CBS (Houston, TX): [VIDEO] Wanted suspect shot, killed by US Marshals, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 6:19 PM (EDT)

A man is dead after being shot by U.S. Marshals task force members at an apartment complex in southwest Houston Friday morning, according to HPD. [[Watch](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, CO): **Judge allows inmate's lawsuit to proceed against prison officials for failure to protect, retaliation**, Michael Karlik, September 2, 2022, 8:49 PM (EDT)

A federal judge has allowed an inmate to pursue his lawsuit against Colorado prison officials based on allegations they failed to protect him, instructed other prisoners to fight him, and retaliated against him for filing grievances. Although the defendants attempted to characterize Terance DeJuan Wilson as a "frequent filer" who regularly pursues scattershot claims in federal court, Wilson has plausibly alleged employees of Sterling Correctional Facility violated his constitutional rights by reportedly calling him a "snitch" and directing two inmates to jump him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMC-NBC (Memphis, TN): **Former Parchman deputy warden sentenced for assaulting inmate**, Lydian Kennin, September 2, 2022, 5:00 PM (EDT)

A former deputy warden at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman was sentenced for assaulting an inmate in 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice announced in a release. On May 26, Melvin Hilson, 50, was sentenced to two years in prison and three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

New York Sun (Manhattan, NY): **New Jersey's Unilateral Withdrawal From Waterfront Commission Gets Justice Department Backing**, Vivian Jones, September 3, 2022, 9:12 AM
New Jersey should be allowed to unilaterally dissolve an interstate compact with New York that has been in place since 1953, the U.S. Department of Justice says. If the U.S. Supreme Court allows the move, it could set legal precedent for more than 200 other existing agreements between states. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Law360: **Biden Taps Altshuler Labor Lawyer For Federal Judgeship**, Beverly Banks, September 2, 2022, 6:36 PM

President Joe Biden is nominating P. Casey Pitts, who has represented unions and workers as a partner at San Francisco-based Altshuler Berzon LLP, to serve as a California federal judge, the White... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **Biden Nominates Montana Law Professor For 9th Circ.**, James Arkin, September 2, 2022, 3:11 PM

President Joe Biden is nominating a Montana law professor and former state solicitor to a vacancy on the Ninth Circuit and also tapping eight new district court nominees in six states, the White House announced Friday. President Joe Biden, shown here at a speaking event on Friday, has announced nine new federal judicial nominees. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: Cannabis Bill Roundup: Calif. Lawmakers OK Raft Of Bills, Sam Reisman, September 2, 2022, 4:56 PM

California lawmakers in the past week approved more than a dozen bills reforming various aspects of the Golden State's cannabis policies, touching on employee protections, interstate commerce and criminal justice reform.... [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Wyoming judge finds Biden's 'pause' on drilling legal, Clark Mindock, September 2, 2022, 7:24 PM

A Wyoming federal judge's order Friday affirmed the government's prerogative to pause gas and oil lease sales to consider the environmental impacts of any subsequent drilling. U.S. District Judge Scott Skavdahl said in a narrow ruling that a challenge launched by the state alongside oil and gas industry groups failed to show the U.S. Interior Department violated the Mineral Leasing Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when delaying leases in the state in 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Reuters: Biden plans to attend Detroit auto show, David Shepardson, September 2, 2022, 7:15 PM

President Joe Biden said on Friday he plans to attend the Detroit auto show later this month as his administration touts a rising number of investments in electric vehicles and battery manufacturing. "I'll be there. I'm a car guy - as you kind of noticed," Biden said at an event. The Commerce Department on Friday awarded \$52.2 million to a Detroit regional program called the "Global Epicenter of Mobility" to help Michigan's automotive sector transition to EVs and autonomous vehicles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: EXPLAINER: Mississippi capital's water woes are extensive, Emily Wagster Pettus, September 2, 2022, 6:47 PM

Mississippi's capital city is struggling with the near collapse of its water system, prompting emergency declarations from President Joe Biden and Gov. Tate Reeves. Jackson has dangerously low water pressure this week, and many of the city's 150,000 residents have been without water flowing from their faucets. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden revamps White House climate team with Podesta, Zaidi in top roles, Jeff Mason and Valerie Volcovici, September 2, 2022, 6:04 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden revamped his climate change team on Friday, announcing that longtime political operative and climate advocate John Podesta would join the White House and Ali Zaidi would take over for Gina McCarthy as domestic climate adviser. Podesta, a former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton and counselor to President Barack Obama, will take on a role implementing the energy and climate parts of the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [Forbes](#), [The Hill](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Biden sounds newly strong alarm: Trumpism menaces democracy, Zeke Miller and Josh Boak, September 2, 2022, 5:02 PM

President Joe Biden charged in a prime-time address that the “extreme ideology” of Donald Trump and his adherents “threatens the very foundation of our republic,” as he summoned Americans of all stripes to help counter what he sketched as dark forces within the Republican Party trying to subvert democracy. In his speech Thursday night at Philadelphia’s Independence Hall, Biden unleashed the trappings of the presidency in an unusually strong and sweeping indictment of Trump and what he said has become the dominant strain of the opposition party. His broadside came barely two months before Americans head to the polls in bitterly contested midterm elections that Biden calls a crossroads for the nation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: U.S. rejects linking Iran nuclear deal, IAEA probes, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 4:47 PM

The White House on Friday rejected linking a revival of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal with the closure of investigations by the U.N. nuclear watchdog a day after Iran reopened the issue according to a Western diplomat. Iran on Thursday sent its latest response to a European Union (EU) proposed text to revive the agreement under which it had restrained its nuclear program in exchange for relief from U.S., EU and U.N. economic sanctions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Trump supporters don't threaten U.S., violence does, Biden says, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 1:24 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday said he does not consider all of former President Donald Trump's supporters to be a threat to the nation, but said anyone who uses violence or fails to condemn it does pose a threat to democracy. Biden condemned "Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans" in a speech on Thursday night, calling their "extremism" a threat to democracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [The Hill](#)

Reuters: 'Perennial battleground' Pennsylvania draws Biden, Trump, Trevor Hunnicutt and Heather Timmons, September 2, 2022, 1:23 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden's fiery speech aimed at "MAGA Republicans" on Thursday at Philadelphia's Independence Hall will be followed by a Saturday rally in the same state by the original MAGA Republican, Donald Trump. While Democrats and Republicans are waging fierce fights across the United States ahead of the Nov. 8 midterms, Pennsylvania is getting outsized attention. Up for grabs are 18 House seats, the governor's mansion and a Senate seat, but there's much more at stake, political analysts say. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biden to request \$11.7 bln in Ukraine aid, \$22.4 bln for COVID relief, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 1:05 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden will request \$11.7 billion in emergency funding from Congress to provide lethal aid and budget support to Ukraine, and \$22.4 billion for COVID-19 relief ahead of a potential fall case surge, the White House said on Friday. The emergency funding request will also include \$2 billion to address the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine on U.S. energy supplies, Shalanda Young, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), wrote in blog post. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [The Hill](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#)

Reuters: Inflation may be easing, Biden says in response to jobs report, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 11:37 AM

President Joe Biden said on Friday that there are some signs that inflation may be easing, as he responded to the Labor Department's report that jobs increased by 315,000 last month. "The bottom line is jobs are up, wages are up, people are back to work. And we're seeing some signs

that inflation may be, may be - I'm not over-promising - may be beginning to ease," Biden said at a White House event. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Parties' Divergent Realities Challenge Biden's Defense of Democracy, Peter Baker and Blake Hounshell, September 2, 2022, 11:08 PM

The good news is that deeply divided Americans agree on at least one thing. The bad news is they share the view that their nearly two-and-a-half-century-old democracy is in danger and disagree drastically about who is threatening it. In a remarkable consensus, a new Quinnipiac University poll found that 69 percent of Democrats and 69 percent of Republicans say that democracy is "in danger of collapse." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Weighing Actions to Curb US Investment in China Tech, Jennifer Jacobs and Daniel Flatley, September 2, 2022, 8:45 PM

The Biden administration is considering moves that would restrict US investment in Chinese technology companies amid growing tensions between the US and China, according to people familiar with the matter. The investment curbs taking shape would likely come as an executive order to be signed by President Joe Biden in coming months, one of the people said Friday evening. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Biden will use the 'full force of the federal government' against you if you dare oppose him: Gregg Jarrett, Unattributed, September 2, 2022, 11:40 PM

Fox News legal analyst Gregg Jarrett reacted to the Justice Department filing a more detailed list of documents taken from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on "Hannity." GREGG JARRETT: It underscores that this is a president who, if you dare to oppose him, if you don't like his policies, but instead like Republican policies, or you vote for Donald Trump, which is basically half of America, Joe Biden will use the FBI, the Department of Justice, and soon the IRS to come down on you like a ton of bricks with the full force of the federal government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Biden and Trump in PA, New Booster Shots, Zaporizhzhia Update, September 3, 2022, 7:40 AM

President Biden and former President Trump are focused on the swing-state of Pennsylvania ahead of the midterms. (0:59) The CDC has authorized new COVID booster shots for most Americans. (5:16) U.N. nuclear inspectors detail the risks the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, located in Russian-occupied area of Ukraine. (9:32) [[Listen](#)]

The Hill: Biden asks Congress to approve \$1 billion arms deal with Taiwan, Jared Gans, September 2, 2022, 7:22 PM

The Biden administration is requesting approval from Congress for more than \$1 billion in arms sales to Taiwan amid increased tensions with China over the island's status. The State Department announced on Friday that it approved three separate proposed military sales for Taiwan, and Congress has been notified of them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Biden earns plaudits from progressives after anti-Trump speech, Hanna Trudo, September 3, 2022, 5:57 AM

Progressives say President Biden finally used his words. Democrats who have wanted the president to go hard against conservatives ahead of the midterms are praising his speech

Thursday, in which he blasted “MAGA Republicans” and suggested former President Trump and those aligned with him pose “a threat to this country.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Health Care — White House makes new push to fund health battles, Peter Sullivan and Joseph Choi, September 2, 2022, 5:45 PM

Now that the pumpkin-spiced latté has returned, you can take your love of fall even further with these pumpkin-shaped Dutch ovens that Twitter has fallen in love with. Today in health, we’ll look at the White House requesting billions in new funding to respond to both the coronavirus and monkeypox, with “difficult decisions” looming if more resources aren’t available. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Biden to nominate environmental law expert to lead powerful regulations office, Morgan Chalfant, September 2, 2022, 4:03 PM

President Biden on Friday announced plans to nominate environmental law expert Richard Revesz to lead the small but powerful White House office in charge of overseeing federal regulations. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), which sits within the White House Office of Management and Budget, has been without a permanent occupant since Biden took office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: How cable news is reacting to Biden’s prime-time speech, Dominick Mastrangelo, September 2, 2022, 1:48 PM

President Biden’s prime-time speech on Thursday evening is being met with scorn by some pundits on cable news over its tone and the staging that accompanied it. The speech, during which Biden framed the wing of the Republican Party loyal to former President Trump as a threat to democracy, served as a scathing rebuke of the ongoing political influence of his predecessor, which Democrats hope will energize voters ahead of this fall’s midterm elections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] How will Biden handle his first major climate decision after Inflation Reduction Act?, Aaron Klemz, September 2, 2022, 1:30 PM

With the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the U.S. has finally put a substantial down payment toward the clean energy transition needed to address the climate crisis. But like a 30-year home mortgage, even a hefty down payment doesn’t settle the debt. Every month over the course of decades, you have to keep paying down that mortgage. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: White House defends presence of Marines at Biden speech, Alex Gangitano, September 2, 2022, 1:16 PM

The White House on Friday defended the presence of U.S. Marines at President Biden’s speech in Philadelphia the previous evening, arguing their positioning during the prime-time speech was to demonstrate the president’s respect for service members. “The presence of the Marines at the speech was intended to demonstrate the deep and abiding respect the president has for these service members to these ideals and the unique role our independent military plays in defending our democracy no matter which party is in power,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Vilifying PPP recipients in defense of student loan forgiveness is disgraceful, Richard J. Schinder, September 2, 2022, 12:30 PM

Since unveiling its Student Loan Debt Relief Plan last week, the Biden administration and its allies

have struggled to explain its rationale and defend the policy on its merits. As criticism has mounted including from prominent Democrats the administration apparently has decided that the best defense is a good offense, choosing to forgo a coherent, full-throated justification for its approach and instead striking at its critics. Some of the attack lines have followed the usual script: shopworn tropes along the lines of “Why can’t the little guy get a break, when the rich [fill in the blank: receive tax breaks, don’t pay their fair share, receive bailouts, etc.]?” [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Biden was right: MAGA ideology is fascism, Tom Mockaitis, September 2, 2022, 12:14 PM

President Biden described Make America Great Again (MAGA) ideology as “semi-fascism.” Though leaders of the movement object to the comparison, the two worldviews are disturbingly similar. Fascism developed as a response to the perceived failings of 19th-century liberalism. It began in Italy but reached its fullest potential in Germany. Disillusioned veterans of the Great War swelled the ranks of authoritarian movements, and the Great Depression drove desperate people into the arms of dictators who promised them security, jobs and renewed prosperity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Biden announces \$1 billion in funding for regional economic projects, Brett Samuels, September 2, 2022, 12:01 PM

President Biden on Friday announced a total of \$1 billion in funding for regional economic development projects in 24 different states. Biden and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo held a virtual event with winners of grant money through the Build Back Better Regional Challenge, an initiative funded through the American Rescue Plan intended to revitalize communities with new manufacturing, biotech and clean energy projects. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Biden to host summit with Pacific island nations this month, Brett Samuels, September 2, 2022, 9:27 AM

President Biden will host a summit later this month with leaders from Pacific island nations, the White House announced Friday. The U.S.-Pacific Island Country Summit will take place Sept. 28 and 29. The White House did not immediately provide a list of attendees, but said the gathering will focus on collaboration on climate change, the pandemic, economic recovery and “advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Biden’s student loan bailout and the death of skin in the game, Thomas P. Vartanian and William M. Isaac, September 2, 2022, 8:00 AM

President’s Biden’s forgiveness of up to \$20,000 of the amounts owed on 45 million outstanding student loans represents the official death knell of any semblance of market discipline in America. Unfortunately, his administration has not been alone in giving away taxpayer money without attaching strings to ensure that everyone has some skin in the game. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Biden needs a ‘Plan B’ for Iran — with or without a nuclear deal, Jonathan Schachter, September 2, 2022, 7:30 AM

Reports of an imminent return to the Iran nuclear deal have reached a fever pitch once again. Washington and Tehran are going back and forth over the European “final text” for reviving the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The Biden White House and State Department have launched an intensive round of news briefings to prepare the public for a forthcoming announcement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

The Hill: Republican representatives call for Garland, Wray to appear before House Judiciary, Julia Shapero, September 2, 2022, 2:20 PM

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and other House Republicans on Friday called for Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray to appear before the House Judiciary Committee to discuss the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago. McCarthy was joined by Reps. Mike Turner, Jim Jordan and James Comer who serve as the leading Republicans on the House Intelligence, Judiciary and Oversight committees, respectively in calling for public hearings and the release of documents related to the search. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Mary Bruce

CBS: Evening News with Nancy Cordes

NBC: Nightly News with Peter Alexander

- The unsealed status review of the records seized during the Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago by Judge Aileen Cannon revealed hundreds of U.S. government documents without any classification markings were intermingled with items such as newspaper clippings, photographs, books and clothing. Investigators are concerned that classified documents may have been taken beyond Mar-a-lago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Residents of California are experiencing severe heat and windy conditions which has caused the Mill fire to explode in size in the Siskiyou County city of Weed. The fire is forcing the evacuation of more than 5,000 residents already dealing with a severe heatwave, destroying several homes and sending several residents to the hospital. The Mill Fire had grown to 2,580 acres fanned by strong winds moving beyond Weed towards Lake Shastina, where residents were told to evacuate. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The record heat and dry windy conditions are fueling the flames in the West, even as the first Transatlantic hurricane of the 2022 season, Hurricane Danielle, develops in the middle of the Atlantic. Danielle is not expected to bother the US, but September, the prime time for hurricanes is upon us. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Record labor day travel is expected over the long holiday weekend, the busiest in the last 3 years. Millions of Americans will be driving with gas prices falling while airports are packed even with airline prices up by 41%. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden took direct aim at former President Trump and MAGA Republicans, slamming "Extremism" while arguing democracy is at risk. When asked if he considered

Trump supporters to be a threat to the Country, Biden stated, “ I don’t consider any Trump supporter to be a threat to the Country,” even as Republicans accused Biden of trying to divide the country. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]

- New COVID booster shots by Pfizer and Moderna are rolling out across the US with approval by the CDC. The vaccines are specifically designed to protect against OMICRON and Subvariants BA.4 and BA.5, even as Health Officials warn of a tough flu season. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Fernando Andres Sabag Montiel, 35 y/o is in custody for the failed assassination attempt on Argentina’s Vice-President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner. Montiel aimed the pistol which was loaded with five bullets at Kirchner, however it did not fire. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The Jobs reported 315 K jobs were created in August even as hiring slows. The unemployment rate is rising to 3.7%. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Thousands of residents of Jackson, Mississippi are experiencing a humanitarian crisis due to the lack of clean water. The water crisis is closing businesses and schools for the 5th day as the state has handed out more than 500 palates of water. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The White House has asked Congress for more than \$13 Billion in additional military aid for Ukraine. This as the UN Nuclear watch dog confirmed the Russian military is based inside and controlling the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and the plant is at great risk. [[ABC](#)]
- Actress Jane Fonda revealed she had been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma and had been undergoing chemotherapy treatments for six months. Fonda previously battled breast cancer in 2010. [[ABC](#)]
- The Nation’s baby formula shortage may be winding down with 78% of baby formulas back on track. However, many parents are still struggling to feed their children. [[CBS](#)]
- NASA’s second attempt to launch the Artemis rocket is less than 24 hours away from lift off. There is a 60 to 80% chance the weather will cooperate with lift off set for 2:17 PM with a 2 hour launch window. [[NBC](#)]
- There are images of an Iranian warship seizing two US Navy drones in the Red Sea. Defense officials say the drones were unarmed and taking unclassified pictures in international waters when they were taken. Two US destroyers responded to negotiate the release of the Drones, this is the second incident this week involving an Iranian warship and drones. [[NBC](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- “NASA’s Artemis I Moon Mission Delayed Again” [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Abortion Pill Providers Are Pushing Legal Boundaries to Meet Surging Demand” [[NYT](#)]
- “With Trump in the news, more Democrats drop their quiet dissent to Biden running again” [[WSJ](#)]
- “California promised to improve response to deadly heat waves. It’s still struggling” [[LAT](#)]

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NATIONAL SECURITY

Sun Journal (Lewiston, ME): Lebanon wrestles with its relationship to man charged in Jan. 6 riot, Emily Allen, September 4, 2022, 4:00 AM

Deborah Wilson was heading toward home on the afternoon of Aug. 11 when a call came in on her cellphone from an unfamiliar number. [...] When Wilson pulled into her driveway, agents were waiting to hand her a subpoena for the trial of Kyle Fitzsimons, a Lebanon man facing 11 federal charges for his role in the storming of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN 6 COMMITTEE

The Hill: Raskin says he expects Pence to testify before Jan. 6 committee, Julia Mueller, September 4, 2022, 12:54 PM

Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) on Sunday said he expects former Vice President Mike Pence to testify before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. "Vice President Pence was the target of Donald Trump's wrath and fury and effort to overthrow the election on January 6, the whole idea was to get Pence to step outside his constitutional role, and then to declare unilateral lawless powers to reject Electoral College votes from the states," Raskin, a member of the Jan. 6 committee, said on CBS "Face the Nation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

NYT: Trump Lashes Out in First Rally Since F.B.I. Search, Katie Glueck and Michael C. Bender, September 4, 2022, 1:37 AM

In his first rally since his home was searched by the F.B.I. on Aug. 8, former President Donald J. Trump on Saturday lashed out at President Biden and federal agents, calling his Democratic rival "an enemy of the state" and the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice "vicious monsters." In an aggrieved and combative speech in Pennsylvania, Mr. Trump stoked anger against law enforcement even as the F.B.I. and federal officials have faced an increase in threats following

the search of Mr. Trump's residence to retrieve classified documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [BBC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Breitbart](#), [CBS](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#), [Newsweek](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [UPI](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NBC: Trump's obsession with the FBI's 'deceiving' photo hints at much deeper insecurities, Ana Marie Cox, September 4, 2022, 5:30 AM

Donald Trump's reaction to the FBI's display of top-secret documents collected from Mar-a-Lago was, characteristically, incredible. He accused the agents of staging the scene, denying that he was the one who "sloppily" threw the documents on the floor. "Wrong! ... They dropped them, not me," he wrote, a not-very-tacit confession that goes against his lawyer's declaration back in June that all classified documents had been properly returned. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Donald Trump has repeatedly called for lengthy jail sentences for those who he claimed mishandled classified information, Andrew Kaczynski and Samantha Woodward, September 3, 2022, 6:11 PM

Former President Donald Trump has repeatedly called for the lengthy jailing of opponents of his who he claimed mishandled classified materials. [...] The former President is in potential legal jeopardy after the Justice Department's search of his Mar-a-Lago residence last month retrieved more than 100 classified documents, with the DOJ alleging that US government documents were "likely concealed and removed" from a storage room at the Florida resort as part of an effort to "obstruct" the FBI's investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Trump may not be able to control the narrative this time, Joe Ferullo, September 4, 2022, 12:30 PM

For most of his life, Donald Trump has wielded an immense superpower: the ability to bend and twist reality to meet his needs of the moment. But now it seems he's losing that magic touch, especially with a group of allies who have been with him since the very beginning the media. In the last couple of weeks, Trump has scrambled to shift the narrative around the document stash uncovered at his Mar-A-Lago residence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Axios: Rep. McCaul: Trump has "different set of rules" for declassifying documents, Ivana Saric, September 4, 2022, 11:18 AM

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) told ABC's "This Week" Sunday that while he personally would not take classified documents home with him, he insisted that a "different set of rules" applied to former President Donald Trump. Driving the news: The FBI's discovery of troves of classified documents at Trump's Mar-a-Lago home last month has landed the former president in legal hot water and prompted intelligence officials to launch a review of the natural security risks stemming from the top secret documents found there. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Axios: DOJ: Trump required to comply with subpoena even if he'd declassified documents, Ivana Saric, September 4, 2022, 10:35 AM

Former President Donald Trump was required to return all documents marked as classified as part of a grand jury subpoena issued in May, regardless of whether or not the former president believed he'd declassified the documents, the Department of Justice wrote in an Aug. 29 court filing made public Friday. The big picture: Trump has put forth a number of reasons to justify why troves of documents, including some with "top secret" and "confidential" markings, were at his Mar-a-Lago residence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Republicans have ‘distrust, but verify’ view on DOJ, former Homeland Security chair says, Olivia Olander, September 4, 2022, 10:10 AM

The GOP has a “distrust, but verify” stance on the FBI and Department of Justice, Republican Rep. Michael McCaul said Sunday. “The perception is, what a lot of Republicans I know see on the heels of the Russia investigation, the Steele dossier there’s a certain distrust, but verify attitude when it comes to the Department of Justice and the FBI,” McCaul said, referring to investigations of former President Donald Trump. “And it frankly saddens me.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Trump claims FBI searched teenage son Barron's room, Daniel Chaitin, September 4, 2022, 9:29 AM

Former President Donald Trump added another grievance to his list of gripes against the FBI after its raid of his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida last month, saying agents searched his teenage son Barron's room. During a rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday, Trump claimed the search for documents was conducted on a "phony pretext" with permission from a "highly political" magistrate judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Trump must explain what he did and why he did it, Glenn C. Altschuler, September 4, 2022, 8:30 AM

On Aug. 8, 2022, FBI agents searched several areas in former President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida. They removed 15 boxes, 14 of which contained U.S. government documents marked classified, secret or top secret. To protect national security, an ongoing criminal investigation and the individuals involved in it, FBI and Department of Justice (DOJ) officials have a duty, at least for now, not to divulge the contents of the documents and what prompted them to request a search warrant. Trump has an obligation to explain what he did and why he did it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [OPINION] Trump's classified documents defense is predictably self-serving — and damaging, Joyce Vance, September 4, 2022, 5:40 AM

What we do know is that Trump seemingly violated laws that every other lawful government employee takes seriously. The highly classified TS/SCI materials Trump cavalierly stored in drawers and boxes at his Florida resort belong in a sensitive compartmented information facility, or SCIF, that is properly shielded from prying eyes and electronic ears. And Trump had repeated opportunities to get this right. The National Archives asked for the return of his presidential papers at least by January 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Can Donald Trump Get a Fair Trial?, Darragh Roche, September 4, 2022, 5:00 AM

Former President Donald Trump is currently under investigation by the Department of Justice (DOJ) over his handling of classified documents at his Florida residence after he left office. Trump has denied any wrongdoing following an FBI raid at his Mar-a-Lago property on August 8 and he has not been charged with any crime. However, speculation has grown that he could be facing indictment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Fox: US Navy sailor pleads guilty to texting minors for sexual photos then extorting for

additional materials, Lawrence Richard, September 4, 2022, 2:16 AM

A Navy sailor stationed in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, pleaded guilty last week to producing child pornography and extorting minors for additional content, authorities said. Biagio Ambrosino, a 20-year-old New York native, faces 15 to 30 years behind bars for the child pornography count and up to 20 years for the extortion count after he pleaded guilty to both offenses at a federal courthouse on Thursday, U.S. Attorney's Office said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Lawton Constitution (Lawton, OK): **'Literally kidnapping': Teens taken against their will to boarding schools across US**, Judy L. Thomas, Laura Bauer, September 4, 2022, 12:20 PM (EDT)

Julio Sandoval tells parents he wants to help their wayward sons get on the right path. [...] Now, Sandoval, 41, awaits his next court appearance, arrested last week after a federal grand jury indicted him for violating a restraining order issued at the request of a minor boy against his mother by transporting him against his will to Agape in southwest Missouri. The jury also indicted the estranged mom of the teen, who was dropped off at Agape last summer after a 27-hour drive from California, the indictment says, his hands cuffed behind his back the entire way. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Star Valley independent (Afton, WY): **Idaho man sentenced for threatening an FBI agent**, Unattributed, September 4, 2022, 11:03 AM

A federal judge sentenced a Middleton man to three years of supervised probation for threatening an FBI Agent, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit, of the District of Idaho, announced Friday. According to court records, Jerald Reutzel, 48, of Middleton, Idaho, contacted a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent through text messaging in November of 2020. In the text message, Reutzel falsely accused the FBI agent of failing to investigate a local crime, referred to the agent with profane slurs, and threatened to assault the agent. Reutzel sent the threat on account of the FBI agent's performance of his official duties and intended to threaten the FBI Special Agent. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Star Valley independent (Afton, WY): **Arizona man will serve 5 years in prison for trafficking fentanyl in eastern Idaho**, Unattributed, September 4, 2022, 9:42 AM

Gabriel Lopez, 46, of Tucson, Arizona was sentenced to five years in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced Friday. According to court records, Lopez was arrested on July 19, 2021, after detectives with the BADGES Task Force conducted an investigation and found a bag containing 1,694 pills that tested positive for fentanyl in Lopez's vehicle during a traffic stop. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Chronicle (Centralia, WA): **Washington Man Sentenced After Sex Worker Turned Him in for Asking Her to Find Him a 12-Year-Old**, Kip Hill, September 3, 2022, 8:18 PM (EDT)

A 65-year-old man from Addy was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison this week after pleading guilty to seeking sex with a preteen girl. James Drew Bradley pleaded guilty in May to a single count of attempted enticement of a minor. An adult sex worker went to Spokane Police in August 2019, sharing texts she had with Bradley in which he requested she find him a 12-year-old girl "for 24 hours ... and virgin," offering her \$1,000, according to court records. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Highland County Press (Hillsboro, OH): **Bexley couple sentenced to federal prison for sexual exploitation, child pornography crimes**, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 8:18 PM
A Bexley, Ohio couple were sentenced in federal court last month for their crimes related to the sexual abuse of minor children. Stephen Wilson, 39, was sentenced to 720 months (60 years) in prison for the sexual exploitation of minors, and Jessica Wilson, 38, was sentenced to 240 months (20 years) in prison for distributing and receiving child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

DC Post (Arlington, VA): **DC Auditor Accused of Money Laundering in Online Romance Scam**, Jane Smith, September 3, 2022, 3:06 PM
A financial auditor for the District of Columbia is facing money laundering charges involving a romance scheme in a federal criminal complaint, the Maryland US Attorney's Office announced on Friday, August 26. The defendant, identified as 48-year-old Charles K. Egunjobi of Waldorf, Maryland, allegedly operated an unlicensed money service business, facilitating the money laundering operations related to dozens of online romance scams between September 2019 and April 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLS-ABC (Chicago, IL): **Man pleads guilty to defrauding 30 women of \$1.3M after pretending to be doctor in dating scam**, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 10:09 PM (EDT)
A Florida man was sentenced to nine years in federal prison after pleading guilty to defrauding more than 30 women of more than \$1.3 million by pretending to be a doctor on online dating services, prosecutors said Thursday. Brian Brainard Wedgeworth, 47, who formerly lived in the Florida capital city of Tallahassee and in Center Point, Alabama, used 10 different aliases as part of the scheme, according to court records. "Our citizens should not be preyed upon by fraudsters who steal through overtures of affection," U.S. Attorney Jason Cody said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRIV-Fox (Houston, TX): **Police: Delta passenger faces federal charges for masturbating, groping woman on flight**, Chris Williams, September 4, 2022, 2:52 PM (EDT)
A man is facing federal charges for allegedly masturbating during a flight and groping a female passenger, according to court documents obtained by FOX Television Stations. A federal complaint was filed against Michael Peterson in U.S. District Court in Nevada Wednesday. The complaint said the alleged incident happened on June 1 on Delta flight #949 from Atlanta to Las Vegas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVX-ABC (Salt Lake City, UT): **Woman sentenced after collecting over \$100K in deceased father's Social Security benefits**, Ryan Bittan, September 3, 2022, 3:24 PM (EDT)

Melody Jean Styszko, 54, now of Eldridge, Missouri, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Utah to 60 months of probation for continuing to accept and spend \$104,314 dollars in Social Security Retirement Insurance payments. The payments, issued from the United States Social Security Administration, were meant for her deceased father, according to a press release from the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

USA Today: **A family tried to save their auctioned goat from slaughter. Now they are**

suining police who took it, Michele Chandler, September 3, 2022, 4:38 PM

A Northern California family is filing a federal lawsuit against sheriff's deputies for seizing a young girl's pet goat, Cedar, which was later slaughtered at a local auction. Shasta County engineer Jessica Long and her minor daughter filed the lawsuit against Shasta County Sheriff's Office officials, Lt. Jerry Fernandez and detectives Jacob Duncan and Jeremy Ashbee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Nine migrants die trying to cross Rio Grande River into United States, Dan Whitcomb, September 3, 2022, 7:21 PM

Nine migrants died and 37 were rescued as they tried to cross the rain-swollen Rio Grande River into the United States near Eagle Pass, Texas, U.S. customs officials said. Border patrol agents, along with local fire and police agencies, were searching on Friday for possible additional victims, a day after the Thursday incident, said Customs and Border Protection spokesman Rick Pauza. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Breitbart](#), [LAT](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [PBS](#)

AP: No longer young, 'dreamers' uneasily watch a legal challenge, Amancai Biraben and Adrian Sainz, September 3, 2022, 4:15 PM

When Juliana Macedo do Nascimento signed up for an Obama-era program to shield immigrants who came to the country as young children from deportation, she enrolled at California State University, Los Angeles, transitioning from jobs in housekeeping, child care, auto repair and a construction company. [...] "Dreamers" like Macedo do Nascimento, long a symbol of immigrant youth, are increasingly easing into middle age as eligibility requirements have been frozen since 2012, when the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was introduced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Border Patrol agents arrest dozens of illegal immigrant criminals, gang members, Adam Shaw, September 3, 2022, 4:16 PM

Border Patrol agents in one sector of the overwhelmed southern border have arrested more than two dozen gang members and criminals including sex offenders this week. In a press release, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the apprehension of 21 gang members, two sex offenders, and three illegal aliens with prior convictions including for robbery and battery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDBC-CBS/MyNetworkTV (El Paso, TX): Venezuelan migrants feel safe at El Calvario church, increase capacity for more migrants, Jonathan Mejia, September 4, 2022, 1:02 AM (EDT)

The Borderland has seen an increase in Venezuelan migrants released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This week alone El Calvario church in Las Cruces has seen almost 100 migrants dropped off to their shelter. El Calvario has increased their capacity to 150 in order to help migrants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KHOU-CBS (Houston, TX): With a court ruling looming, young Texas immigrants prepare for the possible end of DACA, Uriel J. García, September 3, 2022, 5:13 PM (EDT)

When Katia Escobar finally got the money to pay her application fee for Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals, a federal program that provides some undocumented immigrants work permits and temporarily protects them from deportation, it was a moment of relief for the 18-year-old, who has lived as an undocumented immigrant in California and Texas since she was a child. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Drug bust: Officers seize \$4.2 million in cocaine at U.S.-Mexico border, Jordan Gartner, September 3, 2022, 4:49 PM (EDT)

Officers at the U.S.-Mexico border say they busted another large cocaine shipment attempting to enter the country this week. According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, field operation officers at a port of entry in Laredo seized cocaine valued at \$4.2 million within a tractor-trailer on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTOP-CBS (Washington, D.C.): 3 men arrested at Dulles airport in August for separate sex crime charges, Matthew Delaney, September 3, 2022, 2:27 PM

Three men wanted for separate felony sex crime charges were arrested last month at Dulles International Airport in Loudoun County, Virginia. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said that officers took Florentin Stefan Dita, 36, of San Antonio, Texas, into custody on Aug. 31 after arriving back in the U.S. on a flight from Austria. CBP officials said that Dita is wanted by the Bexar County Sheriff's Office for continuous sex abuse of a child. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CBS: ATF and North Texas police ask public for help IDing suspects in gun store burglaries, Alex Keller, September 3, 2022, 3:29 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and two North Texas police departments are asking the public to help them identify multiple people suspected of burglarizing several firearm dealers last week. The North Richland Hills and Fort Worth Police Departments are working with the ATF to capture the four people responsible for stealing 11 guns from firearms dealers between Aug. 28 and Aug. 31. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Los Angeles Daily News (Chatsworth, CA): Canadian man distributed nearly \$10 million in drugs from LA area, FBI says, Nathaniel Percy, September 3, 2022, 2:31 PM (EDT)

A Canadian man was arrested this week by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on suspicion of distributing an estimated \$9.8 million worth of methamphetamine and cocaine from the Los Angeles area to Canada through semi-truck drivers, federal officials announced Saturday, Sept. 3. Sam Nang Bou, 40, of Edmonton, Canada was arrested Thursday night and was being held without bail, spokesman Thom Mrozek of the U.S. Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCBI-CBS/MyNetworkTV/The CW Plus (Columbus, MS): Chaos in the skies: Negotiator helps man who stole plane safely ground it, Scott Martin, September 3, 2022, 11:10 PM (EDT)

Investigators say Cory Patterson, 29, from Tupelo, is the man who was in the cockpit of an aircraft he wasn't authorized to fly. Patterson faces charges of Grand Larceny and making terroristic threats. Tupelo Police Chief John Quaka says Patterson will likely face federal charges. The FAA and Mississippi Homeland Security were part of the massive investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGAN-CBS/Fox (Cedar Rapids, IA): Second suspect in Taboo Nightclub shooting back in Iowa to face murder charge, Shannon Moudy, September 3, 2022, 8:39 PM (EDT)

One of two men accused in April's fatal Cedar Rapids nightclub shooting is now back in Iowa to face charges, months after he was arrested near Chicago. Dimione Walker, 29, was wanted in Linn County for charges related to the April 10 shooting at Taboo Nightclub, including first-degree murder, going armed with intent, and possessing a gun as a felon. [...] Walker was arrested by U.S. Marshals a week after the shooting, but the process to get him back to Iowa to face charges took longer than expected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTVD-ABC (Durham, NC): **Cheerleaders sexually abused by coaches in SC, lawsuit says**, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 4:21 PM

Multiple cheerleading coaches in South Carolina - including a coach who recently killed himself - sexually abused at least six boys and girls and provided them with drugs and alcohol, a federal lawsuit alleges. [...] State and federal police are investigating Foster's Rockstar Cheer and other cheerleading outlets, seizing computers, cellphones and other evidence, Bannister said.

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Patch (Alameda, CA): **East Bay Man Sentenced In Armed Robbery Of Mail Carrier**, Unattributed, September 3, 2022, 3:34 PM (EDT)

An East Bay man was sentenced this week to 51 months in federal prison for the armed robbery of a mail carrier. The U.S. Department of Justice announced in a statement that Kevin Alan Fowler, 31, was given the sentence after pleading guilty to the December 2021 crime in June. Fowler admitted in a plea agreement to holding up the mail carrier at gunpoint on Merritt Avenue and robbing her of two vehicle keys and two U.S. Postal Service keys, according to the statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Chattanooga Times Free Press (Chattanooga, TN): **Grundy County, Tennessee, officer sent to prison had 'tune-up gloves' for beatings**, Jamie Satterfield, September 3, 2022, 3:20 PM (EDT)

The East Tennessee law enforcer sentenced last month to six years in prison bragged about the "tune-up gloves" he wore when beating suspects to remind them "who the boss was" and shouted "I'm not sorry for what I've done" when a judge convicted him of civil-rights abuses. U.S. District Judge Travis McDonough on Aug. 26 sentenced Anthony "Tony" Bean, 62, to six years in federal prison for beating two handcuffed detainees in two separate incidents -- one while serving as chief of the Tracy City Police Department and another while chief deputy of the Grundy County Sheriff's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: **Some states could tax Biden's student loan debt relief**, Steve Karnowski and Collin Binkley, September 4, 2022, 1:51 PM

President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness plan could lift crushing debt burdens from millions of borrowers, but the tax man may demand a cut of the relief in some states. That's because some states tax forgiven debt as income, which means borrowers who are still paying down student loans could owe taxes on as much as \$10,000 or even \$20,000 that was taken off their bill. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Loves Labor Unions But Blue-Collar Workers Don't Love Him Back,

Katia Dmitrieva and Jordan Fabian, September 4, 2022, 9:00 AM

President Joe Biden vowed his administration would be the most pro-union in US history. But in a labor stronghold that has become a symbol for blue-collar defections from the Democratic Party, workers say they don't feel the wind at their backs from the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Biden's stark warning: The U.S. is threatened by its own citizens, Tyler Pager,

September 3, 2022, 2:15 PM

When American presidents reserve the prime-time hour to address the nation on grave threats facing the country, they are almost always focused on external forces — the Soviet Union, foreign terrorism, or even the coronavirus. But when President Biden stood before Independence Hall in Philadelphia on Thursday night, he warned that American democracy stands at the precipice because of a decidedly different threat — one that, he said, comes from within the country's borders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Karine Jean-Pierre mocked for claiming US added 'ten thousand million jobs':

'Staggering amateurism', Gabriel Hays, September 3, 2022, 4:20 PM

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre stepped into a hornet's nest of mockery on Twitter Friday after stating that the U.S. has added "ten thousand million jobs" since President Biden took office. Jean-Pierre made the gaffe during the Friday White House press briefing while she was talking about job growth for the month of August. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Senate Democrat defends Biden speech: 'Democracy is at risk', Olafimihan

Oshin, September 4, 2022, 1:01 PM

Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) on Sunday defended a primetime speech by President Biden last week, agreeing with the notion that U.S. "democracy is at risk." Citing the risk to her own safety on Jan. 6, 2021, Murray told CNN "State of the Union" anchor Dana Bash that Trump supporters were willing to use "brute force" to halt the peaceful transition of power and denounced notions of political violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Biden adviser: 'MAGA agenda' has no place in our democracy, Brad Dress,

September 4, 2022, 12:41 PM

White House senior adviser Keisha Lance Bottoms on Sunday said the "hate-filled" MAGA agenda "has no place in a democracy," echoing President Biden's primetime address last week in which he labeled the political movement a threat to the U.S. Bottoms told ABC's "This Week" host Martha Raddatz that Biden called out former President Trump and his fierce supporters to highlight the dangers they pose. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Raskin says Biden 'right to sound the alarm' on GOP threats to democracy,

Olafimihan Oshin, September 4, 2022, 12:41 PM

Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-Md.) said on Sunday that President Biden was "right to sound the alarm" about former President Trump and the MAGA wing of the Republican Party. "Two of the hallmarks of a fascist political party are, one, they don't accept the results of elections that don't go their way. And two, they embrace political violence," Raskin told moderator Major Garrett on CBS's "Face the Nation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Democratic NJ governor says he'll back Biden in 2024, Brad Dress, September 4,

2022, 11:27 AM

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy (D) on Sunday said he will back President Biden in a 2024 reelection bid, the latest Democrat to announce support for the president. "He'll have no bigger backer than yours truly," Murphy told "Fox News Sunday" host Mike Emanuel. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: DCCC chair says Democratic candidates ready to campaign with Biden after legislative victories, Brad Dress, September 4, 2022, 10:50 AM

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-N.Y.), who serves as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, on Sunday said Democratic candidates are ready to campaign with President Biden ahead of the November midterm elections after notching several legislative victories on their belts this summer. "You better believe we're gonna stand with the president and say we passed in a bipartisan way better roads, better bridges, better healthcare for our veterans," the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee chairman told "Fox News Sunday" anchor Mike Emanuel. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Biden misses 125K legal refugee pledge while breaking illegal immigration record, Anna Giaritelli, September 4, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Biden administration is on track to admit fewer refugees this year than the Trump administration did in 2019, prompting complaints from Democratic politicians and immigrant advocacy groups ahead of the midterm elections. Last October, President Joe Biden announced that the annual refugee cap would rise to 125,000. With just four weeks until the end of the 2022 fiscal year, the resettlement support centers project that a grand total of 25,000 refugees will arrive in the United States this year, putting the president 100,000 short. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Why Pennsylvania is so personally, politically important to 'Scranton Joe', Amie Parnes and Morgan Chalfant, September 4, 2022, 6:00 AM

President Biden has spent more time in Pennsylvania during his presidency than any other state besides his home locale of Delaware, and Democratic party operatives and insiders say he's clung tight to his birth state for good reason. Pennsylvania is home to a critical midterm Senate pickup opportunity for Democrats in the race between Lt. Gov John Fetterman (D) and Republican Mehmet Oz. The state was also pivotal to Biden's presidential win in 2020, as well as Democratic victories in the 2018 midterms and importantly losses in the 2016 election that put former President Trump in the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: [OPINION] Joe Biden and his fascist party rail at 'semi-fascist' Republicans, Don Feder, September 4, 2022, 8:58 AM

There is something exquisitely ironic in President Joe Biden calling his political opponents "semi-fascists." Sounding like a cross between a cranky grandpa and a Victorian lady with the vapors, Mr. Biden laid into his opponents at a DNC rally last month. The ultra-MAGA Republicans are a threat to democracy, he sputtered. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: GOP Is 'Dangerous,' Former Pence Adviser Defends Biden's Anti-MAGA Speech, Andrew Stanton, September 3, 2022, 3:54 PM

Olivia Troye, an ex-adviser to former Vice President Mike Pence, defended President Joe Biden's anti-MAGA speech on Saturday amid GOP backlash. Biden took aim at former President Donald Trump and his supporters during a speech in Philadelphia on Thursday about the "battle for the soul of the nation." During the fiery speech, he condemned what he views as anti-

Democratic posturing from the Republican Party. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOLR-CBS (Springfield, MO): Arkansas lawmakers deride Biden's 'soul of the nation' speech as divisive, Alex Kienlen, September 3, 2022, 2:59 PM (EDT)

Lawmakers from Arkansas are coming out in opposition to a speech from Pres. Joe Biden, calling it divisive and saying it "targets" citizens based on politics. During the televised speech Thursday addressing what he called "the soul of the nation," Biden called for strong American values and decried those who were, he felt, against them. The Arkansas delegation reacted within hours of the speech. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Newsweek: Hunter Biden: Republican Accuses Treasury of Running Cover for Biden Family, Fatma Khaled, September 3, 2022, 5:16 PM

House Committee on Oversight and Reform Ranking Member James Comer, a Kentucky Republican, accused the Treasury Department on Saturday of covering up for the Biden family after the department refused to provide access to "suspicious activity reports" on Hunter Biden. [...] Biden's son is currently being investigated for allegations related to potential money laundering and for possible violations of campaign finance, and tax and foreign lobbying laws. The federal investigation is focused on his business transactions in foreign countries at a time when his father served as vice president under then- President Barack Obama. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: September 3, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight did not air due to College Football

CBS: Weekend News did not air due to College Football

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

- In Tupelo, Mississippi, around 5 AM, Cory Patterson, an employee of Tupelo Aviation stole a twin-engine plane from Tupelo Regional Airport called 911 and told the dispatcher he was going to crash it into a Walmart near the city's downtown. Patterson was persuaded by negotiators not to carry out the threat, eventually landed the plane in a crop field outside Ripley, Miss. [[NBC](#)]
- NASA'S Artemis moon mission was grounded after today's attempted launch was foiled by a significant liquid hydrogen fuel line leak. NASA will determine whether repairs can occur on the launch pad or will have to take place in the VAB (Vehicle Assembly Building) delaying the next launch attempt to late September or mid October. [[NBC](#)]
- In the West, thousands are evacuating the fast moving Mill Fire in California while a 46 Million others are experiencing triple digit record breaking high temperatures with temperatures above 110 degrees expected. [[NBC](#)]

- In Memphis, Tennessee the vehicle and male occupant of the SUV which Eliza Fletcher was forced into as she was jogging were detained. Police continue to search for Fletcher even as her Family offers a reward of \$50K to find her kidnapper. [\[NBC\]](#)
- Nine migrants died while dozens more were rescued as they tried to cross the rain-swollen Rio Grande River into the US near Eagle Pass, Texas. First Responders continue the search for possible additional victims. [\[NBC\]](#)
- New shelling in Eastern Ukraine is increasing fears of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant failing. The latest assault by Russia cut off the plant's main external power line vital to keep cooling equipment functioning to prevent a meltdown as Engineers rigged low voltage lines as a stop gap measure. [\[NBC\]](#)
- Former President Trump is in Pennsylvania for his first rally since the FBI raid at Mar-a-lago last month, to rally support for Republican candidates Doug Mastriano, who is running for governor against Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, and Dr. Mehmet Oz, who is taking on Democratic Lt. Gov. John Fetterman in the U.S. Senate race. Questions how the investigation into the Documents retrieved during the FBI raid will affect Republican's efforts to take back Congress. [\[NBC\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with Martha Raddatz

- This week; Biden issues a dire warning regarding Trump and his follows; Biden's right, democracy is on the ballot in November; as the detailed inventory of the Mar-A-Lago search raises concerns; Trump states the Biden administration invaded the home of their chief political opponent; one of Trump's layers issuing a blistering commendation; more than 150,000 in mississippi's capital without safe drinking water; the CDC advises updated boosters to fight Covid Omicron. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Biden warned the upcoming elections will be a stark choice between democracy and extremism; calling Trump and his supporters a real and dangerous threat to democracy; a sharp turn from healing and unity Biden promised when taking office; Republicans arguing Biden is fanning the flames of division between Americans. Kevin McCarthy (R) accusing Biden of politicizing the Department of Justice, after last months raid of Mar-A-Lago, even as a newly released record of documents seized by the FBI shed more light than ever; Trump's own Attorney General calling out his former boss; Trump's team having blocked access and return of the documents, potentially putting them up for obstruction of justice. [\[Watch\]](#)
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President Biden's senior advisor Keisha Lance Bottoms states Biden's speech, despite calling out Trump and his supporters as a danger to democracy, was meant to unify the people by reminding them democracy is fragile, needs protection, and the rule of law must be upheld; The institute for Strategic Dialog stated after Biden's speech, there was an alarming spike in conversations expressing the feeling Biden had just declared war on conservatives and all Trump voters; Bottoms states the Republicans intentions have been to distort the truth and cause such a reaction; she further states Biden has stated he will continue to work with republicans, democrats, and independents, but not republic extremists; she puts forth the example of gun control laws Biden worked with mainstream Republicans to pass; the people can and must come together to protect the country; Larry Hogan remarked if Biden was seriously trying to protect the country about threats to democracy, he would have condemned the tens of millions of democratic extremist groups threatening democracy, but has not; Bottoms stating Biden is simply promoting people vote with their conscious, and that the extremist Republican agenda has no place in true democracy. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Michael Thomas McCaul Sr. (R-TX) states democracy is messy, but if Biden's speech was meant to unify the American people its effect was the exact opposite, effectively condemning all Trump voters as a threat to democracy, and further stating Biden's speech was not a presidential address but purely political campaigning; Stating both the President and the former President should aspire to be more like Abraham Lincon and not condemn the other party; many Americans perceiving the FBI and DOJ as even more trustworthy than usual; stating Trump's actions regarding the taken documents would not have been his own but the rules regarding the President and others are not the same; stating there is a process for declassification, noting despite reportedly being such a national threat, few if any people were briefed about it, and they have yet to be given any information on what was so extreme as to execute a search warrant on the home of a former US President; the Biden administration is asking Congress for \$14 billion more to support the Ukraine war effort; McCaul stating he supports this as he sees the true threats to democracy as Putin, China, Iran, and North Korea; Stating Congress is reviewing the package currently; further he says hitting Iran nuclear sites should be a last resort but nuclear Iran is not acceptable. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Major Garrett

- Face the Nation began with a review of a CBS news poll showing 72% of Americans feel US Democracy is under threat due to the influence of money and politics, political violence, and attempts to overturn elections. Changed voting laws and Election denier candidates in battleground states were also discussed. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD) discussed former President Trump's statements regarding being reinstated, re-running the 2020 election, and pardoning those charged or convicted for Jan. 6.; the Jan. 6 Committee; obtaining testimony from anyone who has relevant evidence in the attempt to overthrow the 2020 elections including Ginni Thomas, Newt Gingrich, and former VP Mike Pence; a possible Legislative bill addressing Electoral College votes; investigation into the money being made by the "Big Lie"; and the release of

the Jan. 6 Committee Report detailing about how to prevent coups, insurrections, political violence and attacks on our democratic process. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- This morning on Meet the Press with Chuck Todd, a special edition discussing policing in America, a young man with bipolar disorder wrongly believed to be committing a crime, dies in police custody. Anton Black's story raises many questions, a police officer lost his job in one city and got a job in another, and are police are unfairly attacked while doing a dangerous job. [\[Watch\]](#)
- In Greensborough Maryland a young black man with bipolar disorder named Anton Black in 2018; a married couple passed Anton with a 12 year old in a headlock; when asked the 12 year old said he was not okay, who also reported (incorrectly) Anton was schizophrenic; Anton locked himself in his car after running; the first officer on scene smashed the window, then attempted to taze Anton; as Anton attempted to flee inside he was apprehended by the officer and a passer by; when Anton's mother came out the officers told her he was not in legal trouble; at which point Anton went limp and EMT's were called; they were unable to revive Anton. [\[Watch\]](#)
- we now speak to Paul Butler and Jason Johnson; Johnson states the officer arresting Anton did not attempt to de-escalate the scene at any point, further stating this measure is just words on a page unless officers are taught to use de-escalation; Butler states about 10 million people are arrested every year by police; he also states too many police officers have developed an "us versus them" mentality; Johnson states the officer acted on information given to him and his own observations; the officer smashing the window was an act intended to stop Anton from hurting himself or others; Butler states too many people buy into people with mental illnesses are more dangerous; the officer's attempt to smash the window then taze was an attempt to stop the chase on the spot safely; the legal standard for using a taser is called "active resistance"; the action of the taser on this situation was likely considerable as reasonable action under this legal standard. When we come back, we discuss the officer's previous record and the fact he was known as a violent officer before he was hired by greensborough. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Mike Emanuel

- Fox News Sunday began with a review of dueling visits to battleground Pennsylvania by President Biden and former President Trump's. Biden's speech on the "continued battle for the soul of the nation" was criticized due to his use of Marines as a backdrop, while Trump spoke of the FBI search in Mar-a-lago even as Bill Barr sided with the DOJ. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chair Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY) discussed Democrats holding the majority in the House in the midterms; Democrats working on plans to address reproductive freedom, inflation, high gas prices;

Republicans not having a plan to address issues facing Americans; President Biden’s statement “MAGA Republicans are destroying American democracy”; Biden’s political speech delivered with Marines in dress uniform as a backdrop; Democrats running ads boosting Trump-backed candidates in primaries; and Biden’s rising approval rating; [\[Watch\]](#)

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- “Bed Bath & Beyond Confirms Death of CFO Gustavo Arnal” [\[WSJ\]](#)
- “Russia’s Unfounded Claims of Secret U.S. Bioweapons Linger” [\[NYT\]](#)
- “Amazon Care’s demise shocked employees. Now the company’s plans may hinge on acquisitions.” [\[WaPo\]](#)
- “Facing ‘dead pool’ risk, California water agencies consider Colorado River cuts” [\[LAT\]](#)

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

People: **Bill Barr Says DOJ Was Being 'Jerked Around' By Donald Trump: They Were Deceived'**, Filipp Lebedev, September 5, 2022, 1:28 PM

As revelations regarding the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago continue to come to light, former Attorney General Bill Barr says Donald Trump "jerked around" the Department of Justice, leaving them no choice but to execute a search warrant on his home in August. Speaking to Fox News Friday, Barr noted that the federal government spent months trying to track down classified documents that went missing after Trump left office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: **Russia sanctions Ben Stiller and Sean Penn over Ukraine support**, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 12:01 AM

Russia hit Hollywood stars Ben Stiller and Sean Penn with sanctions on Monday in response to their public criticism of Moscow's war on Ukraine. The foreign ministry included the actors on a new list of 25 U.S. citizens - mostly politicians, trade officials and industrial executives - that it was

placing under sanctions and banning from entering Russia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Reuters: Lawyer of alleged crypto launderer urges Russia to discuss prisoner swap - letter, Filipp Lebedev, September 5, 2022, 3:23 PM

The lawyer of a Russian man accused of laundering more than \$4 billion through the digital currency bitcoin urged Moscow on Monday to begin negotiations with the United States to include his client in a potential prisoner swap. [...] The U.S. Department of Justice said Vinnik "allegedly owned, operated, and administrated BTC-e, a significant cybercrime and online money laundering entity that allowed its users to trade in bitcoin with high levels of anonymity and developed a customer base heavily reliant on criminal activity." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Past Pentagon leaders warn of strains on civilian-military relations, Dan Lamothe, September 6, 2022, 4:00 AM

The Pentagon's former defense secretaries and top generals warned Tuesday that political polarization and other societal strains are creating an "exceptionally challenging" environment for maintaining the traditional relationship between the military and civilian worlds. The assessment is the basis of an extraordinary open letter signed by eight former defense secretaries and five former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Guardian: Pressure on Trump loyalist Jeffrey Clark as ex-DoJ colleague works with prosecutors, Peter Stone, September 6, 2022, 5:00 AM

Cooperation from Ken Klukowski could spur charges against Clark, who schemed with Trump to overturn election results in Georgia. Legal pressure on Jeffrey Clark, the former justice department lawyer who schemed with Donald Trump and others to overturn the 2020 election results in Georgia and other states, is expected to rise with the cooperation of another ex-DoJ lawyer who worked with him, say former prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: How critical US sectors are coping with rising cyberattacks, Ines Kagubare, September 5, 2022, 6:30 PM

The rise in cyberattacks this year has forced many companies in critical sectors to make improvements to their cyber defenses in an effort to secure their networks from hacks. Such companies are increasing their investments in cybersecurity and seeking to hire more cyber professionals a task proving to be challenging amid a shortage of cyber workers across industries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Explainer: How will attorney-client privilege affect the Trump records probe?, Jacqueline Thomsen, September 5, 2022, 12:23 PM

A federal judge on Monday agreed to appoint a special master to review records seized by the FBI during its unprecedented Aug. 8 search of former President Donald Trump's Florida estate. Trump had asked for the review to determine whether documents seized contained materials that are covered by attorney-client privilege. Below is an explainer on attorney-client privilege, and how it could feature in the documents investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge grants Trump bid for special master in document search, Eric Tucker, September 5, 2022, 12:14 PM

A federal judge on Monday granted a request by former President Donald Trump's legal team to appoint a special master to review documents seized by the FBI from his Florida home last month and also temporarily halted the Justice Department's use of the records for investigative purposes. The decision by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon came despite the objections of the Justice Department, which said an outside legal expert was not necessary in part because officials had already completed their review of potentially privileged documents. The judge had previously signaled her inclination to approve a special master, asking a department lawyer during arguments this month, "What is the harm?". [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [CBS-3](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Daily Beast](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [Newsweek](#), [Newsweek-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WPBF-ABC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

NYT: 'Deeply Problematic': Experts Question Judge's Intervention in Trump Inquiry, Charlie Savage, September 5, 2022, 8:45 PM

A federal judge's extraordinary decision on Monday to interject in the criminal investigation into former President Donald J. Trump's hoarding of sensitive government documents at his Florida residence showed unusual solicitude to him, legal specialists said. This was "an unprecedented intervention by a federal district judge into the middle of an ongoing federal criminal and national security investigation," said Stephen I. Vladeck, a law professor at University of Texas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsweek](#)

Bloomberg: [ANALYSIS] Everything You Need to Know About Trump's Push for a 'Special Master', Zoe Tillman, September 5, 2022, 8:34 PM

A federal judge in Florida has ruled in favor of former president Donald Trump's request for a special master to review documents seized from his Mar-a-Lago home as part of a probe into his handling of sensitive government records. At issue is whether he can block prosecutors from making use of documents he says should be protected by some form of legal privilege. The Justice Department had opposed the request. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Judge cites 'reputational harm' to Trump in ordering a Mar-a-Lago special master and pause in probe, Kevin Johnson and Bart Jansen, September 5, 2022, 4:29 PM

A federal judge who ordered the appointment of a special master to review documents seized in last month's search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago beach club, repeatedly expressed concerns about the unprecedented nature of the law enforcement action, indicating that the ruling was necessary to promote a perception of fairness. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: The special master and its role in the Mar-a-Lago document probe, Melissa Quinn, September 6, 2022, 5:57 AM

A federal judge on Monday granted former President Donald Trump's request for a third party to review the materials seized by the FBI during its search at Mar-a-Lago, his South Florida residence, opening a new chapter in the dispute over the former president's handling of sensitive government records. The order from U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon sets a Sept. 9 deadline for the Justice Department and Trump's lawyers to confer and submit a list of proposed candidates to serve as the outside arbiter, known as a special master, as well as a detailed proposed description of the special master's duties and limitations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Takeaways from the ruling granting Trump's request for a special master in Mar-a-Lago probe, Tierney Sneed, Jeremy Herb and Marshall Cohen, September 5, 2022, 9:11 PM
A federal judge threw a wrench Monday in the Justice Department investigation into potential mishandling of documents from former President Donald Trump's White House by granting his request for a special master to review evidence seized from his Florida home last month. The win for Trump temporarily prevents the Justice Department's investigative team from accessing the thousands of documents – some of which are marked as classified – taken from Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Trump medical records, tax documents seized in FBI raid: judge, Brooke Singman, September 5, 2022, 2:30 PM
A federal judge revealed Monday that former President Trump's medical records and documents related to his accounting information and taxes were seized during the FBI's raid of his Mar-a-Lago home. U.S. District Judge from the Southern District of Florida Judge Aileen M. Cannon ordered Monday that an independent special master be appointed to review Trump's records for attorney-client and executive privilege. The judge also ordered the Justice Department stop its own review of the material for investigative purposes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Mar-a-Lago Special Master, Uvalde's First Day of School, UK's New Prime Minister, September 6, 2022, 5:58 AM
A federal judge has ruled in favor of President Trump, ordering an independent review of materials seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate (1:19). It's the first day of school in Uvalde, Texas. For some students who attended Robb Elementary, it will be the first time back in the classroom since a gunman killed 21 people at their school last May (5:09). And in the United Kingdom, Liz Truss takes over as prime minister today (8:53). [\[Listen\]](#)

The American Lawyer: How Trump's Legal Team Got to Mar-a-Lago, Dan Roe, September 6, 2022, 5:00 AM
At first glance, the members of former President Donald Trump's legal team in the Mar-a-Lago classified documents investigation don't have much in common. As of early September, they include lawyers with vast experience in federal investigations and lawyers with none. However, they're linked by the all-encompassing nature of their representation, which may help explain why more top-flight Big Law criminal defense litigators haven't accepted the potentially career-defining opportunity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] 'Trump judges do not believe in the rule of law': Legal expert on judge granting special master, Unattributed, September 5, 2022, 8:30 PM
A Trump-appointed judge granted Donald Trump's special master request, thereby delaying parts of the Justice Department's criminal probe. "When you allow Republicans to control the courts you get nothing," legal expert Elie Mystal says to Joy Reid, adding his view that, "Trump judges do not believe in the rule of law." [\[Watch\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Miami Herald: Davie CEO knew drugs were contaminated — and they went to children's hospitals, David Neal, September 6, 2022, 5:57 AM
The CEO of a Davie drug company helped cause infections in children in two hospitals by

distributing a drug he knew probably had a bacterial contamination. And 42-year-old Raidel Figueroa hid from the FDA that his company made the drug in question, Diocto Liquid. Figueroa, a Miami-Dade father of three and the owner of two suburban homes, was sentenced last week to three years in federal prison for his actions. His surrender date is Nov. 30. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Sun Times: R. Kelly trial on hold after officials close federal courthouse, Jon Seidel, September 5, 2022, 8:41 PM

Chicago's federal courthouse will be closed Tuesday because of an "operational issue," meaning the trial of R&B superstar R. Kelly will be delayed by at least one day. U.S. District Clerk of Court Thomas Bruton confirmed late Monday the Dirksen Federal Courthouse will be closed, and jury trials will be suspended, on Tuesday. But he did not provide further explanation. There has so far been no indication that the closure is related to Kelly's trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KELO-AM (Sioux Falls, SD): 29-year-old indicted on drug, assault, sex charges, Rae Yost, September 5, 2022, 3:20 PM

Alexander Brave, 29, no address listed, was indicted on charges of strangling or suffocating a victim, sexual abuse and giving a person under 21 methamphetamine, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office and Department of Justice in South Dakota. Brave gave meth to a victim under 21 and sexually abused the victim who was not capable of consent in August 2021 in Todd County, the indictment alleges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX): FTC takes action against 'Credit Karma' in tricking customers with "pre-approved" credit offers, Angela Bonilla, September 5, 2022, 4:03 PM

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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: President Biden Discusses Marijuana With Senate Candidate Fetterman At Labor Day Meeting, Kyle Jaeger, September 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

President Joe Biden and Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. John Fetterman (D) briefly discussed marijuana policy reform during a meeting near Pittsburgh on Monday, two campaign spokespeople told Marijuana Moment. Fetterman, a U.S. Senate candidate and longstanding cannabis legalization advocate, called on Biden to take executive action to decriminalize cannabis days ahead of the meeting. His campaign initially said that he intended to discuss marijuana reform with Biden when they were expected to cross paths at a Labor Day parade. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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- The Ukrainian president speaks in Kyiv at a new stage of the war as President Zelenskyy hints at multiple counter-offensives. Zelenskyy says Russia is using Ukraine's nuclear plant as a "nuclear weapon." [[ABC](#)]
- The Coast Guard suspended its search after a DHC-3 Turbine Otter floatplane crashed off the coast of Washington state. The plane suddenly dove down with no distress call and was carrying nine adults and one child. [[NBC](#)]
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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Judge grants Trump bid for special master in document search, Eric Tucker, September 5, 2022, 12:14 PM

A federal judge on Monday granted a request by former President Donald Trump's legal team to appoint a special master to review documents seized by the FBI from his Florida home last month and also temporarily halted the Justice Department's use of the records for investigative purposes. The decision by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon came despite the objections of the Justice Department, which said an outside legal expert was not necessary in part because officials had already completed their review of potentially privileged documents. The judge had previously signaled her inclination to approve a special master, asking a department lawyer during arguments this month, "What is the harm?". [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CBS-2](#), [CBS-3](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Daily Beast](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [Newsweek](#), [Newsweek-2](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WPBF-ABC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#), [WSJ](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

NYT: 'Deeply Problematic': Experts Question Judge's Intervention in Trump Inquiry, Charlie Savage, September 5, 2022, 8:45 PM

A federal judge's extraordinary decision on Monday to interject in the criminal investigation into former President Donald J. Trump's hoarding of sensitive government documents at his Florida residence showed unusual solicitude to him, legal specialists said. This was "an unprecedented intervention by a federal district judge into the middle of an ongoing federal criminal and national security investigation," said Stephen I. Vladeck, a law professor at University of Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:**

Bloomberg: [ANALYSIS] Everything You Need to Know About Trump's Push for a 'Special Master', Zoe Tillman, September 5, 2022, 8:34 PM

A federal judge in Florida has ruled in favor of former president Donald Trump's request for a special master to review documents seized from his Mar-a-Lago home as part of a probe into his handling of sensitive government records. At issue is whether he can block prosecutors from making use of documents he says should be protected by some form of legal privilege. The Justice Department had opposed the request. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Judge cites 'reputational harm' to Trump in ordering a Mar-a-Lago special master and pause in probe, Kevin Johnson and Bart Jansen, September 5, 2022, 4:29 PM

A federal judge who ordered the appointment of a special master to review documents seized in last month's search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago beach club, repeatedly expressed concerns about the unprecedented nature of the law enforcement action, indicating that the ruling was necessary to promote a perception of fairness. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: The special master and its role in the Mar-a-Lago document probe, Melissa Quinn, September 6, 2022, 5:57 AM

A federal judge on Monday granted former President Donald Trump's request for a third party to review the materials seized by the FBI during its search at Mar-a-Lago, his South Florida residence, opening a new chapter in the dispute over the former president's handling of sensitive government records. The order from U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon sets a Sept. 9 deadline for the Justice Department and Trump's lawyers to confer and submit a list of proposed candidates to serve as the outside arbiter, known as a special master, as well as a detailed proposed description of the special master's duties and limitations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Takeaways from the ruling granting Trump's request for a special master in Mar-a-Lago probe, Tierney Sneed, Jeremy Herb and Marshall Cohen, September 5, 2022, 9:11 PM

A federal judge threw a wrench Monday in the Justice Department investigation into potential mishandling of documents from former President Donald Trump's White House by granting his request for a special master to review evidence seized from his Florida home last month. The win for Trump temporarily prevents the Justice Department's investigative team from accessing the thousands of documents -- some of which are marked as classified -- taken from Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Trump medical records, tax documents seized in FBI raid: judge, Brooke Singman, September 5, 2022, 2:30 PM

A federal judge revealed Monday that former President Trump's medical records and documents related to his accounting information and taxes were seized during the FBI's raid of his Mar-a-Lago home. U.S. District Judge from the Southern District of Florida Judge Aileen M. Cannon ordered Monday that an independent special master be appointed to review Trump's records for attorney-client and executive privilege. The judge also ordered the Justice Department stop its own review of the material for investigative purposes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The American Lawyer: How Trump's Legal Team Got to Mar-a-Lago, Dan Roe, September 6, 2022, 5:00 AM

At first glance, the members of former President Donald Trump's legal team in the Mar-a-Lago classified documents investigation don't have much in common. As of early September, they include lawyers with vast experience in federal investigations and lawyers with none. However, they're linked by the all-encompassing nature of their representation, which may help explain why more top-flight Big Law criminal defense litigators haven't accepted the potentially career-defining opportunity. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] 'Trump judges do not believe in the rule of law': Legal expert on judge granting special master, Unattributed, September 5, 2022, 8:30 PM

A Trump-appointed judge granted Donald Trump's special master request, thereby delaying parts of the Justice Department's criminal probe. "When you allow Republicans to control the courts you get nothing," legal expert Elie Mystal says to Joy Reid, adding his view that, "Trump judges do not believe in the rule of law." [[Watch](#)]

People: Bill Barr Says DOJ Was Being 'Jerked Around' By Donald Trump: They Were Deceived', Filipp Lebedev, September 5, 2022, 1:28 PM

As revelations regarding the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago continue to come to light, former Attorney General Bill Barr says Donald Trump "jerked around" the Department of Justice, leaving them no choice but to execute a search warrant on his home in August. Speaking to Fox News Friday, Barr noted that the federal government spent months trying to track down classified documents that went missing after Trump left office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Lawyer of alleged crypto launderer urges Russia to discuss prisoner swap - letter, Filipp Lebedev, September 5, 2022, 3:23 PM

The lawyer of a Russian man accused of laundering more than \$4 billion through the digital currency bitcoin urged Moscow on Monday to begin negotiations with the United States to include his client in a potential prisoner swap. [...] The U.S. Department of Justice said Vinnik "allegedly owned, operated, and administrated BTC-e, a significant cybercrime and online money laundering entity that allowed its users to trade in bitcoin with high levels of anonymity and developed a customer base heavily reliant on criminal activity." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Past Pentagon leaders warn of strains on civilian-military relations, Dan Lamothe, September 6, 2022, 4:00 AM

The Pentagon's former defense secretaries and top generals warned Tuesday that political polarization and other societal strains are creating an "exceptionally challenging" environment for maintaining the traditional relationship between the military and civilian worlds. The assessment is the basis of an extraordinary open letter signed by eight former defense secretaries and five former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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Guardian: Pressure on Trump loyalist Jeffrey Clark as ex-DoJ colleague works with prosecutors, Peter Stone, September 6, 2022, 5:00 AM

Cooperation from Ken Klukowski could spur charges against Clark, who schemed with Trump to overturn election results in Georgia. Legal pressure on Jeffrey Clark, the former justice department lawyer who schemed with Donald Trump and others to overturn the 2020 election results in Georgia and other states, is expected to rise with the cooperation of another ex-DoJ lawyer who worked with him, say former prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

NYT: As Ex-Uber Executive Heads to Trial, the Security Community Reels, Kashmir Hill and Kellen Browning, September 6, 3:00 AM

Joe Sullivan was a rock star in the information security world. One of the first federal prosecutors to work on cybercrime cases in the late 1990s, he jumped into the corporate security world in 2002, eventually taking on high-profile roles as chief of security at Facebook and Uber....So it came as a shock to many in the

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Miami Herald: Davie CEO knew drugs were contaminated — and they went to children's hospitals, David Neal, September 6, 2022, 5:57 AM

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Chicago Sun Times: R. Kelly trial on hold after officials close federal courthouse, Jon Seidel, September 5, 2022, 8:41 PM

Chicago's federal courthouse will be closed Tuesday because of an "operational issue," meaning the trial of R&B superstar R. Kelly will be delayed by at least one day. U.S. District Clerk of Court Thomas Bruton confirmed late Monday the Dirksen Federal Courthouse will be closed, and jury trials will be suspended, on Tuesday. But he did not provide further explanation. There has so far been no indication that the closure is related to Kelly's trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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San Diego Tribune: 'Fat Leonard,' set to finally be sentenced in long-running Navy bribery scheme, is on the lam, Kristina David and Greg Morgan, September 6, 2022

The military contractor known as "Fat Leonard," the mastermind behind the worst public corruption scandal in U.S. Navy history who was three weeks away from being sentenced in the case, is on the run.

Leonard Glenn Francis, who has been under house arrest, cut off his GPS monitoring ankle bracelet and absconded from his San Diego home sometime Sunday morning, said Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Omar Castillo. Pretrial Services, the federal agency monitoring Francis, was alerted to an anomaly with Francis' bracelet, and Francis' defense team went to check on him, knowing he has a history of health issues. An attorney called San Diego police about 1:45 p.m., saying Francis was not answering their knocks or messages, and asked for a welfare check at the home in the Torrey Highlands neighborhood, according to police officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]. See also: [WaPo](#), [NBC](#)

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- A federal judge decided Monday to authorize a special master to review the documents seized during the FBI search of fmr. Pres. Trump's home last month. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Police say two brothers fatally stabbed 10 and injured at least 19 others in a rural indigenous community in Canada. One of the suspects has now been found dead. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russia is accused of weaponizing fuel by cutting off a major pipeline, saying it won't be turned on until after sanctions are lifted. This comes as fighting threatens Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Ukraine. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Officials are searching for the whereabouts of 34-year-old Eliza Fletcher — last seen on video jogging Friday morning. The suspect charged with her kidnapping is not cooperating. He has a lengthy criminal history. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Ukrainian president speaks in Kyiv at a new stage of the war as President Zelenskyy hints at multiple counter-offensives. Zelenskyy says Russia is using Ukraine's nuclear plant as a “nuclear weapon.” [[ABC](#)]
- Britain's new Prime Minister Liz Truss is the third female to take on the role and is being compared to Margaret Thatcher as she faces inflation, strikes and a recession while promising tax cuts. Truss is also hoping to affirm Britain's long standing special relationship with America. [[NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WSJ: DOJ Considers Next Move After Judge Greenlights Trump's Request for Special

Master, Aruna Viswanatha and Jan Wolfe September 6, 2022, 5:34 PM

The Justice Department faces partly conflicting goals as it weighs how to proceed in its inquiry into the handling of classified documents at Mar-a-Lago following a legal ruling on Monday, former prosecutors say. A federal judge in Florida ordered the appointment of a special master to review documents seized from former President Donald Trump's Florida resort and temporarily blocked the government from using the materials for a criminal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [NBC](#)

Washington Examiner: [EDITORIAL] Biden's DOJ embraces bias and anti-religious bigotry, Editorial Board, September 7, 2022, 12:00 AM

Do you think pregnancy centers should not be forced by the government to tell pregnant women where to get an abortion? If you support the First Amendment rights of any of these entities, then President Joe Biden's Department of Justice believes you're a bigot unworthy of associating with or at least that is the message the department sends by protecting a senior DOJ official who attacked the nation's leading legal advocate of religious liberty. [...] Did Garland's words mean anything? Apparently not because he is not acting to protect the integrity of the DOJ "both in fact and appearance" in this case. Biden's attack on all pro-life voters and Bruskin's attack on Christian legal advocates are making it impossible for any conservative to trust Biden's DOJ to enforce the law fairly. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Tribune: [OPINION] Talk of the County reader opinion: Merrick Garland's warning is a 'blatant admission that the FBI and the DOJ are political', Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 11:00 AM

The proof in the pudding is Merrick Garland coming out and saying that the agents of the FBI and the CIA anybody in the Justice Department cannot be political. He means any more, not that they weren't in the past. So they can't be seen at Democratic or Republican rallies endorsing a candidate or things like that. They have to be neutral. Well, that is a blatant admission that the FBI and the DOJ are political, because if they weren't he wouldn't have had to issue the warning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Elected officials, police chiefs on leaked Oath Keepers list, Alanna Durkin Richer and Michael Kunzelman, September 7, 2022, 5:00 AM

The names of hundreds of U.S. law enforcement officers, elected officials and military members appear on the leaked membership rolls of a far-right extremist group that's accused of playing a key role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, according to a report released Wednesday. The Anti-Defamation League Center on Extremism pored over more than 38,000 names on leaked Oath Keepers membership lists and identified more than 370 people it believes currently work in law enforcement agencies including as police chiefs and sheriffs and more

than 100 people who are currently members of the military. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Los Angeles school district says it was target of ransomware attack, Kanishka Singh, September 6, 2022, 9:37 PM

The Los Angeles Unified School District, the second-largest collection of public schools in the United States, said it was targeted by a ransomware attack over the Labor Day weekend that caused "significant disruption" but did not lead to cancellation of classes. "Los Angeles Unified detected unusual activity in its Information Technology systems over the weekend, which after an initial review, can be confirmed as an external cyber attack on our Information Technology assets," the district said in a statement on Tuesday, adding it reported the attack to law enforcement agencies. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [Guardian](#), [LAT](#), [Newsmax](#)

NYT: Judge Unseats Official Who Trespassed at Capitol on Jan. 6, Luke Broadwater and Alan Feuer, September 6, 2022, 7:06 PM

A judge in New Mexico on Tuesday ordered a county commissioner convicted of participating in the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol removed from office under the 14th Amendment, making him the first public official in more than a century to be barred from serving under a constitutional ban on insurrectionists holding office. The ruling declared the Capitol assault an insurrection and unseated Couy Griffin, a commissioner in New Mexico's Otero County and the founder of Cowboys for Trump, who was convicted earlier this year of trespassing when he breached barricades outside the Capitol during the attack. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Insider](#), [Newsweek](#)

WaPo: Election deniers repeatedly visited Ga. county office at center of criminal probe, video shows, Emma Brown and Jon Swaine, September 6, 2022, 8:00 AM

Technology consultants who sought evidence that Donald Trump's 2020 defeat was fraudulent made multiple visits to a county elections office in rural Georgia in the weeks after an alleged post-election breach of voting equipment there that is the subject of a criminal investigation. Surveillance video reviewed by The Washington Post shows that the consultants, Doug Logan and Jeffrey Lenberg, made two visits in January 2021 to the elections office in Coffee County, about 200 miles south of Atlanta. Lenberg made an additional five visits on his own. The two men are under investigation for separate alleged breaches of voting machines in Michigan. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#)

NYT: Cameras, Plexiglass, Fireproofing: Election Officials Beef Up Security, Neil Vigdor, September 6, 2022, 8:00 AM

In Wisconsin, one of the nation's key swing states, cameras and plexiglass now fortify the reception area of a county election office in Madison, the capital, after a man wearing camouflage and a mask tried to open locked doors during an election in April. In another bellwether area, Maricopa County, Ariz., where beleaguered election workers had to be escorted through a scrum of election deniers to reach their cars in 2020, a security fence was added to protect the perimeter of a vote tabulation center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] State Department is offering big rewards for info on hackers, to uncertain ends, Tim Starks, September 6, 2022, 7:14 PM

In the past two months alone, a State Department program has offered tens of millions of dollars for information on Conti ransomware gang members and alleged Russian election meddlers. And that State Department "Rewards for Justice" initiative is set to advertise new targets between now

and the 2022 midterm elections, officials told me, speaking on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of their work. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: Jan. 6 defendant turned in by ex he called a 'moron' gets nine months in prison, Ryan J. Reilly, September 6, 2022, 2:38 PM

A Jan. 6 rioter turned in by his ex after he called her a "moron" because she didn't believe Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election was sentenced to nine months in federal prison on Tuesday. Richard Michetti of Pennsylvania pleaded guilty to a felony count of obstruction of an official proceeding back in May. He admitted that he went inside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 and yelled "we feed your family," "you are just taking orders," and "we pay you" at officers, that he "gesticulated at the officers and at one point briefly pinched the sleeve of one officer," and also told officers they were "starting a civil war." Michetti was arrested in February after his ex-girlfriend gave his name to the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#)

Politico: Donald Trump has at least 19 different attorneys dealing with 8 investigations, Betsy Woodruff Swan, Nicholas Wu and Kyle Cheney, September 7, 2022, 4:30 AM

Donald Trump's career has been defined by legal fights and the eclectic crew of lawyers who've waged them. That's never been more true than since he left the presidency and his legal woes have metastasized. Some of his lawyers have represented celebrities, including Waka Flocka Flame and Courtney Love. One of his attorneys works at a firm that lists one of its specialties as RV law. Others still have extensive white-collar defense backgrounds and prosecutorial careers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Guardian: Why did a judge grant Trump's request for a 'special master'?, J Oliver Conroy, September 7, 2022, 4:00 AM

Monday's decision by a US federal judge to stop the investigation of Donald Trump's seizure of classified documents until a "special master" reviews them has thrown the political and legal worlds into uproar pitting those who believe the ex-president has special legal privileges against those who think he should be treated like any other citizen. The procedural victory for Trump means the Department of Justice will have to press pause on its effort to determine whether the former president may have illegally run off with classified documents from the White House and kept them at his home in Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bleeping Computer: US seizes WT1SHOP market selling credit cards, credentials, and IDs, Lawrence Abrams, September 6, 2022, 6:43 PM

An international law enforcement operation has seized the website and domains for WT1SHOP, a criminal marketplace that sold stolen credit cards, I.D. cards, and millions of login credentials. WT1SHOP was one of the largest criminal marketplaces of PII data commonly used by threat actors to buy credentials for account takeovers, credit cards used for online purchases, and government I.D. cards for identity theft. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: U.S. indicts two Marshall Islands nationals in China-linked bribery scheme, Bill Gertz, September 6, 2022, 6:30 PM

Two Marshall Islands nationals of Chinese descent were indicted by the Justice Department on charges of bribing government officials of the Pacific island-state with funds from China. Cary Yan and Gina Zhou were extradited to the United States from Thailand to New York and charged in a federal indictment unsealed on Friday, accused of using a United Nations-approved NGO to bribe officials of the Marshall Islands government. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***Politico:* Oath Keepers' founder Rhodes fires lawyers, seeks delay in Capitol riot trial,**

Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, September 6, 2022, 6:26 PM

The founder of the far-right Oath Keepers fired his attorneys on Tuesday, just a few weeks before he's slated to go on trial for seditious conspiracy over his group's alleged involvement in the breach of the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. In a 20-page filing, Stewart Rhodes complained that his previous attorneys, Phil Linder and Lee Bright, had not mounted an aggressive enough defense and had left him without complete access to the evidence Rhodes intends to present at trial. Rhodes also previewed new elements of the defense he hopes to lay out, and has asked for a delay in the scheduled Sept. 26 trial date. Asked for comment, Bright indicated he would await a response from the judge overseeing the case, U.S. District Court Judge Amit Mehta. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#)

***Kansas City Star:* Missouri man argues he had a 'civic duty' to enter Capitol, wants riot case dismissed,** Judy L. Thomas, September 6, 2022, 12:12 PM

A northwest Missouri man scheduled to go to trial early next year for allegedly breaching the Capitol on Jan. 6 is now arguing that his case should be dismissed, saying the charges are "undeniably unconstitutional." Lloyd Casimiro Cruz Jr. says he was merely exercising his First Amendment rights when he entered the building that day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Detroit News (Detroit, MI):* Whitmer kidnap plotters ask for third trial as juror misconduct claim lingers,** Robert Snell, Michael Liedtke, September 6, 2022, 9:12 PM

Ringleaders of the plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer asked a federal judge for a new trial Tuesday and for a rare hearing to investigate misconduct allegations involving a juror. Details were unavailable because U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker has gagged defense lawyers from commenting publicly and ordered the sealing of court filings that address juror misconduct allegations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Philadelphia Inquirer:* A Pa. Capitol rioter turned in by his ex-girlfriend after he called her a 'moron' gets 9 months in prison,** Jeremy Roebuck, September 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Pennsylvania man who was turned in by his ex-girlfriend after he called her a "moron" for not believing Democrats had stolen the 2020 presidential election was sentenced to nine months in federal prison Tuesday for participating in the Capitol riot. [...] Most others have thus far received probation or fewer than two months of incarceration after pleading guilty to misdemeanor crimes. Cases against nearly four dozen more are still pending in Washington's federal court, including that of Michael Dickinson, of Philadelphia, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of assaulting police officers during the melee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

***WaPo:* Material on foreign nation's nuclear capabilities seized at Trump's Mar-a-Lago,** Devlin Barrett and Carol D. Leonnig, September 6, 2022, 10:36 PM

A document describing a foreign government's military defenses, including its nuclear capabilities, was found by FBI agents who searched former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and private club last month, according to people familiar with the matter, underscoring concerns among U.S. intelligence officials about classified material stashed in the Florida property. Some of the seized documents detail top-secret U.S. operations so closely

guarded that many senior national security officials are kept in the dark about them. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Caller](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Insider-2](#), [NY Post](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#), [VOA](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#)

Reuters: U.S. judge signals willingness to appoint special master in Trump search case, Francisco Alvarado and Sarah N. Lynch, September 6, 2022, 12:30 PM

(In Sept 1 story, corrects paragraphs 19-20 to show that quote reflects the words of Trump lawyer Trusty, not Trump lawyer Kise). A federal judge on Thursday appeared sympathetic to former President Donald Trump's request to appoint a special master to review the documents the FBI seized from his home in August, though she declined to issue a ruling immediately on the matter. At a hearing in West Palm Beach, U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon pressed the Justice Department on why it opposes the appointment of a special master - an independent third party sometimes appointed by a court in sensitive cases to review materials potentially covered by attorney-client privilege to ensure investigators do not improperly view them. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [Courthouse News](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NPR-2](#), [Politico](#), [Politico-2](#)

NYT: Special Masters and the Trump Records Investigation, Explained, Charlie Savage, September 6, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal judge's unusually sweeping decision to appoint an independent arbiter to sift through government documents seized from former President Donald J. Trump last month has intensified scrutiny of the role. In granting Mr. Trump's request, the judge, Aileen M. Cannon of the Southern District of Florida, gave the so-called special master expansive powers, with the authority to evaluate documents not only for those covered by attorney-client privilege, but also for those potentially protected by executive privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Judge's special-master order a test of Trump's post-White House powers, Ann E. Marimow and Devlin Barrett, September 6, 2022, 7:55 PM

The Justice Department must decide by Friday whether to raise the stakes in its investigation into Donald Trump's possible mishandling of classified information by appealing a controversial ruling about the rights and powers of former presidents. As they scrutinize Trump and his advisers, Justice Department lawyers are weighing whether to challenge a federal judge's uncommon order to appoint an independent reviewer, called a special master, to assess more than 11,000 documents seized by the FBI from Trump's Florida residence last month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [PODCAST] How a special master could change the Trump investigation, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 6:30 PM

On Monday, a federal district judge pumped the brakes on the Justice Department's investigation into the material seized from former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago property. The judge granted Trump's request to appoint a special master to review the documents. Rosalind Helderan, a political enterprise reporter for The Post, walks us through what this news means for the Justice Department and what we can expect next in this investigation. [[Listen](#)]

CNN: Barr: Justice Department should appeal 'deeply flawed' ruling approving special master in Trump documents case, Shawna Mizelle, September 6, 2022, 8:14 PM

Former Attorney General William Barr on Tuesday said the decision by a Florida judge to grant former President Donald Trump's request for a special master to review the documents seized by the FBI from Mar-a-Lago is "deeply flawed" and urged the Justice Department to appeal it.

"The opinion, I think, was wrong, and I think the government should appeal it. It's deeply flawed in a number of ways," Barr said during a Fox interview Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Newsweek](#), [NY Daily News](#)

The Hill: Florida judge throws Trump, DOJ curveball with special master decision, Morgan Chalfant and Rebecca Beitsch, September 7, 2022, 6:00 AM

The decision by a federal judge in Florida to grant former President Trump's request for a special master is poised to shake up the investigation into his handling of highly classified documents while dragging out the polarizing fight. Legal experts say the decision is a major curveball in the Justice Department's probe, which could delay it for at least a few weeks, and forces the agency to weigh whether and how to battle the decision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Week](#)

The Hill: Five things to know about Aileen M. Cannon, the judge who granted Trump a special master, Mychael Schnell, September 7, 2022, 6:00 AM

U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon shot into the spotlight on Monday after granting former President Trump's request for an independent mediator to examine materials the FBI recovered during a search at his Mar-a-Lago residence last month. Cannon, who was appointed by Trump in 2020, made the divisive decision after hearing arguments from the ex-president's lawyers, who pushed for the special master, and attorneys from the Department of Justice (DOJ), who said the former president's claims of privilege were unwarranted. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Donald Trump has at least 19 different attorneys dealing with 8 investigations, Betsy Woodruff Swan, Nicholas Wu and Kyle Cheney, September 7, 2022, 4:30 AM

Donald Trump's career has been defined by legal fights and the eclectic crew of lawyers who've waged them. That's never been more true than since he left the presidency and his legal woes have metastasized. Some of his lawyers have represented celebrities, including Waka Flocka Flame and Courtney Love. One of his attorneys works at a firm that lists one of its specialties as RV law. Others still have extensive white-collar defense backgrounds and prosecutorial careers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: GOP offers strained Trump defenses in Mar-a-Lago probe — for now, Andrew Desiderio and Nicholas Wu, September 6, 2022, 9:00 PM

It's just a bookkeeping issue. Presidents have broad declassification authority. And if the records actually posed a national security threat, Congress would have known about it. In the days since the FBI search of Donald Trump's home, GOP lawmakers and allies of the former president have offered increasingly strained responses when it comes to his possession of classified and top-secret documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: DOJ's setback in Mar-a-Lago probe could be profound ... or merely a blip, Nicholas Wu, Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, September 6, 2022, 8:36 PM

A federal judge's order of an independent review of the materials seized from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home has roiled the Justice Department's ongoing criminal probe into the matter. It's also raised profound questions about the power of courts to intervene in Executive Branch work. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Five things to watch as a special master looks at FBI's seized Trump documents, Rebecca Beitsch and Mike Lillis, September 6, 2022, 3:16 PM

Monday's court ruling requiring an independent review of documents seized last month from Mar-

a-Lago is raising new legal questions about the reach of executive privilege while scrambling the Department of Justice's (DOJ) investigation into former President Trump. The decision passed down by Trump-appointed U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon sets the stage for her to appoint an outside expert, known as a special master, to examine the thousands of documents recovered from Trump's Florida residence after the DOJ's extraordinary search operation on Aug. 8.

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CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Elizabeth Holmes seeks new trial, cites key witness' regrets, Shayna Jacobs, Michael Liedtke, September 6, 2022, 4:41 PM

Disgraced Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes requested a new trial Tuesday, asserting in a court filing that a key witness for the prosecution now regrets the role he played in her conviction for investor fraud and conspiracy related to her failed blood-testing startup. The petition centers on the reliability of testimony provided by former Theranos lab director Adam Rosendorff, who said he repeatedly raised concerns about the accuracy of bloods [sic] tests that were being administered to patients during his tenure in 2013 and 2014. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Steve Bannon faces state indictment in N.Y., will surrender Thursday, Shayna Jacobs, Jacqueline Alemany and Josh Dawsey, September 6, 2022, 10:24 PM

Stephen K. Bannon is expected to surrender to state prosecutors on Thursday to face a new criminal indictment, people familiar with the matter said, weeks after he was convicted of contempt of Congress and nearly two years after he received a federal pardon from President Donald Trump in a federal fraud case. The precise details of the state case could not be confirmed Tuesday evening. But people familiar with the situation, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sealed indictment, suggested the prosecution will likely mirror aspects of the federal case in which Bannon was pardoned. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

NBC: Migrant woman who accused her manager of rape loses her lawsuit against him and Sbarro Pizza, Julia Ainsley and Didi Martinez, September 6, 2022, 2:24 PM

A woman who accused her manager at Sbarro Pizza of repeatedly raping her in 2016 lost a federal lawsuit against him and Sbarro on all counts Friday. Her lawyers are now pushing for a mistrial on the grounds that the company alleged she fabricated the claims to win legal immigration status. Sandra Perez alleged in a federal lawsuit that her manager Zachary Ceballes raped her weekly inside a walk-in cooler at the Sbarro inside the Monte Carlo resort on the Las Vegas strip. She said Ceballes knew she was undocumented at the time he hired her and other family members, including her undocumented daughter and sister, and threatened to deport them if she did not comply. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#)

NPR: A Florida woman touted as a 'Mother Theresa' ran a \$196 million Ponzi scheme, feds say, Bill Chappell, September 6, 2022, 1:25 PM

She said she worked miracles not for charity, but for profit: Johanna M. Garcia connected investors with companies that needed short-term financing, promising robust returns on their money. But federal prosecutors say it wasn't a miracle; it was a lucrative Ponzi scheme. The Florida woman is accused of perpetuating a \$196 million fraud through MJ Capital Funding LLC, the company she started in the Fort Lauderdale area. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Albuquerque Journal: **Ex-bookkeeper pleads guilty to stealing \$2M from auto body company**, Olivier Uyttebrouck, September 6, 2022, 5:51 PM

A former bookkeeper for an Albuquerque-based auto body firm pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal charges that she defrauded her employer of more than \$2 million over a seven-year period, court records show. Christina Joyner, 47, of Rio Rancho admitted in a plea agreement that she stole \$2,025,165 from Quanz Auto Body from July 2014 through September 2021, according to the plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court of New Mexico. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Hampden County, MA): **Massachusetts Post Office Manager Admits To Stealing Packages Of Cocaine: Feds**, Josh Lanier, September 6, 2022, 5:35 PM

A 43-year-old Worcester post office manager pleaded guilty last month in federal court to stealing packages at least eight times that contained cocaine so he could sell the drugs, the Department of Justice announced. Kevin Dombroski of Worcester admitted to one count of mail theft by a US Postal Service employee on Aug. 30, the US Attorney's Office said. A federal judge will sentence him in January. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Bakersfield Californian: **Bakersfield man pleads to gun charge**, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

The Department of Justice announced Tuesday that a Bakersfield man pleaded guilty to a gun charge. Katterin McCray, 25, of Bakersfield, admitted to being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to a news release. Bakersfield Police officers attempted to stop a car McCray was a passenger in on Jan. 15, according to court documents. The vehicle sped off and McCray discarded from the vehicle a Glock, Model 22, 40 caliber handgun with a high-capacity magazine and ammunition near the intersection of Cottonwood Road and Casa Loma Drive in Bakersfield. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGET-NBC/CW \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#)

Republican (Springfield, MA): **Former EMT Candice Mangan pleads guilty to tampering with three fentanyl citrate vials**, Alvin Buyinza, September 6, 2022, 4:58 PM

Candice Mangan, 43, of Medford pleaded guilty to one count of tampering with a consumer product in U.S. District Court on Aug. 30, 2022, U.S. Attorney Rachael S. Rollins said. From March 2020 to early October 2020, Mangan worked as a part-time EMT. Around Sept. 30, Mangan removed fentanyl citrate from three vials and replaced the majority of the contents with saline. Mangan had only left 4.4%, 6.8%, and 24.2% of the concentration of fentanyl citrate in the vials. She was charged on June 24, 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Hampden County, MA\)](#)

Patch (Wayne, NJ): **Ex-CFO From Wayne Admits To Embezzling \$3.7M From Company**, Josh Bakan, September 6, 2022, 4:48 PM

A Wayne woman admitted in federal court to her role in a scheme to embezzle more than \$3.7 million from her employer while serving as chief financial officer and director of operations. Amy Aldi pleaded guilty Tuesday to wire fraud. The wire fraud charge carries up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss from the offense. Aldi's sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 10. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Bulletin (Orange County, CA): **Ex-stockbroker from Chino Hills sentenced to prison for \$3 million investment fraud**, Sean Emery, September 6, 2022, 4:35 PM

A Chino Hills man who defrauded dozens of people out of more than \$3 million as part of a scheme that largely targeted low-income Hispanic investors was sentenced Tuesday to more

than six years in federal prison. Robert Louis Cirillo, 61, was ordered by U.S. District Judge David O. Carter to serve six and a half years behind bars and to pay approximately \$3.9 million in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NJ Metro Breaking News: East Orange Resident Admits Scheme to Use Credit Cards, Checks Stolen from U.S. Mail, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 3:49 PM

An East Orange man admitted scheming with others to use credit cards and checks stolen from the mail by at least two U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employees to make hundreds of thousands of dollars of purchases, Attorney for the United States Vikas Khanna announced. According to Federal officials, Adeeb Salih, 30, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Kevin McNulty in Newark federal court to an information charging him with conspiracy to commit bank fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NJ Metro Breaking News: Newark Man Admits Distributing Heroin at Newark Housing Project, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 3:28 PM

A Newark man admitted distributing and possessing with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. According to Federal officials, Raquan Rawls, aka "Bandz," 24, of Newark, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Judge John Michael Vazquez by videoconference to two counts in a superseding indictment charging him with distribution and possession with intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base, (Count Eight), and distribution and possession with intent to distribute heroin (Count Nine). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): Buffalo man gets 14-year sentence for distributing drugs that caused two deaths, Ben Tsujimoto, September 6, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Buffalo man convicted of possessing and distributing illegal narcotics that led to two deaths has been sentenced to 168 months in prison, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Tuesday. Nino Buggs, 26, pleaded guilty July 30, 2021, to distributing two opioids, butyryl fentanyl and U-47700, and admitted to causing the deaths of two people, according to court documents. After the 14 years in jail, Buggs will be under post-release supervision for four years. The sentencing comes about two years after a federal grand jury returned a nine-count superseding indictment against Buggs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#), [WKBW-ABC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

WTOP-FM (Washington, DC): DC man sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for armed robbery, two carjackings, Abigail Constantino, September 6, 2022, 10:19 PM

A D.C. man has been sentenced to prison for his role in numerous Maryland crimes last year. Rashaun Onley, 23, pleaded guilty to armed commercial robbery, carjacking and gun charges, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office District of Maryland news release Tuesday. He was sentenced to serve 14 years followed by five years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Bixby man sentenced to 45 years for murder of his stepfather, Savannah Sinclair, September 6, 2022, 9:17 PM

A Bixby man was sentenced in federal court Tuesday for the murder of his stepfather in 2018. Kevin Tyler Foster, 36, was sentenced to 540 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release. Foster had previously pleaded guilty to second degree murder in Indian Country. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOKI-Fox \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

WGN (Chicago, IL): Chicago man sentenced to over 5 years for COVID-19 fraud, loaded gun, Andy Koval, September 6, 2022, 8:31 PM

A Chicago man was sentenced to over five years in federal prison for fraudulently obtaining a PPE loan and possessing a loaded handgun. Tyjuan Lighthall, 25, was found with an unlawfully purchased firearm, with an extended magazine, in early 2019 while in Rogers Park. As a previously convicted felon, Lighthall was not legally allowed to possess a firearm. While he was on bond in the gun case, he engaged in COVID-19 relief fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOTV-CBS (Tulsa, OK): Tulsa Man Sentenced For Attacking His Ex-Girlfriend On Mother's Day 2021, David Prock, September 6, 2022, 6:17 PM

A Tulsa man was sentenced to seven years in federal prison for breaking into a former girlfriend's home and strangling her on Mother's Day in 2021. 28-year-old Anthony Lamont Mason II was convicted of one count of assault by strangling in Indian Country and one count of first-degree burglary in Indian Country in May of 2022. U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson said this case illustrates his office's commitment to prosecuting these types of violent crimes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): 7th member involved in selling synthetic drugs to serve 7 years in prison, forfeit \$117,984: DOJ, Brittany Taylor, September 6, 2022, 5:35 PM

The seventh and final member involved in a synthetic narcotics distribution network has been ordered to federal prison, announced U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery. Frank Gonzalez, 61, Mesa, Arizona, pleaded guilty Aug. 19, 2020. On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge George Hanks Jr. ordered Gonzalez to serve a total of 28 months in federal prison and to forfeit \$117,984. During the hearing, testimony detailed the significant dangers of synthetic cannabinoids including the risk of death, major health problems and the negative impact it has on the community and first responders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Sentence handed down for man who used St. Louis resident's identity to enlist in Army, court records state, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 5:28 PM

A man who served in the Army under an assumed name has been sentenced for passport fraud. DeLeo Antonio Barner, 60, had been living under an assumed name for 37 years, according to court records. Barner first used the name of a St. Louis resident in 1985 to enlist in the Army after being discharged under his own name. Barner, under the name "J.S.", was honorably discharged while stationed in Germany. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNCT-CBS/CW (Greenville, NC): Raleigh man who used 'money mules' to steal \$150,000 in checks gets 5 years in prison, Joedy McCreary, September 6, 2022, 5:01 PM

A Raleigh man who recruited "money mules" to steal more than \$150,000 worth of checks from more than 100 people will spend more than five years in prison, prosecutors said. The U.S. Department of Justice said Carl Edwin Parker Jr. was sentenced Tuesday to 63 months in prison and five years of supervised release, and must pay restitution to the State Employees' Credit Union. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVNS-CBS/Fox (Lewisburg, WV): Man sentenced to prison for damage to energy facility, Danielle Sandler, September 6, 2022, 4:55 PM

A man was sentenced to one year in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for aiding and abetting the destruction of an energy facility, identified as a known mine located across Boone and Lincoln Counties. According to court documents, starting from April 8, 2018, to April 17, 2018, Danny Griffy, 57, of Sylvester helped in the theft of specialized mine equipment, which resulted in more than \$5,000 in damage. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:**

[WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

WBNG-CBS/CW (Binghamton, NY): Endicott sex offender sentenced to prison for failing to register email account, Ben Tsujimoto, September 6, 2022, 4:25 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice announced Thomas E. Cargill, 56, of Endicott was sentenced to 18 months in prison for failing to update his sex offender registration by maintaining an unregistered email account. The DOJ said Cargill was also sentenced to a 10-month consecutive term of imprisonment because he violated the conditions of his supervised release and committed new criminal conduct as he failed to answer questions truthfully to his probation officer and possessed an undisclosed internet-capable device. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WICZ-Fox \(Binghamton, NY\)](#)

WNCT-CBS/CW (Greenville, NC): Swansboro man sentenced for child porn, Jason O. Boyd, September 6, 2022, 4:12 PM

A Swansboro man has been sentenced to 41 years in prison for producing and distributing child porn, according to the office of US Attorney Michael Easley. William Thomas Bailey, 42, pled guilty to the charges on January 4, 2022. He will be under a lifetime of supervised release after he serves his sentence, according to a press release from Easley's office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBNG-CBS/CW (Binghamton, NY): Delaware County man gets 25 years for sexually exploiting a child, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 3:13 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice announced Tuesday that a Delaware County man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for sexually exploiting a child and distributing and possessing child pornography. The DOJ said, as part of his guilty plea, Jeremie Hoyt, 42, of Davenport, N.Y. admitted he used a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of that conduct. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WICZ-Fox \(Binghamton, NY\)](#)

WPML-NBC (Mobile, AL): Nine-time convicted Mobile felon gets 7 years in prison for gun stolen from Daphne, Keith Lane, September 6, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Mobile man has been sentenced to 92 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a gun. According to court documents, Ivan Laron Edwards, 38, was arrested in March 2021 by Mobile police officers on several active felony arrest warrants, including charges of domestic violence by strangulation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Fayetteville pimp accused of holding toddler, 3 adults in hotel room for hours convicted on kidnapping charges, Joedy McCreary, September 6, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Fayetteville pimp and drug dealer accused of holding a 2-year-old and three adults in a hotel room against their will for hours because he said they stole his money has been convicted on kidnapping and other charges. The U.S. Department of Justice said Tuesday that a jury found Yomere Juan Busbee, 38, guilty of conspiracy to commit kidnapping; kidnapping, including of a minor; conspiracy to distribute or possess with the intent to distribute heroin and cocaine base (crack); possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense; and being a felon in possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKOW-ABC (Madison, WI): Beloit man federally charged with transporting a minor across state lines, producing child pornography, Sierra Rehm, September 6, 2022, 1:00 PM

A Beloit man is facing two federal charges for the sexual exploitation of a minor, according to the office of Tim O'Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. O'Shea says a federal indictment returned on August 24 and unsealed on September 2 charges Everett Wescott, 32, with transporting a minor across state lines and producing child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCLO \(Janesville, WI\)](#), [WIFR-CBS \(Rockford, IL\)](#), [WISC-CBS \(Madison, WI\)](#), [WMTV-NBC \(Madison, WI\)](#), [WTVO-ABC \(Rockford, IL\)](#)

WHEC-NBC (Rochester, NY): Estranged husband of former mayor Warren sentenced to 32 months in prison, Ben Tsujimoto, September 6, 2022, 8:39 AM

Timothy Granison, the estranged husband of former mayor Lovely Warren, was sentenced on Tuesday afternoon after pleading guilty to drug charges. Timothy Granison, 43, of Rochester, NY, who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, was sentenced to serve 32 months in prison. Granison was arrested in May 2021 after authorities conducted a seven-month-long wiretap investigation into drug trafficking. New York State Police raided the home that he shared with the former mayor. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WROC-CBS \(Rochester, NY\)](#), [WXXI-NPR \(Rochester, NY\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. appeals court upholds Washington state's conversion therapy ban,

Jonathan Stempel, September 6, 2022, 4:57 PM

A U.S. federal appeals court on Tuesday unanimously upheld Washington state's ban on conversion therapy for children, rejecting a therapist's claim that it undermined his free speech and targeted him because he is Christian. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Washington's legislature acted rationally and did not violate the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment by imposing the ban to protect the "physical and psychological well-being" of children. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Maine school board ordered to pay a parent \$40K for violating First Amendment rights, Joshua Q. Nelson, September 6, 2022, 4:53 PM

A Maine school board on Thursday was ordered to pay a parent that they banned from attending school functions \$40K for violating the First Amendment. The Randazza Legal Group and Center for American Liberty represented client Shawn McBreairty in his federal lawsuit against the Maine-based School Board of Regional School Unit 22 for violating his First Amendment rights.

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Louisville Courier Journal: Government demands defense keep some evidence secret in Breonna Taylor civil rights trials, Andrew Wolfson, September 7, 2022, 5:05 AM

The government says it intends to turn over 65,000 records totaling more than 300,000 pages to defense counsel for the former Louisville police officers accused of violating Breonna Taylor's civil rights. But because the documents include medical records, personal emails and text messages, and investigative reports that include discussion of "highly personal and sensitive subjects," Justice Department lawyers are seeking a protective order restricting how the defense teams use and share the records. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Arizona Republic: [OPINION] Arizona AG won't defend law making it harder to film police. That should tell you something, Laurie Roberts, September 6, 2022, 6:09 PM

When it comes to taking away our rights, the Arizona Legislature has, once again, outdone itself. This time, by passing a law so blatantly unconstitutional that not even the state's attorney general will defend it. Attorney General Mark Brnovich, it seems, has no interest in defending a state law that would make it more difficult for bystanders to record police activity. [...] It comes just a year after the Justice Department opened an investigation into the Phoenix Police Department following reports of excessive force. Attorney General Merrick Garland, in his August 2021 announcement of the probe, said the goal of the investigation is "to promote transparency and accountability." [[Continue Reading](#)]

West Virginia MetroNews: Attorney says deputy facing federal indictment for excessive force had no reason to interact with alleged victim, Dave Wilson, September 6, 2022, 4:50 PM

Monongalia County Deputy Lance Kuretza had no reason to enter a hotel room on January 20, 2018 where Quintin Graciano was sound asleep, according to Graciano's attorney. According to attorney Todd La Neve, the ugly incident that resulted in a civil lawsuit and a federal criminal indictment against Monongalia County Deputy Lance Kuretza was totally avoidable. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Appellate veteran Lisa Blatt argues to restore Pennsylvania bar's anti-bias rule, Mike Scarcella, September 6, 2022, 2:45 PM

Pennsylvania's state attorney discipline board has brought on a veteran appellate advocate to urge the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to revive a professional rule that prohibits lawyers from discriminatory or harassing conduct. Williams & Connolly appellate practice head Lisa Blatt on Tuesday filed the board's opening brief in the Philadelphia-based U.S. appeals court, arguing that a federal district judge was wrong to find the rule violated attorneys' free speech rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: How Abbott Kept Sick Babies From Becoming a Scandal, David Enrich, September 6, 2022, 12:28 PM

Early on a Saturday morning in 2013, Mark Bennett, a federal judge, walked into his chambers in the courthouse in Sioux City, Iowa. He'd been out of town for a speaking engagement and was hoping to catch up on work. A surprise awaited him as he entered his office: Cardboard boxes were stacked everywhere. His immediate thought was that another judge might be moving in. Another judge was not moving in. Judge Bennett was presiding over a case in which Abbott Laboratories, the sprawling health care company that dominated the market for infant formula, was being sued on behalf of a girl, Jeanine Kunkel, who five years earlier had suffered severe brain damage after consuming the company's powdered formula. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: The fight to keep little-known bacteria out of powdered baby formula, Laura Reiley and Jacob Bogage, September 6, 2022, 9:26 AM

Jeanine Kunkel had been the healthy twin, the one who came home from the hospital that day in 2008 while her brother James stayed a few nights in intensive care. But within days of arriving, she spiked a fever that sent her back to the hospital. The newborn had developed an infection caused, her doctors said, by ingesting formula tainted with the bacteria *Cronobacter sakazakii*. The infection led to a severe case of meningitis that caused irreparable brain damage. [...] Jeanine's situation is rare, but not isolated. Federal regulators and food safety experts have long

been troubled by powdered formula's ability to harbor cronobacter a bacteria that is harmless for most but can be debilitating or deadly for newborns and others with weak immune systems.

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NPR: Fox producer's warning against Jeanine Pirro surfaces in Dominion defamation suit, David Folkenflik, September 6, 2022, 5:00 AM

The November 2020 email from an anguished Fox News news producer to colleagues sent up a flare amid a fusillade of false claims. The producer warned: Fox cannot let host Jeanine Pirro back on the air. She is pulling conspiracy theories from dark corners of the Web to justify then-President Donald Trump's lies that the election had been stolen from him. The existence of the email, confirmed by two people with direct knowledge of it, is first publicly disclosed by NPR in this story. Fox News declined comment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Republicans have unlikely allies in their fight to restrict abortion at the state level: Democrats, Blake Ellis and Melanie Hicken, September 6, 2022, 2:00 PM

Texas state Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. has voted for anti-abortion legislation more than a dozen times in the last decade. He was one of the state lawmakers who both sponsored and voted for the controversial "Heartbeat Bill," which criminalized abortion as soon as a fetus' heartbeat is detected and did not include exceptions for victims of rape or incest. He also voted for the state's so-called trigger ban, which outlawed the procedure almost entirely upon the fall of Roe v. Wade. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Acting Civil Division Chief Faces Thorny Red State Tests Ahead, Ben Penn, September 7, 2022, 3:45 AM

The temporary leader of the Justice Department's largest litigating division is outlasting his expected tenure without becoming a target of the left or right while facing off against red states over abortion, guns, and immigration. Brian Boynton, who has quietly helmed DOJ's Civil Division since President Joe Biden's inauguration, is technically a political appointee. But he's one who past colleagues say manages as an institutionalist caretaker, not an advocate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Bass Berry 'Lacked Courtesy' As Atty Grieved, DOJ Says, Jeff Overley, September 6, 2022, 10:47 PM

U. S. Department of Justice attorneys are aggressively contesting a hospital system's discovery demands in a \$350 million False Claims Act case by publicizing email correspondence in which defense counsel at Bass Berry & Sims PLC balked at flexibility for a DOJ lawyer who abruptly learned that a close family member was near death. Monday's forceful rebuttal appeared in a Tennessee federal court filing that urged a magistrate judge to reject the discovery demands of Memphis-based Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, which is fighting a whistleblower-initiated kickback case that the DOJ officially joined earlier this year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Fed. Circ. Agrees China Duty Refund Requests Were Untimely, Rae Varona, September 6, 2022, 6:43 PM

The Federal Circuit has refused to revive two steel importers' lawsuits seeking refunds of tariffs that were later rescinded, agreeing with the U.S. Court of International Trade on Tuesday that their refund bids came too late. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Compliance Week: Bayer to pay \$40M to settle long-running false claims suits, Adrienne Appel, September 6, 2022, 5:20 PM

Bayer agreed to pay \$40 million to settle allegations its sales team paid kickbacks to hospitals and doctors for prescribing its drugs and that the pharmaceuticals company downplayed risks regarding certain of its offerings. Bayer's alleged misconduct concerning the drugs Trasyolol, Avelox, and Baycol resulted in hospitals and doctors filing false claims to Medicaid and Medicare and violating the laws of 20 states and the District of Columbia, the Department of Justice said in a press release Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRDO-AM (Colorado Springs, CO): Colorado Springs company pays \$400,000 after allegations that they submitted false insurance claims, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 4:52 PM (EDT)

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado (SADC) announced today that Dynamic Physical Therapy (Dynamic) and its owner, Emad Yassa, agreed to pay the United States \$400,000 to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by falsely billing federal health care programs for aquatic therapy services. Dynamic is a physical therapy company that operates two clinics in Colorado Springs, Colorado. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KKTV-CBS \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#)

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): West Virginia eye doctor to pay over \$900K for allegedly submitting false Medicare claims, Jessica Patterson, September 6, 2022, 2:43 PM

A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit against an ophthalmologist accused of submitting false claims to Medicare and Medicaid. According to United States Attorney Will Thompson and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General, Dr. Craig M. Morgan and Eye Consultants of Huntington, Inc, agreed to pay \$907,074.64 in the lawsuit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

WLWT-NBC (Cincinnati, OH): Fort Mitchell chiropractic clinic agrees to settle improper billing allegations, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 11:31 AM

A Fort Mitchell chiropractic clinic has agreed to pay \$200,000 to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act, the United States Attorney's Office has announced. Officials say the clinic, Lifestyle Resumption Integrative Health, improperly billed Medicare for services involving electro-acupuncture devices. According to the Settlement Agreement, between July 2016 and March 2018, Lifestyle Resumption billed Medicare for the implantation of neurostimulator devices a surgical procedure during which devices are implanted into the central nervous system or targeted peripheral nerves. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

WaPo: From border town to 'border town,' bused migrants seek new lives in D.C. area, Antonio Olivo, September 7, 2022, 6:00 AM

They marched in caravans for weeks, past dead bodies while dodging kidnappers and thieves and now, some of the migrants crowded inside a tiny stucco building just past the Rio Grande were looking at a star scribbled on an envelope carrying their U.S. asylum petitions. Courtesy of the state of Texas, this meant they qualified for a free bus ride to a place that has been largely unprepared to receive them: Washington, D.C. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] The U.S. needs immigration, not overheated rhetoric on migrants, Editorial Board, September 6, 2022, 1:56 PM

Border Patrol agents are stopping unauthorized migrants coming from Mexico at record levels. Little wonder more than half of Americans now say an "invasion" is underway at the southern border, according to a recent NPR-Ipsos poll. At the same time, net immigration in the United States — the number of all foreign arrivals, including illegal ones, minus the number of departures — has been on a downward slope for five years, partly but not only because of the pandemic. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: NYC Mayor Adams sends delegation to southern border amid clash with Texas Gov. Abbott over migrant buses, Adam Shaw, September 6, 2022, 4:06 PM

New York City Mayor Eric Adams has sent a "fact-finding" delegation to the southern border, part of the ongoing battle with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott over the busing of illegal immigrants to the Big Apple. The delegation from Adams' office met on Tuesday with Border Patrol officials in Eagle Pass, Texas, along the shores of the Rio Grande, where hundreds of migrants have crossed into the U.S. each day. In a statement, Adams' office accused Abbott's office of being "unresponsive" and turning the situation "into a political sideshow." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Border Patrol chief says agents caught 10 illegal immigrant sex offenders in 3 days: 'The dangers are real', Adam Shaw, September 6, 2022, 2:36 PM

The head of U.S. Border Patrol said on Tuesday that agents caught 10 illegal immigrant sex offenders in just three days, in addition to a number of gang members and a murderer — a snapshot of the crisis that the men and women in green are dealing with on a nearly-daily basis. "The dangers are real," Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz said in a tweet on Tuesday. "Great work by our agents." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Over 100 Cuban migrants apprehended over the weekend in waters off South Florida, Melissa Alonso, September 6, 2022, 12:00 PM

US Border Patrol agents apprehended more than 100 Cuban migrants after multiple vessels reached land in South Florida over Labor Day weekend, as Cuba grapples with its worst shortage of food and medicine in decades and runaway inflation. On Monday, Border Patrol agents took into custody 15 migrants — 13 men and two women — after they landed on Miami-Dade's Haulover Beach, Chief Patrol Agent of the Miami Sector Walter Slosar said in a tweet. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Border officers find 47K 'rainbow' fentanyl pills in hidden car compartment, Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, September 6, 2022, 9:30 AM

Officials with U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized more than 200,000 fentanyl pills hidden in a secret compartment of a vehicle at Port of Nogales, Arizona, Saturday. Around 47,000 of those pills were rainbow-colored pills, which federal officials have warned is a new trend meant to drive young people to the deadly drug. Fentanyl, a powerful opioid up to 50 times stronger than heroin, was responsible for 71,238 of the record 107,000 fatal drug overdoses in the United States last year, according to the CDC. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Woman Gets 5 Years In Prison For Lying To Immigrant Clients, Rae Varona, September 6, 2022, 9:00 PM

A Connecticut-based woman has been sentenced to five years in federal prison for pretending to be an immigration attorney and filing false immigration documents for clients she recruited, the U.S. attorney for the District of Connecticut has announced. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Fla. Can Question ICE Exec In Migrant Detention Policy Suit, Rae Varona,

September 6, 2022, 7:55 PM

A Florida federal judge said a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement executive isn't high enough in the organization's ranks to dodge questioning from the state of Florida, which has accused the Biden administration of releasing immigrants subject to detention. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: EB-5 Investors Tell Judge Developer Can't Sidestep Settlement, Brent Godwin, September 6, 2022, 6:57 PM

A group of foreign investors has asked a federal judge to enforce a settlement ending a class action against a developer who the investors say defrauded them in an EB-5 investment plan for a shopping center project, saying a dispute about who is responsible for settlement payments arose after the parties agreed to essential terms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: ICE Agent's Job Bias-Based Malicious Prosecution Suit Revived, Patrick Dorrian, September 6, 2022, 12:28 PM

The US government must face a claim by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent of Chinese national origin that she was falsely accused of criminal wage theft because she lodged a workplace harassment complaint, the Ninth Circuit ruled. Kui Myles' malicious prosecution claim isn't barred by the discretionary function exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act, a unanimous panel said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Caller: Border Authorities Seize Nearly 300,000 Fentanyl Pills In Just Two Days, Jennie Taer, September 6, 2022, 12:00 PM

Authorities at the Arizona border seized nearly 300,000 fentanyl pills in the span of two days. The seizures, which took place on Friday and Saturday, included approximately 297,300 fentanyl pills of different varieties, including around 47,000 "rainbow" pills, according to a series of tweets posted by the Nogales, Arizona, Port Director Michael W. Humphries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Washington, DC): Former Albany Restaurant Owner Retaliated Against Workers For Filing Wage Lawsuit, Feds Say, Michael Mashburn, September 6, 2022, 8:30 AM

The US Department of Labor is suing a former New York restaurant owner for allegedly retaliating against employees who filed a class action lawsuit over wage theft. David Ip, the former owner and operator of Ichiban restaurant in Albany, tried to intimidate three workers and prevent them from participating in the lawsuit, the department alleges in a suit filed Thursday, Aug. 25 in federal court in Albany. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Tennessee Lookout: Feds To Settle Suit Over 2018 TN Slaughterhouse Raid Targeting Latinos, Jamie Satterfield, September 6, 2022, 3:44 PM

A settlement is in the works in a lawsuit filed by Latino workers at a Grainger County slaughterhouse who were arrested without proof of wrongdoing in a controversial raid authorized by the U.S. government. U.S. District Judge Travis McDonough has issued a stay in the class-action lawsuit brought on behalf of Latino workers at the Southeastern Provision meat processing plant in Bean Station, Tenn., after the April 2018 raid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fall River Reporter: A Dominican man residing in Massachusetts sentenced for drug trafficking and illegal reentry into the United State, Ken Paiva, September 6, 2022, 6:00 PM
A Dominican man residing in Massachusetts has been sentenced for fentanyl trafficking and

illegal reentry into the United States after being deported. 26-year-old Jefri Paulino was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge F. Dennis Saylor IV on Aug. 31, 2022, to 10 years in prison and five years of supervised release. On Oct. 22, 2021, Paulino pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl and cocaine and one count of unlawful reentry of a deported alien. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Walmart Takes On Lina Khan, Editorial Board, September 6, 2022, 6:46 PM

Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan has been smacking around businesses, but last week Walmart swung back hard against an abusive lawsuit by challenging the agency's enforcement power. This one could be fun and legally significant. Ms. Khan last year declared that she wants to use her power to shape "the distribution of power" in the economy, and she seems to mean by any means necessary. The FTC's lawsuit against Walmart in June is a case in point. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Big Tech's \$95 Million Spending Spree Leaves Antitrust Bill on Brink of Defeat, Anna Edgerton and Emily Birnbaum, September 6, 2022, 12:26 PM

A high-profile push by Congress to rein in the nation's biggest internet companies is at risk of failing with time running out to pass major legislation ahead of midterm elections. Alphabet Inc.'s Google, Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Meta Platforms Inc. and their trade groups have poured almost \$95 million into lobbying since 2021 as they seek to derail the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, which has advanced further than any US legislative effort to address the market power of some of the world's richest companies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Meta Can't Get FTC Analysis Of Instagram, WhatsApp Buys, Bonnie Eslinger, September 6, 2022, 10:51 PM

A D.C. federal court judge on Tuesday denied a request from Facebook parent company Meta Platforms Inc. for Federal Trade Commission documents related to reviews of the social media giant's acquisition of Instagram and WhatsApp, saying the materials are protected by the deliberative-process privilege. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

UPI: FTC orders Credit Karma to pay consumers \$3M in settlement, Simon Druker, September 6, 2022, 7:53 PM

The Federal Trade Commission is ordering credit monitoring company Credit Karma to pay a collective \$3 million back to its prospective customers, the commission confirmed in a news release Tuesday. The deal between the FTC and the San Francisco credit monitoring company is to settle claims the company misled consumers with false promises of pre-approval for credit offers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: [ANALYSIS] The FTC And DOJ Are Rewriting The Rules, Bryan Koenig, September 6, 2022, 5:30 PM

As the Biden administration's competition enforcers pursue individual cases, they are just as focused on pushing through sweeping changes to U. S. antitrust law, kicking off that process in January when the agencies announced plans for a major overhaul of their merger guidelines. But overhauling the guidelines, likely in a way meant to make it easier to challenge more transactions, is just one part of broader efforts by the Federal Trade Commission and the U. S. Department of

Justice's Antitrust Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Gets Time In State-Led Facebook Case At DC Circ., Matthew Perlman, September 6, 2022, 5:13 PM

Federal enforcers during oral argument later this month will get a chance to support a contingent of state attorneys general asking the D.C. Circuit to revive their case accusing Facebook's parent company, Meta Platforms Inc., of monopolizing personal social networking services. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Merck, Glenmark Should Face Antitrust Trial, Magistrate Says, Mike Leonard, September 6, 2022, 2:17 PM

Merck & Co. and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. should lose their bid to escape antitrust litigation over the cholesterol reducer Zetia without having to go through a trial, a federal magistrate in Virginia said. Magistrate Judge Douglas E. Miller issued a report urging the district judge overseeing the case, Rebecca Beach Smith, to deny summary judgment to the drugmakers, which face claims that they conspired to delay the rollout of generic Zetia through an illegal patent settlement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Climate damage from oil leases on US land gets second look, Matthew Brown, September 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Biden administration reached a legal settlement Tuesday that requires the government to reexamine potential climate damages from oil and gas leases put up for sale under the Trump administration on government land in Montana and North Dakota. Similar deals have been reached in recent weeks for lease sales covering thousands of square miles public lands under the Trump and Obama administrations in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Law360: EPA Says It Got Texas, Colorado Ozone Designations Right, Daniel Ducassi, September 6, 2022, 7:40 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has defended its decisions to lump counties in Texas and Colorado into ozone-level reduction zones, telling the D.C. Circuit that they were the appropriate moves following a 2020 directive from the appeals court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 2nd Circ. Upholds EPA Approval Of Long Island Dumping Site, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, September 6, 2022, 4:58 PM

The Second Circuit has affirmed a New York federal judge's finding that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was within its rights to designate an area of eastern Long Island Sound as a dumping ground for dredged materials in a long-term plan for the region. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Protecting water from cyberattacks, Sam Sabin, September 6, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Environmental Protection Agency's effort to secure the country's water supply from cyberattack faces giant hurdles. They include: The water system's low government funding and staffing levels, a heavy reliance on legacy IT, and the patchwork nature of the tens of thousands of local U.S. water authorities. Driving the news: The EPA submitted its initial plan for tackling water security to Congress last month, laying out which systems it would slot for technical assistance first during a cyberattack. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Daily Beast: Dark Money Group in Alleged Bannon Scam Dinged by IRS, William Bredderman and Zachary Petrizzo, September 6, 2022, 9:13 PM

The Internal Revenue Service has stripped tax-exempt status from the dark money outfit at the center of an alleged scheme by Steve Bannon to funnel hundreds of thousands of dollars from a charity into his and his allies' pockets. Filings posted in August show the IRS essentially rendered defunct Citizens of the American Republic, the MAGA-boosting group Bannon founded shortly after his unceremonious ouster as ex-President Donald Trump's chief strategist in 2017.

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Law360: Del. Agency Urges Court To Pause IRS Microcaptive Summons, Theresa Schliep, September 6, 2022, 6:20 PM

A federal court should pause the Internal Revenue Service's ability to proceed with a summons seeking microcaptive insurance records from Delaware's insurance agency while it appeals a decision permitting the records [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Ex-Administrator Doesn't Owe Hospital's Taxes, 5th Circ. Told, Kath Lucero, September 6, 2022, 6:07 PM

The Internal Revenue Service violated a former Houston hospital administrator's due process rights when it made her liable for the health provider's unpaid employment taxes, she told the Fifth Circuit in [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WaPo: Police identify body of abducted runner Eliza Fletcher, Brittany Shammass, September 6, 2022, 7:19 PM

A body found Monday has been identified as that of a kindergarten teacher who was abducted during an early-morning run last week in Memphis, authorities announced Tuesday. Eliza Fletcher, 34, who also went by "Liza," was last seen around 4:20 a.m. Friday, running in a pink top and purple shorts near the University of Memphis campus. Surveillance footage captured the mother of two being forced into a black SUV, and as authorities mounted an extensive search over Labor Day weekend, Memphis police said they feared she had suffered "serious injury." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WFXR-Fox \(Roanoke, VA\)](#)

LAT: Justice Department seized senator's phone over 'well-timed stock sales', Sarah D. Wire, September 6, 2022, 7:06 PM

The Justice Department launched a criminal insider-trading and securities fraud investigation of Sen. Richard M. Burr (R-N.C.) over what the FBI called "well-timed stock sales" at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, according to a partially redacted warrant released Monday evening. The Los Angeles Times successfully sued for access to the warrant under the Freedom of Information Act, then fought the extensive redactions made by the department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNBC](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

NYT: Contractor at Center of Navy Bribery Scandal Flees House Arrest, Michael Levenson,

September 6, 2022, 1:00 PM

A wealthy Malaysian contractor at the center of one of the United States Navy's longest-running bribery scandals cut off his ankle monitor while under house arrest and was on the run from the federal authorities on Tuesday, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. Leonard Glenn Francis, who is known as Fat Leonard, was less than three weeks away from his sentencing date when he cut off his GPS anklet on Sunday morning and fled his home in San Diego, according to Omar Castillo, a supervisory deputy U.S. marshal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Guardian](#), [KSWB-Fox \(San Diego, CA\)](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#), [WBAL-NBC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

WSJ: Ghost-Gun Firms Find New Ways to Sell DIY Weapons as U.S. Rule Takes Effect, Zusha Elinson, September 6, 2022, 9:00 AM

Sellers of the easy-to-assemble firearms known as ghost guns are finding ways to continue to offer their products online, soon after the Biden administration implemented a rule aimed at regulating their sales. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives rule that went into effect Aug. 24 requires licensed gun manufacturers to add serial numbers to kits that can be quickly assembled into working firearms and for retailers who sell them to conduct background checks on buyers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NY Post: Man who killed Michigan teen in 1988 identified through DNA technology, Katherine Donlevy, September 6, 2022, 10:46 PM

Georgia cops cracked a 33-year-old case when they identified the man who killed a 19-year-old girl through genealogy DNA. [...] "Wise was a truck driver who drove through Dade County, Georgia on his regular route," Keri Farley, FBI Atlanta's special agent in charge, said at a press conference. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WXIA-NBC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Washington Times: American Jewish Committee: Time to fight antisemitism across society, Mark A. Kellner, September 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

The American Jewish Committee on Tuesday called for increased efforts to combat antisemitism in America following a survey that shows 90% of Jewish respondents have noticed a resurgence in anti-Jewish hate in the U.S. [...] The Federal Bureau of Investigation is expected to release its annual Hate Crime Statistics Report in November, said Holly Huffnagle, the AJC's U.S. director for combating antisemitism, and the organization will renew its calls for action at that time. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): FBI investigates triple shooting in Tahlequah, one person dead, Ashley Jones, September 6, 2022, 10:00 PM

One person was killed and two others were injured in a triple shooting Monday in Tahlequah that reportedly involved high school students. One person was treated at a hospital and released, and the third person reportedly was undergoing surgery on Tuesday, an FBI spokeswoman said Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Caller: EXCLUSIVE: The FBI Secretly Pressured Americans To Waive Away Their Gun Rights, Gabe Kaminsky, September 6, 2022, 7:41 PM

The FBI secretly pressured Americans into signing forms that relinquish their rights to own, purchase or even use firearms, according to a trove of internal documents and communications obtained by the Daily Caller News Foundation. The forms were presented by the FBI to people at their homes and in other undisclosed locations, according to bureau documents unearthed

through the Freedom of Information Act by the firearm rights group Gun Owners of America (GOA) and shared with the DCNF. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Epoch Times: Heroin Overdose Deaths Halved as Fentanyl Deaths Tripled Over 5 Years, Petr Svab, September 6, 2022, 6:00 PM

Fentanyl has displaced heroin as the leading cause of overdose deaths in the United States. Not only have overdoses involving fentanyl skyrocketed over the past years, but those involving heroin have actually dropped by about a half, according to estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [...] Last year, the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) seized over 20 million counterfeit pills containing fentanyl or other drugs more than the total seized in the previous two years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Voice (Hartford, CT): Post Office Manager In Region Admits To Stealing Packages Of Cocaine: Feds, Josh Lanier, September 6, 2022, 5:35 PM

A 43-year-old Worcester post office manager pleaded guilty last month in federal court to stealing packages at least eight times that contained cocaine so he could sell the drugs, the Department of Justice announced. Kevin Dombroski of Worcester admitted to one count of mail theft by a US Postal Service employee on Aug. 30, the US Attorney's Office said. A federal judge will sentence him in January. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): [VIDEO] ATF releases photos of gun store burglary suspects that have used stolen cars to ram front doors, Unattributed, September 6, 2022, 11:17 PM

In some cases, the suspects came away empty-handed, but the press release said the group had stolen more than 50 firearms in their successful attempts. [\[Watch\]](#) **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [KSDK-NBC \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

WTTE-Fox (Columbus, OH): \$10,000 reward offered for information on Columbus woman last seen in August 2021, Jarrod Clay, September 6, 2022, 10:46 PM

The FBI and Central Ohio Crime Stoppers are offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information on the whereabouts of a woman who was last seen in Columbus in August 2021. Devin "Sacoya" Cooper, 33, was last seen leaving her north Columbus home on Aug. 31, 2021. She never returned home and investigators found her vehicle in west Columbus more than a month after she was reported missing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBNS-CBS \(Columbus, OH\)](#)

WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH): Cybercriminals stealing information from QR codes, FBI says, Jennifer Bullock, September 6, 2022, 6:01 PM

Before you use your phone to scan another QR code, make sure you can trust the source. The FBI is warning that cybercriminals are tampering with those codes, to get your information. A QR, or Quick Response code, is a square barcode that a smartphone camera can scan and read to provide quick access to a website, to download an app or to send a payment. A lot of businesses and restaurants have used them during the pandemic, because they're contactless and convenient. We use them here at NBC4 to direct you to our website or to our mobile news app. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOTV-CBS (Tulsa, OK): U.S. Marshals Most Wanted: Ronnie McCaslin, Ashley Jones, September 6, 2022, 5:11 PM

U.S. Marshals are asking for help from the public to find this week's most wanted suspect. A federal warrant has been issued for Ronnie McCaslin for illegally buying a shotgun after being

convicted of domestic violence, according to U.S. Marshals. McCaslin was last seen near Disney in Mayes county, and Marshals warn he may still be armed with the shotgun. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVT-CBS (Fort Worth, TX): Teen, 21-year-old arrested in connection to Steel Dust Drive double homicide, Annie Gimbel, September 6, 2022, 5:07 PM

A 16-year-old and Anthony Ray Bell-Johnson, 21, were arrested in connection to the Aug. 28 triple shooting in North Fort Worth, which killed a child and teenager. An 18-month-old was also injured but survived the drive-by shooting. [...] Homicide detectives, in addition to patrol officers and U.S. marshals arrested the teenager and Bell-Johnson over the Labor Day weekend.

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KIDO (Nampa, ID): DEA Warns Idahoans: This Is Not Candy, This Dangerous Drug Kills, Kevin Miller, September 6, 2022, 3:00 PM

The Drug Enforcement Agency has issued a life-saving warning to Idaho and surrounding states in the Pacific Northwest. The DEA says the Mexican drug cartels are using a new strain of Fentanyl to target children. The goal of the criminals is to get the kids addicted to the hazardous drug making them lifetime addicts. The agency is calling it 'Rainbow Fentanyl due to its multi-colors that resemble candy one can purchase at a convenience store. The DEA describes what to look for and confirms they have seized this drug in the Pacific Northwest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRGV-ABC (Weslaco, TX): Valley physician assistant arrested, accused of practicing medicine without a license, Jessica Patterson, September 6, 2022, 2:43 PM

A 49-year-old Brownsville man is facing multiple charges of identity theft and health care fraud after practicing medicine without a license for over a year, the United States Attorney's Office announced Tuesday. Fernando Mendez was arrested Sunday and remains in custody without bond. According to a news release, Mendez was a physician assistant at CCI Therapy Counseling Centers International when his license was suspended by the Texas Medical Board on July 2020 after he was deemed a "continuing threat to public welfare." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSTU-Fox (Salt Lake City, UT): Reward offered for information in arson case at under-construction Orem Temple, Melanie Porter, September 6, 2022, 12:32 PM

Two government agencies have offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of responsible parties who allegedly lit a fire at the under-construction Orem Temple. "For a lot of people, that's a pretty important place. For me, as well," said Werner Hoppe, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who lives nearby. "I just think about it and I wish stuff like that wouldn't happen." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSL-NBC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#)

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Texas 'Most Wanted' child sex offender captured, state officials say, Amanda Cochran, September 6, 2022, 12:10 PM

Two of Texas' 10 Most Wanted offenders are back in custody, the Texas Department of Public Safety said Tuesday. Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender William Bird, of Austin, was arrested Aug. 24, in Austin. A Crime Stoppers reward will be paid in Bird's arrest. William Eugene Bird, 54, was arrested by the Austin Police Department following a traffic stop. The Bastrop County Sheriff's Office assisted in the arrest. Bird had been wanted since October 2021, when BCSO issued a warrant for a probation violation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTV-Fox (Los Angeles, CA): \$5K reward offered to find man wanted for attempted homicide of police officer in La Puente, Alexa Mae Asperin, September 6, 2022, 10:50 AM

U.S. Marshals on Tuesday announced a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of a suspect wanted in connection with the shooting of a police officer in La Puente in August. According to the U.S. Marshals Service, 25-year-old Jose Ortega was involved in the shooting of a detective assigned to the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) in La Puente. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

USA Today: **Judge finds South Carolina firing squad, electric chair unconstitutional**, Kathryn Casteel, September 6, 2022, 7:26 PM

A South Carolina judge has found that the firing squad and electric chair are prohibited by the state's constitution, a decision sure to be swiftly appealed as the state struggles to implement its new execution protocols. In an order filed Tuesday evening, Judge Jocelyn Newman ruled that the South Carolina Department of Corrections is permanently barred from executing four death row inmates by electrocution or by firing squad. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: **[EDITORIAL] Solitary confinement is torture. U.S. prisons should stop using it**, Editorial Board, September 6, 2022, 2:23 PM

Imagine spending most of the day locked in a small windowless room. There is little to no natural light, no meaningful human interaction and nothing to break the monotony of being alone. No wonder Nelson Mandela described solitary confinement as “the most forbidding aspect of prison life.” This grotesque practice is a form of torture — one that is too common in the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: **DOJ, business groups urge SCOTUS to restrict venue for suits against corporations**, Alison Frankel, September 6, 2022, 4:34 PM

In a flurry of friend-of-the court briefs filed late last week in a case that could dramatically expand jurisdiction for suits against corporations, the U.S. Department of Justice, eight state attorneys general and a bevy of business groups including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce warned the U.S. Supreme Court not to ditch modern precedent that limits where plaintiffs can sue businesses. Otherwise, wrote DOJ Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar — who also requested to present oral argument when the justices hear the case in November — federalism and even international comity will be undermined by states that attempt to exercise general jurisdiction over corporations merely by dint of companies’ registration to conduct business in the state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: **Top aide to U.S. Supreme Court's Roberts to retire**, Nate Raymond, September 6, 2022, 1:03 PM

Jeffrey Minear, who for 18 years served as Chief U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Roberts' right-hand man, will retire from his position effective at the end of September, the high court said on Tuesday. Minear has served as counselor to Roberts since 2006, acting as his chief of staff, helping implement court-wide policies, working on judicial administration matters and serving as a liaison to members of Congress and the executive branch. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [SCOTUSblog](#)

SCOTUSblog: Alito's financial disclosure shows teaching income, speaking engagements, and stock ownership, Amy Howe, September 6, 2022, 5:38 PM

Justice Samuel Alito earned \$24,000 in 2021 for teaching gigs at two law schools, and he continued to own a wide range of stocks, according to his recently released annual financial disclosure. Each justice is required to file a financial disclosure every year by May 15 with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, which typically makes the forms available each June to members of the public who request them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Mass. Tribe, Gov't Seek Early End To Casino Trust Land Suit, Andrew Westney, September 6, 2022, 8:50 PM

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe have each urged a Massachusetts federal judge to grant them a quick win against a city's challenge to a trust land acquisition for a tribal casino project, saying the department properly obeyed a court order when it decided to approve the acquisition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: SD County Needn't Use New Map In Nov. Voting, Judge Says, Caleb Symons, September 6, 2022, 5:12 PM

A federal judge in South Dakota will let county officials use an electoral map this November that he says likely violates the Voting Rights Act by diluting Native American votes, begrudgingly accepting the county's plan to resolve that issue in two years as a sufficient form of relief. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVRR-Fox (Fargo, ND): Red Lake man convicted of aggravated sexual abuse, Austin Erickson, September 6, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Red Lake man is found guilty of sex crimes in federal court. Thirty-eight-year-old Descart Austin Begay, Junior is convicted of two counts of aggravated sexual abuse and two counts of sexual abuse. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDAY \(Fargo, ND\)](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: Majority Of Voters Support Marijuana Business Banking Access, Saying It Will Improve Public Safety And Equity, New Poll Finds, Kyle Jaeger, September 6, 2022, 12:00 PM

A majority of American voters support allowing banks to work with state-legal marijuana businesses, according to a new poll. And most people believe it will both improve public safety and promote social equity. The survey from Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), which was conducted by Morning Consult, found that 65 percent of voters back the modest cannabis reform, which would be achieved with the bipartisan Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act that's passed the House in some form seven times but has continually stalled in the Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Democratic Congressional Candidate Deletes Marijuana Tweets Criticizing Pro-Legalization GOP Incumbent, But Questions His Motives In Interview, Kyle Jaeger, September 6, 2022, 10:00 AM

A Democratic congressional candidate in Ohio recently deleted a tweet attacking incumbent Rep.

Dave Joyce (R-OH) over his scheduled participation in a cannabis conference later this month, saying the fallout wouldn't "die" over what he described as a misinterpreted post. Advocates seized on the original tweet following Marijuana Moment's reporting on the seeming disconnect between Kilboy's own support for legalization and his critique of Joyce as being out of touch with voters in his district who, he claims, haven't expressed to him that cannabis reform is a priority issue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

WBNG-CBS/CW (Binghamton, NY): Village of Johnson City hold public board meeting to discuss overdose prevention centers, Luke Meade, September 6, 2022, 8:20 PM

The Village of Johnson City held a public board meeting tonight at the village hall on Main Street. The meeting was to hold a hearing over a local law, which would give Johnson city the opportunity to add overdose prevention centers, heroin safe zones, and supervised injection sites for the public to the village code. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden touts legislative record as midterms approach, Chris Megerian, September 6, 2022, 2:45 PM

President Joe Biden ended the summer on a legislative winning streak, chalking up victories that once appeared out of reach in this polarized capital. Now he wants to make sure voters reward him for that when they cast ballots in November's big congressional elections. It's a tough task with gas and grocery prices still painfully high and the daily political news awash with contentious investigations into his predecessor and with repercussions in the states from the Supreme Court's ruling on abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Multiple wildfires are burning across California as firefighters are also contending with brutal heat. More than 58 million people are under excessive heat warnings and advisories in seven states, including almost all of California. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A body found in a Memphis neighborhood Monday was confirmed to be a Tennessee woman who was abducted late last week, police said Tuesday. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- It was an emotional day as families in Uvalde, Texas, sent their kids back to school for the first time since a mass shooting killed 19 children and two teachers. The site of the massacre, Robb Elementary, has been permanently closed -- but despite the ramped up security, some parents and kids say they still don't feel safe. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The IAEA said in a new report that it remains gravely concerned about Zaporizhzhia, the nuclear plant in Ukraine that's drawing growing concern of a disaster. David Muir reports a mounting case for war crimes in Bucha, Ukraine, 20 miles outside of Kyiv, where calls for justice mount and a mass grave remains a haunting reminder. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Justice Department is weighing whether to challenge Florida Federal Judge Aileen Cannon's decision to authorize the appointment of a special master to review items seized by the FBI during its search at former President Donald Trump's South Florida residence. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- E-cigarette maker Juul has agreed to pay nearly \$440 million to settle a multi-state investigation into the marketing of its vaping products. The company is blamed for sparking a national surge in teen vaping. [[CBS](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Utah's Great Salt Lake Is Disappearing, With Mounting Economic Costs" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Europe Is Sacrificing Its Ancient Forests for Energy" [[NYT](#)]
- "Files seized at Mar-a-Lago include material on foreign nation's nuclear capabilities" [[WaPo](#)]
- "California averts widespread rolling blackouts as energy demands ease amid heat wave" [[LAT](#)]

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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WaPo: Material on foreign nation's nuclear capabilities seized at Trump's Mar-a-Lago, Devlin Barrett and Carol D. Leonnig, September 6, 2022, 10:36 PM

A document describing a foreign government's military defenses, including its nuclear capabilities, was found by FBI agents who searched former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence and private club last month, according to people familiar with the matter, underscoring concerns among U.S. intelligence officials about classified material stashed in the Florida property. Some of the seized documents detail top-secret U.S. operations so closely guarded that many senior national security officials are kept in the dark about them. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Caller](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [NY Post](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Star Tribune \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WaPo: Judge's special-master order a test of Trump's post-White House powers, Ann E. Marimow and Devlin Barrett, September 6, 2022, 7:55 PM

The Justice Department must decide by Friday whether to raise the stakes in its investigation into Donald Trump's possible mishandling of classified information by appealing a controversial ruling about the rights and powers of former presidents. As they scrutinize Trump and his advisers, Justice Department lawyers are weighing whether to challenge a federal judge's uncommon order to appoint an independent reviewer, called a special master, to assess more than 11,000 documents seized by the FBI from Trump's Florida residence last month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Special Masters and the Trump Records Investigation, Explained, Charlie Savage, September 6, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal judge's unusually sweeping decision to appoint an independent arbiter to sift through government documents seized from former President Donald J. Trump last month has intensified scrutiny of the role. In granting Mr. Trump's request, the judge, Aileen M. Cannon of the Southern District of Florida, gave the so-called special master expansive powers, with the authority to evaluate documents not only for those covered by attorney-client privilege, but also for those potentially protected by executive privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: DOJ Considers Next Move After Judge Greenlights Trump's Request for Special Master, Aruna Viswanatha and Jan Wolfe, September 6, 2022, 5:34 PM

The Justice Department faces partly conflicting goals as it weighs how to proceed in its inquiry into the handling of classified documents at Mar-a-Lago following a legal ruling on Monday, former prosecutors say. A federal judge in Florida ordered the appointment of a special master to review documents seized from former President Donald Trump's Florida resort and temporarily blocked the government from using the materials for a criminal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [NBC](#)

CNN: Barr: Justice Department should appeal 'deeply flawed' ruling approving special master in Trump documents case, Shawna Mizelle, September 6, 2022, 8:14 PM

Former Attorney General William Barr on Tuesday said the decision by a Florida judge to grant former President Donald Trump's request for a special master to review the documents seized by the FBI from Mar-a-Lago is "deeply flawed" and urged the Justice Department to appeal it. "The opinion, I think, was wrong, and I think the government should appeal it. It's deeply flawed in a number of ways," Barr said during a Fox interview Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN-2](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Newsweek](#), [NY Daily News](#)

Politico Playbook: Legal World Fires at Judge Cannon, Ryan Lizza and Eugene Daniels, September 7, 2022

Lawyers are, by definition, a quarrelsome bunch, and members of the pundit bar are especially quick to second-guess any opinions that aren't theirs. But they are also as ideologically divided as the rest of the country. So it's notable that while Cannon has had little trouble finding political support for her decision, she has been largely alone when it comes to support for her legal arguments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: GOP offers strained Trump defenses in Mar-a-Lago probe — for now, Andrew Desiderio and Nicholas Wu, September 6, 2022, 9:00 PM

It's just a bookkeeping issue. Presidents have broad declassification authority. And if the records actually posed a national security threat, Congress would have known about it. In the days since the FBI search of Donald Trump's home, GOP lawmakers and allies of the former president have offered increasingly strained responses when it comes to his possession of classified and top-secret documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: DOJ's setback in Mar-a-Lago probe could be profound ... or merely a blip, Nicholas Wu, Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, September 6, 2022, 8:36 PM

A federal judge's order of an independent review of the materials seized from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home has roiled the Justice Department's ongoing criminal probe into the matter. It's also raised profound questions about the power of courts to intervene in Executive Branch work. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Atlantic: A ruling untethered to law, Andrew Weissman, September 6, 2022

One of the most dispiriting aspects of the decision yesterday by Federal District Court Judge Aileen Cannon—which granted former President Donald Trump's request to appoint a special master to review the evidence seized from Mar-a-Lago by the FBI—is that it undermines the work of all the other judges who have tried to adhere to their oath to “administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and ... faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent” on the office. Her ruling is untethered to the law and presents a skewed recitation of the facts. Her actions make the question “Who appointed the judge?” a sadly relevant one in evaluating a judicial opinion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Los Angeles school district says it was target of ransomware attack, Kanishka Singh, September 6, 2022, 9:37 PM

The Los Angeles Unified School District, the second-largest collection of public schools in the United States, said it was targeted by a ransomware attack over the Labor Day weekend that caused "significant disruption" but did not lead to cancellation of classes. "Los Angeles Unified detected unusual activity in its Information Technology systems over the weekend, which after an initial review, can be confirmed as an external cyber attack on our Information Technology assets," the district said in a statement on Tuesday, adding it reported the attack to law enforcement agencies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [Guardian](#), [LAT](#), [Newsmax](#)

Detroit News (Detroit, MI): Whitmer kidnap plotters ask for third trial as juror misconduct claim lingers, Robert Snell, Michael Liedtke, September 6, 2022, 9:12 PM

Ringleaders of the plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer asked a federal judge for a new trial Tuesday and for a rare hearing to investigate misconduct allegations involving a juror. Details were unavailable because U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker has gagged defense lawyers from commenting publicly and ordered the sealing of court filings that address juror misconduct allegations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Protecting water from cyberattacks, Sam Sabin, September 6, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Environmental Protection Agency's effort to secure the country's water supply from cyberattack faces giant hurdles. They include: The water system's low government funding and staffing levels, a heavy reliance on legacy IT, and the patchwork nature of the tens of thousands of local U.S. water authorities. Driving the news: The EPA submitted its initial plan for tackling water security to Congress last month, laying out which systems it would slot for technical assistance first during a cyberattack. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Cameras, Plexiglass, Fireproofing: Election Officials Beef Up Security, Neil Vigdor, September 6, 2022, 8:00 AM

In Wisconsin, one of the nation's key swing states, cameras and plexiglass now fortify the reception area of a county election office in Madison, the capital, after a man wearing camouflage and a mask tried to open locked doors during an election in April. In another bellwether area, Maricopa County, Ariz., where beleaguered election workers had to be escorted through a scrum of election deniers to reach their cars in 2020, a security fence was added to protect the perimeter of a vote tabulation center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] State Department is offering big rewards for info on hackers, to uncertain ends, Tim Starks, September 6, 2022, 7:14 PM

In the past two months alone, a State Department program has offered tens of millions of dollars for information on Conti ransomware gang members and alleged Russian election meddlers. And that State Department "Rewards for Justice" initiative is set to advertise new targets between now and the 2022 midterm elections, officials told me, speaking on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of their work. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

Politico: Oath Keepers' founder Rhodes fires lawyers, seeks delay in Capitol riot trial, Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, September 6, 2022, 6:26 PM

The founder of the far-right Oath Keepers fired his attorneys on Tuesday, just a few weeks before he's slated to go on trial for seditious conspiracy over his group's alleged involvement in the breach of the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. In a 20-page filing, Stewart Rhodes complained that his previous attorneys, Phil Linder and Lee Bright, had not mounted an aggressive enough defense and had left him without complete access to the evidence Rhodes intends to present at trial. Rhodes also previewed new elements of the defense he hopes to lay out, and has asked for a delay in the scheduled Sept. 26 trial

date. Asked for comment, Bright indicated he would await a response from the judge overseeing the case, U.S. District Court Judge Amit Mehta. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#)

AP: Elected officials, police chiefs on leaked Oath Keepers list, Alanna Durkin Richer and Michael Kunzelman, September 7, 2022, 5:00 AM

The names of hundreds of U.S. law enforcement officers, elected officials and military members appear on the leaked membership rolls of a far-right extremist group that's accused of playing a key role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, according to a report released Wednesday. The Anti-Defamation League Center on Extremism pored over more than 38,000 names on leaked Oath Keepers membership lists and identified more than 370 people it believes currently work in law enforcement agencies — including as police chiefs and sheriffs — and more than 100 people who are currently members of the military. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Judge Unseats Official Who Trespassed at Capitol on Jan. 6, Luke Broadwater and Alan Feuer, September 6, 2022, 7:06 PM

A judge in New Mexico on Tuesday ordered a county commissioner convicted of participating in the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol removed from office under the 14th Amendment, making him the first public official in more than a century to be barred from serving under a constitutional ban on insurrectionists holding office. The ruling declared the Capitol assault an insurrection and unseated Couy Griffin, a commissioner in New Mexico's Otero County and the founder of Cowboys for Trump, who was convicted earlier this year of trespassing when he breached barricades outside the Capitol during the attack. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Insider](#), [Newsweek](#)

WaPo: Election deniers repeatedly visited Ga. county office at center of criminal probe, video shows, Emma Brown and Jon Swaine, September 6, 2022, 8:00 AM

Technology consultants who sought evidence that Donald Trump's 2020 defeat was fraudulent made multiple visits to a county elections office in rural Georgia in the weeks after an alleged post-election breach of voting equipment there that is the subject of a criminal investigation. Surveillance video reviewed by The Washington Post shows that the consultants, Doug Logan and Jeffrey Lenberg, made two visits in January 2021 to the elections office in Coffee County, about 200 miles south of Atlanta. Lenberg made an additional five visits on his own. The two men are under investigation for separate alleged breaches of voting machines in Michigan. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#), [NYT](#)

NPR: Fox producer's warning against Jeanine Pirro surfaces in Dominion defamation suit, David Folkenflik, September 6, 2022, 5:00 AM

The November 2020 email from an anguished Fox News news producer to colleagues sent up a flare amid a fusillade of false claims. The producer warned: Fox cannot let host Jeanine Pirro back on the air. She is pulling conspiracy theories from dark corners of the Web to justify then-President Donald Trump's lies that the election had been stolen from him. The existence of the email, confirmed by two people with direct knowledge of it, is first publicly disclosed by NPR in this story. Fox News declined comment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Elizabeth Holmes seeks new trial, cites key witness' regrets, Shayna Jacobs, Michael Liedtke, September 6, 2022, 4:41 PM

Disgraced Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes requested a new trial Tuesday, asserting in a court filing that a key witness for the prosecution now regrets the role he played in her conviction for investor fraud and conspiracy related to her failed blood-testing startup. The petition centers on the reliability of testimony provided by former Theranos lab director Adam Rosendorff, who said he repeatedly raised concerns about the accuracy of bloods [sic] tests that were being administered to patients during his tenure in

2013 and 2014. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Steve Bannon faces state indictment in N.Y., will surrender Thursday, Shayna Jacobs, Jacqueline Alemany and Josh Dawsey, September 6, 2022, 10:24 PM

Stephen K. Bannon is expected to surrender to state prosecutors on Thursday to face a new criminal indictment, people familiar with the matter said, weeks after he was convicted of contempt of Congress and nearly two years after he received a federal pardon from President Donald Trump in a federal fraud case. The precise details of the state case could not be confirmed Tuesday evening. But people familiar with the situation, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sealed indictment, suggested the prosecution will likely mirror aspects of the federal case in which Bannon was pardoned. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

NPR: A Florida woman touted as a 'Mother Theresa' ran a \$196 million Ponzi scheme, feds say, Bill Chappell, September 6, 2022, 1:25 PM

She said she worked miracles — not for charity, but for profit: Johanna M. Garcia connected investors with companies that needed short-term financing, promising robust returns on their money. But federal prosecutors say it wasn't a miracle; it was a lucrative Ponzi scheme. The Florida woman is accused of perpetuating a \$196 million fraud through MJ Capital Funding LLC, the company she started in the Fort Lauderdale area. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): Buffalo man gets 14-year sentence for distributing drugs that caused two deaths, Ben Tsujimoto, September 6, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Buffalo man convicted of possessing and distributing illegal narcotics that led to two deaths has been sentenced to 168 months in prison, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Tuesday. Nino Buggs, 26, pleaded guilty July 30, 2021, to distributing two opioids, butyryl fentanyl and U-47700, and admitted to causing the deaths of two people, according to court documents. After the 14 years in jail, Buggs will be under post-release supervision for four years. The sentencing comes about two years after a federal grand jury returned a nine-count superseding indictment against Buggs. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#), [WKBW-ABC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Bixby man sentenced to 45 years for murder of his stepfather, Savannah Sinclair, September 6, 2022, 9:17 PM

A Bixby man was sentenced in federal court Tuesday for the murder of his stepfather in 2018. Kevin Tyler Foster, 36, was sentenced to 540 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release. Foster had previously pleaded guilty to second degree murder in Indian Country. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOKI-Fox \(Tulsa, OK\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. appeals court upholds Washington state's conversion therapy ban, Jonathan Stempel, September 6, 2022, 4:57 PM

A U.S. federal appeals court on Tuesday unanimously upheld Washington state's ban on conversion therapy for children, rejecting a therapist's claim that it undermined his free speech and targeted him because he is Christian. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Washington's legislature acted rationally and did not violate the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment by imposing the ban to protect the "physical and psychological well-being" of children. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Louisville Courier Journal: Government demands defense keep some evidence secret in Breonna Taylor civil rights trials, Andrew Wolfson, September 7, 2022, 5:05 AM

The government says it intends to turn over 65,000 records totaling more than 300,000 pages to defense counsel for the former Louisville police officers accused of violating Breonna Taylor's civil rights. But because the documents include medical records, personal emails and text messages, and

investigative reports that include discussion of “highly personal and sensitive subjects,” Justice Department lawyers are seeking a protective order restricting how the defense teams use and share the records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Arizona Republic: [OPINION] Arizona AG won't defend law making it harder to film police. That should tell you something, Laurie Roberts, September 6, 2022, 6:09 PM

When it comes to taking away our rights, the Arizona Legislature has, once again, outdone itself. This time, by passing a law so blatantly unconstitutional that not even the state’s attorney general will defend it. Attorney General Mark Brnovich, it seems, has no interest in defending a state law that would make it more difficult for bystanders to record police activity. [...] It comes just a year after the Justice Department opened an investigation into the Phoenix Police Department following reports of excessive force. Attorney General Merrick Garland, in his August 2021 announcement of the probe, said the goal of the investigation is “to promote transparency and accountability.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

West Virginia MetroNews: Attorney says deputy facing federal indictment for excessive force had no reason to interact with alleged victim, Dave Wilson, September 6, 2022, 4:50 PM

Monongalia County Deputy Lance Kuretza had no reason to enter a hotel room on January 20, 2018 where Quintin Graciano was sound asleep, according to Graciano’s attorney. According to attorney Todd La Neve, the ugly incident that resulted in a civil lawsuit and a federal criminal indictment against Monongalia County Deputy Lance Kuretza was totally avoidable. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Bloomberg Law: Acting Civil Division Chief Faces Thorny Red State Tests Ahead, Ben Penn, September 7, 2022, 3:45 AM

The temporary leader of the Justice Department’s largest litigating division is outlasting his expected tenure without becoming a target of the left or right while facing off against red states over abortion, guns, and immigration. Brian Boynton, who has quietly helmed DOJ’s Civil Division since President Joe Biden’s inauguration, is technically a political appointee. But he’s one who past colleagues say manages as an institutionalist caretaker, not an advocate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: How Abbott Kept Sick Babies From Becoming a Scandal, David Enrich, September 6, 2022, 12:28 PM

Early on a Saturday morning in 2013, Mark Bennett, a federal judge, walked into his chambers in the courthouse in Sioux City, Iowa. He’d been out of town for a speaking engagement and was hoping to catch up on work. A surprise awaited him as he entered his office: Cardboard boxes were stacked everywhere. His immediate thought was that another judge might be moving in. Another judge was not moving in. Judge Bennett was presiding over a case in which Abbott Laboratories, the sprawling health care company that dominated the market for infant formula, was being sued on behalf of a girl, Jeanine Kunkel, who five years earlier had suffered severe brain damage after consuming the company’s powdered formula. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: The fight to keep little-known bacteria out of powdered baby formula, Laura Reiley and Jacob Bogage, September 6, 2022, 9:26 AM

Jeanine Kunkel had been the healthy twin, the one who came home from the hospital that day in 2008 while her brother James stayed a few nights in intensive care. But within days of arriving, she spiked a fever that sent her back to the hospital. The newborn had developed an infection — caused, her doctors said, by ingesting formula tainted with the bacteria *Cronobacter sakazakii*. The infection led to a severe case of meningitis that caused irreparable brain damage. [...] Jeanine’s situation is rare, but not isolated. Federal regulators and food safety experts have long been troubled by powdered formula’s ability to harbor *cronobacter* — a bacteria that is harmless for most but can be debilitating or deadly for newborns and others with weak immune systems. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Reuters](#)

Law360: **Bass Berry 'Lacked Courtesy' As Atty Grieved, DOJ Says**, Jeff Overley, September 6, 2022, 10:47 PM

U. S. Department of Justice attorneys are aggressively contesting a hospital system's discovery demands in a \$350 million False Claims Act case by publicizing email correspondence in which defense counsel at Bass Berry & Sims PLC balked at flexibility for a DOJ lawyer who abruptly learned that a close family member was near death. Monday's forceful rebuttal appeared in a Tennessee federal court filing that urged a magistrate judge to reject the discovery demands of Memphis-based Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, which is fighting a whistleblower-initiated kickback case that the DOJ officially joined earlier this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **[EDITORIAL] Biden's DOJ embraces bias and anti-religious bigotry**, Editorial Board, September 7, 2022, 12:00 AM

Do you think pregnancy centers should not be forced by the government to tell pregnant women where to get an abortion? If you support the First Amendment rights of any of these entities, then President Joe Biden's Department of Justice believes you're a bigot unworthy of associating with — or at least that is the message the department sends by protecting a senior DOJ official who attacked the nation's leading legal advocate of religious liberty. [...] Did Garland's words mean anything? Apparently not because he is not acting to protect the integrity of the DOJ "both in fact and appearance" in this case. Biden's attack on all pro-life voters and Bruskin's attack on Christian legal advocates are making it impossible for any conservative to trust Biden's DOJ to enforce the law fairly. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

WaPo: **From border town to 'border town,' bused migrants seek new lives in D.C. area**, Antonio Olivo, September 7, 2022, 6:00 AM

They marched in caravans for weeks, past dead bodies while dodging kidnappers and thieves — and now, some of the migrants crowded inside a tiny stucco building just past the Rio Grande were looking at a star scribbled on an envelope carrying their U.S. asylum petitions. Courtesy of the state of Texas, this meant they qualified for a free bus ride to a place that has been largely unprepared to receive them: Washington, D.C. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: **[EDITORIAL] The U.S. needs immigration, not overheated rhetoric on migrants**, Editorial Board, September 6, 2022, 1:56 PM

Border Patrol agents are stopping unauthorized migrants coming from Mexico at record levels. Little wonder more than half of Americans now say an "invasion" is underway at the southern border, according to a recent NPR-Ipsos poll. At the same time, net immigration in the United States — the number of all foreign arrivals, including illegal ones, minus the number of departures — has been on a downward slope for five years, partly but not only because of the pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **NYC Mayor Adams sends delegation to southern border amid clash with Texas Gov. Abbott over migrant buses**, Adam Shaw, September 6, 2022, 4:06 PM

New York City Mayor Eric Adams has sent a "fact-finding" delegation to the southern border, part of the ongoing battle with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott over the busing of illegal immigrants to the Big Apple. The delegation from Adams' office met on Tuesday with Border Patrol officials in Eagle Pass, Texas, along the shores of the Rio Grande, where hundreds of migrants have crossed into the U.S. each day. In a statement, Adams' office accused Abbott's office of being "unresponsive" and turning the situation "into a political sideshow." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **Border officers find 47K 'rainbow' fentanyl pills in hidden car compartment**, Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, September 6, 2022, 9:30 AM

Officials with U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized more than 200,000 fentanyl pills hidden in a secret compartment of a vehicle at Port of Nogales, Arizona, Saturday. Around 47,000 of those pills were rainbow-colored pills, which federal officials have warned is a new trend meant to drive young people to the deadly drug. Fentanyl, a powerful opioid up to 50 times stronger than heroin, was responsible for 71,238 of the record 107,000 fatal drug overdoses in the United States last year, according to the CDC. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Caller: **Border Authorities Seize Nearly 300,000 Fentanyl Pills In Just Two Days**, Jennie Taer, September 6, 2022, 12:00 PM

Authorities at the Arizona border seized nearly 300,000 fentanyl pills in the span of two days. The seizures, which took place on Friday and Saturday, included approximately 297,300 fentanyl pills of different varieties, including around 47,000 “rainbow” pills, according to a series of tweets posted by the Nogales, Arizona, Port Director Michael W. Humphries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Tennessee Lookout: **Feds To Settle Suit Over 2018 TN Slaughterhouse Raid Targeting Latinos**, Jamie Satterfield, September 6, 2022, 3:44 PM

A settlement is in the works in a lawsuit filed by Latino workers at a Grainger County slaughterhouse who were arrested without proof of wrongdoing in a controversial raid authorized by the U.S. government. U.S. District Judge Travis McDonough has issued a stay in the class-action lawsuit brought on behalf of Latino workers at the Southeastern Provision meat processing plant in Bean Station, Tenn., after the April 2018 raid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

WSJ: **[EDITORIAL] Walmart Takes On Lina Khan**, Editorial Board, September 6, 2022, 6:46 PM

Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan has been smacking around businesses, but last week Walmart swung back hard against an abusive lawsuit by challenging the agency’s enforcement power. This one could be fun—and legally significant. Ms. Khan last year declared that she wants to use her power to shape “the distribution of power” in the economy, and she seems to mean by any means necessary. The FTC’s lawsuit against Walmart in June is a case in point. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: **Big Tech’s \$95 Million Spending Spree Leaves Antitrust Bill on Brink of Defeat**, Anna Edgerton and Emily Birnbaum, September 6, 2022, 12:26 PM

A high-profile push by Congress to rein in the nation’s biggest internet companies is at risk of failing with time running out to pass major legislation ahead of midterm elections. Alphabet Inc.’s Google, Apple Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Meta Platforms Inc. and their trade groups have poured almost \$95 million into lobbying since 2021 as they seek to derail the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, which has advanced further than any US legislative effort to address the market power of some of the world’s richest companies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Meta Can't Get FTC Analysis Of Instagram, WhatsApp Buys**, Bonnie Eslinger, September 6, 2022, 10:51 PM

A D.C. federal court judge on Tuesday denied a request from Facebook parent company Meta Platforms Inc. for Federal Trade Commission documents related to reviews of the social media giant’s acquisition of Instagram and WhatsApp, saying the materials are protected by the deliberative-process privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **[ANALYSIS] The FTC And DOJ Are Rewriting The Rules**, Bryan Koenig, September 6, 2022, 5:30 PM

As the Biden administration’s competition enforcers pursue individual cases, they are just as focused on pushing through sweeping changes to U. S. antitrust law, kicking off that process in January when the agencies announced plans for a major overhaul of their merger guidelines. But overhauling the guidelines,

likely in a way meant to make it easier to challenge more transactions, is just one part of broader efforts by the Federal Trade Commission and the U. S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Gets Time In State-Led Facebook Case At DC Circ., Matthew Perlman, September 6, 2022, 5:13 PM

Federal enforcers during oral argument later this month will get a chance to support a contingent of state attorneys general asking the D.C. Circuit to revive their case accusing Facebook's parent company, Meta Platforms Inc., of monopolizing personal social networking services. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WSJ: Ghost-Gun Firms Find New Ways to Sell DIY Weapons as U.S. Rule Takes Effect, Zusha Elinson, September 6, 2022, 9:00 AM

Sellers of the easy-to-assemble firearms known as ghost guns are finding ways to continue to offer their products online, soon after the Biden administration implemented a rule aimed at regulating their sales. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives rule that went into effect Aug. 24 requires licensed gun manufacturers to add serial numbers to kits that can be quickly assembled into working firearms and for retailers who sell them to conduct background checks on buyers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: Man who killed Michigan teen in 1988 identified through DNA technology, Katherine Donlevy, September 6, 2022, 10:46 PM

Georgia cops cracked a 33-year-old case when they identified the man who killed a 19-year-old girl through genealogy DNA. [...] "Wise was a truck driver who drove through Dade County, Georgia on his regular route," Keri Farley, FBI Atlanta's special agent in charge, said at a press conference. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WXIA-NBC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Daily Caller: EXCLUSIVE: The FBI Secretly Pressured Americans To Waive Away Their Gun Rights, Gabe Kaminsky, September 6, 2022, 7:41 PM

The FBI secretly pressured Americans into signing forms that relinquish their rights to own, purchase or even use firearms, according to a trove of internal documents and communications obtained by the Daily Caller News Foundation. The forms were presented by the FBI to people at their homes and in other undisclosed locations, according to bureau documents unearthed through the Freedom of Information Act by the firearm rights group Gun Owners of America (GOA) and shared with the DCFN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Justice Department seized senator's phone over 'well-timed stock sales', Sarah D. Wire, September 6, 2022, 7:06 PM

The Justice Department launched a criminal insider-trading and securities fraud investigation of Sen. Richard M. Burr (R-N.C.) over what the FBI called "well-timed stock sales" at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, according to a partially redacted warrant released Monday evening. The Los Angeles Times successfully sued for access to the warrant under the Freedom of Information Act, then fought the extensive redactions made by the department. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNBC](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#)

WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH): Cybercriminals stealing information from QR codes, FBI says, Jennifer Bullock, September 6, 2022, 6:01 PM

Before you use your phone to scan another QR code, make sure you can trust the source. The FBI is warning that cybercriminals are tampering with those codes, to get your information. A QR, or Quick Response code, is a square barcode that a smartphone camera can scan and read to provide quick access to a website, to download an app or to send a payment. A lot of businesses and restaurants have used them during the pandemic, because they're contactless and convenient. We use them here at

NBC4 to direct you to our website or to our mobile news app. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

WaPo: **[EDITORIAL] Solitary confinement is torture. U.S. prisons should stop using it**, Editorial Board, September 6, 2022, 2:23 PM

Imagine spending most of the day locked in a small windowless room. There is little to no natural light, no meaningful human interaction and nothing to break the monotony of being alone. No wonder Nelson Mandela described solitary confinement as “the most forbidding aspect of prison life.” This grotesque practice is a form of torture — one that is too common in the United States.... In May, Mr. Biden directed Attorney General Merrick Garland to produce a report on the Justice Department’s policies to ensure “restrictive housing in Federal detention facilities is used rarely, applied fairly, and subject to reasonable constraints.” That should only be the first step in a broader push to drastically scale back this inhumane practice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: **Contractor at Center of Navy Bribery Scandal Flees House Arrest**, Michael Levenson, September 6, 2022, 1:00 PM

A wealthy Malaysian contractor at the center of one of the United States Navy’s longest-running bribery scandals cut off his ankle monitor while under house arrest and was on the run from the federal authorities on Tuesday, according to the U.S. Marshals Service. Leonard Glenn Francis, who is known as Fat Leonard, was less than three weeks away from his sentencing date when he cut off his GPS anklet on Sunday morning and fled his home in San Diego, according to Omar Castillo, a supervisory deputy U.S. marshal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Guardian](#), [KSWB-Fox \(San Diego, CA\)](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#), [WBAL-NBC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

USA Today: **Judge finds South Carolina firing squad, electric chair unconstitutional**, Kathryn Casteel, September 6, 2022, 7:26 PM

A South Carolina judge has found that the firing squad and electric chair are prohibited by the state’s constitution, a decision sure to be swiftly appealed as the state struggles to implement its new execution protocols. In an order filed Tuesday evening, Judge Jocelyn Newman ruled that the South Carolina Department of Corrections is permanently barred from executing four death row inmates by electrocution or by firing squad. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: **DOJ, business groups urge SCOTUS to restrict venue for suits against corporations**, Alison Frankel, September 6, 2022, 4:34 PM

In a flurry of friend-of-the court briefs filed late last week in a case that could dramatically expand jurisdiction for suits against corporations, the U.S. Department of Justice, eight state attorneys general and a bevy of business groups including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce warned the U.S. Supreme Court not to ditch modern precedent that limits where plaintiffs can sue businesses. Otherwise, wrote DOJ Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar – who also requested to present oral argument when the justices hear the case in November – federalism and even international comity will be undermined by states that attempt to exercise general jurisdiction over corporations merely by dint of companies’ registration to conduct business in the state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: **Top aide to U.S. Supreme Court’s Roberts to retire**, Nate Raymond, September 6, 2022, 1:03 PM

Jeffrey Minear, who for 18 years served as Chief U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Roberts’ right-hand man, will retire from his position effective at the end of September, the high court said on Tuesday. Minear has served as counselor to Roberts since 2006, acting as his chief of staff, helping implement

court-wide policies, working on judicial administration matters and serving as a liaison to members of Congress and the executive branch. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [SCOTUSblog](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

- A body found in a Memphis neighborhood Monday was confirmed to be a Tennessee woman who was abducted late last week, police said Tuesday. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- It was an emotional day as families in Uvalde, Texas, sent their kids back to school for the first time since a mass shooting killed 19 children and two teachers. The site of the massacre, Robb Elementary, has been permanently closed -- but despite the ramped up security, some parents and kids say they still don't feel safe. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The IAEA said in a new report that it remains gravely concerned about Zaporizhzhia, the nuclear plant in Ukraine that's drawing growing concern of a disaster. David Muir reports a mounting case for war crimes in Bucha, Ukraine, 20 miles outside of Kyiv, where calls for justice mount and a mass grave remains a haunting reminder. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Justice Department is weighing whether to challenge Florida Federal Judge Aileen Cannon's decision to authorize the appointment of a special master to review items seized by the FBI during its search at former President Donald Trump's South Florida residence. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Justice Dept. Faces Tough Calls in Weighing Response to Trump Ruling, Glenn Thrush and Alan Feuer, September 7, 2022, 10:43 PM

The Justice Department faces a complex and consequential decision this week: whether to appeal all, part or none of a court order requiring it to turn over to an independent arbiter materials seized last month from Donald J. Trump's home in Florida. The ruling, issued by Judge Aileen M. Cannon on Monday, is more likely to delay than derail the investigation into Mr. Trump's retention of highly classified documents belonging to the government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: A Long-Shot Push to Bar Trump in 2024 as an 'Insurrectionist', Luke Broadwater and Michael S. Schmidt, September 7, 2022, 2:00 PM

Democrats and liberal groups, determined to find a way to bar former President Donald J. Trump from returning to office, are preparing a variety of ways to disqualify him, including drafting new legislation and readying a flurry of lawsuits seeking to use an obscure clause in the Constitution to brand him an insurrectionist. [...] Democrats and some anti-Trump Republicans have grown fearful that Merrick B. Garland, the attorney general, will not pursue criminal action against Mr. Trump for his efforts to overturn the 2020 election, culminating in the violent storming of the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Even if Mr. Trump were indicted and convicted of a crime, there is no law barring even an imprisoned felon from becoming president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] It's time for Merrick Garland to publicly address leaks in Trump investigation: Pavlich, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 9:42 PM

Fox News contributor Katie Pavlich called on Attorney General Merrick Garland to make a public statement to address the recent leaks over seized documents from former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago on Wednesday's "Special Report." KATIE PAVLICH: Well, the big difference between the former Secretary of State and the president is that the president has the ability to declassify documents, the former Secretary of State does not. That certainly gives President Trump some leeway. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Michael Cohen claims DOJ is 'tip-toeing' around Trump as if he were 'the supreme leader', Lindsay Kornick, September 7, 2022, 10:11 PM

Former Trump attorney Michael Cohen called for the former president's arrest by the Department of Justice (DOJ) after what he considered their hesitation to do so on Wednesday. Cohen appeared on a panel for MSNBC's "The ReidOut" discussing the ongoing controversy surrounding the FBI raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home back in August. After several scandals attached to Trump failed to produce an indictment or even a removal of office during his time as president, host Joy Reid questioned whether Trump could be stopped. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider](#), [Newsweek](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: U.S. judge denies Oath Keepers founder bid to delay Jan. 6 trial, fire lawyers, September 7, 2022, 6:55 PM

A U.S. federal judge on Wednesday denied Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes' request to postpone his upcoming Jan. 6 Capitol riot trial, and ruled he cannot fire his lawyers and replace them just three weeks before the case is set to begin. Rhodes and eight other co-defendants are accused of plotting to stop the peaceful transfer of presidential power in a failed bid to block Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's election victory on Jan. 6, 2021. Rhodes is due to go to trial in Washington, D.C. with four other defendants on Sept. 27 for seditious conspiracy, a rarely prosecuted criminal charge. A second set of four defendants head to trial on Nov. 29. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [Insider](#), [NBC](#), [WaPo](#), [WaPo-2](#)

AP: Man charged with threatening to kill member of Congress, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Maryland man has been charged with making an online threat to kill a member of Congress from Texas, according to a court filing unsealed Wednesday. Justin Kuchta, 39, of Annapolis, is charged with one count of interstate communication containing a threat to injure, a felony punishable by a maximum of five years in prison. Kuchta was expected to make his initial court appearance Wednesday in Baltimore after surrendering to authorities earlier in the day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [Baltimore Sun](#), [Capital Gazette \(Annapolis, MD\)](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Voice \(Cecil County, MD\)](#), [KNXV-ABC \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#), [Newsmax](#), [WBFF-Fox \(Baltimore, MD\)](#), [WJLA-ABC \(Washington, DC\)](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

AP: Man turned in by ex-girlfriend gets 9 months in Capitol riot, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 2:00 PM

A suburban Philadelphia man charged in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol has been sentenced to nine months in federal prison after he reportedly insulted the intelligence of an ex-girlfriend for not believing the election had been stolen and she turned him in to authorities. Richard Michetti, 29, of Ridley Park, was also ordered Tuesday to spend two years on supervised release and pay a \$100 special assessment and \$2,000 in restitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Insider](#)

NYT: Trump Pushed Officials to Prosecute His Critics, Ex-U.S. Attorney Says, Benjamin Weiser, September 8, 2022, 5:00 AM

A book by a former top federal prosecutor offers new details about how the Justice Department under President Donald J. Trump sought to use the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan to support Mr. Trump politically and pursue his critics — even pushing the office to open a criminal investigation of former secretary of state John Kerry. The prosecutor, Geoffrey S. Berman, was the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York for two and a half years until June 2020, when Mr. Trump fired him after he refused a request to resign by Attorney General William P. Barr, who sought to replace him with an administration ally. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Navy reservist already charged in Jan. 6 riot indicted in Va., Salvador Rizzo, September 7, 2022, 7:19 PM

A Navy reservist has been indicted in Virginia on charges of possessing unregistered firearms months after authorities in D.C. charged him with breaching the Capitol with the Proud Boys extremist group during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack. Hatchet M. Speed has been described by federal prosecutors as a heavily armed Nazi sympathizer with a top-level U.S. government security clearance. Speed until recently worked with a U.S. defense and intelligence cyberoperations contractor based in Vienna, Va., but resigned as he delved deeper into fringe ideologies, authorities said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] William Barr escaped Donald Trump's reality distortion field. But why?, Philip Bump, September 7, 2022, 3:48 PM

It doesn't require much reading between the lines to know why President Donald Trump fired his first attorney general, Jeff Sessions, shortly after the 2018 midterms: Trump talked about it all the time. Trump fired Sessions because he indirectly allowed the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election to continue; thus he failed to lift the "cloud" that Trump believed was hanging over his presidency. And because, at the heart of the matter, Sessions wasn't acting first and foremost in Trump's interests. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Blinken makes unannounced trip to Ukraine as nuclear fears rise, Zoë Richards, September 8, 2022, 5:28 AM

Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday arrived in Ukraine for an undisclosed trip, his third visit to the country since Russia launched its invasion in late February. Blinken landed in the country after an overnight flight just hours after Ukraine's military chief publicly warned of the threat of Russia using nuclear weapons in the conflict. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: US soldier kicked out of Army after FBI says he enlisted to become better at killing Black people, Oren Liebermann and Hannah Rabinowitz, September 7, 2022, 9:33 PM

A former soldier who prosecutors say claimed he enlisted to become better at killing Black people was kicked out of the Army following an FBI investigation that uncovered ties to White supremacist organizations and Nazi ideology. Killian M. Ryan was arrested August 26 and charged with one count of knowingly making a false statement on his application for a secret security clearance, according to court records. On the same day, he was discharged from the Army for "serious misconduct," said Lt. Col. Terence Kelley, an Army spokesman. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: DHS officials lacked "critical data" when vetting Afghan evacuees, watchdog finds, Catherine Herridge, Camilo Montoya-Galvez and Nicole Sganga, September 7, 2022, 11:01 AM

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) lacked "critical data to properly screen, vet and inspect" Afghan evacuees after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in August 2021, according to a report issued by the department's watchdog and obtained by CBS News. The 34-page report by the DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) concluded that the department granted parole, or temporary legal permission to enter and stay in the U.S. to Afghan evacuees who "were not fully vetted" following the massive airlift by the U.S. during the chaotic last days of the withdrawal of U.S. forces. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#), [Washington Times](#)

Insider: Hundreds of politicians, military personnel, and police are on the membership list of the extremist Oath Keepers group, Cheryl Teh, September 8, 2022, 5:00 AM

A membership database containing some 38,000 names linked to the Oath Keepers extremist group includes hundreds of people running for or in public office, military officials, and law enforcement officers. A report on the list was published on Tuesday by the Anti-Defamation League, which describes itself as an "anti-hate organization" that works to counter extremism and bigotry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCRG-ABC (Cedar Rapids, IA): FBI issues cyber security advisory for same hacking group that hit Linn-Mar, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 1:41 PM

The FBI issued a Cyber Security Advisory on Tuesday for the same hacking group that has

targeted at least one eastern Iowa School District. The FBI says hacking group Vice Society is increasingly targeting school districts nationwide. Vice Society is an intrusion, exfiltration, and extortion hacking group that first appeared in the summer of 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Finding special master in Trump classified documents case no easy task, Sarah N. Lynch, Jacqueline Thomsen and Karen Freifeld, September 7, 2022, 12:30 PM

A federal judge has given the U.S. Justice Department and Donald Trump's lawyers until Friday to come up with a list of potential candidates to serve as a special master to review records the FBI seized from the former president's Florida estate. But finding people who have the necessary experience and security clearances to handle the highly classified documents -- and the willingness to enter the political brushfire surrounding the probe -- will be no small task, legal experts said. "If we're talking about highly classified material, there's only a relatively small number of individuals who would satisfy the requirements of the job," said attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who served as a special master for the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [National Law Journal](#), [WaPo](#), [WNCN-CBS \(Goldsboro, NC\)](#)

USA Today: The search at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate was a month ago. What we've learned since, Ken Tran, September 8, 2022, 5:00 AM

One month after federal agents descended on Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, an unprecedented search of a former president's home, there have been a series of key revelations amid an intensifying court battle. Court documents released since the Aug. 8 search showed the former president had classified documents marked "secret" and "top secret" at his estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: 'Special Master' Wanted: Must Keep Secrets, Ignore Trump's Barbs, Billy House and Zoe Tillman, September 7, 2022, 5:27 PM

Kenneth R. Feinberg knows a little something about being a "special master," having served in that neutral role in high-profile compensation cases involving the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the mortgage crisis and the 737 Max disasters. And he says it's going to be difficult to find someone able -- and amenable -- to review records seized by the FBI from Donald Trump's home, as a federal judge ordered last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapotosky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM Donald Trump is facing historic legal and legislative scrutiny for a former president, under investigation by the Justice Department, U.S. lawmakers, local district attorneys and a state attorney general. Authorities are examining the handling of nearly 13,000 government documents stashed at Mar-a-Lago after Trump left the White House, some of them highly classified; and 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. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [ANALYSIS] Republicans dodge national security implications of Trump having classified documents at Mar-a-Lago, Stephen Collinson, September 8, 2022, 12:06 AM Republican defenders of Donald Trump won't or can't answer the questions that are at the root of the intrigue over why classified documents were at Mar-a-Lago and the troubling question of

whether national security was put at risk. The fact that top Senate Republicans are continuing to downplay Trump even having the documents, in favor of casting doubt on the conduct of the Justice Department and FBI, speaks to his enduring clout in the party, regardless of the depth of his legal issues and the potential national security implications for the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Why finding a special master for the Trump Mar-a-Lago documents won't be simple, Tierney Sneed and Katie Bo Lillis, September 7, 2022, 10:43 PM

A federal judge's move to bring in a special master to review materials seized from former President Donald Trump's home has opened up an extraordinarily murky, sensitive and high-stakes task of finding an attorney to serve in that role and defining what exactly he or she will do. The person who US District Judge Aileen Cannon ultimately chooses will have access to documents that have been described as among some of the government's most sensitive secrets. And they may have very little guidance. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: What's happening -- and what's next -- in the Mar-a-Lago probe, Marshall Cohen, September 7, 2022, 4:47 PM

Hardly a day goes by without a major new development in the Mar-a-Lago investigation, whether it's a document drop from the Justice Department, a stunning comment from former President Donald Trump, a fireworks-filled court hearing or a long-awaited ruling. The Justice Department's criminal probe into potential mishandling of classified materials is ongoing. The damage assessment is underway by US intelligence agencies. And the political fallout is still being shaped, as the November midterms approach and the 2024 election looms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Rolling Stone: Trump Told White House Team He Needed to Protect 'Russiagate' Documents, Adam Rawnsley, Asawin Suebsaeng, September 8, 2022, 3:00 AM

The former president, who left the White House with a trove of sensitive material, believes there are documents that would expose a Deep State plot against him and told confidants he needed to protect them from the next administration. In his final days in the White House, Donald Trump told top advisers he needed to preserve certain Russia-related documents to keep his enemies from destroying them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Ex-FBI official says Trump's nuclear information had high 'price tag', Cheryl Teh, September 8, 2022, 1:00 AM

Highly confidential details about a foreign government's nuclear capabilities were among some of the documents that were seized by the FBI from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home earlier in August, according to a new report from The Washington Post, which cited several unnamed sources familiar with the search. Prior to the raid, Trump's team returned some documents that belonged to the government to the National Archives more than 180 of which were later found to be marked classified. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Experts Say Mar-A-Lago Judge Shows Poor Grasp Of Privilege, Carolina Bolado, September 7, 2022, 9:23 PM

A Florida federal judge's decision to appoint a special master to screen documents seized at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate for executive privilege shows a "fundamental misunderstanding" of the subject, experts told Law360. In an order issued Monday, U. S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon granted Trump's request for a special master to go over the more than 11,000 documents seized by the FBI at Mar-a-Lago to filter out any documents protected by attorney-client privilege and executive privilege, which allows a president to block

the release of confidential communication from the courts and the legislative branch. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Guardian: Trump attorney general Barr a liar, bully and thug, says fired US attorney in book, Martin Pengelly, September 8, 2022, 2:00 AM

Donald Trump's second attorney general, William Barr, is stupid, a liar, a bully and a thug, according to a hard-hitting new book by Geoffrey Berman, the US attorney for the southern district of New York whose firing Barr engineered in hugely controversial fashion in summer 2020. "Several hours after Barr and I met," Berman writes, "on a Friday night, [Barr] issued a press release saying that I was stepping down. That was a lie. [[Continue Reading](#)]"

The Hill: Barr says DOJ 'getting very close' to having enough evidence to indict Trump, Jared Gans, September 7, 2022, 1:27 PM

Former Attorney General William Barr said on Wednesday that he believes the Justice Department is "getting very close" to having enough evidence to indict former President Trump. He said on Fox News that government investigators need to consider if they will be able to make a "technical" case against Trump for his handling of sensitive documents the FBI found at his Mar-a-Lago home last month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Caller](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: Trump Aide Is Subpoenaed for Jan. 6 Grand Jury, Adam Goldman and Maggie Haberman, September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

Federal prosecutors issued a subpoena to William Russell, who served as a special assistant to the former president, and went to his home in Florida. Federal prosecutors issued a subpoena to a personal aide to former President Donald J. Trump as part of the investigation into the events leading up to the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, people familiar with the matter said. The move suggests that investigators have expanded the pool of people from whom they are seeking information in the wide-ranging criminal investigation into efforts by Mr. Trump and his allies to reverse his loss in the 2020 election and that agents are reaching into the former president's direct orbit. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [The Hill](#)

Bloomberg: Jan. 6 Committee Tells Court Mark Meadows Must Comply With Subpoena, Zoe Tillman, September 7, 2022, 2:10 PM

Nearly a year after Donald Trump's former Chief of Staff Mark Meadows sued to block House Jan. 6 committee subpoenas, a federal judge pressed the panel's lawyer on why they hadn't pursued what seemed like an easier legal argument to get the lawsuit tossed. US District Judge Carl Nichols engaged in a lengthy back-and-forth with House General Counsel Douglas Letter in a Washington courtroom Wednesday over the committee's decision to not invoke a sweeping protection that prevents members of Congress from being hauled into court to defend their legislative work. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#), [Reuters](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: U.S. backs students claiming Harvard ignored professor's sexual harassment, Nate Raymond, September 7, 2022, 8:58 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday threw its support behind a lawsuit by three graduate students accusing Harvard University of ignoring sexual harassment by a professor who they said threatened their academic careers if they reported him. The department in a court filing urged a federal judge in Boston to reject Harvard's claim that it could only be held liable for retaliation by the Ivy League school itself, not by any of its faculty members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Ex Puerto Rico legislator sentenced in bribery scheme, Allison Shinskey, September 7, 2022, 3:21 PM

A judge on Wednesday sentenced a former Puerto Rico legislator to more than four years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to bribery as part of a kickback scheme. Nelson del Valle Colón, who was elected to Puerto Rico's House of Representatives in 2004 and 2016, also was ordered to pay \$190,000 in restitution. He was accused of hiring two women to work in his office and demanding biweekly kickbacks from them ranging from about \$500 to \$1,300 for more than three years in exchange for their employment and salaries. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [KULR-NBC \(Billings, MT\)](#), [UPI](#)

AP: Steve Bannon expects to face new criminal charge in NY, Eric Tucker and Michael R. Sisak, September 7, 2022, 8:00 AM

Steve Bannon, a longtime ally of former President Donald Trump, said Tuesday that he expects to be charged soon in a state criminal case in New York City. Bannon, 68, plans to turn himself in on Thursday, according to a person familiar with the matter. The person insisted on anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. The Washington Post, citing anonymous sources, reported that the state criminal case would resemble an earlier attempted federal prosecution, in which Bannon was accused of duping donors who gave money to fund a wall on the U.S. southern border. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Newsweek](#), [WaPo](#)

CBS: Four killed in hours-long Memphis shooting spree before suspect arrested, police say, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 2:39 AM

Police here say a man who drove around the city shooting at people, killing four, during an hours-long rampage that forced frightened people to shelter in place Wednesday has been arrested. Ezekiel Kelly, 19, who was charged as an adult with attempted first-degree murder in 2020, was taken into custody at around 9 p.m. in the Memphis neighborhood of Whitehaven, police spokeswoman Karen Rudolph said. Memphis Police Director Cerelyn "CJ" Davis said during a news conference early Thursday that charges were pending. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Disbarred Fla. Attorney Gets 6 Months For Bribing Prosecutor, Elliot Weld, September 7, 2022, 4:53 PM

A disbarred defense lawyer who brokered a bribe between his client and a state attorney in exchange for favorable treatment was sentenced Wednesday by a Florida federal judge to six months in prison and 18 months of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bollyinside: A woman from Kalispell acknowledges operating a money-sending company as a money mule, Patrick Huston, September 7, 2022, 11:00 PM

According to U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich, a woman from Kalispell who was suspected of running a money mule company in which she allegedly took money from numerous wire fraud schemes across the country and shipped it abroad in exchange for payment agreed to the allegations today. Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto served as the presiding magistrate. Before U.S. District Judge Dana L. Christensen, a sentencing date of January 5, 2023, was set. [[Continue](#)

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Buffalo News: Buffalo man indicted on charge of assaulting an FBI agent, Dale Anderson, September 7, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Federal grand jury has indicted a Buffalo man on a charge of assaulting an FBI agent, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross reported. Tyler Collins, 27, faces a maximum of 20 years in prison if convicted. According to the indictment, the incident occurred July 12 as Collins allegedly tried to enter Buffalo FBI offices on South Elmwood Avenue and was turned down by security guards inside.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: 3 members of drug ring admit roles in killing informant, 2 others, authorities say, Chris Sheldon, September 7, 2022, 7:07 PM

Three members of a Newark-based drug trafficking organization have admitted their roles in three killings on behalf of the group, including that of a federal informant, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Wednesday. Tyquan Daniels, 26, Ali Hill, 29, and Thomas Zimmerman, 26, all of East Orange, pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy, the office said. Additionally, Daniels pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Buffalo News: West Seneca man sentenced for selling methamphetamine, Dale Anderson, September 7, 2022, 7:00 PM

A West Seneca man convicted of selling methamphetamine has been sentenced to more than 11 years in prison, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross announced. The 135-month penalty was handed down by U.S. District Judge John L. Sinatra after Timothy J. Chowaniec, 64, was found guilty of possession with intent to distribute and distribution of five grams or more of the drug. Prosecutors said that a state police undercover investigator purchased meth from Chowaniec at his home twice in January and February 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

Connecticut Post: Feds: Hartford man illegally bought, sold more than a dozen handguns, Caroline Tien, September 7, 2022, 7:00 PM

A local man has been charged with illegally possessing and selling firearms, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Jaime Diaz, 29, on Wednesday pleaded not guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and dealing in firearms without a license before U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas O. Farrish in Hartford. He was released on \$25,000 bond. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Belleville News-Democrat (Belleville, IL): Collinsville doctor sentenced to federal prison for writing illegal prescriptions, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 6:42 PM

A federal judge in the U.S. District for Eastern Missouri on Wednesday sentenced a Collinsville osteopathic physician to a year in prison for illegally prescribing an anti-anxiety drug. Matthew Steven Miller, 43, prescribed Xanax for six people who were not his patient [sic] between 2016 and 2018, according to the criminal complaint. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): Minneapolis man accused of using 3-D printers to make handguns outfitted with 'switch' devices, Stephen Montemayor, September 7, 2022, 5:44 PM

A 25-year-old Minneapolis man has been arrested on federal charges of illegally possessing machine guns that he allegedly made using 3-D printers inside his home. Federal prosecutors

charged Aaron Malik Cato after authorities discovered multiple "privately made firearms" or ghost guns while searching Cato's home last month. According to a criminal complaint, Cato admitted to making the firearms using 3-D printers. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSTP-ABC \(Saint Paul, MN\)](#), [WCCO-CBS \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

State Journal-Register (Springfield, IL): Judge: Woman's effort to help inmates escape 'one of the most elaborate' she has seen, Steven Spearie, September 7, 2022, 5:34 PM

A Springfield woman was sentenced to 11 months' imprisonment after pleading guilty last November in federal court to conspiring to help two inmates escape from the Sangamon County Jail. Allison M. Poorman, 28, of the 600 block of South Douglas Avenue, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess contraband in prison and providing or attempting to provide contraband in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Freeport, NY): 8 MS-13 Gang Members Indicted On Murder And Other Charges: Feds, Jerry Barmash, September 7, 2022, 5:24 PM

A 29-count indictment was unsealed in federal court in Central Islip on Wednesday, charging eight members of MS-13 with multiple offenses, including murder and attempted murder, the U.S. Attorney's office said. Two of the defendants, Kevin Torres, also known as "Inquieto" and "Quieto" (Torres), and Oseas Gonzalez, also known as "Manota" and "Cordero" (Gonzalez), have been charged with the Sept. 5, 2016 murder of Marcus Bohannon, in Central Islip, Breon Peace, Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Oregonian: Gresham man sold fentanyl pills that caused overdose death of Portland teen, feds allege, Maxine Bernstein, September 7, 2022, 4:33 PM

A Gresham man accused of selling counterfeit oxycodone pills laced with fentanyl to a 17-year-old Portland girl who died was caught trying to flush a bag of rainbow-colored fentanyl down the toilet as investigators moved in to arrest him at his home Wednesday morning, according to a federal prosecutor. Duane Robert Hill, 38, made his first appearance in federal court in Portland in the afternoon, charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute fentanyl and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGW-NBC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KPTV-Fox \(Portland, OR\)](#)

WV News (West Virginia): Shinnston, West Virginia, man gets prison for setting fire inside Hood Avenue dwelling, Matt Harvey, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

[...] Narkevia Lewis, 24, of Houston, has been sentenced to 151 months in federal prison by Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas S. Kleeh. Lewis previously pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the maintaining of a drug-involved premises, according to the office of U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post-Standard (Syracuse, NY): CNY man asking online if child was too old to abuse kicked off urgent investigation, Anne Hayes, September 7, 2022, 3:50 PM

Police officers working undercover in an online chat room were spurred into action by one person's comments about sexually abusing a child. The person in the private chat room asked if a child was too old to abuse once they could talk and possibly expose their abuser, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Syracuse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Press of Atlantic City: Egg Harbor Township car dealer sentenced for wire fraud, Eric Conklin, September 7, 2022, 3:00 PM

An Atlantic County car salesman will spend two years in prison after pleading guilty to wire fraud, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger said Wednesday. Afzal Khan, known by the alias “Bobby Khan,” pleaded guilty by videoconference before U.S. District Judge William J. Martini. Court documents show Khan, 40, of Egg Harbor Township, intentionally defrauded lenders and customers of his car dealership, Emporio Motor Group, in Ramsey, Bergen County. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Record \(Essex County, NJ\)](#)

WTRC (Niles, MI): South Bend man sentenced to 24 months for firearms-related crime, Jon Zimney, September 7, 2022, 10:30 PM

A South Bend man has been sentenced in U.S. District Court to 24 months in prison after he pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to documents in the case, in March 2022, Pokagon tribal police found Warren B. Heath III, 51, in a minivan parked in the Four Winds-South Bend casino lot. The odor of marijuana was detected coming from the vehicle. Heath did not comply with a request to step out of the vehicle. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJET-ABC (Erie, PA): Nevada man admits sending over 200 pounds of meth to Western Pennsylvania, Brett Balicki, September 7, 2022, 10:00 PM

A resident of Sparks, Nevada, pleaded guilty in federal court to violation of federal narcotics laws related to a nine-month Title III wiretap investigation into drug trafficking in and around the counties of Jefferson, Clearfield, and Allegheny, United States Attorney Cindy Chung announced Wednesday. Christopher Robertson, 61, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute and possesses [sic] with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine before United States District Judge Christy Criswell Wiegand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): DA: Inmate charged after using ‘shank’ in 2020, Nico Rossi, September 7, 2022, 9:59 PM

An inmate at the Unites State Penitentiary, Canaan, (USP Canaan) has been indicted by a grand jury for an assault that occurred in 2020, officials say. According to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, Isiah Robinson, 36, an inmate at USP Canaan, was indicted by a grand jury for assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of contraband in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): CT man pleads guilty to threatening MA women through social media, emails, Nick DeGray, September 7, 2022, 8:53 PM

A Connecticut man has pleaded guilty to threatening, harassing and intimidating a Massachusetts woman he was previously in a relationship with. According to the office of US Attorney Rachael Rollins, 31-year-old Marshall Nicholas Fain of New Haven pleaded guilty last Wednesday in federal court to one count of cyberstalking and one count of transmitting threats through interstate commerce. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indy woman charged with using false documents to receive COVID-19 relief loans, Divine Triplett, September 7, 2022, 6:36 PM

An Indianapolis woman was sentenced to 8 months in federal prison for making and using false documents to fraudulently obtain COVID-19 related disaster loans. Brooke Bowie, 29, of Indianapolis, submitted four separate applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans after the COVID-19 pandemic, court documents say. In all four applications, Bowie claimed to run a business with the name “Icie Beauty 4 Life” with between \$20,000 and \$80,000 in revenue for the

prior year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KECI-NBC (Missoula, MT): Victor man sentenced to prison for trafficking meth,

Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 5:30 PM

A 53-year-old man from Victor is sentenced to 10 years in prison, with five years of supervised release after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute meth. Court documents note the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office found meth, drug paraphernalia, a sawed-off shotgun, and other firearms during a search of Terrill Dwayne Martin's residence in November 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPAX-CBS/CW \(Missoula, MT\)](#)

KECI-NBC (Missoula, MT): Kalispell couple sentenced to prison for stealing mail, credit cards,

Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

A man and woman from Kalispell are convicted of stealing hundreds of pieces of mail from rural mailboxes in Lincoln and Flathead counties. When the couple found credit cards in the stolen mail, they used the credit cards to defraud businesses, according to U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich. Court documents noted Michael Thomas Kullberg, 34, was sentenced to 31 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release. He pleaded guilty to theft of mail, wire fraud and aggravated identity theft in May. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPAX-CBS/CW \(Missoula, MT\)](#), [KRTV-CBS \(Great Falls, MT\)](#)

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Former Stillwater corrections officer pleads guilty to meth distribution conspiracy,

Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM

A former Stillwater corrections officer has pleaded guilty to taking part in a meth distribution organization within the prison. Faith Rose Gratz, 24, and 34-year-old Axel Rene Kramer conspired to distribute meth within the prison, the U.S. Attorney's Office says. Kramer is an inmate at the prison and is currently serving a 288-month sentence for murder. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KY3 (Springfield, MO): Judge sentences Merriam Woods, Mo. man to prison for sexual exploitation of 2 children,

Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 4:46 PM

A judge sentenced a Merriam Woods, Mo. man in federal court for the sexual exploitation of two child victims. Billy Rae Clark, 29, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Brian C. Wimes to 17 years in federal prison without parole. The court also sentenced Clark to 30 years of supervised release following incarceration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): Alexandria man sentenced to 45 years in prison for marijuana-related murder,

Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 4:30 PM

An Alexandria man has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for murdering another man in retaliation for robbing him of an ounce of marijuana and trying to convince a witness to lie for him to cover it up. According to court documents, Melvin Palma Flores, 20, was a marijuana dealer who carried firearms for protection while dealing drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHEC-NBC (Rochester, NY): Former Dansville teacher and daycare worker pleads guilty to child pornography charges,

Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 4:27 PM

Investigators say Derek Hagen, 29, had sexual conduct with a child between Jan. 20 to 18, and July of 2021. His victim was between four and eight years old. Hagen also took photos and videos of it and distributed images of the victim over the internet. In 2018, Hagen was an assistant teacher at the Brockport Childhood Development Center in the infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WETM-NBC \(Elmira, NY\)](#), [WHAM-ABC](#)

[\(Rochester, NY\)](#)

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Catalytic converter thief sentenced to prison and \$46,000 in restitution, Joe Millitzer, September 7, 2022, 4:17 PM

A man acting as a lookout for catalytic converter thieves will be spending the next nine months in prison and paying \$46,001 in restitution. A judge sentenced D'Ante Carter, 38, for his involvement in stealing 39 of the devices that contain trace amounts of precious metals from vehicles. Court documents say that Carter and Matthew Jennings, 31, cut into vehicles to steal the converters from January to September 2020. They targeted trucks and vans parked at businesses. They then sold the converters to an Illinois recycling company. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

See also: [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [WPMT-Fox \(York, PA\)](#)

WHP-CBS (Harrisburg, PA): Harrisburg man sentenced to 30 years behind bars for drug delivery resulting in death, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced Wednesday that 38-year-old Juan Diaz, of Harrisburg, was sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment by United States District Court Judge Christopher C. Conner for a drug delivery resulting in death. According to United States Attorney Gerard M. Karam, Diaz previously pleaded guilty to selling a mixture of heroin and fentanyl that killed a Cumberland County man on March 3, 2018. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFMJ-NBC/CW (Youngstown, OH): Feds charge 14 in alleged heroin, fentanyl, cocaine conspiracy in Youngstown, Mike Gauntner, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

Authorities are rounding up fourteen people who federal investigators believe are responsible for flooding the Youngstown area with controlled substances like heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, and tramadol. The arrests are based on a 54-page, 46-count federal indictment alleging that Terrence Chauncey May used a LaSalle Avenue home on Youngstown's South Side to distribute drugs to others involved in the alleged conspiracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Last of 19 defendants sentenced in drug trafficking investigation in Huntington, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

The final two defendants in a drug trafficking investigation that saw more than a dozen people convicted were sentenced on Wednesday in Huntington. Brayan Lucas, 25, of Columbus, Ohio, and Kimberly Ann Combs, 45, of Huntington were sentenced on Wednesday for their roles in a drug trafficking organization that distributed "large amounts of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine and other illegal drugs in the Huntington area," a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WWBT-NBC (Richmond, VA): Former owner of assisted living facility sentenced to 2 years for health care fraud, David Hylton, September 7, 2022, 3:33 PM

The former owner of a now-shuttered assisted living facility was sentenced Wednesday to two years in prison for health care fraud. Mable B. Jones, 79, owned and operated Jones & Jones, an assisted living facility complex that served primarily elderly and incapacitated adults. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): Providence man pleads guilty for role in Home Depot fraud scheme, Allison Shinsky, September 7, 2022, 3:21 PM

A Providence man pleaded guilty Wednesday to taking part in a wide-ranging scheme to defraud

Home Depot of thousands of dollars in tools and building supplies, according to U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha. Luiyi Taveras-Garcia, 35, was charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud after prosecutors learned he participated in the scheme. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTWO-NBC (Terre Haute, IN): Court Docs: Vincennes man mailed meth to Indiana from California, Nicole Krusean, September 7, 2022, 2:49 PM

A Vincennes man was sentenced to over 11 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to methamphetamine trafficking charges. According to release [sic] from the United States Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Indiana, Christopher Wrought's charges stemmed from an investigation that started in April 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): 'Violent' Georgia meth dealer, member of white supremacist gang sentenced to prison, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 2:27 PM

A member of a white supremacist street gang was sentenced to more than 10 years for trafficking methamphetamine on Wednesday. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia, Donnie Lee Curtis Jr., 37, of Tunnel Hill, was sentenced to 144 months for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distributing, 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KY3 (Springfield, MO): Judge sentences Springfield man, woman for sex trafficking a child, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 2:07 PM

A federal judge sentenced a Springfield man and woman for the sex trafficking of a child. Joseph W. Gibson, 43, and Danna Marie Rodriguez, 37, were sentenced in separate appearances before U.S. District Judge Brian C. Wimes. Gibson was sentenced to 30 in federal prison without parole, followed by 25 years of supervised release. Rodriguez was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison without parole, followed by 25 years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCAU-ABC (Sioux City, IA): Sioux City man pleads guilty to possessing hundreds of child pornographic images, Ariel Pokett, September 7, 2022, 1:44 PM

A Sioux City man pleaded guilty on Wednesday to possessing hundreds of child pornography images. According to a release from the United States Attorney's Office, Chad Moyle, 37, of Sioux City admitted in court to possessing more than 600 images of child pornography from December 2018 to February 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMEG-CBS \(Sioux City, IA\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Michigan's 90-year-old abortion ban is unconstitutional, judge rules, Brendan Pierson and Kanishka Singh, September 7, 2022, 6:22 PM

A 1931 Michigan law banning abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest violates the state's constitution, a state court judge ruled on Wednesday, barring any prosecutors from enforcing it. Judge Elizabeth Gleicher of the Michigan Court of Claims found that Michigan's constitution guarantees a right to bodily autonomy including abortion. The ruling is a victory for providers including a Planned Parenthood affiliate, which had sued to block the law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Law360](#)

AP: Slain man's family wants suit against Ohio deputy to proceed, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 4:20 PM

The family of a Black man shot by an Ohio sheriff's deputy asked a federal court on Wednesday

to stop delaying their wrongful death lawsuit against the deputy. Authorities say Casey Goodson Jr., 23, was shot in the back as he entered his grandmother's house in late 2020. Deputy Jason Meade, who is white, has pleaded not guilty to murder and reckless homicide in the shooting. Meade's attorney says Goodson pointed a gun and ignored a command to drop it. Goodson's family notes he was licensed to carry a gun, but says he was holding a bag of sandwiches at the time. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Federal lawsuit challenges anti-trans law, Sean Murphy, September 7, 2022, 10:30 AM
Civil rights groups filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of three transgender Oklahoma schoolchildren, arguing the state's new law requiring students use only the bathroom of the sex listed on their birth certificate is unconstitutional. The lawsuit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Oklahoma City lists the State Department of Education and its board members, Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Attorney General John O'Connor and three school districts as defendants. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Obamacare can't require coverage for some HIV drugs, federal judge rules., Mark Johnson, September 7, 2022, 7:31 PM
A federal judge in Texas ruled Wednesday that the Affordable Care Act cannot require a Christian-owned company to cover HIV drugs for its employees because it violated the owners' religious freedom. In his 42-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor said the requirement forcing the company to comply with the mandate or pay a penalty, "imposes a substantial burden on religious freedom" He also declared unconstitutional the government's system for deciding which preventive care services should be covered under the health-care law a decision that could jeopardize a broad range of no-cost services, including screenings for cancer and heart disease, for millions of Americans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [BuzzFeed](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] When did religious belief become an excuse to discriminate?, Louise Melling, September 7, 2022, 3:27 PM
Emboldened by the U.S. Supreme Court, today's religious right is pressing in courts nationwide for what amounts to a sweeping right to discriminate. U.S. courts are flooded with cases brought by institutions claiming their right to religious freedom entitles them to refuse to comply with anti-discrimination laws. Under the banner of religion, an employer is asserting a right to deny its workers insurance coverage for drugs that prevent HIV an argument that just Wednesday found favor in federal court. Religiously affiliated schools posit a right to fire unmarried pregnant women. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courthouse News: Former Hawaii residents now living in US territories barred from voting in federal elections, Candance Cheug, September 7, 2022, 5:00 PM
A federal judge in Hawaii ruled Tuesday that prior residence in Hawaii doesn't give U.S. citizens the right to cast absentee ballots for the state in federal elections. "This case is not about the denial or deprivation of the right to vote, but about whether a failure to extend voting rights that do not otherwise exist violates the Equal Protection Clause. The statutes are not unconstitutional merely because they do not grant plaintiffs a right given to others, especially when plaintiffs' fellow territorial residents lack such a right," Otake wrote in the ruling. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Sioux Falls Argus Leader: Federal judge rules Lyman County election to go forward after Lower Brule Sioux tribe filed VRA lawsuit, Annie Todd, September 7, 2022, 4:02 PM

A federal judge in South Dakota ordered Friday that the Lyman County commissioner election in November is to go forward as planned, after the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe filed a lawsuit alleging the election would dilute the Native American vote. Chief Judge Roberto Lange wrote in his decision that he was "entirely dissatisfied with leaving the 2022 Lyman County commissioner elections unchanged," and has only allowed the election to go forward because of a plan to resolve the voting rights issue in 2024, rather than 2026. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Biden DOJ Must Explain 'Insulting, Illogical' Motion In Medical Marijuana Patients' Gun Rights Lawsuit, Filing From Florida Official Says, Kyle Jaeger, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Justice Department's request to dismiss a lawsuit over the federal ban on medical marijuana patients' firearms rights is rife with contradictions and represents an "insulting, illogical, and ahistorical" legal perspective, a new motion from attorneys representing Florida's agriculture commissioner and medical cannabis patients says. DOJ filed its motion to dismiss the case last month, and advocates were taken aback by the content of the legal arguments, which at points drew indirect and stigmatizing parallels between state-licensed medical marijuana patients and violent felons, people with mental illnesses and panhandlers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPTZ-NBC (Plattsburgh, NY): Burlington nursing home faces federal lawsuit over alleged violation of the Civil Rights Act, Lauren Granada, September 7, 2022, 6:42 PM

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is suing Elderwood at Burlington, one of Vermont's largest nursing homes. The lawsuit, filed Tuesday, claims the nursing home violated the Civil Rights Act when it failed to act after some of its black employees experienced, what they describe as, 'pervasive' and 'egregious' racial harassment from some residents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Bloomberg Law: Instec Inc. Agrees to Pay \$625,000 in False Claims Settlement, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 12:50 PM

Instec Inc. and Dr. Zhong Zou, the company's owner and president, have agreed to pay \$625,000 for allegedly violating the False Claims Act by not complying with the Buy American Act during the sale of products to federal agencies in Boulder, Colo., according to Department of Justice on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Radio Iowa: Iowa plastic surgeon paying \$800,000 to settle allegations over billing, O. Kay Henderson, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

Federal officials have announced a plastic surgeon in Des Moines has agreed to pay \$800,000 to settle allegations he improperly billed government health care programs. The government's allegations covered a seven year period, from 2013 to 2020, and a whistleblower who prompted the investigation will get part of the settlement. Dr. Ronald Bergman, who operates Bergman Cosmetic Surgery in Des Moines, was accused of billing Medicare and Medicaid for services performed by others. In some instances, federal investigators say medical fellows did the work without Bergman present as their teaching physician. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

USA Today: Free bus rides for migrants to Washington, New York and Chicago begin in Texas border town, Rick Jervis, September 8, 2022, 5:17 AM

Just past 1:30 p.m. on Monday, two white-and-green-striped U.S. Border Patrol vans pulled up outside the Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition, a migrant respite center, and 19 asylum-seekers spilled out. Some looked dazed and were speckled with dried mud. One woman carried an infant on her hip. All looked exhausted. Tiffany Burrow, the center's director, greeted the migrants, chatted briefly with the Border Patrol agents, then led the migrants into the center, where they received hygiene kits and information on U.S. travel options. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: U.S. Expects to Use All Employment-Based Green Cards This Year, Michelle Hackman, September 8, 2022, 5:00 AM

U.S. immigration authorities project that they will use up all the extra available employment-based green cards for the fiscal year ending this month, averting the risk that the government would for the second year running let thousands go to waste. Typically, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the agency that processes green cards and other immigration applications, hands out about 140,000 employment-based green cards to foreign employees and their families, representing a fraction of demand that results in a decadelong wait for some applicants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Border officers in Texas seize nearly \$12 million in methamphetamine from tractor trailer, Louis Casiano, September 7, 2022, 3:40 PM

Border authorities in Texas seized the largest batch of methamphetamine at one port of entry valued at \$11.9 million, the largest of its kind at that station, officials said. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers were at the Del Rio International Bridge on Monday when one sent the driver of a 2016 Kenworth tractor hauling a shipment of diesel tank reservoir containers for a secondary inspection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: [EDITORIAL] The deadly Biden border, Editorial Board, September 7, 2022, 6:00 PM

Murder is the most dreadful of crimes; a murder that could have been averted is the most heartbreaking of all. The killing of Americans resulting from illegal immigration can be counted among those preventable deaths. President Joe Biden's lax border security is directly responsible for deaths that otherwise would not be occurring, making his refusal to halt the ongoing tragedy the most callous of leadership failures. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Abbott official knocks NYC mayor for staying home while staff toured border, Anna Giaritelli, September 7, 2022, 3:32 PM

The Texas governor's office has accused New York City Mayor Eric Adams of dodging the immigration crisis by sending staff to the southern border in his place as part of a "secret" trip. A delegation of New York City officials made an unannounced trip to the U.S.-Mexico border over the Labor Day weekend, stopping in the Eagle Pass and Del Rio region, where more migrants are being encountered attempting to enter the United States than any other part of the 2,000-mile international boundary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Laredo Morning Times: Women tried smuggling heroin from Monterrey to Laredo, Cesar Rodriguez, September 7, 2022, 4:00 PM

Two women were arrested for attempting to smuggle heroin from Monterrey, Mexico to Laredo, according to an arrest affidavit. A black Chevy Aveo arrived at the Juarez-Lincoln International

Bridge at about 10:59 a.m. Sept. 4. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers identified the driver as Maria Luisa Hernandez-Alanis and Tania Melissa Hernandez-Coutino as the passenger. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): Border Patrol seizes over 1,000 pounds of drugs in Del Rio, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 11:30 PM

Officials with U.S. Customs and Border Protection say they seized their largest-ever amount of methamphetamine at the Del Rio Port of Entry when they discovered \$11.9 million worth of drugs on Monday. Border Patrol was inspecting a tractor-trailer when officers, along with a K-9, discovered 320 packages of methamphetamine, amounting to more than 1,337 pounds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGTV-ABC (San Diego, CA): CBP officers in Calexico, Andrade intercept 7 drug smuggling attempts worth \$2.8 million, Claudia Amezcua, September 7, 2022, 4:51 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in the Calexico and Andrade ports of entry stopped seven drug smuggling attempts worth an estimated street value of \$2.8 million over the course of one week. “Our officers found a significant number of narcotics within a short time period,” said Roque Caza, Port Director of the Calexico ports of entry. “This demonstrates the fierce dedication our officers have to uphold CBP’s mission in protecting our nation’s borders and keeping our communities safe from these dangerous drugs.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): 825 lbs of narcotics seized by CBP within a week, Hope Sloop, September 7, 2022, 4:34 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers recently intercepted more than 825 pounds of narcotics during seven smuggling attempts, authorities said. The stops happened at the Calexico and Andrade ports of entry and the drugs discovered have an estimated street value of nearly \$3 million, according to a release from the United States Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): CBP officers seize drugs hidden inside ice chest, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 2:30 PM

On Monday, Nogales Port of Entry Customs and Border Protection Officers seized over 100,000 fentanyl pills, 14 pounds of powdered fentanyl and 31 pounds of cocaine. The drugs were found hidden inside an ice chest where space was created by removing the foam insulation in the walls and replacing it with drugs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Border officials in Arizona seize 102K fentanyl pills, 14 pounds of fentanyl powder hidden in ice chest, Timothy H.J. Nerozzi, September 7, 2022, 2:08 PM

Border officials in Arizona seized more fentanyl being smuggled into the U.S. amid a flood of lethal drugs pouring across the southern border. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Nogales Port of Entry seized 102,000 fentanyl pills and 14 pounds of fentanyl powder at a port of entry in Arizona Monday, according to reports from the port director. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Law360: Chamber Backs Walmart, Saying FTC's Suit Is Gov't Overreach, Katryna Perera, September 7, 2022, 8:51 PM

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has backed an attempt by Walmart to get a suit from the

Federal Trade Commission over its money transfer services tossed, arguing that the FTC seeks to greenlight "an unprecedented claim" that would expand its power beyond the limits of its authority to regulate unfair trade practices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Antitrust Road Map To Vertical Integration Of Latest Car Tech, Amanda Wait and Timothy Chung, September 7, 2022, 5:55 PM

The California Air Resources Board recently voted to restrict and eventually ban the sale of gasoline-powered cars by 2035 – a move likely to be followed by other states in coming years. With it, the largest auto market in the U. S. hastened its speedy march into a future awash with electric and electrified vehicles. While the Aug. 25 vote creates new opportunities for automakers and industrial manufacturers, it also foreshadows new ideas, new expertise and new technologies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Klobuchar forges ahead with tech agenda, Rebecca Klar, September 7, 2022, 5:42 PM

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) said the push to pass her antitrust legislation targeting the largest tech companies isn't dead, despite the bill still waiting for a scheduled floor vote. Klobuchar made her latest plug for her American Innovation and Online Choice Act in an interview with Vox's Kara Swisher at the Code Conference on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Law360: DOJ Antitrust Division Chief Of Staff Joins Axinn, Xiumei Dong, September 7, 2022, 5:01 PM

Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider LLP said Wednesday it has hired a top deputy at the U. S. Justice Department's Antitrust Division as a partner in its Washington, D. C. , office. James "Jimmy" W. Attridge, who was Antitrust Division chief of staff and counsel to the assistant attorney general, joined Axinn's antitrust practice group. During an interview with Law360, Attridge said he expects to focus his practice on cartel investigations, antitrust litigation and complex merger reviews. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: [ANALYSIS] Key Employer Takeaways From DOJ's Poultry Antitrust Case, Gorav Jindal, Natasha Kohne, and Bryan Rafkin, September 7, 2022, 3:44 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice's settlement with three major U.S. poultry processors for allegedly conspiring to fix employee wages and benefits may signal an uptick in antitrust violation investigations and serves as a reminder to companies of the risks they face when managing employee personal data, say attorneys at Akin Gump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

WaPo: IRS move toward free e-filing could end years of corporate domination, Jacob Bogage, September 7, 2022, 6:00 AM

Electronic tax filing could soon be as simple as a few clicks on a government website – free of charge. The Internal Revenue Service will spend \$15 million studying a free, government-backed tax filing system under a provision in the sweeping climate and health-care law Congress passed this summer. It's a landmark step toward overhauling the way most Americans file their taxes and ending years of domination of tax prep by private corporations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ex-Software CEO's Death Ends \$2B Criminal Tax Fraud Case, Theresa Schliep,

September 7, 2022, 7:01 PM

A Texas federal court on Wednesday dismissed prosecutors' case against a now-deceased former software company CEO who had been accused of a \$2 billion tax fraud scheme, after the government agreed [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Forbes: With Just Five Words, Congress Can Rein In IRS And Other Federal Agents, Nick Sibilla, September 7, 2022, 2:16 PM

Under the Inflation Reduction Act, the IRS will receive a staggering \$45.6 billion to bolster “tax enforcement.” That means substantially more manpower for criminal prosecutions, civil judgments, and above all, more audits. Unfortunately, with this great power comes no accountability. Thanks to a recent Supreme Court decision, any IRS agent as well as almost every other federal officer who goes rogue and abuses their power can't be sued for violating the Constitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: IRS strips nonprofit group tied to Steve Bannon of tax-exempt status, Mica Soellner, September 7, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Internal Revenue Service stripped a nonprofit group with ties to former Trump strategist Steve Bannon of its tax-exempt status after years of failure to pay taxes. August filings indicate the IRS had rendered the Citizens of American Republic defunct after Mr. Bannon left the White House in 2017. The group has been accused of appropriating funds from a charity to Mr. Bannon and other Trump allies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WICZ-Fox (Binghamton, NY): Broome County Business Owner Sentenced for Tax Fraud, David Barr, September 7, 2022, 3:53 PM

A former Vestal business owner has been sentenced to 366 days in prison after failing to pay over \$322,000 to the IRS. Nezir "Nick" Boljevic previously pleaded guilty to one count of willful failure to pay federal payroll taxes and will spend 12 months and one day in prison, according to the United States Attorney's Office Northern District of New York. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBNG-CBS/CW \(Binghamton, NY\)](#)

WBNG-CBS/CW (Binghamton, NY): Former Vestal business owner sentenced for failing to pay \$322K in payroll taxes, Matthew Benninger, September 7, 2022, 2:19 PM

The US Department of Justice announced Wednesday that the former owner of the Vestal Diner was sentenced to prison for tax fraud. The Department of Justice said Nezir “Nick” Boljevic was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison for pleading guilty to willful failure to pay federal payroll taxes, a felony. The DOJ said Boljevic admitted he owned the Vestal from 2007 to 2017 and failed to make payroll tax payments to the government with respect to his employees, including social security and Medicare taxes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: US Marshals offering \$5,000 reward for info on suspect accused of shooting California police officer, Greg Norman, September 7, 2022, 3:10 PM

The U.S. Marshals Service has announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of an "armed and dangerous" suspect accused of being involved in the shooting of a California police officer. Jose Ortega, 25, is being sought after allegedly playing a role in an attack on a detective from the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force

in La Puente, California, on Aug. 10, the agency says. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL): **FBI audit of DuPage sheriff's department leads to investigation, disciplinary action**, Suzanne Baker, September 7, 2022, 4:39 PM

Disciplinary action was taken against several members of the DuPage County sheriff's office for policy violations after an audit by federal law enforcement agencies raised questions, according to a letter from the sheriff released Wednesday to county officials. Sheriff James Mendrick said his office underwent a random audit by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. He was notified of the audit in July. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): **FBI offering reward for info on GECU bank robber**, Gabriela Rodríguez, September 8, 2022, 12:15 AM

At approximately 11:15 a.m., an unknown male entered the GECU located at 10425 Vista Del Sol. The suspect fired multiple shots inside the bank with a handgun. No reported injuries. The robber obtained an undisclosed sum of money and left the bank heading towards Yarbrough. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KUSA-NBC (Denver, CO): **[VIDEO] What is rainbow fentanyl, and what it means for Colorado**, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 12:15 AM

The DEA shared an alarming message about what's been dubbed "rainbow fentanyl." Experts gave some context as to what they're seeing in Colorado. [[Watch](#)] **See also:** [KSDK-NBC \(St. Louis, MO\)](#), [WEWS-ABC \(Cleveland, OH\)](#), [WJBK-Fox \(Detroit, MI\)](#), [WZZM-ABC \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

WMTW-ABC (Poland Spring, ME): **US Marshals are removing prisoners from Cumberland County Jail**, Miles Hood, September 7, 2022, 11:11 PM

U.S. Marshals are removing federal prisoners from the Cumberland County Jail. The Marshal's service cites a lack of staffing at the jail as the reason for the removal of the prisoners. Cumberland County Jail has been dealing with staffing shortages for a while now. The prison has openings in 87 different positions, not including employees on temporary leave. Sheriff [sic] Kevin Joyce says that they've been trying various cost-cutting methods. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCCI-CBS (Des Moines, IA): **Adair police chief on leave after FBI raid at gun store**, Rebecca Klar, September 7, 2022, 11:06 PM

The Adair police chief is on a paid leave of absence after the FBI and ATF raided his city hall office and at least one gun store he owns. The mayor of Adair confirms Chief Brad Wendt is off the job for now. The Adair city attorney confirms he is under investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDJT-CBS (Milwaukee, WI): **FBI pushing for more diverse special agents with recruiting event**, Adam Rife, September 7, 2022, 9:40 PM

The FBI's Milwaukee field office is trying to recruit new special agents to better represent the communities they serve. Wednesday night, on Sept. 7, the Bureau held a diversity recruitment event to share more information about how the process works. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): **San Diego fugitive added to FBI's 10 Most Wanted list**, Clara Benitez, September 7, 2022, 8:56 PM

Michael James Pratt, a co-owner of a pornographic website, has now been added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list. Pratt is wanted for his alleged involvement in a conspiracy to

recruit young women and girls to engage in commercial sex acts by force, fraud, and coercion, authorities say. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KFMB-CBS/CW \(San Diego, CA\)](#)

WPML-NBC (Mobile, AL): Pills laced with fentanyl more prevalent, MCSO and local activists asking for your help, Lisa Librenjak, September 7, 2022, 8:00 PM

Officials are calling on the community to be aware of pills laced with fentanyl. This comes after a 15-year-old Semmes girl was found dead in a home last week. Currently, the MCSO believes the 15-year-old's boyfriend gave her the pills, knowing they were not the "real thing." The 17-year-old boyfriend is now sitting behind bars, charged with manslaughter and distributing a controlled substance as an adult, according to officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KWES-NBC \(Odessa, TX\)](#)

WREG-CBS (Memphis, TN): 'One team, one mission': Law enforcement discuss collaboration during Eliza Fletcher search, Shay Arthur, September 7, 2022, 7:44 PM

People who never knew teacher and mother Eliza Fletcher are mourning and marking her memory outside of the abandoned South Memphis home where investigators discovered her body four days after police said she had been kidnapped. [...] We were there as teams from Memphis Police, The Shelby County Sheriff's Office, FBI, ATF, and U.S. Marshals office fanned out across Memphis trying to find Fletcher, quickly processing evidence, and working to get answers in her disappearance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBNS-CBS (Columbus, OH): [VIDEO] FBI offering \$10,000 reward for information leading to missing transgender woman, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 6:16 PM

The Central Ohio Crime Stoppers, partnering with the FBI, is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information on the whereabouts of Devin 'Sacoya' Cooper. [\[Watch\]](#)

WTOC-CBS (Savannah, GA): Federal agents increasing their presence in Chatham County, Sean Evans, September 7, 2022, 5:17 PM

A portion of the Savannah office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives now focuses solely on working with police departments in Chatham to address violent crime. The main goal is obviously to curb violent gun crimes by targeting those behind them, especially repeat offenders. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Ga. woman turns self in after opening fire on car, critically injuring 3-year-old, deputies say, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 3:26 PM

A 20-year-old woman has turned herself in after investigators said she opened fire on a car, critically injuring a 3-year-old old boy in the back seat. The Bibb County Sheriff's Office said Breanna Eugenia Snead turned herself over the members of the U.S. Marshals Tuesday night. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WGXA-Fox/ABC \(Macon, GA\)](#)

KRIV-Fox (Houston, TX): FBI looking for 'Big Shades Bandit' accused of robbing 3 Houston banks, Unattributed, September 7, 2022, 1:30 PM

The FBI needs your help finding a man dubbed as the "Big Shades Bandit" accused of robbing three Houston banks. Officials say the unidentified man was known for wearing large black sunglasses during his first bank hit on June 29, 2022, at First Convenience Bank inside a Fiesta on Mykawa Rd. He robbed another First Convenience Bank on S. Gessner on August 13, 2022. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Fort Worth Star-Telegram: Congressman calls for federal investigation into 'horrors' at Fort Worth women's prison, Kaley Johnson, September 7, 2022, 4:05 PM

U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey urged the House Committee on the Judiciary to hold a hearing in North Texas to investigate sexual assaults in federal prisons in response to a Star-Telegram investigation into systemic sexual abuse and cover-ups at a federal prison in Fort Worth.

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US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: Top state court judges defend their election oversight at U.S. Supreme Court, Nate Raymond, September 7, 2022, 11:10 AM

A group representing the top judges in all 50 states is urging the U.S. Supreme Court not to shield actions taken by state legislatures affecting federal elections - such as reconfiguring electoral districts and imposing voting restrictions - from the scrutiny of state courts. The bipartisan Conference of Chief Justices filed the brief on Tuesday in a closely watched case involving a map drawn by the Republican-led North Carolina legislature of the state's 14 U.S. House of Representatives districts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Slack Asks Justices To Review 9th Circ.'s Direct Listing Ruling, Jessica Corso, September 7, 2022, 9:27 PM

Messaging platform Slack is urging the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on an investor lawsuit challenging statements made ahead of the company's direct listing, saying a Ninth Circuit ruling in the case threatens to "dramatically expand" the number of shareholder lawsuits filed against newly public companies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Reuters: Senate Democrats kick-off post-recess judicial nominee push with first vote, Nate Raymond, September 7, 2022, 8:05 PM

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday confirmed the first Asian American judge to serve on the Chicago-based federal appeals court, as Democrats fresh from their August recess move to ramp up confirmations of President Joe Biden's judicial nominees. In the first vote post-recess, the Senate voted 50-44 to elevate U.S. District Judge John Lee to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Democrats also teed up consideration of three other appellate court nominees.

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Reuters: GOP grill Biden judicial nominee over views on bar exam racial bias reform, Nate Raymond, September 7, 2022, 2:43 PM

Republicans on a U.S. Senate panel questioned the first Black woman to serve on Delaware's top court about a proposal to alter the state's bar exam to reduce racial bias in the legal profession at a Wednesday hearing to consider her nomination to a federal appeals court. Delaware Supreme Court Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves did not author the recommendation, but it was one of several a panel she co-chaired made to the state's high court in February, before President Joe Biden nominated her to the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [\[Continue\]](#)

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Law360: 3rd Circ. Noms Pressed By GOP Sens. For Personal Views, James Arkin, September 7, 2022, 4:51 PM

Senators on the Judiciary Committee had a tense exchange over appropriate lines of inquiry into judicial nominees Wednesday as Republicans pressed two Third Circuit picks for their personal views on several issues, including questioning a Delaware Supreme Court justice on recommendations from a diversity committee on which she served. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Senate Confirms 1st Asian American Judge To 7th Circ., James Arkin, September 7, 2022, 4:21 PM

The Senate in bipartisan fashion on Wednesday confirmed U.S. District Judge John Z. Lee to be the first Asian American judge on the Seventh Circuit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Courthouse News: Federal judge: Great Lakes pipeline may have to move, Andy Monserud, September 7, 2022, 11:00 PM

A Wisconsin federal judge declined to shut down a controversial oil and gas pipeline that runs through one of the state's Native American reservations on Wednesday, but didn't rule out ordering fossil-fuel giant Enbridge Energy to reroute the pipeline. Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline currently stretches 645 miles from Superior, Wisconsin to Sarnia, Ontario. Twelve of those miles cross the Bad River Reservation, home to the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Muckleshoot Tribe Can't Join Recognition Fight, Judge Says, Caleb Symons, September 7, 2022, 8:42 PM

A federal judge in Washington state has blocked the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe from intervening in another tribe's recognition bid, instead allowing the Muckleshoot to participate only as amici curiae as they defend their exclusive fishing rights and ownership of certain cultural artifacts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Apache Group, Feds Clash Over 9th Circ. Redo In Mine Case, Andrew Westney, September 7, 2022, 8:02 PM

A San Carlos Apache nonprofit has urged the full Ninth Circuit to reconsider a panel decision allowing a federal land swap the group contended would wreck its ability to worship at a sacred site, while the federal government countered that its decisions on federal land use can't be an illegal burden on the group's religious rights. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Marijuana Moment: California Governor Signs Child Welfare Bill Treating Parental Marijuana Use Just Like Alcohol, Kyle Jaeger, September 7, 2022, 12:00 PM

The governor of California signed a bill on Tuesday that includes provisions mandating that social workers who are called to investigate child welfare handle parental marijuana use in the same way that they do for alcohol. Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D) sponsored the legislation, which is one of about a dozen cannabis-related bills that have been sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom

(D) in recent weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: CVS, Walgreens, Walmart Will Fight \$650M Ohio Opioid Order, Eric Heisig, September 7, 2022, 6:13 PM

Three major pharmacy chains plan to challenge a federal judge's order to pay more than \$650 million toward a plan to abate the opioid epidemic in two Northeast Ohio counties, according to notices of appeal filed Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Grocer's Amended Suit Stalls Opioid Coverage Ruling, Ganesh Setty, September 7, 2022, 5:08 PM

Two excess insurers must wait until after discovery to know whether they must defend grocery chain Giant Eagle in ongoing opioid litigation, a Pennsylvania federal judge ruled Wednesday, holding it would be most efficient to defer judgment on their defense obligations in light of the grocer's latest complaint. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Walmart says it's been sued for giving out too many opioids, but also for not giving out enough opioids, Grace Dean, September 7, 2022, 10:00 AM

Walmart says that lawsuits brought against it over its alleged role in the US opioid crisis are "misguided and dangerous to public health" as a new trial in New Mexico starts. Numerous states have accused Walmart and other pharmacies of filling too many opioid prescriptions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] Congress's first job right now: Safeguarding democracy, Editorial Board, September 7, 2022, 4:08 PM

Congress has a lot on its to-do list ahead of November's midterm elections — confirming circuit-court judges, funding the government and possibly enshrining same-sex marriage protections along the way. But at least as important is a piece of business getting less attention: passing the Electoral Count Reform Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Wildfires are leaving a trail of destruction in California as an oppressive heatwave stretches into its eighth day of record-breaking temperatures. The brutal heat is straining California's power grid and companies are pleading with the public to conserve energy. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- After an intense manhunt, the dangerous fugitive charged into the horrific mass stabbing in Canada is now in custody. He is accused of killing 10 people and wounding more than a

dozen on Sunday in an indigenous community and nearby town. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The president of Ukraine says his troops are making progress in their offensive against Russian forces, retaking several towns in the east and carrying out successful strikes in the south, but Ukraine's top general says the war will likely drag into next year. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Almost one month after the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago, The Washington Post is reporting that some of the sensitive material that was seized included information on the nuclear capabilities of an unspecified foreign country. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- There is a growing mystery surrounding the fatal stabbing of a veteran investigative reporter in Las Vegas. Police have served a search warrant in connection with the case. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Bond was revoked for the suspect accused of abducting and murdering a teacher in Memphis, Tennessee. The suspect was released early after serving time for a kidnapped when he allegedly grabbed Eliza Fletcher while she was out for a run.
- Embedded video [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The start of the new school year has been delayed in Seattle as public school teachers walked off the job on what was supposed to be the first day of school. They're demanding higher pay, smaller class sizes and mental health resources. [[CBS](#)]
- A suspect, who allegedly shot and killed a married couple at their home in California, turned himself in and was taken into police custody. [[ABC](#)]
- Steve Bannon, a former adviser to former President Donald Trump, is expected to surrender to prosecutors in New York on Thursday, sources familiar with the matter confirmed. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Russia Destroyed Mariupol. Now It's Using It for Propaganda." [[WSJ](#)]
- "Shock Waves Hit the Global Economy, Posing Grave Risk to Europe" [[NYT](#)]
- "Second Canada stabbings suspect dies in custody" [[WaPo](#)]

- “Karen Bass got a USC degree for free. It’s now pulling her into a federal corruption case” [[LAT](#)]

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- Chief Justice John Roberts to speak at Colorado conference.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NBC: 'Rife with political risks': Why Garland faces tough calls in considering Trump charges, Marc Caputo and Ryan J. Reilly, September 8, 2022, 9:27 AM

Over the past 16 months, the federal government sent letters and emails, made phone calls, issued a criminal subpoena and finally executed a search warrant to retrieve a bewildering number of sensitive government records from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and club in Palm Beach, Florida. Listed in two Department of Justice court filings filed in as many weeks, the paper trail of records lay out a roadmap for what could be the first criminal indictment of a former president, according to legal experts and former Justice Department officials who spoke to NBC News and say Attorney General Merrick Garland probably has enough evidence now to charge Trump with mishandling national defense information and obstruction of justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Epoch Times: US at Risk of Descent Into 'Anarchy' Amid Heightened Distrust of DOJ, Law Enforcement, Expert Warns, John Ransom, September 8, 2022, 6:30 PM

The United States is at risk of descending into "anarchy" amid escalating criticism of federal law enforcement entities in the wake of the FBI's raid last month at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, a legal expert has warned. The Department of Justice (DOJ), in response to claims of bias, on Aug. 30 banned all of its non-career political appointees from partisan events and other political activity. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [MSNBC](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: U.S. seizes \$30 million in cryptocurrency from North Korea-linked hackers, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 3:30 PM

The United States has seized over \$30 million in cryptocurrency stolen by North Korean-linked hackers Lazarus from the popular online game Axie Infinity, crypto intelligence firm Chainalysis said on Thursday. The company said in a blog post it played a role in the recovery with U.S. law enforcement and other crypto organizations, without naming them, in the first ever recovery of stolen cryptocurrency by a North Korea hacking group. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

NYT: Trump Pushed Officials to Prosecute His Critics, Ex-U.S. Attorney Says, Benjamin Weiser, September 8, 2022, 4:55 PM

A book by a former top federal prosecutor offers new details about how the Justice Department under President Donald J. Trump sought to use the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan to support Mr. Trump politically and pursue his critics — even pushing the office to open a criminal investigation of former secretary of state John Kerry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Fox: Sen. Josh Hawley calls on Merrick Garland to be 'removed' if he will not step down,

Kaia Hubbard, September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

Missouri senator Josh Hawley expressed his concerns over politicized justice under the Biden administration, saying both FBI Director Chris Wray and AG Merrick Garland should have resigned a long time ago on Thursday's "Hannity." JOSH HAWLEY: I can just tell you from the whistleblowers that I've seen from Senator Grassley, who have come to him about how the FBI is being abused, how this Justice Department is using it to go after Trump, how they're using it to try to shield Hunter Biden. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CBS: Former Trump White House lawyer Ty Cobb thinks Justice Department's Trump investigation is related to Jan. 6 — "The Takeout" podcast, Major Garrett , September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

Ty Cobb, who was a White House lawyer during former President Donald Trump's administration, suspects the Justice Department investigation into whether Trump mishandled White House documents some of them highly classified is really about a broader inquiry into potential crimes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot and efforts to overturn the 2020 election. "It is about the bigger picture, the Jan. 6 issues, the fake electors, the whole scam with regard to the 'big lie' and the attempts to...cling to the presidency in a desperate fashion," Cobb said on this week's episode of "The Takeout" podcast. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: US sanctions Iranian drone-makers, Victor Nava, September 9, 2022, 2:31 AM

The U.S. Treasury Department on Thursday levied sanctions against an Iranian company it accused of transporting drones to Russia and three other companies and an individual it said were involved in the production of drones. Russia has reportedly sought Iranian drones for use in Ukraine and has already deployed dozens on the battlefield, according to Ukrainian officials. The Treasury Department on Thursday accused Tehran-based company Safiran Airport Services of coordinating Russian military flights that transported drones between Iran and Russia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC: 'Trump World isn't impressed': Why Bannon's apparently facing charges with little MAGA support, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 6:30 PM

Steve Bannon, once Donald Trump's chief White House strategist, appeared in handcuffs on Thursday in a New York City court where he pleaded not guilty to charges of defrauding thousands of Trump devotees, as part of a fundraising scam that claimed to be a private effort to build Trump's wall across the southern border. It actually turned out to be a fundraiser for lifestyle money—for the fundraisers. Plus, the Department of Justice saying that it is appealing a federal judge's ruling to authorize a special master to review documents the FBI seized from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home is also discussed by Joy Reid and her panel. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Newsweek](#)

Newsweek: Russians' Assets in U.S. Would Give Americans 'Heart Attacks': Lev Parnas, Fatma Khaled, September 8, 2022, 4:55 PM

Ukrainian-American Businessman Lev Parnas said recently that Americans would be shocked to find out about the assets that Russians have in the United States. [...] "The Justice Department will use all of its authorities to seize the assets of individuals and entities who violate these sanctions," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement at the time. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: Trump's Post-Election Fund-Raising Comes Under Scrutiny by Justice Dept., Alan Feuer, Maggie Haberman, Adam Goldman and Kenneth P. Vogel, September 9, 2022, 12:52 AM
A federal grand jury in Washington is examining the formation of and spending by a fund-raising operation created by Donald J. Trump after his loss in the 2020 election as he was soliciting millions of dollars by baselessly asserting that the results had been marred by widespread voting fraud. According to subpoenas issued by the grand jury, the contents of which were described to The New York Times, the Justice Department is interested in the inner workings of Save America PAC, Mr. Trump's main fund-raising vehicle after the election. Several similar subpoenas were sent on Wednesday to junior and midlevel aides who worked in the White House and for Mr. Trump's presidential campaign. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Federal grand jury probing Trump PAC's formation, fundraising efforts: Sources, Katherine Faulders and John Santucci, September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM
A federal grand jury investigating the activities leading up to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol and the push by former President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the result of the 2020 election has expanded its probe to include seeking information about Trump's leadership PAC, Save America, sources with direct knowledge tell ABC News. The interest in the fundraising arm came to light as part of grand jury subpoenas seeking documents, records and testimony from potential witnesses, the sources said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: U.S. Justice Department, Trump team due Friday to file list of special master candidates, Sarah N. Lynch, September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM
The U.S. Justice Department and former President Donald Trump's attorneys are due on Friday to jointly file a list of possible candidates to serve as a special master to review records the FBI seized from the former president's Florida estate. The filing could come at any time on Friday. It was ordered by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee in Fort Pierce, Florida, after she granted Trump's request on Monday for a special master over the Justice Department's objections. The order temporarily bars prosecutors from reviewing the seized records as part of their ongoing criminal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Reuters: U.S. reveals more classified records may be missing in Trump probe, Sarah N. Lynch, September 8, 2022, 7:06 PM
Former U.S. President Donald Trump's team may not have returned all the classified records removed from the White House at the end of his presidency even after an FBI search of his home, U.S. prosecutors warned on Thursday, calling it a potential national security risk that needs investigation. That revelation came in a Justice Department court filing asking U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to let it continue reviewing about 100 classified records seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate while it investigates whether classified documents were illegally removed from the White House and improperly stored there. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Trump documents probe: US ready to appeal judge's hold, Eric Tucker, September 8, 2022, 5:53 PM
The Justice Department is preparing to appeal a judge's decision granting the appointment of an

independent arbiter to review records seized in a criminal investigation by the FBI from former President Donald Trump's Florida home. Citing national security concerns and other factors, the department also asked U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to put on hold her directive prohibiting it from using the seized classified records for investigative purposes while it contests her ruling. "Without a stay, the government and public also will suffer irreparable harm from the undue delay to the criminal investigation," department lawyers said in a motion Thursday in which they announced their intent to appeal the order to the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Beast](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Insider](#), [KDVR- Fox \(Denver, CO\)](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Roll Call](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [The Week](#), [The Week-2](#), [WSJ](#)

US News: How the Ground Has Shifted in the Month Since the FBI's Mar-a-Lago Search, Kaia Hubbard, September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

A month after the search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, the ground has shifted under the former president, who is seeing allies and adherents alike reconsider their support. A witch hunt. Political persecution. An attack from the "radical left." The rhetoric with which former President Donald Trump colored the search of his Mar-a-Lago estate has, for a month, sung a familiar tune. But the details emerging from the investigation itself and the general mood toward the search have remained anything but static. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: In ruling for Trump, low-profile judge Aileen Cannon invites scrutiny, Ann E. Marimow, September 9, 2022, 5:00 AM

Aileen M. Cannon was not yet 40 years old when the federal prosecutor won decisive bipartisan support in a bitterly divided U.S. Senate to claim her seat on the district court in South Florida, in what would be President Donald Trump's final push to fill the federal bench with young conservative lawyers before leaving the White House. Her profile soared this week after she intervened in the Justice Department investigation into Trump's possible mishandling of classified information and agreed to grant his request for an independent review of the material that FBI agents have seized. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Justice Dept. seeks to regain access to classified Mar-a-Lago documents, Perry Stein and Devlin Barrett, September 8, 2022, 9:58 PM

Federal prosecutors on Thursday asked a judge to restore their access to classified material seized from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, saying their ongoing criminal probe needs to determine if there are sensitive government papers that have not been found yet, and signaling that they plan to appeal the issue to a higher court in the interest of national security. Justice Department lawyers told U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon that if she does not grant them their requested stay by Sept. 15, they would file their appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Queen Elizabeth's Legacy, EU Discusses Energy Challenges, DOJ Appeals Special Master, September 8, 2022, 6:00 AM

Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-serving British monarch, dies at 96 (1:00). EU ministers meet in Brussels to discuss Russia's energy disruptions (5:16). And the DOJ appeals the special master review of documents seized by the FBI (8:44). [\[Listen\]](#)

Insider: Michael Cohen predicts Trump will be indicted 'relatively soon' and made to face

congressional hearings, Matthew Loh, September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

Michael Cohen, once former President Donald Trump's lawyer, said he believes Trump will be indicted by the Department of Justice "relatively soon" over his handling of the classified documents found at the Mar-a-Lago resort. "I think that there is going to be an indictment, and relatively soon," Cohen said Thursday while speaking on MSNBC's "The Reidout" hosted by Joy Reid. "I believe there will also be congressional hearings with Donald in the hot seat, you know, either he'll come in willingly, which you know I don't think he will, or via subpoena." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: What is executive privilege, and why doesn't the Supreme Court provide a clear answer?, Kaelan Deese, September 8, 2022, 5:16 PM

A federal judge's Monday order granting former President Donald Trump's request for a special master to review documents seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and determine if some items may be protected by executive privilege has prompted fresh questions about a former president's entitlements. That's partially because federal courts, including the Supreme Court, have been relatively ambiguous as to the limits of executive privilege and have never explicitly defined what types of documents are and are not protected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Steve Bannon, former Trump adviser, pleads not guilty in border wall scheme, Karen Freifeld, September 9, 2022, 4:32 AM

Steve Bannon, the onetime top strategist to former U.S. President Donald Trump, pleaded not guilty on Thursday to money laundering and conspiracy charges for allegedly deceiving donors to an effort to help Trump build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Bannon, 68, was handcuffed when he came into a New York state court in Manhattan. He was released without bail after his lawyer David Schoen entered the plea on his behalf. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: Former Atlanta official gets 14 years in corruption case, Kate Brumbach, September 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

A pastor, political operative and former high-ranking Atlanta city official was sentenced Thursday to 14 years in prison after a jury found her guilty of charges stemming from a long-running federal investigation into corruption at City Hall. U.S. District Judge Steve Jones told Mitzi Bickers that the evidence showed that she was involved in "a deliberate, calculated plan to cheat" the taxpayers of Atlanta over a number of years. In addition to the prison time, he ordered Bickers to pay nearly \$3 million in restitution to the city and to serve three years of supervised release once she's out. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Former prison guard sentenced in drug smuggling scheme, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

A former Florida state prison guard has been sentenced to three years and five months in federal prison for participating in a scheme to smuggle drugs into a facility. Troy Alexander Cole, 28, Fort Myers, was sentenced Tuesday in Fort Myers federal court, according to court records. He pleaded guilty in April to attempted distribution of methamphetamine and MDMA. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBBH-NBC \(Fort Myers, FL\)](#), [WFTX-Fox \(Naples, FL\)](#)

Law360: NY Woman Conned Investors In Hedge Fund Scam, Feds Say, Elliot Weld,

September 8, 2022, 5:28 PM

A New York City woman was accused by federal prosecutors Thursday of lying to investors to obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars from them and use it for personal expenses including luxury goods and a Manhattan apartment. Lakenya Hopkins was indicted on charges of securities and wire fraud. Prosecutors say she induced investments in her company Money Magnet Platinum Membership Initiative by promising "unrealistically high rates of return. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

Law360: Florida Man Charged With Vandalizing Federal Courthouse, Carolina Bolado, September 8, 2022, 3:04 PM

A Florida man has been charged with destruction of federal property, accused of vandalizing the federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale on Labor Day and breaking doors and windows in the building. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSVN-Fox \(Miami, FL\)](#)

Bloomberg Law: EmpiresX Trader Pleads Guilty in Crypto Investment Fraud Scheme, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 1:16 PM

The head trader of EmpiresX, Joshua David Nicholas, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit securities fraud in connection with a global cryptocurrency scheme, the US Department of Justice said Thursday. Nicholas allegedly admitted to falsely claiming to use an artificial intelligence trading bot to generate profits for investors, while actually engaging in a Ponzi scheme, the department said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [WPTV-NBC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: Three cops convicted of robbing N.J. residents get up to two years in federal prison, Joe Atmonavage, September 8, 2022, 9:05 PM

One of the former officers had dreams of being a police chief. Another was living his dream of being a cop, something he always wanted after moving to New Jersey from the Dominican Republic. The third didn't think twice about his illegal conduct because he said it was all around him. In Newark federal court Thursday, the three ex-Paterson police officers Jonathan Bustios, Eudy Ramos and Matthew Torres received sentences of probation to two years in prison for illegally stopping and searching people of color, stealing their cash, and falsifying police reports from 2016-2018. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NJ Metro Breaking News](#)

Calexico Chronicle (Calexico, CA): Feds Take Down Valley-based Meth Ring, Julio Morales, September 8, 2022, 9:00 PM

A coordinated multi-state takedown of an Imperial Valley-based methamphetamine distribution and money laundering network, dubbed "Operation Gotham City," resulted in the arrests of multiple local residents on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The arrests stem from a federal indictment that alleged the group smuggled multi-kilogram quantities of methamphetamine across the international border to distribute locally and in Minnesota. Additionally, the network reportedly used a Centinela State Prison corrections officer to smuggle fentanyl and contraband cellular telephones into the facility. [[Continue Reading](#)]

My News LA: At Sentencing Hearing for Stalker, LA Actress Tells of Yearslong Ordeal, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 9:00 PM

A man was sentenced Thursday in Los Angeles to 40 months in federal prison for his dozen-year campaign of harassment via letters and phone calls against a television actress and her daughter in which he threatened to torture, rape and kill them. James David Rogers, 58, a former nursing assistant of Heath, Ohio, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John A. Kronstadt, who

called the conduct “inexcusable.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: N.J. firefighter convicted for role in \$50M prescription drug scam, Chris Sheldon, September 8, 2022, 8:20 PM

An Atlantic County firefighter was convicted Thursday for his role in a vast \$50 million prescription fraud scheme that enlisted government and school employees to seek unnecessary speciality medications for ailments including pain, scarring, fungal and libido problems, authorities said. Thomas Sher, 50, of Northfield, was found guilty in Camden federal court of one count of conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud and three counts of healthcare fraud, according to a statement from the US Attorney’s Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Pittsburgh, PA): Ex-PWSA official sentenced to probation in sludge-dumping scandal, Joe Napsha, September 8, 2022, 8:47 PM

A former Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority supervisor was sentenced Thursday to serve one year’s probation and pay a \$500 fine as a result of pleading guilty last year to conspiring to violate the Clean Water Act. Prosecutors say James Paprocki of Ross falsified records on sludge discharges into the Allegheny River over a seven-year period, according to court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newport Dispatch (Newport, VT): Underhill man sentenced for firearm offense, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 8:37 PM

Stephen Salyer, 42, formerly of Underhill, was sentenced in United States District Court in Rutland to serve 40 months in prison after his guilty plea to one count of being in possession of a firearm after having been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year. The judge ordered Salyer to serve a three-year term of supervised release and to pay a \$100 special assessment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fall River Reporter: Fall River man sentenced to prison on child exploitation charges after going to meet 13-year-old girl, Ken Paiva, September 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Fall River man was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Boston in connection with travelling to New Hampshire to attempt to have sex with a teenage girl. Charles Eugene Schnitzlein III, 35, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani to four years in prison and five of supervised release. In October 2021, Schnitzlein pleaded guilty to traveling with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a person under 18 years of age. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

New Haven Register: New Haven felon gets 7 years for drug and gun possession while absconding from parole, Liz Hardaway, September 8, 2022, 5:44 PM

When authorities were looking for Willie Jackson in the spring of 2020 for absconding from parole, they found him with a loaded firearm and more than 30 grams of heroin. Judge Janet C. Hall on Thursday sentenced Jackson, 27, of New Haven, to seven years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(New Haven, CT\)](#)

Patch (Bradenton, FL): Manatee County Bank Robber Indicted: DOJ, Tiffany Razzano, September 8, 2022, 4:30 PM

A bank robber who threatened to blow up a Fifth Third Bank in Parrish last month was indicted Thursday. With the indictment, Robert Frascella, 55, of Bradenton was formally charged with bank robbery, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

*This Week in Worcester: **Sutton Investment Advisor Pleads Guilty to Fraud***, Ton Marino, September 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

A local investment advisor pleaded guilty on Thursday, September 8, in federal court in Boston, to charges related to a scheme to steal over \$2.8 million from six clients over more than a decade. James Kenneth Couture, 42, of Sutton, pleaded guilty to four counts of both wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, as well as a single count of both investment adviser fraud and witness tampering. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*Daily Voice (Middlesex, MA): **Former Everett Man Admits To Lying To Get Thousands In COVID-19 Relief Money: Feds***, Josh Lanier, September 8, 2022, 1:47 PM

A 28-year-old former Everett man pleaded guilty this week to identity theft and wire fraud charges as part of multiple schemes to illegally get federal pandemic-relief money, the Department of Justice said. Tedje Menard admitted in court to lying on an application for the Paycheck Protection Plan by inflating his business's income and hiding his criminal history to get a \$20,833 loan, the US Attorney's Office said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWLP-NBC/CW \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Wisconsin): **Man who targeted drivers in string of Milwaukee-area carjackings gets nine years in prison***, Bruce Vielmetti, September 8, 2022, 11:45 AM
Madison Tyler carjacked six people during two months in 2020. He attempted to carjack another driver, but failed. Four of the crimes resulted in reckless, high-speed chases. Four involved ruses, two involved a gun. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTMJ-AM \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

*KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): **Cuban national sentenced for drug trafficking in Albuquerque***, Jordan Honeycutt, September 8, 2022, 9:16 PM

Ali Godoy, 51, was sentenced to ten years in prison on drug trafficking and gun charges. In April, Drug Enforcement Administration agents and the Albuquerque Police Department searched Godoy's home and found 72 grams of fentanyl pills and more than 99 grams of meth in his bedroom. They also found a pistol that had been stolen and a rifle during their search. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): **Suspected gang member arrested, charged after allegedly selling bogus oxycodone pills with fentanyl***, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 8:37 PM

A 23-year-old Tacoma man has been arrested and charged with possession with the intent to sell fentanyl, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington. U.S. Attorney Nick Brown said a joint operation with Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Tacoma Police Department resulted in Paul Darnell King's arrest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

*KBAK-CBS (Bakersfield, CA): **Bakersfield man indicted, found with illegal handgun at motel***, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

A 41-year-old Bakersfield man was indicted Thursday for being a felon in possession of a firearm relating to a April 2022 incident, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. On April 23, 2022, law enforcement officer [sic] were patrolling at the Plaza Motel on Union Avenue when they found a man, later identified as Derrick Dewayne Gage, with a firearm and what appeared to be drugs, said prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGET-NBC/CW \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#)

KECI-NBC (Missoula, MT): Butte nurse sentenced to probation for diverting drugs,

Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 7:30 PM

The Montana Department of Justice sentenced a Butte woman to five years of probation after she admitted to diverting drugs while working as a nurse on the post-operation floor at a Butte hospital. Nichole Lynn Zinda, 37, pleaded guilty to unlawfully obtaining a controlled substance in May. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTVH-NBC \(Helena, MT\)](#)

WBZ-CBS (Boston, MA): NH school bus driver indicted on cyberstalking charge,

Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 7:28 PM

A grand jury has indicted a former New Hampshire bus driver on a charge of cyberstalking a young boy. Prosecutors say Michael Chick, 39, of Eliot, Maine, stalked and threatened an 8-year-old on his route. They say he gave the child a cell phone, told the boy to send inappropriate photos of himself and threatened to kidnap him if he didn't comply. He also allegedly put GPS tracking devices on the parents [sic] vehicles. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMTW-ABC \(Poland Spring, ME\)](#), [WMUR-ABC \(Manchester, NH\)](#)

WLBT-NBC (Jackson, MS): Two Rankin County men indicted for dumping waste into Jackson sewer system,

Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 7:27 PM

U.S. Attorney Darren LaMarca and Special Agent in Charge Charles Carfagno with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division's Southeast Area Branch announced on Thursday that two Rankin County men appeared in federal court on felony charges of illegally discharging industrial waste into the Jackson Sewer System, conspiracy, and making false statements. On Wednesday, August 31, Robert David Douglas, co-owner of Gold Coast Commodities, Inc., admitted to authorizing payments in court on behalf of Gold Coast for the transportation and disposal of its industrial waste illegally at a commercial entity in Jackson. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WJTV-CBS \(Jackson, MS\)](#)

WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Mingo woman ordered to pay restitution for receiving benefits on behalf of dead relative,

Unattributed September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Mingo County woman has been ordered to pay restitution after illegally acquiring government benefits on behalf of a dead relative over the span of nearly four years. Diana Cisco, 70, of Delbarton was ordered to pay \$46,356 in restitution Thursday after unlawfully receiving Social Security Administration benefits from June 2016 to April 2020 and converting the money for personal use, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WINS-AM (New York): Bronx nurse practitioner, 75, convicted for running oxycodone 'pill mill',

Curtis Brodner, September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

A 75-year-old nurse practitioner was convicted on Wednesday for running what prosecutors described as a "pill mill" out of a Bronx clinic from which she distributed bogus prescriptions for oxycodone, Xanax and Adderall. Between June 2019 and June 2020, Purificacion Cristobal prescribed tens of thousands of doses of oxycodone with no medical purpose while describing herself as an "addiction psychiatrist" from her office on Westchester Avenue near St. Paul Avenue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRGB-CBS (Schenectady, NY): Four charged in Capital Region cocaine distribution conspiracy,

Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

The DOJ has announced that people have been accused of planning to distribute cocaine that

was mailed from Puerto Rico to the Capital Region. The indictment alleges that between June 2021 and December 2021, in Albany and Rensselaer Counties, the following four men engaged in a conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVIT-NBC (New Britain, CT): Man Sentenced to Prison for Allegedly Selling Drugs at New Britain Grocery Store, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Dominican man was sentenced to over three years in prison after being accused of selling oxycodone from a New Britain grocery store, according to the Department of Justice. Officials said 34-year-old Jose Lugo, also known as "Domi," was sentenced to 38 months in prison Thursday, followed by three years of supervised release, for distributing drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPTV-Fox (Portland, OR): California man convicted of trafficking meth to Oregon sentenced, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 5:41 PM

A California man convicted of trafficking methamphetamines into southern Oregon was sentenced to federal prison on Wednesday, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon. Court documents state that in 2019, police learned 39-year-old Martin Jesus Velasco of San Diego was using rental cars to bring large quantities of the drug into Oregon, where he would sell it to local dealers. On at least two of the trips north, Velasco was joined by two other people and their infant child. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOIN-CBS \(Portland, OR\)](#)

WCSH-NBC (Portland, ME): Judge sentences Saint Albans man to 2 years for drug trafficking, Meaghan Bellavance, September 8, 2022, 5:40 PM

Attorney Darcie N. McElwee announced a Saint Albans man was sentenced to two years in prison for drug trafficking on Thursday in the U.S. District Court in Bangor. 40-year-old Jason Lee Lary was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John A. Woodcock, Jr. for "possession with the intent to distribute cocaine base, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine," according to a news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maine on Thursday afternoon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTAP-NBC (Parkersburg, WV): Parkersburg man sentenced to prison for federal gun crime, Samantha Cavalli, September 8, 2022, 5:18 PM

According to a news release, Matthew Ryan Hunt, 34, Parkersburg, was sentenced Thursday, September 8, to five years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm. On September 9, 2021, officers responded to a domestic violence complaint at Hunt's apartment. The officers forced entry after learning that shots were fired inside the apartment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Jackson County woman sentenced to prison for defrauding Social Security, Unattributed September 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Jackson County woman was sentenced to prison Thursday after fraudulently collecting benefits on behalf of a child more than four years after losing custody of the child. Monique Casto, 37, of Kenna was sentenced to 10 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for the unlawful collection of more than \$40,000 in Social Security benefits, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOWK-CBS \(Huntington, WV\)](#)

WRBL-CBS (Columbus, GA): Georgia man pleads guilty to armed robbery of four

convenience stores, awaits sentencing, Nicole Sanders, September 8, 2022, 4:53 PM
A Georgia man faces the possibility of life in prison after he pled guilty to holding up four convenience stores in the span of a week, according to the the United States Department of Justice for the Southern District of Georgia. Jacob Bragg, 20, of Savannah, pled guilty to conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Bragg has yet to be sentenced, although he faces the possibility of life imprisonment along with substantial financial penalties and restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTGS \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#)

KETK-NBC (Longview, TX): Aryan Circle gang leader sentenced to life in prison was investigated by Smith County Sheriff's Office, officials say, Darby Good, September 8, 2022, 4:30 PM

A Missouri man was sentenced to life in prison on Thursday for racketeering and corrupt organizations violations stemming from his membership in white supremacy prison gang, the Aryan Circle, according to US Attorney Brit Featherston. The case was investigated by a number of agencies, including the Smith County Sheriff's Office. Jesse Paul "JP" Blankenship, 39, was convicted in November on charges of racketeering conspiracy, kidnapping in aid of racketeering and conspiracy to commit kidnapping in aid of racketeering. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WINK-CBS (Fort Myers, FL): Southwest Florida family members sentenced for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, Melissa Montoya, September 8, 2022, 4:20 PM

Three LaBelle men were sentenced to federal prison for their role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, 44-year-old Michael Lee Faz was sentenced to 10 years and one month in federal prison. Abel Deleon, 45, was sentenced to seven years and eight months imprisonment and 63-year-old Genaro Deleon Jr. was sentenced to five years and 10 months. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBBH-NBC \(Fort Myers, FL\)](#)

WTAP-NBC (Parkersburg, WV): Parkersburg man pleads guilty to drug charge, Phyllis Smith, September 8, 2022, 4:16 PM

A man from Parkersburg pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver meth. Johnathon Hamrick pleaded guilty Thursday to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of meth. According to court documents and statements made in court, on November 4, 2021, law enforcement officers searched Hamrick's residence and found more than 2 kilograms of methamphetamine. Hamrick admitted to possessing the methamphetamine found at the residence as well as at a second location that Hamrick directed officers to in Wood County. Hamrick admitted that he intended to sell the meth to other people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRN-ABC (Nashville, TN): 3 charged after allegedly shipping fentanyl-laced drugs to Middle Tennessee, Ethan Illers, September 8, 2022, 3:38 PM

Three California men were arrested in California Wednesday and charged with conspiring to ship fentanyl-laced drugs to Middle Tennessee and other states. The Department of Justice says Matthew Cox, 26, Marcus Johnson, 24, and Ricardo Malinero-Alcaez, 27, were arraigned in California Thursday and will be taken to Middle Tennessee in the near future. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): Pennsylvania man faces child sex abuse charges in Springfield Federal Court, Ashley Shook, September 8, 2022, 3:30 PM

Monson police assisted in the investigation for the arrest of a Pennsylvania man for a child sexual

exploitation offense. According to the Justice Department in Boston, 44-year-old David Tweed of Kulpmont, Pennsylvania was arrested on August 30th and indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield on one count of sexual exploitation of a child. He was arrested and detained following an initial appearance in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. A date has not yet been scheduled for federal court in Springfield, Mass. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WINK-CBS (Fort Myers, FL): Man pleads guilty to selling gun, drugs to undercover agent in Fort Myers, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 9:37 AM

A man pleaded guilty Thursday to selling a gun and drugs to an undercover ATF agent in Fort Myers. Ronald Dale Perkins, 44, pleaded guilty to the possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and the distribution of methamphetamine. Perkins faces up to 10 years in prison for the firearm offense and up to 20 years in federal prison for the drug offense. A sentencing date has not yet been set. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

LAT: Federal appeals court sends California gun litigants back to trial court, history books, Kevin Rector, September 8, 2022, 8:30 AM (EDT)

In May, a federal appeals court ruled that California's ban on semiautomatic rifle sales to adults younger than 21 was unconstitutional. On Wednesday, that same court, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, reversed itself, sending the case back to a lower court to be retried. What happened between the two decisions was a groundbreaking ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court that did not just say limits against the carrying of firearms in states such as New York and California are unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Fed. Panel Upholds Black Park Service Worker's Bias Win, Abby Wargo, September 8, 2022, 2:07 PM

The Federal Labor Relations Authority upheld a Black ex-worker's arbitration win over the National Park Service, saying the agency violated federal civil rights law by failing to renew his employment contract after he complained about race discrimination. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMDT-ABC/CW (Salisbury, MD): Resident files federal civil rights lawsuit against Princess Anne PD, Anissa Lopez, September 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

A press conference was held outside of Town Hall on Thursday afternoon. An announcement was made that there was a federal civil rights lawsuit filed against the Town of Princess Anne Police Department and two of their officers. "This man was brutally and physically attacked by law enforcement, which wears on the side of their vehicle that they are here to protect and serve, you can not protect me or serve me when you put me on my face on concrete," Rev. James Jones, Convener of the Caucus of African American Leaders on Maryland's Eastern Shore, said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW (Wilmington, NC): Complaint leads to federal investigation into New Hanover County Schools, Celeste Smith, September 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

New Hanover County Schools is under investigation by the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, after a parent filed a complaint accusing the school district of discrimination. WWAY spoke with the parent who filed the complaint, leading the OCR to open a Title VI investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Bloomberg Law: Uber Settles California Case Remanded From US Supreme Court, Joyce E. Cutler, September 8, 2022, 5:16 PM

Uber Technologies Inc. has settled the first of six cases over arbitrating claims under a unique California labor law that the US Supreme Court returned to courts in the state. Details of the settlement weren't available though the filings were made available Thursday. Attorneys with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and Littler Mendelson representing Uber didn't respond to an email seeking comment. Nor did the driver's counsel, Michael Alexander Gold, with Gold APLC, respond to an email requesting comment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Law Firm, Atty Get Partial Win In Malpractice Coverage Fight, Josh Liberatore, September 8, 2022, 2:34 PM

A Georgia federal judge issued a split ruling on an insurer's bid to avoid covering an attorney and her former law firm in malpractice litigation, finding that the insurer must defend the policyholders from some malpractice claims but not others, since they carried different notice requirements. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Mass. Nursing Co. Settles Claim It Rejected Opioid Patients, Chris Villani, September 8, 2022, 1:38 PM

The operator of nearly two dozen nursing facilities in Massachusetts has settled claims that it violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by turning away patients who said they needed medications for opioid use disorder, federal prosecutors announced Thursday. Prosecutors say Next Step Healthcare LLC, which runs 21 facilities in Massachusetts, denied admission to 548 people who said they were being prescribed opioid-use medications and sought admission to Next Step's programs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Camera (Boulder, CO): Instec Inc., owner to pay \$625,000 to settle False Claims Act allegations, Chris Wood, September 8, 2022, 4:36 PM

A Boulder company and its owner have agreed to pay \$625,000 to settle allegations that they violated the False Claims Act, according to a news release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado. Instec Inc. and its owner and president, Zhong Zou, were accused of failing to comply with the requirements of the Buy American Act when selling scientific instruments to federal agencies and national laboratories. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Judge who refused to dismiss EPA from Flint water crisis lawsuit deals second blow, Ron Fonger, September 8, 2022, 1:41 PM

A federal judge who previously ruled that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is not immune from negligence claims tied to the Flint water crisis has denied its request to appeal her decision before any case moves closer to trial. Judge Judith Levy made the ruling in a 19-page order on Wednesday, Sept. 7, denying the federal government's motion for certification of an interlocutory appeal. In the ruling, Levy noted that such requests are rarely granted and only in exceptional cases. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Washington mayor declares public emergency over migrant arrivals from

Texas, Arizona, Ted Hesson, September 8, 2022, 9:35 PM

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser on Thursday declared a public emergency over buses of migrants sent by Republican governors from the U.S.-Mexico border states of Texas and Arizona. Bowser, a Democrat, issued an order to support arriving migrants by creating a new Office of Migrant Services and will devote \$10 million to launch the office. The city will seek reimbursement from the federal government, Bowser said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Newsweek](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

AP: Biden Administration Undoes Trump-Era Immigration Rule, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 1:52 PM

The Biden administration has officially undone a Trump-era rule that barred immigrants from gaining legal residency if they had utilized certain government benefits, allowing for a return to a previous policy with a narrower scope. The Department of Homeland Security on Thursday said a new regulation for the “public charge” rule would go into effect in late December, although the Biden administration had already stopped applying the previous version last year. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Law360](#)

NBC: More than 230 Afghan refugee children are alone in the U.S. without their families, Courtney Kube, Julia Ainsley, Abigail Williams and Dan De Luce, September 9, 2022, 3:30 AM
More than 230 Afghan children are alone in the U.S. while their parents or caregivers remain in Afghanistan, according to new figures from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement obtained by NBC News, and as it gets harder to evacuate anyone from Afghanistan, there is little hope of speedy reunions. Just one flight with evacuees leaves Kabul each week, and some countries where Afghans wait while applying to come to the U.S. have stopped accepting refugees. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Says High Court Ruling Limits Detainee Bond, Alyssa Aquino, September 8, 2022, 8:38 PM

The Ninth Circuit ruled Thursday that immigrants challenging deportation orders from mandatory detention aren't entitled to bond hearings while the federal courts review the orders, citing a recent high court ruling at odds with a prior circuit decision allowing bond. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Laredo Morning Times: Woman tried smuggling child in a taxi, Cesar Rodriguez, September 8, 2022, 3:00 PM

A woman wanted to smuggle a child via a Laredo international bridge in exchange for the release of her kidnapped daughter in Nuevo Laredo, according to court documents. However, further investigation revealed that Selina Perez, 23, never had her daughter kidnapped, states an arrest affidavit. Perez was charged with bring and [sic] attempt to bring a migrant into the United States. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Detroit News: Border patrol: Three arrested after illegally crossing St. Clair River into U.S., Kara Berg and Charles E. Ramirez, September 8, 2022, 1:01 PM

Three foreign nationals were arrested Monday by Border Patrol agents after an alleged smuggling attempt on the St. Clair River, officials said. Border Patrol dispatchers who were monitoring a surveillance system saw a boat on the St. Clair River cross the international border and notified agents of a possible smuggling incident, according to a press release from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): DEA and Dallas Police raided a Dallas recording studio popular with rappers nationwide, Rebecca Lopez , September 8, 2022, 8:17 PM

The DEA raided a popular recording studio, KFI Studios, on Ross Avenue near downtown Dallas, which brings in some of the most popular rappers in the nation. "A lot of local rappers, a lot of famous rappers from other states. We've linked up with different people here," Dino West, producer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): U.S. ICE releases migrants in El Paso stretching shelters thin, Jamel Valencia, September 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement dropped off dozens of migrants Wednesday night in El Paso. A total of 98 migrants were released to the Opportunity Center for the Homeless along Myrtle Avenue, according to Aracely Lazcano the marketing director at the opportunity center. Lazcano told KFOX14 130 migrants were taken to the Welcome Center on North Oregon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSAT-ABC (San Antonio, TX): New Overdose Task Force created in Hays County following numerous fentanyl poisoning deaths, Alicia Barrera, September 8, 2022, 7:30 PM

A fourth student from Hays Consolidated District has died due to fentanyl poisoning in the past two months. In a press conference Thursday afternoon, Kyle Police Chief Jeff Barnett reported seven fentanyl overdose deaths in his city and five in San Marcos. Hays County authorities now warn communities in the area to be vigilant of counterfeit Percocet pills. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Cheese-stuffed SUV stopped at El Paso border crossing, Fernie Ortiz, September 8, 2022, 6:38 PM

An Albuquerque woman did say cheese when asked if she was bringing any food products into the U.S. from Mexico, but she did not disclose how much. The woman said she only had 10 wheels of cheese when she arrived at the Paso Del Norte Bridge on Tuesday morning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said. But upon further inspection, a CBP officer found an additional 50 wheels of cheese hidden under a blanket in the back row of the GMC Yukon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Mexico calls on U.S. for help in stopping delivery of guns to cartels, Julian Resendiz, September 8, 2022, 6:28 PM

A top Mexican official is urging the United States to step up the fight against weapons smuggling into Mexico. Those guns, including AR-15s, AK-47s, 9mm guns and even .50-caliber sniper rifles, often end up in the hands of drug cartels blamed for a dramatic rise in homicides in Mexico in the last three years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: White House unveils principles for Big Tech reform, David Shepardson and Nandita Bose, September 8, 2022, 3:15 PM

The White House on Thursday outlined six principles to reform Big Tech platforms and said it was encouraged to see bipartisan interest in Congress to rein in major U.S. tech companies. The six principles, entitled "Enhancing Competition and Tech Platform Accountability," were released after Biden administration officials earlier in the day met with experts to discuss "the harms that tech platforms cause and the need for greater accountability." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Judge Voices Skepticism of Justice Department's Antitrust Challenge to

UnitedHealth Acquisition, Erin Mulvaney, September 8, 2022, 7:28 PM

A federal judge grilled the Justice Department on Thursday over its antitrust claims that UnitedHealth Group Inc.'s UNH 1.12% \$13 billion acquisition of health-technology firm Change Healthcare Inc. CHNG 2.34% would suppress competition and limit innovation in health insurance markets. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Google, DOJ square off over search dominance, Ashley Gold, September 9, 2022, 5:30 AM

Google pays "billions" to other companies to keep Google Search as the default option on phones, in browsers and elsewhere, maintaining an illegal dominance over the search market, the Justice Department said Thursday in court. Driving the news: Lawyers for Google along with the Justice Department spoke before federal judge Amit Mehta Thursday in a hearing where both sides laid out relevant facts in the DOJ's 2020 antitrust suit against the search giant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: UnitedHealth Deal Is 'Not A Merger To Monopoly,' Judge Says, Bryan Koenig, September 8, 2022, 9:59 PM

The D.C. federal judge who will decide the fate of UnitedHealth's \$13.8 billion bid for Change Healthcare challenged the U.S. Department of Justice during closing arguments Thursday on its assertions that the deal will create a monopoly for health insurance claims processing technology, repeatedly noting plans to divest the sole overlapping business unit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: All tomorrow's monopolies, Josh Isco and Derek Robertson, September 8, 2022, 4:06 PM

For years, tech companies and their lawyers have trotted out variations on the argument that tech moves fast and the law moves slow — so slow it can't properly regulate the tech sector. And for years regulators largely listened. No longer. After years of perceived misses by their predecessors, leadership at the Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department's antitrust division are looking to change course. No longer just concerned with low prices and other consumer benefits, the FTC's Lina Khan and DOJ's Jonathan Kanter are looking to use antitrust law to level the playing field between companies large and small. For the tech industry, that means limiting the reach of Google, Meta, Apple, Amazon and Microsoft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: NAR Asks Ill. Judge To Toss Antitrust Suit Again, David Holzman, September 8, 2022, 3:36 PM

The National Association of Realtors told an Illinois federal court on Wednesday that it should dismiss a class action claiming its practices stifle competition, since the plaintiffs are repeating arguments the judge rejected in an opinion in May. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: FTC Says Endo Bankruptcy Can't Stop DC Circ. Appeal, Katie Buehler, September 8, 2022, 2:50 PM

The Federal Trade Commission has asked the D.C. Circuit to lift a bankruptcy-related stay in its bid to revive antitrust claims accusing Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc. of entering a "pay-for-delay" agreement with Impax Laboratories LLC to stave off competition to Endo's Opana ER painkiller. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fast Company: [OPINION] A showdown between an ad tech firm and the FTC will test the

limits of U.S. privacy law, Alex Pasternak, September 8, 2022, 9:37 AM

Who gets to know where you are? The question is at the heart of a new lawsuit by the US Federal Trade Commission against a little-known Idaho-based ad tech company, Kochava, which regulators accuse of unfairly selling the timestamped location information of millions of Americans. But before government lawyers could file suit last week, the company sued the FTC, calling the agency's structure unconstitutional and claiming the company broke no laws. The back-and-forth has set up a showdown that could shape the future of our location privacy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: State agrees to upgrade fish hatchery over pollution fears, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 2:00 PM

New Hampshire has agreed to make upgrades at its largest fish hatchery as part of a proposed settlement following allegations that the facility was polluting nearby waterways, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Thursday. The state will take action to reduce phosphorus in its discharges from the Powder Mill State Fish Hatchery to the Merrymeeting River. As part of the settlement, the state agreed to construct a new wastewater treatment systems. It also agreed to reconfigure the facility's tanks to promote the settling of solids containing phosphorus so it can meet permit limits by Dec. 31, 2025. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Law360: 1891 Law Gives Alaska Tribe Fishing Rights, 9th Circ. Rules, Daniel Ducassi, September 8, 2022, 9:11 PM

An 1891 federal law gives a federally recognized Native Alaskan tribe an implied right to fish in traditional off-reservation waters, a Ninth Circuit panel concluded Thursday, reversing a district court ruling that had dismissed the original lawsuit from the Metlakatla Indian Community against the state of Alaska. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Idaho Hydroelectric Co. Will Pay Tribe \$545K For Pollution, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, September 8, 2022, 6:04 PM

Idaho Power Co. has agreed to pay \$545,000 to the Nez Perce Tribe to settle allegations that the utility illegally discharged oils, grease and other pollutants into the Snake River. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Treasure Hunter's Bid For Coverage Of IP Suit Sunk, Elizabeth Daley, September 8, 2022, 4:49 PM

A Washington federal judge ruled that Great American Insurance Co. doesn't have to cover an underlying lawsuit over a treasure hunt for gold lost in a shipwreck in the Edwardian era. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Michigan Radio: Environmental groups and local activists file to intervene in an EPA lawsuit against a DTE-owned plant, Lester Graham, September 8, 2022, 8:16 PM

Three environmental groups have filed a motion to intervene in an EPA lawsuit filed against a DTE subsidiary. In June, the Environmental Protection agency filed a suit against EES Coke Battery, LLC. The complaint alleges the plant violated the Clean Air Act after sulfur dioxide pollution increased at its plant on Zug Island between Detroit and River Rouge. That pollutant can cause serious health problems, including heart disease and respiratory issues. It's also been linked to premature death. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

Scioto Post (Columbus, OH): Ohio Man was Sentenced to Prison for Selling Fraudulent Hunting Leases, Jeremy Newman, September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

An in [sic] connection with his execution of a scheme to solicit payments from dozens of individuals in exchange for purported hunting leases he had no rights to sell. According to court documents, throughout 2019, Nathanal L. Knox, 30, of Ohio, operated a scheme where he placed online advertisements for hunting leases, supposedly available on several parcels of land in Ohio, but the defendant in fact had no rights to sell leases for the properties in question. He placed the advertisements on at least 38 different Facebook pages, including “Hunt Florida,” “Ohio Hunting Lease,” “Bow Hunting PA,” and “Alabama Deer Hunters.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

City News Service: Energy firm behind OC oil spill admits violating federal Clean Water Act, Bryan Koenig, September 8, 2022, 8:00 AM

The company that operates an underwater oil pipeline that ruptured last year, spilling 25,000 gallons of crude into the ocean off Huntington Beach forcing a closure of beaches and fisheries pleaded guilty Thursday along with two of its subsidiaries to violating the federal Clean Water Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

Bloomberg: Caterpillar Reaches Settlement With IRS in Back-Taxes Dispute, Joe Deaux, September 8, 2022, 4:45 PM

Caterpillar Inc., one of the world’s largest machinery producers, reached a civil settlement with the US Internal Revenue Service over a dispute of more than \$2 billion that the government said it owed in taxes and penalties. The company said it reached the settlement for the tax years of 2007 through 2016 without any penalties, but did not disclose how much it actually paid to the government. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WCBU \(Peoria, IL\)](#), [WHOI-ABC \(Peoria, IL\)](#), [WSJ](#)

Bloomberg: Biden Is Closing In on Naming IRS Chief to Succeed Trump Appointee Rettig, Nancy Cook and Laura Davison, September 8, 2022, 12:57 PM

President Joe Biden is narrowing the list of candidates to lead the Internal Revenue Service ahead of a massive expansion of tax enforcement. The names of potential nominees to succeed Charles Rettig, a Donald Trump appointee whose term expires in November, are closely held secrets within the White House and Treasury Department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: IRS Urged To Alter Proposed Foreign Currency Contract Rules, Emlyn Cameron, September 8, 2022, 4:59 PM

The Internal Revenue Service should change proposed regulations so that the definition of foreign currency contracts covers over-the-counter foreign currency options, a hedge fund industry group said in a letter [...] [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): Largo man says IRS refund check is short \$10,000, Shannon Behnken, September 8, 2022, 6:07 PM

Amid a massive IRS backlog and staffing shortages, Irwin Ayes says it’s been nearly impossible for him to make an appointment with the IRS And he really needs one. His IRS refund check, he says, is \$10,000 less than the \$19,821 it was supposed to be. He said that’s because the first number on the check a “1” is missing. If you look closely at the check, you can see where the one starts, and then disappears. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WVBF-AM (Binghamton, NY): Former Vestal Diner Owner Sentenced For Tax Fraud, Katty Whyte, September 8, 2022, 9:00 AM

The former owner of a diner in Vestal will serve a year and a day in prison after admitting he didn't pay federal payroll taxes. 57-year-old Nezir "Nick" Boljevic used to own the Vestal Diner but no longer owns or operates the business. Officials with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of New York say the former business owner was sentenced in federal court in Utica September to the prison time after previously pleading guilty to one felony count of willful failure to pay federal payroll taxes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Family wants answers after pallbearer killed by officers, John Raby, September 8, 2022, 10:27 PM

[...] Law enforcement officials aren't explaining much right now, citing an ongoing investigation. Owens, 37, was wanted on a fugitive warrant, but the U.S. Marshals Service hasn't said what it was for. The agency also said in a statement that he had a gun when members of a fugitive task force approached. Multiple witnesses contend that's not true. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: FBI: Soldier linked to racist post, online extremism, Ben Finley, September 8, 2022, 6:15 PM

A soldier in the U.S. Army wrote on Instagram that he joined the military "for combat experience so I'm more proficient in killing" Black people, investigators say. Killian Mackeithan Ryan also had five Instagram accounts that were in contact with others "associated with racially motivated extremism," according to court records. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Guardian](#)

CBS: [VIDEO] Suspect wanted in deadly 2021 East Pittsburgh shooting arrested by U.S. Marshals, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 12:00 PM

Nearly one year after a man was killed and his mother was wounded in a shooting in East Pittsburgh, a fugitive has been taken into custody. [[Watch](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Biden's ATF Chief Looks to Cut Illegal Gun Sales, Hate Crimes, Courtney Rozen, September 8, 2022, 8:28 PM

The new chief of the nation's top firearms regulator said he'll partner with local law enforcement and use crime data to catch more illegal gun dealers in a bid to combat the country's highest gun-murder rates in decades. Steve Dettelbach, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), said he's particularly focused on reducing hate-fueled crime like the 2018 anti-Semitic attack at a Pittsburgh synagogue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Portsmouth, VA): How The Gun Trafficking Problem In Illinois Compares To Other States, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 8:31 PM

The ATF traced the origin of 11,708 firearms in IL in 2020, and 50.2 percent, originated from out of state, the 8th largest among states. The United States has nearly 121 guns per 100 people, according to the Small Arms Survey, a Swiss-based research project. That figure may be higher today since it was reported in the organization's report published in 2018 and was already an increase from 88 guns per 100 people in 2011. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Delaware, PA): Wanted Man Fleeing Police Jumps From Roof To Roof In

Delco, Nicole Acosta, September 8, 2022, 7:15 PM

A wanted man went to great lengths to avoid local and federal authorities serving multiple arrest warrants at his home in the Philadelphia suburbs. As soon as members of the US Marshals Service and Chester City Police Department knocked on Dennis Pierce's door on West 9th Street, he was seen jumping from his roof onto a neighbor's roof around 6:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, they said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTBC-Fox (Austin, TX): [VIDEO] DEA, local law enforcement agencies form task force after string of fentanyl-related overdose deaths in Hays County, Courtney Rozen, September 8, 2022, 11:00 PM

On Thursday, representatives from local law enforcement and the DEA held a press conference to announce new measures to fight the growing crisis. [[Watch](#)] **See also:** [KXAN-NBC \(Austin, TX\)](#)

WIAT-CBS (Birmingham, AL): Alleged Alabama church shooter still holds active gun dealers' license, Lee Hedgepeth, September 8, 2022, 8:31 PM

Robert Findlay Smith, a man charged with capital murder in the shooting death of three people inside an Alabama church, still holds an active federal license to deal firearms, records show. According to a database of license-holders run by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Smith's type one firearms dealers' license remains active and will not expire until 2025. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): DEA El Paso: Beware of "rainbow" Fentanyl used to target youth, Stephanie Shields, September 8, 2022, 5:03 PM

In August 2022, DEA and law enforcement partners seized brightly-colored fentanyl and fentanyl pills in 18 states. It's dubbed "rainbow fentanyl" and the DEA said this trend appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly fentanyl made to look like candy to children and young people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KATV-ABC (Little Rock, AR): FBI agents in Little Rock arrest suspect wanted for defrauding Bank of America, Jack A. Webb, September 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

Agents from the Little Rock office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested a 25-year-old suspect on Thursday who was wanted for bank and wire fraud, the agency said in a tweet. The FBI announced in August that Johnathan Juan Lawrence and 22 others had defrauded Bank of America out of thousands of dollars using unemployment debit cards. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFSM-CBS (Fort Smith, AR): FBI warns of sextortion targeting NWA teen boys, Kathryn Gilker, September 8, 2022, 7:38 PM

The FBI released a warning after seeing an increase in sextortion threats targeting Northwest Arkansas teens. The FBI says this sextortion scheme is preying on teen boys usually from 13 to 17 years old. The teens are meeting these predators on social media where they lure them to send them compromising photos. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KAIT-ABC/NBC/CW \(Jonesboro, AR\)](#), [KATV-ABC \(Little Rock, AR\)](#)

WZTV-Fox (Nashville, TN): Metro Police search for wigged robber that held up Tennessee bank, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

Metro Police are searching for a wigged robber that held up a Tennessee Credit Union bank Thursday around 3 p.m. The suspected robber is approximately 5'6" tall and walks with a limp,

according to Metro Police. He left the bank on foot southbound. Metro Nashville Police Department (MNP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are currently investigating. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFMZ (Allentown, PA): South Whitehall police, FBI continue to investigate after threat against Orefield Middle School students, staff, Rob Manch, September 8, 2022, 7:00 PM
South Whitehall Police are still investigating a threat at Orefield Middle School that shut down the entire Parkland School District Thursday. Orefield is where the district has its bus depot, and it told all drivers to stay home as a precaution. We had the chance to talk with a parent who has a daughter in 8th grade at Orefield. Susan Glosan said she woke up to the text message from the Parkland School District, saying there had been a credible threat, and she realized it wasn't going to be a normal day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

LAT: 'Barbaric' L.A. County jail conditions alleged as ACLU seeks federal intervention, Michael Finnegan, September 8, 2022, 8:38 PM (EDT)
Filth and degradation in the overcrowded Los Angeles County jail system has turned "barbaric" for a growing number of mentally ill inmates who are chained to chairs for days or left to sleep on a concrete floor without bedding, a civil rights group alleged Thursday. Most of the inmates are recently arrested suspects who have not been convicted, and they are routinely denied clean water, functioning toilets, a shower, adequate food, or medication they need to treat schizophrenia and other serious conditions, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Chief Justice John Roberts to speak at Colorado conference, Colleen Slevin, September 9, 2022, 1:00 AM
Chief Justice John Roberts is set to make his first public appearance since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, speaking Friday night at a judicial conference in Colorado. Roberts is scheduled to be interviewed by two judges from the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which is hosting the conference in Colorado Springs. Two judges from the court, Timothy M. Tymkovich and Jerome A. Holmes will have a discussion with Roberts during the conference's traditional "fireside chat" event, which has featured a current or past Supreme Court justice since its inception in 2004. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court's Gorsuch allows enforcement of \$155 million award against Energy Transfer unit, Nate Raymond, September 8, 2022, 5:46 PM
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch on Thursday rejected a request by pipeline operator Energy Transfer LP's (ET.N) Sunoco Inc unit to block efforts to enforce a \$155 million judgment in a lawsuit accusing it of failing to pay interest on late payments to 53,000 oil-well owners across Oklahoma. Gorsuch denied Sunoco's request for a stay blocking proceedings to enforce the judgment while the company appeals a federal judge's 2020 decision finding that it violated Oklahoma law by failing to pay interest on more than 1.5 million late payments to royalty owners in wells across the state. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Coming soon to the Supreme Court: Can class reps receive incentive awards?,

Alison Frankel, September 8, 2022, 4:43 PM

One U.S. appeals court this week cemented its split with another on an issue that crops up repeatedly in class action litigation: Can courts award incentive payments to plaintiffs who serve as class representatives? On Wednesday, in Hyland v. Navient Corporation, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a trial court's approval of a \$2.25 million class action settlement that requires the student loan servicer to fund a new nonprofit to advise public service workers, including teachers and law enforcement officers, about federal debt forgiveness programs for public servants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Justice Sotomayor visits Bronx for unveiling of her statue, Michelle Price, September 8, 2022, 2:00 PM

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor returned Thursday to the Bronx community where she grew up to see the unveiling of her bronze statue at a shopping center in the heart of the community. In brief remarks after the likeness was unveiled, Sotomayor, 68, said it was "always so heartwarming" to return to the neighborhood and that she was "deeply touched" by the bust with the Bronx Terminal Market. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: After DOJ detail, Stanford's Karlan returns to clinic, classes, Mike Scarcella, September 8, 2022, 1:03 PM

Civil rights attorney Pamela Karlan has returned to Stanford Law School and is preparing for the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court term, as she resumes her work co-leading the school's high-court litigation clinic after serving on a detail at the U.S. Justice Department. Karlan left the Justice Department's civil rights division in July, ending her supervisory role for more than a year as a principal deputy assistant attorney general. She led the 400-plus lawyer division for a few months last year before the U.S. Senate confirmed Kristen Clarke as the Biden administration's appointee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Top Court Leak Threatens Judicial Decision-Making, Gorsuch Says, Lydia Wheeler, September 8, 2022, 5:11 PM

US Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch called it "terribly important" for the court to identify who is responsible for leaking a draft of its blockbuster abortion decision last spring. "Improper efforts to influence judicial decision-making, from whatever side, from whomever, are a threat to the judicial decision-making process and inhibit our capacity to communicate with one another," Gorsuch said Thursday at the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit's bi-annual Bench & Bar Conference. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WGHP-Fox (High Point, NC): All 50 chief justices urge U.S. Supreme Court to reject NC legislative case, Steve Doyle, September 8, 2022, 1:19 PM

The defendants who will argue in the United Supreme Court about the constitutional extent of a state legislature's authority received a new ally on Wednesday lots of new allies. The chief justices from all 50 states, the Conference of Chief Justices, in a nonpartisan amicus brief written by counsel, urged that the Supreme Court should reject the argument proffered in Moore v. Harper et al: that the U.S. Constitution gives full authority to draw congressional election maps to state legislatures without review by state courts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Bloomberg: **[ANALYSIS] Senate Republicans Have Put a Stranglehold on Nominations**, Jonathan Bernstein, September 8, 2022, 12:41 PM

The process of confirming judges and executive branch officials has been dysfunctional for some time, and it's getting worse. Republicans are largely to blame for a situation that has left hundreds of senior government roles vacant. But Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and the Democrats have failed to do what they can to make things better. By the end of this week, Joe Biden will have been president for 600 days. During that time, the Senate has confirmed 442 of his nominees for key jobs in the top echelons of government and 78 federal judges, or well under one per day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Senate Confirms Memphis Atty To 6th Circ.**, James Arkin, September 8, 2022, 3:08 PM

The Senate narrowly confirmed Memphis attorney Andre B. Mathis to the Sixth Circuit on Thursday by a 48-47 vote, making him the 20th circuit court nominee to be approved since President Joe Biden took office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: **Biden's Longest Standing Circuit Court Nominee Confirmed**, Madison Alder, September 8, 2022, 2:46 PM

The Senate confirmed Andre Mathis to a seat on the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, marking the longest period between nomination and confirmation for any Biden circuit nominee. The chamber voted 48-47 on Thursday to confirm the Butler Snow LLP partner to a Tennessee seat, nearly 10 months after he was nominated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: **US changes names of places with racist term for Native women**, Mead Gruver, September 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

The U.S. government has joined a ski resort and others that have quit using a racist term for a Native American woman by renaming hundreds of peaks, lakes, streams and other geographical features on federal lands in the West and elsewhere. New names for nearly 650 places bearing the offensive word "squaw" include the mundane (Echo Peak, Texas), peculiar (No Name Island, Maine) and Indigenous terms (Nammi'l Naokwaide, Idaho) whose meaning at a glance will elude those unfamiliar with Native languages. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: **Lawsuit contests Montana vaccine mandate ban on tribal land**, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

A federal lawsuit in Montana seeks to block a state agency from enforcing on tribal lands a legislative prohibition against COVID-19 vaccine mandates. The Glacier County Regional Port Authority filed the complaint Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Great Falls. The litigation comes after Montana Labor and Industry Department officials determined the port authority discriminated against an unvaccinated person who attempted to attend one of its meetings, in Browning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Line 5 Pipeline Can Stay Open For Now, Despite Tribe's Wins**, Andrew Westney, September 8, 2022, 6:52 PM

A Wisconsin federal judge has handed quick wins to a Chippewa tribe on several claims in its challenge to Enbridge Energy Co.'s Line 5 pipeline, but declined to immediately shut down the

pipeline because of what the judge called the "significant public and foreign policy implications" of such a move. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Michigan Radio](#)

Law360: Florida Wants In On Tribe's EPA Water Power Challenge, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, September 8, 2022, 4:42 PM

Florida on Wednesday said the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians cannot support their claims that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "disregarded and diminished" their sovereignty in giving the state authority to administer an important Clean Water Act permitting program. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Wyoming Tribune Eagle: With Indian Child Welfare Act at risk, Wyoming lawmakers mull action, Sofia Jeremias, September 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

Fearing the state could be caught flat-footed by an impending U.S. Supreme Court decision, Wyoming lawmakers are considering enshrining certain aspects of tribal sovereignty into state law. The Supreme Court this fall is set to review a case involving the Indian Child Welfare Act and some are concerned the court may overturn the federal law which prioritizes tribes' rights in child custody cases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

The Hill: Liberals push Biden on marijuana reform ahead of midterm momentum, Aris Folley and Hanna Trudo, September 8, 2022, 12:50 PM

Democrats are beginning to pressure President Biden to take on marijuana reform as Congress struggles to find a path forward on decriminalization and as the party contemplates what's possible before the midterms. Liberals have been building momentum with just two months until the November elections with back-to-back wins on key pieces of Biden's agenda, from student loans to health care and tax reform. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Senate Marijuana Banking Sponsor Gives Details About Forthcoming 'SAFE Plus' Reform Package, Kyle Jaeger, September 8, 2022, 12:00 PM

A key U.S. senator believes "it's time to close the deal" on a marijuana reform package that he says will include provisions to protect banks that work with state-legal cannabis businesses, as well as equity components to build support from lawmakers who have held out for broader justice-focused change. However, a key financial services regulator is tempering expectations about the prospects of Congress getting the job done this session. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOFL-Fox (Orlando, FL): Federal judge criticizes Florida on additional medical-marijuana licenses, Dara Kam, September 8, 2022, 10:26 PM

An appeals-court judge this week chided Florida health officials for not following up on promises to grant additional medical-marijuana licenses as required by state law, saying potential applicants are "understandably frustrated" and offering a legal playbook for entrepreneurs who have been shut out of the cannabis market for years. First District Court of Appeal Judge Ross Bilbrey's shot across the bow came as Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration continues to delay the issuance of new licenses. Florida has 22 medical-marijuana operators. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: Cherokee Opioids Suit Can't Go To Okla. Court, 10th Circ. Told, Caleb Symons, September 8, 2022, 4:28 PM

Three national pharmacy chains want the Tenth Circuit to keep in federal court a lawsuit brought by the Cherokee Nation, which accuses the chains of exacerbating opioid addiction on its reservation, claiming the Oklahoma tribe seeks to "rewrite federal law" by returning the case to state court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch died Thursday after 70 years on the throne. She was 96. The palace announced she died at Balmoral Castle, her summer residence in Scotland, where members of the royal family had rushed to her side after her health took a turn for the worse. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Queen Elizabeth II met with 13 U.S. presidents during her lifetime from Harry Truman to Joe Biden. President Joe Biden shared his condolences to the people of the United Kingdom following the news of Queen Elizabeth II's death. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]
- The 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II came during an ever-changing world, through peace and prosperity, as well as wars and financial hardships. She reinvented the British monarchy -- and may have saved it. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Queen Elizabeth II's impact can be seen in the heartfelt messages from world leaders to ordinary people who felt a deep connection to the beloved monarch. [[CBS](#)]
- Former Prime Minister Sir John Major, who served in office from 1990 to 1997, spoke with Norah O'Donnell about his relationship with Queen Elizabeth II and opened up about what she was like behind closed doors. [[CBS](#)]
- The eldest son of Britain's longest-reigning monarch has taken his late mother's place on the throne. King Charles III is the first child of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Upon the death of his mother on Sept. 8, Charles succeeded her as king of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms. [[NBC](#)]
- The Justice Department is appealing a federal judge's ruling to authorize a special master to review documents the FBI seized from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. [[CBS](#)]

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JAN. 6

NYT: Trump's Post-Election Fund-Raising Comes Under Scrutiny by Justice Dept., Alan Feuer, Maggie Haberman, Adam Goldman and Kenneth P. Vogel, September 9, 2022, 12:52 AM

A federal grand jury in Washington is examining the formation of — and spending by — a fund-raising operation created by Donald J. Trump after his loss in the 2020 election as he was soliciting millions of dollars by baselessly asserting that the results had been marred by widespread voting fraud. According to subpoenas issued by the grand jury, the contents of which were described to The New York Times, the Justice Department is interested in the inner workings of Save America PAC, Mr. Trump's main fund-raising vehicle after the election. Several similar subpoenas were sent on Wednesday to junior and midlevel aides who worked in the White House and for Mr. Trump's presidential campaign. [[Continue Reading](#)]. See also: [WaPo](#), [ABC](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Politico](#),

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump documents probe: US ready to appeal judge's hold, Eric Tucker, September 8, 2022, 5:53 PM

The Justice Department is preparing to appeal a judge's decision granting the appointment of an independent arbiter to review records seized in a criminal investigation by the FBI from former President Donald Trump's Florida home. Citing national security concerns and other factors, the department also asked U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to put on hold her directive prohibiting it from using the seized classified records for investigative purposes while it contests her ruling. "Without a stay, the government and public also will suffer irreparable harm from the undue delay to the criminal investigation," department lawyers said in a motion Thursday in which they announced their intent to appeal the order to

the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Daily Beast](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Insider](#), [KDVR- Fox \(Denver, CO\)](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Roll Call](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [The Week](#), [The Week-2](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: U.S. Justice Department, Trump team due Friday to file list of special master candidates, Sarah N. Lynch, September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

The U.S. Justice Department and former President Donald Trump's attorneys are due on Friday to jointly file a list of possible candidates to serve as a special master to review records the FBI seized from the former president's Florida estate. The filing could come at any time on Friday. It was ordered by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee in Fort Pierce, Florida, after she granted Trump's request on Monday for a special master over the Justice Department's objections. The order temporarily bars prosecutors from reviewing the seized records as part of their ongoing criminal investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Reuters: U.S. reveals more classified records may be missing in Trump probe, Sarah N. Lynch, September 8, 2022, 7:06 PM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump's team may not have returned all the classified records removed from the White House at the end of his presidency even after an FBI search of his home, U.S. prosecutors warned on Thursday, calling it a potential national security risk that needs investigation. That revelation came in a Justice Department court filing asking U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to let it continue reviewing about 100 classified records seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate while it investigates whether classified documents were illegally removed from the White House and improperly stored there. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

WaPo: In ruling for Trump, low-profile judge Aileen Cannon invites scrutiny, Ann E. Marimow, September 9, 2022, 5:00 AM

Aileen M. Cannon was not yet 40 years old when the federal prosecutor won decisive bipartisan support in a bitterly divided U.S. Senate to claim her seat on the district court in South Florida, in what would be President Donald Trump's final push to fill the federal bench with young conservative lawyers before leaving the White House. Her profile soared this week after she intervened in the Justice Department investigation into Trump's possible mishandling of classified information and agreed to grant his request for an independent review of the material that FBI agents have seized. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: 'Rife with political risks': Why Garland faces tough calls in considering Trump charges, Marc Caputo and Ryan J. Reilly, September 8, 2022, 9:27 AM

Over the past 16 months, the federal government sent letters and emails, made phone calls, issued a criminal subpoena and finally executed a search warrant to retrieve a bewildering number of sensitive government records from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and club in Palm Beach, Florida. Listed in two Department of Justice court filings filed in as many weeks, the paper trail of records lay out a roadmap for what could be the first criminal indictment of a former president, according to legal experts and former Justice Department officials who spoke to NBC News and say Attorney General Merrick Garland probably has enough evidence now to charge Trump with mishandling national defense information and obstruction of justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: What is executive privilege, and why doesn't the Supreme Court provide a clear answer?, Kaelan Deese, September 8, 2022, 5:16 PM

A federal judge's Monday order granting former President Donald Trump's request for a special master to review documents seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and determine if some items may be protected by executive privilege has prompted fresh questions about a former president's entitlements. That's partially because federal courts, including the Supreme Court, have been relatively ambiguous as

to the limits of executive privilege and have never explicitly defined what types of documents are and are not protected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Former Trump White House lawyer Ty Cobb thinks Justice Department's Trump investigation is related to Jan. 6 — "The Takeout" podcast, Major Garrett , September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

Ty Cobb, who was a White House lawyer during former President Donald Trump's administration, suspects the Justice Department investigation into whether Trump mishandled White House documents — some of them highly classified — is really about a broader inquiry into potential crimes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot and efforts to overturn the 2020 election. "It is about the bigger picture, the Jan. 6 issues, the fake electors, the whole scam with regard to the 'big lie' and the attempts to...cling to the presidency in a desperate fashion," Cobb said on this week's episode of "The Takeout" podcast. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: U.S. seizes \$30 million in cryptocurrency from North Korea-linked hackers, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 3:30 PM

The United States has seized over \$30 million in cryptocurrency stolen by North Korean-linked hackers Lazarus from the popular online game Axie Infinity, crypto intelligence firm Chainalysis said on Thursday. The company said in a blog post it played a role in the recovery with U.S. law enforcement and other crypto organizations, without naming them, in the first ever recovery of stolen cryptocurrency by a North Korea hacking group. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

Newsweek: Russians' Assets in U.S. Would Give Americans 'Heart Attacks': Lev Parnas, Fatma Khaled, September 8, 2022, 4:55 PM

Ukrainian-American Businessman Lev Parnas said recently that Americans would be shocked to find out about the assets that Russians have in the United States. [...] "The Justice Department will use all of its authorities to seize the assets of individuals and entities who violate these sanctions," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement at the time. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Former Atlanta official gets 14 years in corruption case, Kate Brumback, September 8, 2022, 5:00 PM

A pastor, political operative and former high-ranking Atlanta city official was sentenced Thursday to 14 years in prison after a jury found her guilty of charges stemming from a long-running federal investigation into corruption at City Hall. U.S. District Judge Steve Jones told Mitzi Bickers that the evidence showed that she was involved in "a deliberate, calculated plan to cheat" the taxpayers of Atlanta over a number of years. In addition to the prison time, he ordered Bickers to pay nearly \$3 million in restitution to the city and to serve three years of supervised release once she's out. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Steve Bannon, former Trump adviser, pleads not guilty in border wall scheme, Karen Freifeld, September 9, 2022, 4:32 AM

Steve Bannon, the onetime top strategist to former U.S. President Donald Trump, pleaded not guilty on Thursday to money laundering and conspiracy charges for allegedly deceiving donors to an effort to help Trump build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Bannon, 68, was handcuffed when he came into a New York state court in Manhattan. He was released without bail after his lawyer David Schoen entered the plea on his behalf. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: Former prison guard sentenced in drug smuggling scheme, Unattributed, September 8, 2022,

4:00 PM

A former Florida state prison guard has been sentenced to three years and five months in federal prison for participating in a scheme to smuggle drugs into a facility. Troy Alexander Cole, 28, Fort Myers, was sentenced Tuesday in Fort Myers federal court, according to court records. He pleaded guilty in April to attempted distribution of methamphetamine and MDMA. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBBH-NBC \(Fort Myers, FL\)](#), [WFTX-Fox \(Naples, FL\)](#)

Law360: NY Woman Conned Investors In Hedge Fund Scam, Feds Say, Elliot Weld, September 8, 2022, 5:28 PM

A New York City woman was accused by federal prosecutors Thursday of lying to investors to obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars from them and use it for personal expenses including luxury goods and a Manhattan apartment. Lakenya Hopkins was indicted on charges of securities and wire fraud. Prosecutors say she induced investments in her company Money Magnet Platinum Membership Initiative by promising "unrealistically high rates of return. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: Three cops convicted of robbing N.J. residents get up to two years in federal prison, Joe Atmonavage, September 8, 2022, 9:05 PM

One of the former officers had dreams of being a police chief. Another was living his dream of being a cop, something he always wanted after moving to New Jersey from the Dominican Republic. The third didn't think twice about his illegal conduct because he said it was all around him. In Newark federal court Thursday, the three ex-Paterson police officers — Jonathan Bustios, Eudy Ramos and Matthew Torres — received sentences of probation to two years in prison for illegally stopping and searching people of color, stealing their cash, and falsifying police reports from 2016-2018. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NJ Metro Breaking News](#)

Law360: Florida Man Charged With Vandalizing Federal Courthouse, Carolina Bolado, September 8, 2022, 3:04 PM

A Florida man has been charged with destruction of federal property, accused of vandalizing the federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale on Labor Day and breaking doors and windows in the building. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSVN-Fox \(Miami, FL\)](#)

NYT: Trump Pushed Officials to Prosecute His Critics, Ex-U.S. Attorney Says, Benjamin Weiser, September 8, 2022, 4:55 PM

A book by a former top federal prosecutor offers new details about how the Justice Department under President Donald J. Trump sought to use the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan to support Mr. Trump politically and pursue his critics — even pushing the office to open a criminal investigation of former secretary of state John Kerry. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

LAT: Federal appeals court sends California gun litigants back to trial court, history books, Kevin Rector, September 8, 2022, 8:30 AM (EDT)

In May, a federal appeals court ruled that California's ban on semiautomatic rifle sales to adults younger than 21 was unconstitutional. On Wednesday, that same court, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, reversed itself, sending the case back to a lower court to be retried. What happened between the two decisions was a groundbreaking ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court that did not just say limits against the carrying of firearms in states such as New York and California are unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: After DOJ detail, Stanford's Karlan returns to clinic, classes, Mike Scarcella, September

8, 2022, 1:03 PM

Civil rights attorney Pamela Karlan has returned to Stanford Law School and is preparing for the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court term, as she resumes her work co-leading the school's high-court litigation clinic after serving on a detail at the U.S. Justice Department. Karlan left the Justice Department's civil rights division in July, ending her supervisory role for more than a year as a principal deputy assistant attorney general. She led the 400-plus lawyer division for a few months last year before the U.S. Senate confirmed Kristen Clarke as the Biden administration's appointee. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Bloomberg Law: Uber Settles California Case Remanded From US Supreme Court, Joyce E. Cutler, September 8, 2022, 5:16 PM

Uber Technologies Inc. has settled the first of six cases over arbitrating claims under a unique California labor law that the US Supreme Court returned to courts in the state. Details of the settlement weren't available though the filings were made available Thursday. Attorneys with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and Littler Mendelson representing Uber didn't respond to an email seeking comment. Nor did the driver's counsel, Michael Alexander Gold, with Gold APLC, respond to an email requesting comment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Judge who refused to dismiss EPA from Flint water crisis lawsuit deals second blow, Ron Fonger, September 8, 2022, 1:41 PM

A federal judge who previously ruled that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is not immune from negligence claims tied to the Flint water crisis has denied its request to appeal her decision before any case moves closer to trial. Judge Judith Levy made the ruling in a 19-page order on Wednesday, Sept. 7, denying the federal government's motion for certification of an interlocutory appeal. In the ruling, Levy noted that such requests are rarely granted and only in exceptional cases. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Washington mayor declares public emergency over migrant arrivals from Texas, Arizona, Ted Hesson, September 8, 2022, 9:35 PM

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser on Thursday declared a public emergency over buses of migrants sent by Republican governors from the U.S.-Mexico border states of Texas and Arizona. Bowser, a Democrat, issued an order to support arriving migrants by creating a new Office of Migrant Services and will devote \$10 million to launch the office. The city will seek reimbursement from the federal government, Bowser said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [Newsweek](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

AP: Biden Administration Undoes Trump-Era Immigration Rule, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 1:52 PM

The Biden administration has officially undone a Trump-era rule that barred immigrants from gaining legal residency if they had utilized certain government benefits, allowing for a return to a previous policy with a narrower scope. The Department of Homeland Security on Thursday said a new regulation for the "public charge" rule would go into effect in late December, although the Biden administration had already stopped applying the previous version last year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Law360](#)

NBC: More than 230 Afghan refugee children are alone in the U.S. without their families, Courtney Kube, Julia Ainsley, Abigail Williams and Dan De Luce, September 9, 2022, 3:30 AM

More than 230 Afghan children are alone in the U.S. while their parents or caregivers remain in Afghanistan, according to new figures from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement obtained by NBC News, and as it gets harder to evacuate anyone from Afghanistan, there is little hope of speedy

reunions. Just one flight with evacuees leaves Kabul each week, and some countries where Afghans wait while applying to come to the U.S. have stopped accepting refugees. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFAA-ABC (Dallas, TX): DEA and Dallas Police raided a Dallas recording studio popular with rappers nationwide, Rebecca Lopez, September 8, 2022, 8:17 PM

The DEA raided a popular recording studio, KFI Studios, on Ross Avenue near downtown Dallas, which brings in some of the most popular rappers in the nation. "A lot of local rappers, a lot of famous rappers from other states. We've linked up with different people here," Dino West, producer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Mexico calls on U.S. for help in stopping delivery of guns to cartels, Julian Resendiz, September 8, 2022, 6:28 PM

A top Mexican official is urging the United States to step up the fight against weapons smuggling into Mexico. Those guns, including AR-15s, AK-47s, 9mm guns and even .50-caliber sniper rifles, often end up in the hands of drug cartels blamed for a dramatic rise in homicides in Mexico in the last three years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: White House unveils principles for Big Tech reform, David Shepardson and Nandita Bose, September 8, 2022, 3:15 PM

The White House on Thursday outlined six principles to reform Big Tech platforms and said it was encouraged to see bipartisan interest in Congress to rein in major U.S. tech companies. The six principles, entitled "Enhancing Competition and Tech Platform Accountability," were released after Biden administration officials earlier in the day met with experts to discuss "the harms that tech platforms cause and the need for greater accountability." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Judge Voices Skepticism of Justice Department's Antitrust Challenge to UnitedHealth Acquisition, Erin Mulvaney, September 8, 2022, 7:28 PM

A federal judge grilled the Justice Department on Thursday over its antitrust claims that UnitedHealth Group Inc.'s \$13 billion acquisition of health-technology firm Change Healthcare Inc. would suppress competition and limit innovation in health insurance markets. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: UnitedHealth Deal Is 'Not A Merger To Monopoly,' Judge Says, Bryan Koenig, September 8, 2022, 9:59 PM

The D.C. federal judge who will decide the fate of UnitedHealth's \$13.8 billion bid for Change Healthcare challenged the U.S. Department of Justice during closing arguments Thursday on its assertions that the deal will create a monopoly for health insurance claims processing technology, repeatedly noting plans to divest the sole overlapping business unit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Google, DOJ square off over search dominance, Ashley Gold, September 9, 2022, 5:30 AM

Google pays "billions" to other companies to keep Google Search as the default option on phones, in browsers and elsewhere, maintaining an illegal dominance over the search market, the Justice Department said Thursday in court. Driving the news: Lawyers for Google along with the Justice Department spoke before federal judge Amit Mehta Thursday in a hearing where both sides laid out relevant facts in the DOJ's 2020 antitrust suit against the search giant. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: All tomorrow's monopolies, Josh Isco and Derek Robertson, September 8, 2022, 4:06 PM

For years, tech companies and their lawyers have trotted out variations on the argument that tech moves fast and the law moves slow — so slow it can't properly regulate the tech sector. And for years regulators largely listened. No longer. After years of perceived misses by their predecessors, leadership at the Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department's antitrust division are looking to change course. No longer just concerned with low prices and other consumer benefits, the FTC's Lina Khan and

DOJ's Jonathan Kanter are looking to use antitrust law to level the playing field between companies large and small. For the tech industry, that means limiting the reach of Google, Meta, Apple, Amazon and Microsoft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: NAR Asks Ill. Judge To Toss Antitrust Suit Again, David Holzman, September 8, 2022, 3:36 PM

The National Association of Realtors told an Illinois federal court on Wednesday that it should dismiss a class action claiming its practices stifle competition, since the plaintiffs are repeating arguments the judge rejected in an opinion in May. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: State agrees to upgrade fish hatchery over pollution fears, Unattributed, September 8, 2022, 2:00 PM

New Hampshire has agreed to make upgrades at its largest fish hatchery as part of a proposed settlement following allegations that the facility was polluting nearby waterways, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Thursday. The state will take action to reduce phosphorus in its discharges from the Powder Mill State Fish Hatchery to the Merrymeeting River. As part of the settlement, the state agreed to construct a new wastewater treatment systems. It also agreed to reconfigure the facility's tanks to promote the settling of solids containing phosphorus so it can meet permit limits by Dec. 31, 2025.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Bloomberg Law: Biden's ATF Chief Looks to Cut Illegal Gun Sales, Hate Crimes, Courtney Rozen, September 8, 2022, 8:28 PM

The new chief of the nation's top firearms regulator said he'll partner with local law enforcement and use crime data to catch more illegal gun dealers in a bid to combat the country's highest gun-murder rates in decades. Steve Dettelbach, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), said he's particularly focused on reducing hate-fueled crime like the 2018 anti-Semitic attack at a Pittsburgh synagogue. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFSM-CBS (Fort Smith, AR): FBI warns of sextortion targeting NWA teen boys, Kathryn Gilker, September 8, 2022, 7:38 PM

The FBI released a warning after seeing an increase in sextortion threats targeting Northwest Arkansas teens. The FBI says this sextortion scheme is preying on teen boys usually from 13 to 17 years old. The teens are meeting these predators on social media where they lure them to send them compromising photos. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KAIT-ABC/NBC/CW \(Jonesboro, AR\)](#), [KATV-ABC \(Little Rock, AR\)](#)

AP: Family wants answers after pallbearer killed by officers, John Raby, September 8, 2022, 10:27 PM

[...] Law enforcement officials aren't explaining much right now, citing an ongoing investigation. Owens, 37, was wanted on a fugitive warrant, but the U.S. Marshals Service hasn't said what it was for. The agency also said in a statement that he had a gun when members of a fugitive task force approached. Multiple witnesses contend that's not true. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

LAT: 'Barbaric' L.A. County jail conditions alleged as ACLU seeks federal intervention, Michael Finnegan, September 8, 2022, 8:38 PM (EDT)

Filth and degradation in the overcrowded Los Angeles County jail system has turned "barbaric" for a

growing number of mentally ill inmates who are chained to chairs for days or left to sleep on a concrete floor without bedding, a civil rights group alleged Thursday. Most of the inmates are recently arrested suspects who have not been convicted, and they are routinely denied clean water, functioning toilets, a shower, adequate food, or medication they need to treat schizophrenia and other serious conditions, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Bloomberg Law: Top Court Leak Threatens Judicial Decision-Making, Gorsuch Says, Lydia Wheeler, September 8, 2022, 5:11 PM

US Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch called it “terribly important” for the court to identify who is responsible for leaking a draft of its blockbuster abortion decision last spring. “Improper efforts to influence judicial decision-making, from whatever side, from whomever, are a threat to the judicial decision-making process and inhibit our capacity to communicate with one another,” Gorsuch said Thursday at the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit’s bi-annual Bench & Bar Conference. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WGHP-Fox (High Point, NC): All 50 chief justices urge U.S. Supreme Court to reject NC legislative case, Steve Doyle, September 8, 2022, 1:19 PM

The defendants who will argue in the United Supreme Court about the constitutional extent of a state legislature’s authority received a new ally on Wednesday – lots of new allies. The chief justices from all 50 states, the Conference of Chief Justices, in a nonpartisan amicus brief written by counsel, urged that the Supreme Court should reject the argument proffered in *Moore v. Harper et al*: that the U.S. Constitution gives full authority to draw congressional election maps to state legislatures without review by state courts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Bloomberg: [ANALYSIS] Senate Republicans Have Put a Stranglehold on Nominations, Jonathan Bernstein, September 8, 2022, 12:41 PM

The process of confirming judges and executive branch officials has been dysfunctional for some time, and it’s getting worse. Republicans are largely to blame for a situation that has left hundreds of senior government roles vacant. But Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and the Democrats have failed to do what they can to make things better. By the end of this week, Joe Biden will have been president for 600 days. During that time, the Senate has confirmed 442 of his nominees for key jobs in the top echelons of government and 78 federal judges, or well under one per day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Senate Confirms Memphis Atty To 6th Circ., James Arkin, September 8, 2022, 3:08 PM
The Senate narrowly confirmed Memphis attorney Andre B. Mathis to the Sixth Circuit on Thursday by a 48-47 vote, making him the 20th circuit court nominee to be approved since President Joe Biden took office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: US changes names of places with racist term for Native women, Mead Gruver, September 8, 2022, 8:00 PM

The U.S. government has joined a ski resort and others that have quit using a racist term for a Native American woman by renaming hundreds of peaks, lakes, streams and other geographical features on federal lands in the West and elsewhere. New names for nearly 650 places bearing the offensive word “squaw” include the mundane (Echo Peak, Texas), peculiar (No Name Island, Maine) and Indigenous terms (Nammi’l Naokwaide, Idaho) whose meaning at a glance will elude those unfamiliar with Native languages. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

The Hill: **Liberals push Biden on marijuana reform ahead of midterm momentum**, Aris Folley and Hanna Trudo, September 8, 2022, 12:50 PM

Democrats are beginning to pressure President Biden to take on marijuana reform as Congress struggles to find a path forward on decriminalization and as the party contemplates what's possible before the midterms. Liberals have been building momentum with just two months until the November elections with back-to-back wins on key pieces of Biden's agenda, from student loans to health care and tax reform. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: **Cherokee Opioids Suit Can't Go To Okla. Court, 10th Circ. Told**, Caleb Symons, September 8, 2022, 4:28 PM

Three national pharmacy chains want the Tenth Circuit to keep in federal court a lawsuit brought by the Cherokee Nation, which accuses the chains of exacerbating opioid addiction on its reservation, claiming the Oklahoma tribe seeks to "rewrite federal law" by returning the case to state court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Miami Herald: **Rubio emerges as key Trump defender in FBI search**, Alex Roarty and Michael Wilner, September 9, 2022

Republicans have largely rallied to former President Donald Trump's defense after last month's search-and-seizure operation by the FBI at the former president's Palm Beach estate. But perhaps no party leader has done so as regularly — or forcefully — as Marco Rubio. The Florida Republican has emerged over the last month as one of the GOP's foremost critics of the Justice Department investigation, arguing that it is nothing more than political payback from Democrats, dismissing concerns about the reported sensitivity of the documents sought by the FBI at Mar-a-Lago and denouncing media leaks he says come from the Justice Department. Even as some lawmakers, including Republicans, express reluctance to talk about the ongoing investigation, the senator has charged ahead. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **Sen. Josh Hawley calls on Merrick Garland to be 'removed' if he will not step down**, Kaia Hubbard, September 9, 2022, 6:00 AM

Missouri senator Josh Hawley expressed his concerns over politicized justice under the Biden administration, saying both FBI Director Chris Wray and AG Merrick Garland should have resigned a long time ago on Thursday's "Hannity." JOSH HAWLEY: I can just tell you from the whistleblowers that I've seen from Senator Grassley, who have come to him about how the FBI is being abused, how this Justice Department is using it to go after Trump, how they're using it to try to shield Hunter Biden. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

- Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-reigning monarch died Thursday after 70 years on the throne. She was 96. The palace announced she died at Balmoral Castle, her summer residence in Scotland, where members of the royal family had rushed to her side after her health took a turn for the worse. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Queen Elizabeth II met with 13 U.S. presidents during her lifetime from Harry Truman to Joe Biden. President Joe Biden shared his condolences to the people of the United Kingdom following the news of Queen Elizabeth II's death. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]
- The 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II came during an ever-changing world, through peace and

prosperity, as well as wars and financial hardships. She reinvented the British monarchy -- and may have saved it. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)

- Queen Elizabeth II's impact can be seen in the heartfelt messages from world leaders to ordinary people who felt a deep connection to the beloved monarch. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Former Prime Minister Sir John Major, who served in office from 1990 to 1997, spoke with Norah O'Donnell about his relationship with Queen Elizabeth II and opened up about what she was like behind closed doors. [\[CBS\]](#)
- The eldest son of Britain's longest-reigning monarch has taken his late mother's place on the throne. King Charles III is the first child of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Upon the death of his mother on Sept. 8, Charles succeeded her as king of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms. [\[NBC\]](#)
- The Justice Department is appealing a federal judge's ruling to authorize a special master to review documents the FBI seized from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. [\[CBS\]](#)

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US ATTORNEYS

Herald and News (Klamath Falls, OR): Senate confirms Natalie Wight as the U.S. attorney for Oregon, Conrad Wilson, September 9, 2022, 5:38 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Senate on Thursday, Sept. 8 confirmed Natalie Wight as Oregon's next U.S. attorney, formally making her the top federal law enforcement official in the state. Wight, a longtime federal prosecutor, has served as the court-appointed U.S. attorney since June, shortly after she was nominated by President Joe Biden. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Illinois man pleads guilty to assaulting Reuters journalist during U.S. Capitol riot, Sarah N. Lynch, September 9, 2022, 4:42 PM

An Illinois man on Friday pleaded guilty to assaulting a Reuters journalist and a police officer during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump. Shane Jason Woods, 44, of Auburn, pleaded guilty in a federal court hearing in Washington to one felony count of assaulting, resisting or impeding police and one misdemeanor count of striking, beating and wounding within U.S. territory. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

Reuters: U.S. imposes sanctions on Iran over cyber activities, cyberattack on Albania, Daphne Psaledakis and Christopher Bing, September 9, 2022, 11:37 AM

The United States on Friday imposed sanctions on Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security and its minister, accusing them of being tied to a disruptive July cyberattack on Albania and engaging

in other cyber activities against the United States and its allies. The move comes after Albania severed diplomatic relations with Iran on Wednesday for the same incident, ordering Iranian diplomats and embassy staff to leave within 24 hours. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Two Top Trump Political Aides Among Those Subpoenaed in Jan. 6 Case, Maggie Haberman, Adam Goldman and Alan Feuer, September 9, 2022, 7:45 PM

The Justice Department has subpoenaed two former top White House political advisers under President Donald J. Trump as part of a widening investigation related to Mr. Trump's post-election fund-raising and plans for so-called fake electors, according to people briefed on the matter. Brian Jack, the final White House political director under Mr. Trump, and Stephen Miller, Mr. Trump's top speechwriter and a senior policy adviser, were among more than a dozen people connected to the former president to receive subpoenas from a federal grand jury this week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Proud Boys who scrawled 'Murder the Media' at Capitol plead guilty, Spencer S. Hsu and Rachel Weiner, September 9, 2022. 2:01 PM

Self-described Hawaii Proud Boys founder Nicholas R. Ochs and associate Nicholas J. DeCarlo pleaded guilty Friday in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol after admitting they defaced its Memorial Door with the words "MURDER THE MEDIA," the name of their social media channel. The felony pleas are the latest by accused leaders of the right-wing extremist group Proud Boys, five others of whom face the historically rare charge of seditious conspiracy for allegedly plotting to use violence to oppose federal authority and the presidential transition. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fort Worth Telegram \(Fort Worth, TX\)](#), [WWLP-NBC/The CW \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

CBS: FBI: Americans lost nearly \$7 billion to cybercrime last year, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 1:33 PM

The FBI said Americans lost nearly 7 billion dollars to cybercrime last year. One of the biggest problems is ransomware. A recent study from Sophos Cyber Security found 46 percent of organizations attacked last year paid the ransom, with an average payout of \$812,360. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KWTW-CBS \(Oklahoma City, OK\)](#)

CNN: US seizes \$30 million in stolen cryptocurrency from North Korean hackers, Sean Lyngaas, September 9, 2022, 12:10 PM

The FBI and private investigators have seized about \$30 million worth of cryptocurrency stolen by North Korean government-linked hackers from a video game company in March, according to Chainalysis, a US firm that said it worked with the FBI to claw back the stolen money. It's the latest example of a concerted effort from US law enforcement to recover some of the hundreds of millions of dollars that Pyongyang's hackers have allegedly plundered from cryptocurrency firms in recent months — money that US officials worry is used to fund North Korean's nuclear weapons programs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Ransomware attack leaves L.A. schools racing to recover, Sam Sabin, September 9, 2022, 1:49 PM

Nearly one week into a ransomware attack, the Los Angeles Unified School District is still working to bring its systems back up to full capacity. [...] The FBI, CISA and the Multi-State Information

Sharing and Analysis Center warned that ransomware gang Vice Society has been "disproportionately targeting the education sector." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Not Mar-a-Lago: Congress' secrets in sealed rooms, lock bags, Lisa Mascaro, September 10, 2022, 9:23 AM

Security-sealed rooms. Lock bags. And in the most rare of circumstances, the ability to handcuff a document pouch to a messenger to transport the nation's secrets. These are some of the ways Capitol Hill keeps classified documents secured, an elaborate system of government protocols and high-level security clearances that stands in stark contrast to the storage room stash of secrets at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept, Trump team deeply divided over special master appointment, Sarah N. Lynch, September 9, 2022, 11:10 PM

The U.S. Justice Department and Donald Trump's attorneys said on Friday they are deeply divided over whether classified records seized by the FBI from the former president's Florida estate should be reviewed by a special master, and they each put forth a separate list of candidates for the job. In a joint filing on Friday evening, the U.S. Justice Department told U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon that Trump's legal team is insisting that the special master should be allowed to review "all seized materials, including documents with classification markings." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: U.S. reveals more classified records may be missing in Trump probe, Sarah N. Lynch, September 9, 2022, 3:54 PM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump's team may not have returned all the classified records removed from the White House at the end of his presidency even after an FBI search of his home, U.S. prosecutors warned on Thursday, calling it a potential national security risk that needs investigation. That revelation came in a Justice Department court filing asking U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon to let it continue reviewing about 100 classified records seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate while it investigates whether classified documents were illegally removed from the White House and improperly stored there. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept, Trump team face special master deadline, Sarah N. Lynch, September 9, 2022, 12:06 PM

The U.S. Justice Department and Donald Trump's attorneys are due on Friday to file a list of candidates to serve as an independent arbiter called a special master to review records the FBI seized from the former president's Florida estate. U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee in Fort Pierce, Florida, ordered the appointment of a special master arbiter on Monday, granting a request by Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#), [LAT](#), [MSNBC](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

WSJ: Trump Lawyers Oppose DOJ's Bid to Resume Review of Seized Classified Materials, Aruna Viswanatha, Jan Wolfe, Alex Leary, and Sadie Gurman, September 9, 2022, 11:59 PM

Lawyers for former President Donald Trump said Friday they wanted an independent arbiter to

review all of the documents the FBI seized from Mar-a-Lago, including those marked classified, rejecting a compromise arrangement the Justice Department had offered to the court a day earlier. Mr. Trump's request came in a late-night court filing that proposed candidates for the role of special master, a third-party arbiter tasked with reviewing evidence to determine whether it is protected by legal doctrines such as attorney-client privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Mar-a-Lago Search Put FBI on High Alert for Pro-Trump Protest Violence,
Jason Leopold, September 9, 2022, 1:23 PM

Federal law enforcement officers scoured social media to identify threats to FBI buildings and agents and issued internal warnings about possibly armed protests in the days after the FBI searched former President Donald Trump's Florida estate, according to emails and other records obtained by Bloomberg. Intelligence officers at the Federal Protective Service, an arm of the US Department of Homeland Security that protects federal buildings, called for increased patrols and security around government properties and instructed law enforcement officers to remain in a "heightened state of vigilance at this time." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Takeaways from the Trump and DOJ Mar-a-Lago special master court filing,
Marshall Cohen and Dan Berman, September 10, 2022, 10:03 AM

The Justice Department and former President Donald Trump's lawyers faced off yet again in the Mar-a-Lago investigation, this time in a court filing late Friday where they offered vastly different proposals for how the critical special master review of seized documents should work. Although the document Friday appeared on the court docket as a "joint response," the two sides unsurprisingly didn't agree on much. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#)

Bloomberg Law: Trump's Mar-a-Lago Fight Shows How Much He Reshaped the Courts,
Zoe Tillman, September 10, 2022, 10:00 AM

As former President Donald Trump's legal entanglements wind their way through the federal courts, he continues to face strong odds of landing before a judge he appointed. More than half of the active judges on the federal appeals court poised to hear the latest phase of Trump's fight with the Justice Department over the FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago home got their posts through Trump's aggressive remaking of the US judiciary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Special Master Disagreement, California Weather, Charles Proclaimed King, September 10, 2022, 7:44 AM

The Justice Department and former President Trump's legal team offer different names for special master to review documents seized at Mar-a-Lago and disagree over a timeline. (0:50) California has an extreme weather week: raging wildfires, flash floods, scorching heat, and a tropical storm. (4:40) The UK continues to mourn Queen Elizabeth as her son is formally proclaimed King Charles III in London. (8:17) [[Listen](#)]

Newsweek: Dan Rather Dubs Trump 'Toddler in Chief,' Calls Him 'Utterly Ego-centric',
Fatma, Khaled, September 9, 2022, 5:42 PM

Veteran broadcast journalist Dan Rather on Friday criticized Donald Trump in an opinion article that pointed out how the former president has long been acting with impunity as he allegedly defies institutional rules and laws, with his latest incident involving keeping classified documents inside his Mar-a-Lago home. Rather wrote in his Substack article how Trump often defends himself every time he is confronted with an alleged wrongdoing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Majority thinks appointment of special master in Trump probe was reasonable: poll, Caroline Vakil, September 9, 2022, 5:22 PM

A majority of Americans think the appointment of a special master to see what was taken in the FBI's search of former President Trump's Florida residence was reasonable, according to a new poll. A new Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll survey shared exclusively with The Hill found that 58 percent of respondents felt the appointment of a special master to review what the Justice Department took from Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence was reasonable, compared to 42 percent who said that the FBI should be trusted to sort out documents with its own filter team. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Delaying Trump investigation risks 'harm to our national security': DOJ and top intelligence officials, Jerry Dunleavy, September 9, 2022, 2:29 PM

Any delay into the criminal investigation into former President Donald Trump and the records he kept at Mar-a-Lago could put America's national security at risk, according to the Justice Department. The DOJ made the claim in the wake of U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump-appointed federal judge, granting the former president's request for a special master to review evidence seized during the raid independently. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

USA Today: Convicted Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer kidnap plotters send private investigator to juror's workplace, Tresa Baldas, September 9, 2022, 4:12 PM

Two of the men convicted of plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer hired a private investigator to go to a juror's workplace and investigate the juror's potential bias, according to a newly unsealed court filing. The men Adam Fox and Barry Croft Jr., who were found guilty last month of planning to kidnap the governor over her COVID-19 policies hired the investigator to track down the juror's coworkers to determine if the juror was biased against them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Justice Dept. declines to charge police officer who fatally shot 17-year-old, Tom Jackman, September 9, 2022, 3:08 PM

The Justice Department announced Friday that it would not file federal criminal civil rights charges against a police officer in Overland Park, Kan., who shot and killed an unarmed 17-year-old high school student who was backing his family minivan out of a garage. Federal prosecutors said they could not show that the officer acted "willfully" while firing 13 shots into the minivan in two short bursts, in a killing captured by three police dashboard cameras. Six of the shots hit the driver. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Judge orders R. Kelly's prison-account money be turned over to court, Devlin Barrett, September 9, 2022, 2:04 PM

A federal judge ordered the Bureau of Prisons to turn over nearly \$28,000 from convicted R&B singer R. Kelly's inmate account to pay some of his court-ordered restitution the latest development in a case that illustrates how some inmates keep large balances behind bars while paying very little of what they owe to victims and in court fines. Kelly, who was sentenced this year to 30 years in prison for sex trafficking, fought to hold on to the money after The Washington Post reported last month that he was keeping thousands of dollars in the Bureau of Prisons account

while owing \$140,000 in court-ordered fines, including a \$40,000 penalty for a fund for trafficking victims. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

Long Island Media, Inc. (Jericho, NY): **New York Man Pleads Guilty to Armed Robbery of Farmville Auto Dealership**, Unattributed, September 10, 2022, 9:14 PM

A New York man pleaded guilty today to committing an armed robbery in Farmville, during which he shot the victim in the leg. According to court documents, on July 16, 2020, Herbert Young III, 54, committed an armed robbery of the Farmville auto dealership, Auto Connection. During the robbery, Young physically restrained the victim-owner's hands using an electrical extension cord and a phone charging cord. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Highland County Press (Hillsboro, OH): **Cincinnati men sentenced to prison for fentanyl conspiracy**, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 8:28 PM (EDT)

Two Cincinnati men, Taravon Geer, 28, and Keith Upshaw, 26, were sentenced to federal prison recently, by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, after previously pleading guilty to their roles in a conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. Geer was sentenced to 216 months (18 years) in prison and Upshaw was sentenced to 60 months (five years) in prison. A third member of the conspiracy, Radaja Ford, was sentenced to 228 months (19 years) in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Sun Journal (Lewiston, ME): **Kingfield man to serve 20 years for possessing child sexual assault material**, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 7:52 PM

A Kingfield man was sentenced in U.S. District Court Friday after pleading guilty to a federal charge of possessing child sexual assault material. Richard Hinkley, 56, was ordered to serve 20 years in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$16,500 in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Bulldog \(Farmington, ME\)](#)

Daily Voice (Norfolk, VA): **Men Who Ran Dark Web Drug Site From Stoughton Sentenced To Prison: DOJ**, Josh Lanier, September 9, 2022, 5:37 PM

Allante Pires pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and possess with intent to distribute MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy, Ketamine, and Alprazolam (Xanax), the U.S. Attorney's Office said. He will spend 28 months in federal prison, three years of supervised release, and must forfeit a 2013 Mercedes E sedan that investigators say he bought using drug money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Anne Arundel, MD): **Man Causes \$1.5M In Damage Stealing Copper Wire From Baltimore Plant To Resell: Feds**, Jon Craig, September 9, 2022, 5:36 PM

The crimes were allegedly committed at four coal-fired power plants in Pennsylvania and Maryland, according to US Attorney Jacqueline C. Romero. Michael Garrison, of Croydon, PA, was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, one count of conspiracy to destroy an energy facility, eight counts of wire fraud, two counts of destruction of an energy facility, and one count of filing a false tax return, Romero said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Kansas City Star (Kansas City, MO): **Three members of a \$2.1 million Kansas City**

meth operation sentenced to federal prison, Matti Gellman, September 9, 2022, 5:51 PM (EDT)

Three people were sentenced in federal court Friday for helping distribute more than 100 kilograms of methamphetamine across Kansas City and northwest Missouri. Juan Guzman of Kansas City, Maria De La Cruz Nava of Kansas City, Kansas, and John Paul Gnat of St. Joseph appeared separately before Judge Brian C. Wimes of the Western District of Missouri Court for their connection to a \$2.1 million meth conspiracy, according to Don Ledford, a spokesman for the federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Gazette (Cedar Rapids, IA): **Federal prison term added to man convicted in unintentional shooting death in Cedar Rapids**, Trish Mehaffey, September 9, 2022, 3:54 PM

A man convicted of unintentionally shooting an 18-year-old Cedar Rapids woman in 2020 was sentenced to more than eight years in federal prison this week for a firearms conviction. Lorenzo Burnett, 22, who now lives in Battle Creek, Mich., pleaded guilty in January to one count of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. He fled during a traffic stop and had a 9-mm pistol two days after shooting Marisa Doolin in the face on Dec. 22, 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Milwaukee, WI): **Man who terrorized tow truck drivers on Milwaukee's north side gets 22 years in prison**, Bruce Vielmetti, September 9, 2022, 2:24 PM (EDT)

Independent Milwaukee tow truck operators face challenging situations while plying their trade. Many carry guns for their protection. But the weapons didn't save a couple drivers and five unarmed peers from being robbed during a three-week crime spree last fall that targeted the industry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WDJT-CBS \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

The Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH): **Elyria man sentenced to more than 21 years in prison for drug distribution**, Olivia Mitchell, September 9, 2022, 2:00 PM

A man was sentenced Thursday to more than 21 years in prison for drug distribution. A jury convicted Terry L. Jackson in March of distributing cocaine and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine. U.S. District Judge Donald Nugent handed down the sentence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Lexington Herald-Leader (Lexington, KY): **Kentucky official accused of charging \$150,000 to city credit cards for her benefit**, Bill Estep, September 9, 2022, 11:54 AM

A former city official in Northern Kentucky charged more than \$150,000 to city credit cards for her benefit and made fake receipts to cover purchases, a federal grand jury has charged. The grand jury indicted Allison Donaldson Thursday on four charges of wire fraud and four charges of identity theft. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [LINK nky \(Covington, KY\)](#), [WKRC-NBC \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#), [WLWT-NBC \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#), [WXIX-Fox \(Newport, KY\)](#)

The Owensboro Times (Owensboro, KY): **Federal jury finds 3 guilty in pyramid scheme, Owensboro man also convicted of money laundering and tax evasion**, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 10:25 AM

A federal jury convicted an Owensboro man, a North Carolina man, and a Florida woman this week for conspiracies to commit mail fraud and securities fraud. The Owensboro man, 55-year-old Richard G. Maike, was also convicted of money laundering and attempted tax evasion for tax years 2013 and 2014. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): Michigan man sentenced to prison for preying on 11-year-old girl in Houston, David Komer, September 9, 2022, 9:54 PM

A 59-year-old Michigan resident has been sentenced to nearly 22 years in federal prison following his conviction of coercion and enticement of a minor. Raymond Dale Carr Jr. pleaded guilty on Jan. 27 and was sentenced to 262 months or 21 years in prison in Houston Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KNDO-NBC (Yakima, WA): Federal civil rights charges won't be filed against a Kansas police officer who killed teenage driver, Erik Ortiz, September 9, 2022, 8:09 PM

Federal prosecutors announced Friday that they will not pursue criminal civil rights charges against a Kansas police officer who fatally shot a teenager in 2018 during a wellness check. The Department of Justice's decision comes almost two years after an investigation was opened into the killing of John Albers, 17, whose death in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park reignited the national outcry over police use of excessive force. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPBS-PBS (San Diego, CA): Gun shop owner convicted of firearms sales involving former San Diego County Sheriff's deputy, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 7:32 PM (EDT)

A San Diego gun store owner was convicted by a federal jury this week of assisting former San Diego County Sheriff's Captain Marco Garmo in his side business of unlawful firearms sales. Giovanni "Gio" Tilotta, 41, owner of Honey Badger Firearms in Kearny Mesa, was found guilty Thursday of three felonies, in what the U.S. Attorney's Office said was believed to be the first federal criminal conviction of a civilian retail gun store owner in at least 15 years in the Southern District of California, which comprises San Diego and Imperial counties. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIMA-CBS/CW+ (Yakima, WA): Yakima drug trafficker sentenced to 10 years, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 7:30 PM (EDT)

A 35 year-old man, Michael Ryan Shoemaker, from Yakima has been sentenced in federal court for drug trafficking. Shoemaker is charged with Distribution of Fifty Grams or More of Pure (Actual) Methamphetamine. He is sentenced to a total of 120 months in federal prison and a five-year term of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KALB-NBC/CBS/CW+ (Alexandria, LA): Jury convicts man of aggravated sexual abuse of minor, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 6:58 PM (EDT)

A man who was formerly living at Fort Polk was convicted by a federal jury in Alexandria of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor. Bobby Joe Mincey, 30, faces a minimum sentence of 30 years in prison and a maximum of life in prison, and a fine of up to \$250,000. His sentencing has been set for December 9, 2022. Back in December 2019, Mincey was living with his wife, a

soldier stationed at Fort Polk, at the Base Housing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WIAT-CBS (Birmingham, AL): Former Birmingham credit union manager charged with embezzlement, Monica Nakashima, September 9, 2022, 7:07 PM (EDT)

A former manager at a Birmingham credit union has been accused of stealing thousands of dollars from his employer. Phillip Brian Topping, 42, of Birmingham, has been charged with embezzlement, U.S. Attorney Prim F. Escalona announced Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJTV-CBS/CW (Jackson, MS): Jefferson County man convicted of trafficking meth, Jaylan Wright, September 9, 2022, 6:22 PM (EDT)

A Jefferson County man was found guilty in U.S. District Court following a four-day jury trial of three counts of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute. Prosecutors said Boris Ward, 49, was also found guilty on one count charging 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, one count of possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon, and one count of possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): Former WVU basketball player and Detroit man found guilty in drug conspiracy case, Christian Meffert/Sam Kirk, September 9, 2022, 6:17 PM

Two men have been found guilty of a drug conspiracy that stretched from Detroit, Michigan to Morgantown and involved selling meth, cocaine and fentanyl, announced United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld. According to the announcement, former West Virginia University basketball player Aaric Murray, 33, of Morgantown, and Richard Kirkland Johnson, 25, of Detroit, were found guilty by a federal jury of one count of "Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances"; one count of "Aiding and Abetting the Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base"; and one count of "Aiding and Abetting the Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Offense." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KHQA- CBS/ABC (Hannibal, MO): Federal grand jury indicts two Quincy residents for firearms offenses, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 5:40 PM (EDT)

A woman and another person from Quincy are charged with firearms offenses after a federal grand jury on August 9, 2022, returned indictments against the pair. Audrey Ohenmus, 25, is charged with both transferring a firearm to a prohibited person, and aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm by a prohibited person on July 17, 2022. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KHOU-CBS (Houston, TX): Katy jewelry store owner sentenced to federal prison for cash advance fraud, DOJ says, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 4:28 PM (EDT)

A Katy jewelry store owner on Friday was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison after he was convicted of a cash advance wire fraud scheme, according to the US Department of Justice. Santiago Mora, 40, of Katy pleaded guilty to wire fraud charges on March 3. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTOP-CBS (Washington, DC): DC man pleads guilty to stabbing girlfriend once charged

in infant's death, Tadiwos Abedje, September 9, 2022, 4:18 PM

A D.C. man pleaded guilty Friday to fatally stabbing his girlfriend, who had once faced charges of her own over the death of their baby. Carl Jones, 45, of D.C., pleaded guilty to charges of voluntary manslaughter in the killing Ladonia Boggs, 39, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKBT-CBS/MyNetworkTV (La Crosse, WI): U.S. DOJ files discrimination lawsuit against Milwaukee rental property, Sam Shilts, September 9, 2022, 4:12 PM (EDT)

The justice department filed a lawsuit Friday saying the owner and managers of a rental property in Milwaukee harassed a tenant based on his sexual orientation and disability. The complaint alleges that Dennis Parker, the onsite manager of a property located at 1511 East Royall Place, subjected a gay male tenant with a disability to unwelcome harassment, both verbally and through numerous text messages during his tenancy in 2020 and 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTMJ-NBC \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)

WTOP-CBS (Washington, DC): Ex-rowing coach at Bethesda school sentenced for sexual abuse, Rick Massimo, September 9, 2022, 3:27 PM

A former rowing coach at a Bethesda, Maryland, high school was sentenced Friday to serve three years in prison for sexual misconduct with two students. Kirkland Shipley, of D.C., has been sentenced to five years, with two suspended, on charges of first-degree sexual abuse of a secondary education student and possession of a sexual performance by a minor. He pleaded guilty in June. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTTG-Fox \(Washington, DC\)](#)

KCTV-CBS (Kansas City, MO): Shawnee man admits to downloading child porn, Gabe Swartz, September 9, 2022, 3:15 PM (EDT)

A Shawnee man is facing prison time after admitting to downloading thousands of images of child pornography from the internet. Justin Packham, 34, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography Friday, according to a release from the U.S. District Attorney of Kansas. According to court documents, the Shawnee Police Department received a cybertip in December 2020 regarding a Google Drive that had dozens of pornographic images of children. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WIBW-CBS \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WIFR-CBS/CW+ (Rockford, IL): Freeport man gets 17 years for sexual exploitation of a minor, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 3:02 PM (EDT)

A Freeport man was sentenced Friday to federal prison for traveling across state lines for sex with a minor. Erich Brinkmeier, 27, pled guilty earlier this year to traveling to Iowa to have sex with a minor he met online. Brinkmeier was required to be a registered sex offender at the time of the incident. His 17-year prison term will be followed by a lifetime of court-supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indy man gets 25 years in prison for recording children while they showered, Divine Triplett, September 9, 2022, 1:28 PM

An Indianapolis man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for sexually exploiting three children. According to a release from the United States Department of Justice, Epigmenio Vazquez Gatica, 35, of Indianapolis, also admitted to sexually exploiting two other children as well. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KBFX-Fox \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#)

WBBH-NBC (Fort Myers, FL): Charlotte County man sentenced to 29 years for producing child pornography, Victoria Costa, September 9, 2022, 12:28 PM

A Charlotte County man has been sentenced to 29 years for producing child pornography. Robert William Sanchez produced images and videos of his sexual abuse of a minor, according to the Department of Justice. An investigation was launched in November 2020 after the minor reported that Sanchez had harmed her and took pictures and videos of her sexual abuse. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KING-NBC (Seattle, WA): Tacoma man charged for allegedly dealing fentanyl at notorious crime hotspot, Lionel Donovan, September 9, 2022, 10:42 PM

This week, a Tacoma man was charged in federal court with possession with intent to distribute fentanyl. Peter King was arrested on Wednesday through a joint operation between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Tacoma Police Department. The US district court for Western Washington alleges that King operated out of the EconoLodge on South Hosmer Street in May and July, and sold hundreds of suspected fentanyl pills to a criminal informant on two separate occasions for \$1,375 in total. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Former Hollywood executive gets 6 years prison for defrauding BlackRock fund, Jonathan Stempel, September 9, 2022, 7:04 PM

The former head of a Hollywood movie distributor whose films have starred actors such as Halle Berry and Matthew McConaughey was sentenced on Friday to six years in prison after he pleaded guilty to defrauding a BlackRock Inc (BLK.N) investment fund. William Sadleir, who ran Aviron Pictures LLC, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Paul Engelmayer in Manhattan, and also ordered to pay \$31.6 million in forfeiture and restitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

Reuters: Judge rejects Trump lawsuit vs. Clinton, others as 'hyperbole', Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 2:20 PM

A U.S. judge has dismissed Donald Trump's lawsuit against his 2016 rival Hillary Clinton, saying the former Republican president's allegations that Democrats tried to rig that election by linking his campaign to Russia was an attempt to "flaunt" political grievances that did not belong in court. In throwing out Trump's lawsuit Thursday night, Judge Donald Middlebrooks of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida said the lawsuit was not seeking "redress for any legal harm" and that the court was "not the appropriate forum" for the former president's complaints. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: French prosecutors probe Philips respirator recall, Charlotte Van Campenhout, September 9, 2022, 7:34 AM

French prosecutors said on Thursday they had opened a preliminary investigation into a

respiratory device recall by Philips ([PHG.AS](#)), as the Dutch firm's legal problems over the device spread from the United States to Europe. Philips is already facing legal challenges in the United States over its recall of about 5.5 million ventilators and sleep apnea machines. The medical device makers is in talks with the U.S. Department of Justice over a settlement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] How the Feds Coordinate With Facebook on Censorship, The Editorial Board, September 9, 2022, 7:05 PM

One nagging question in the social-media age is how online platforms like Facebook and Twitter choose to “moderate” speech and why, and whether the government is leaning on them to step it up. Hundreds of pages of emails between federal officials and the big social sites were recently dropped in court, and they make for instructive, if not definitive, reading. [...] The civil case was brought by the Attorneys General of Missouri and Louisiana, who allege that misinformation crackdowns by the tech giants are legally “government action,” since they involve “open collusion” with public officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Kaiser Says Unions Flouted CBA Through Sympathy Strikes, Emily Brill, September 9, 2022, 8:55 PM

Kaiser Permanente sued two more unions in California federal court over workers' participation in a one-day sympathy strike supporting striking Kaiser engineers last fall, alleging the action violated the no-strike provisions... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Drugmaker Kickback Deal Isn't A Covered Loss, 7th Circ. Told, Celeste Bott, September 9, 2022, 7:56 PM

A Chubb unit told the Seventh Circuit Friday that it should not have to pay drugmaker Astellas \$10 million toward a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice to resolve an... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Judge Orders Firm To Pay Fees In Rigged-Foreclosure Case, Nate Beck, September 9, 2022, 7:36 PM

A North Carolina federal judge on Friday hit a real estate investment group with legal fees after a group of homeowners won at a trial accusing it of rigging public bids on foreclosed properties and extorting homeowners. Three North Carolina homeowners accused The Estates LLC, its founder Craig Brooksby, three other people, and associated entities of using a custom-built database to submit artificially low bids on homes in foreclosure and further extorting payments from homeowners. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Attorney-Client Privilege Waived In Football Fraud Fight, Renee Hickman, September 9, 2022, 7:32 PM

A Kentucky federal judge ordered ex-football player Etric Pruitt's attorney-client privilege waived on Thursday, after Pruitt agreed to the waiver in order to keep alive his claim that head injuries from... [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Former Canton McKinley football coaches dismissed from federal lawsuit alleging they forced player to eat pizza, Dave "Dino" DeNatale/Marisa Saenz, September 9, 2022, 10:24 PM

There are new developments in the scandal that once crippled the Canton McKinley football team. A federal judge in U.S. District Court dismissed seven former football coaches from a lawsuit filed by a former football player and his family, citing insufficient evidence to support allegations that the player was forced to eat food against his religion. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFTX-Fox (Cape Coral, FL): 2016 police report scandal influencing better safety tactics for Fort Myers Police Department, Colton Chavez, September 9, 2022, 7:56 PM

On Friday, the final pages from what's known as the "Freeh Report," now unsealed by the Department of Justice, show several Fort Myers Police Department officers who spent more than a decade tipping off local drug groups. Acting Fort Myers Police Chief Randall Pepitone talked with Fox 4 about how new leadership spent the last six years cleaning up the department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

WaPo: For some from Afghanistan, seeking asylum is complicated, Heather Rousseau, September 10, 2022, 9:01 AM

A year after fleeing Afghanistan and losing everything for the second time in his life, Mohammad Naziry sat in the safety of his Roanoke apartment and discussed what is most important to him. [...] Many refugees came on Special Immigration Visas or humanitarian parole, which often allow permanent residency in the country. Naziry, however, did not receive a Special Immigration Visa, though he said he and his family rented out living spaces to American government contractors in the U.S.-backed Afghan government era. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 3rd Circ. Tosses Salvadoran Man's Deportation Review Bid, Leslie A. Pappas, September 9, 2022, 8:19 PM

A Salvadoran man convicted of marijuana possession cannot overcome removal requirements of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act through a waiver found in a 1952 immigration law, the Third... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tucson Sentinel (Tucson, AZ): Judge: ICE violated federal law by holding migrant teens in adult custody, Paul Ingram, September 9, 2022, 3:48 PM

Following a ruling that transferring migrant kids to adult detention centers just as they turned age 18 was illegal, a federal judge approved a settlement in a 2018 lawsuit this week. The practice, known as "age-outs" meant immigrant teens were not released to sponsors or family members in the U.S., but were instead transferred to adult facilities by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, sometimes "automatically" by busy field offices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFTV-ABC (Orlando, FL): Officials: \$11.9 million worth of meth seized at a Texas port, Jessica Goodman, September 9, 2022, 8:36 PM

DEL RIO, Texas About \$11.9 million worth of methamphetamine was seized at the Del Rio Port of Entry in Texas, according to officials. According to a news release from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office Field Operations officers at the Del Rio Port of Entry in Texas removed a large amount of meth from a tractor-trailer on September 5. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDKY-Fox (Danville, KY): County Judge: More than 3,400 migrants staying at Central Processing Center; agency weights installing tents to handle overflow, Fernie Ortiz and

Julian Resendiz, September 9, 2022, 7:35 PM

Jesus Mendez teared up when he paused to think about his journey to the United States. The 20-year-old from Venezuela had spent the past 10 days in a holding cell before finding himself at the Greyhound bus station in Downtown El Paso on Thursday afternoon. Mendez is one of the dozens of paroled migrants that the U.S. Border Patrol started releasing the night before due to severe overcrowding at its processing centers, local officials say. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRAL-NBC (Raleigh, NC): Fact check: Why will U.S. start giving ID cards to immigrants at border?, Maria Ramirez Uribe, September 9, 2022, 4:55 PM

Reports of a new proposal from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to provide an identification card for certain immigrants entering the U.S. illegally has prompted criticism from Republican lawmakers and social media users. President Joe Biden "wants to give illegals ID cards so they can start collecting American benefits," conservative commentator Tomi Lahren said July 25 on Twitter. "Boy, I wonder if that could possibly lead to voter fraud." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Reuters: Lobster fishing endangers whales, says judge backing feds' finding, Clark Mindock, September 9, 2022, 6:05 PM

The Biden administration relied on sound science in creating a rule affecting the lobster industry designed to reduce harm to endangered whales, said a federal judge who rejected a lawsuit filed by fishermen claiming the government had overstated their industry's impact. The government's 2021 biological opinion and subsequent rule requiring fewer vertical ropes in the water and restricting buoy lines in certain areas during whale migration relied on what it viewed as the best available data at the time, despite claims from industry that the findings overstate the threat to the North Atlantic right whale, said U.S. District Judge James Boasberg Thursday, granting summary judgment to the government defendants. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Pilot error, overloading caused Michigan crash that killed 5, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 4:44 PM

Federal investigators blame pilot error and an overloaded aircraft for a 2019 plane crash near a Michigan airport that killed five Indiana men and seriously injured a sixth person aboard. The National Transportation Safety Board said in its final report on the Oct. 3, 2019, crash that the pilot failed to maintain airspeed during his final approach to the Capital Region International Airport, near Lansing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Bankrupt crypto lender Celsius agrees to examiner review, Dietrich Knauth, September 9, 2022, 4:11 PM

Crypto lender Celsius Network has agreed to the U.S. Department of Justice's demand for an independent examiner to review its finances and operations in bankruptcy, after reaching a deal that limited the proposed scope of the investigation. Celsius said in a Thursday filing in U.S. bankruptcy court in Manhattan that it would agree to an independent review with a more limited

scope than DOJ's initial request. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Criminal syndicate claims credit for LAUSD hack; authorities won't say whether it's true, Howard Blume, September 9, 2022, 9:51 PM

A cybercriminal syndicate that calls itself Vice Society has taken credit for the ransomware attack on Los Angeles schools and says it has captured sensitive data, according to published reports on two technology news sites and in tweets from an Associated Press senior technology reporter. [...] Federal authorities in a warning this week singled out Vice Society actors as major culprits in recent attacks on education institutions without confirming who targeted the Los Angeles Unified School District. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: This 'CSI: Miami' actress was threatened by a stalker for 12 years. The FBI caught him after he left his DNA on a fast-food straw, Jean Casarez and Brandon Griggs, September 9, 2022, 12:30 PM

The threatening letters began in March 2007. They came in the mail to Eva LaRue's Southern California house -- sometimes handwritten, sometimes typed -- from an unknown sender who called himself "Freddie Krueger" and vowed to rape and kill her and her young daughter. [...] But with the help of genetic genealogy, a science that was used for the first time in California to capture the Golden State Killer, the FBI in 2019 was able to take DNA from the envelopes and run it through a database, yielding a list of the suspect's relatives. This eventually led them to a small town in Ohio, where they arrested a 58-year-old man after pulling his DNA from a discarded Arby's straw. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Defense & National Security — Latest twist in Fat Leonard case raises questions, Jordan Williams, September 9, 2022, 6:52 PM

The latest twist in one of the U.S. military's biggest corruption cases -- Fat Leonard's prison escape -- has sparked questions about why the U.S. government was not able to keep him under stricter watch. [...] The manhunt for Leonard Francis -- the Malaysian contractor known as "Fat Leonard" who pleaded guilty in 2015 to cheating the Navy out of tens of millions of dollars -- has quickly pulled in at least 10 federal, state and local agencies and likely reached across the Mexican border. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Atlanta, GA): BREAKING: FBI searching for autistic Ohio teen who left Atlanta airport with 'unknown man', Caroline Silva, September 10, 2022, 1:10 PM
Authorities are trying to locate a missing 17-year-old girl from Ohio who flew to Atlanta and then left the airport with an unknown man, the FBI said. Emma Danei Linek is believed to be "endangered" and in need of her medication. An FBI spokesperson c ... [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSB-ABC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

Cadillac Evening News (Cadillac, MI): DEA warns about brightly colored fentanyl used to target children, youth, Rick Charmoli, September 10, 2022, 12:14 AM

Brightly colored pills and powdered forms of the deadly drug fentanyl are the newest tricks drug cartels are using to entice youthful users, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Recently, the DEA advised the public of the trend across the country. In August, the DEA and other law enforcement partners seized the brightly-colored fentanyl and fentanyl pills in 18 states. The DEA said the colorful narcotic is being dubbed "rainbow fentanyl" in the media, this trend appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly

fentanyl made to look like candy to children and young people. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Alton Telegraph (Alton, IL): **Reward offered for information on gun thefts**, Ron DeBrock, September 9, 2022, 7:47 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has announced a \$7,500 reward for information leading to the identification, arrest, and recovery of firearms from those responsible for a string of recent thefts, including one in Edwardsville. ATF agents, working with police departments in Illinois and Missouri, have identified a theft ring that has burglarized or attempted to burglarize at least five gun stores in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Over the past month, it is believed that the same group burglarized Michael's Arms Accessories in Edwardsville; Metro Shooting Supplies in Bridgeton, Missouri; and Osage County Gun, in Wright City, Missouri. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): **FBI's Most Wanted: Adult film producer accused of trafficking underage girls, adults**, Nathaniel Rodriguez, September 10, 2022, 12:30 PM

The FBI added the owner of a pornography production company to its Top 10 Most Wanted List Wednesday. According to the FBI's website, Michael James Pratt, 39, is wanted for allegedly recruiting young women and minors to commit sex acts "by force, fraud, and coercion" for his movies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WITI-Fox (Milwaukee, WI): **[VIDEO] WITI is a television station in Milwaukee, W,** Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 11:28 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force is looking for Charles "Lil Chucky" Smith. Authorities say he has a history of violence. [\[Watch\]](#)

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): **Felon pleads guilty to selling sawed-off shotgun, drugs to undercover agent**, Rob Garguilo, September 9, 2022, 8:02 PM

A convicted felon has pleaded guilty after he was caught selling a gun and drugs to an undercover ATF agent. Police say 44-year-old Ronald Dale Perkins, a nine time convicted felon, is facing up to ten years in prison for the firearm offense and up to twenty years for the drug offense. According to authorities, Perkins met with an undercover agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives on April 5th. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): **Byers' Beat: Father-son duo among first suspects in marijuana smash-and-grabs**, Christine Byers, September 9, 2022, 7:57 PM

Police and federal authorities are getting closer to finding out who is driving stolen cars through medical marijuana dispensaries after identifying a father and son involved in at least one of them. [...] The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives issued a statement this week that said its agents are working with several police departments to identify a theft ring that has struck gun stores in the area. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): **US Marshals arrest Riverdale 'firebombing' suspect 800 miles away in Texas**, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 6:54 PM

The person accused of "firebombing" a Clayton County woman's home has been arrested, according to officials. U.S. Marshals arrested 32-year-old Theriton Wells more than 800 miles away in Humble, Texas. The agency said they were tipped off by Clayton County authorities to

help find Wells after they secured a warrant on Sept. 1. in connection with an explosive fire that destroyed the home and hurt two women. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Dallas, TX): How The Gun Trafficking Problem In Texas Compares To Other States, Samuel Stebbins, September 9, 2022, 6:36 PM (EDT)

"The United States has nearly 121 guns per 100 people," according to the Small Arms Survey, a Swiss-based research project. That figure may be higher today since it was reported in the organization's report published in 2018 and was already an increase from 88 guns per 100 people in 2011. (These are states with the most gun purchases per person.) With so many firearms legally or illegally moving around the country, law enforcement agencies often seek to identify the origin and history of firearms they discover at crime scenes. This job falls to the National Tracing Center of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Davis Vanguard (Davis, CA): Formerly Incarcerated Continue Urge New Director to Overhaul Federal Prisons, Daniella Espinoza, September 10, 2022, 6:33 AM (EDT)

In an attempt to press the newly appointed director of Federal Bureau of Prisons Colette Peters to change current federal prison conditions, more than 50 organizations have sent a letter to her, asking for help. Following her first month after being officially sworn into office Congress heard testimony highlighting the abusive and "rapidly deteriorating conditions" within federal prisons. One explanation at the hearings is staff shortages which existed pre-pandemic and have severely compromised the safety of those within the prisons. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Chief Justice John Roberts defends legitimacy of court, Colleen Slevin, September 10, 2022, 9:00 AM

Chief Justice John Roberts defended the authority of the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution, saying its role should not be called into question just because people disagree with its decisions. When asked to reflect on the last year at the court in his first public appearance since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Roberts said Friday he was concerned that lately some critics of the court's controversial decisions have questioned the legitimacy of the court, which he said was a mistake. He did not mention any specific cases or critics by name. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court's Sotomayor lets Yeshiva University bar LGBT student club for now, Andrew Chung and Nate Raymond, September 9, 2022, 7:26 PM

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Friday permitted Yeshiva University to refuse to recognize an LGBT student club that the Jewish school in New York City has said violates its religious values, temporarily blocking a judge's ruling ordering it to allow the group. Sotomayor put on hold for now the judge's ruling that a city anti-discrimination law required Yeshiva University to recognize Y.U. Pride Alliance as a student club while the school pursues an appeal in a lower court. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Law360](#), [LAT](#), [SCOTUSBlog](#), [WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)

WaPo: Report on Supreme Court abortion leak could come soon, Gorsuch says, Robert Barnes, September 9, 2022, 1:36 PM

Justice Neil M. Gorsuch said Thursday that it was “terribly important” to identify the source of a leaked opinion that foretold the Supreme Court’s overruling of *Roe v. Wade* and said the court’s investigation could be completed soon. “Improper efforts to influence judicial decision-making, from whatever side, from whomever, are a threat to the judicial decision-making process and inhibit our capacity to communicate with one another,” Gorsuch said at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit’s semiannual Bench & Bar Conference in Colorado. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Fox](#)

Bloomberg Law: Chief Justice Roberts Signals Supreme Court to Reopen to Public, Lydia Wheeler, September 10, 2022, 11:25 AM

The Supreme Court will reopen its proceedings to the public for the first time since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic when its new term starts in October, Chief Justice John Roberts signaled. “The barricades are down and when we take the bench the first Monday in October at 10 a.m, the public will be there to watch us,” Roberts said Friday. He delivered remarks at the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit’s conference for lawyers and judges in Colorado Springs, Colorado. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

SCOTUSBlog: Pressure rises to reconsider decades-old ruling on religion at work, Kalvis Golde, September 9, 2022, 5:24 PM

In the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Congress strengthened the religious protections in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act by requiring employers to accommodate all aspects of their employees’ religious beliefs and practices, unless doing so would impose “undue hardship” on the business. Five years later, the court stated in *Trans World Airlines v. Hardison* that an employer suffers undue hardship if accommodating an employee’s religion would require “more than a de minimis cost.” This week, we highlight cert petitions that ask the court to consider, among other things, whether to revisit *Hardison*’s more-than-de-minimis-cost test. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: High Court 'Shadow Docket' Still A Long Shot For Companies, Jimmy Hoover, September 9, 2022, 5:23 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court has made frequent use of its "shadow docket" in recent years to decide blockbuster cases on an expedited basis without full briefing or argument, but the justices'... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Mich. Ruling Widens Sentencing Protections For Young Adults, Kimberly Thomas, September 9, 2022, 5:07 PM

On July 28, the Michigan Supreme Court held that the mandatory imposition of a life-without-parole sentence on an 18-year-old violated the state constitution. This decision expands the protections provided for young defendants by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Miller v. Alabama* and builds on a nascent trend that provides additional constitutional and statutory protections for young people over 17 years old who are charged with serious offenses. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Politics in air as Biden visits future Intel plant in Ohio, Amer Madhani Josh Boak, and

Andrew Welsh-Huggins, September 9, 2022, 6:49 PM

President Joe Biden steered clear of partisan politics at Friday's groundbreaking celebration for a huge new computer chip facility in Ohio as a tough Senate contest in that state and a Democratic candidate seeking to distance himself from Biden reflected the challenge of translating White House policy wins into political gains. Biden, a major force behind the legislation that helped lure Intel, went to suburban Columbus to take a victory lap just as voters in the state are starting to tune in to the Senate race between Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan and Republican author and venture capital executive JD Vance. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: As Biden touts Ohio Intel plant, Rep. Tim Ryan questions his 2024 plans, Trevor Hunnicutt and Steve Holland, September 9, 2022, 3:35 PM

President Joe Biden made an election-year visit to an overwhelmingly Republican part of Ohio on Friday for the groundbreaking of a semiconductor plant that he promoted as evidence that his economic policies are working. But his trip was punctuated by comments from a fellow Democrat, Ohio Representative Tim Ryan, who is now running for the U.S. Senate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biden recommends admitting 125,000 refugees in fiscal year 2023 -State Dept, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 2:30 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden's administration is recommending a refugee admissions target of 125,000 for fiscal year 2023, State Department spokesperson Ned Price said on Friday. The proposed target - the same as for the current fiscal year - will "address the growing needs generated by humanitarian crises around the globe, including the more than 100 million displaced persons around the world," Price said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Vice President Harris pushes to broaden U.S. space industry workforce, Unattributed, September 9, 2022, 7:43 AM

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris on Friday announced a new coalition of companies involved in the space industry, aimed at increasing job opportunities in the sector, notably for people from traditionally under-represented backgrounds. The coalition, to be launched next month with three pilot programs, will be anchored by Blue Origin, Boeing Co (BA.N), Lockheed Martin (LMT.N) and Northrop Grumman Corp (NOC.N). Other partners will include Amazon (AMZN.O), Space X and Virgin orbit, Harris's office said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: 'Future of the chip industry is going to be made in America,' Biden says in Ohio, John Wagner and Mariana Alfaro, September 9, 2022, 7:11 PM

President Biden, during a visit to the battleground state of Ohio, pledged that the \$280 billion Chips and Science Act, passed by Congress in July, would transform the U.S. semiconductor industry. "The industrial Midwest is back," Biden said as he spoke at a groundbreaking ceremony for Intel's new \$20 billion manufacturing facility near Columbus, Ohio. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: President Joe Biden to attend Queen Elizabeth's funeral; date and details have not been set, Michael Collins, September 9, 2022, 2:49 PM

President Joe Biden said Friday he will attend Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. "I don't know what the details are yet, but I'll be going," Biden told reporters traveling with him in Ohio. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Stop Trump: Biden's rendezvous with destiny, David Ignatius,

September 9, 2022, 7:00 AM

Whether Joe Biden decides to run for reelection in 2024 or not, the central achievement of his presidency is already clear. He is the person who moved decisively to stop Donald Trump first at the ballot box and now through his administration's steady, unblinking application of the rule of law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Harris questions the integrity of an 'activist' Supreme Court after abortion ruling,
Jasmine Wright, September 9, 2022, 7:00 PM

Washington (CNN)Vice President Kamala Harris called the current Supreme Court an "activist court," sharpening her criticisms of the body that overturned Roe v. Wade in June. "I think this is an activist court," Harris said, when asked if she still had confidence in the high court in a interview clip published Friday with NBC News' Chuck Todd. "We had an established right for almost half a century, which is the right of women to make decisions about their own body." [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [The Hill](#)

NBC: Harris on the possibility of Trump charges: Americans always 'demand justice',
Ben Kamisar, September 9, 2022, 6:30 PM

In an exclusive interview with NBC News' Meet the Press, Vice President Kamala Harris declined to say whether she believes the Justice Department should charge former President Donald Trump over concerns that he took and mishandled classified information. But Harris told moderator Chuck Todd that "where there has been a call for justice" in America, "justice has been served." [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] History repeating itself? Biden and Trump not the first to use 'rage rhetoric' for political gain, Jonathan Turley, September 10, 2022, 9:36 AM

President Joe Biden recently stood in front of a blood-red background in Philadelphia, framed by two Marines, to denounce millions of "MAGA Republicans" and his political opponents as "semi-fascist" extremists. In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., former president Donald Trump stood before his followers and denounced Biden as an "enemy of the state" and the FBI as "vicious monsters." Although I have previously expressed alarm over what I call the "age of rage," we are seeing a more serious turn as our leaders fuel that rage in hopes of retaining or regaining power. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: CNN's Tapper: It would be 'clever' for Biden to invite Trump to queen's funeral,
Lexi Lonas, September 10, 2022, 8:01 AM

CNN's Jake Tapper suggested on his show "The Lead" Friday that it would be "clever" for President Biden to invite former President Trump to Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. Biden said Friday that he would attend the queen's funeral after Buckingham Palace announced her passing Thursday. Elizabeth was 96 at the time of her death. She is the longest-reigning monarch in Britain's history and has been succeeded by her son, King Charles III. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Newsweek](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Biden White House loves California's energy solutions shortages and high costs, Liz Peek, September 10, 2022, 8:00 AM

Check out the latest energy crisis hobbling California: Smoke from fires triggered by an extended drought is obscuring the sunlight needed to power solar panels. But, at the same time, a tropical

storm is generating rain and clouds, which are also hampering solar generation. Shouldn't the storm be dousing the fires? [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: White House Calls For Clear Antitrust Rules For Big Tech, Bryan Koenig, September 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

With the fate of legislative proposals to rein in Big Tech uncertain, the Biden White House used a listening session on "tech platform accountability" to push for reforms aimed at reining... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: [OPINION] White House plays politics with women's emergency healthcare, Ryan Bangert, September 9, 2022, 12:47 PM

In his widely discussed speech on Sept. 1, President Joe Biden angrily criticized those who "are determined to take this country backwards backwards to an America where there is no right to choose." This was just the latest piece of inflammatory rhetoric from the White House since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June, and it's been matched by equally radical action. Since the court's ruling, his administration has been exploring new ways to cloak its intent to maximize abortion on demand regardless of pro-life state laws to the contrary. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

Reuters: Lawmakers seek U.S. probe on airline handling of COVID funds, David Shepardson, September 9, 2022, 3:33 PM

The leaders of two congressional committees want a federal probe into whether airlines used government pandemic money to fund pilot buyouts and early retirements that may have fueled current pilot shortages, according to a letter released on Friday. Congress approved \$54 billion in three rounds covering much of U.S. airline payroll costs for 18 months that ended in September 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: What the Same-Sex Marriage Bill in Congress Would and Wouldn't Do, Laura Litvan and Jarrell Dillard, September 9, 2022, 9:08 AM

The US Congress appears close to approving legislation codifying the federal government's embrace of same-sex marriage. The right to such unions is the law of the land throughout the US today but only because of a 2015 Supreme Court decision. And civil rights advocates fear that ruling is in danger of being reversed by today's more conservative panel of justices. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

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- King Charles III began his reign with his first Address giving tribute to Queen Elizabeth and speaking about Queen Consort Camilla, Prince William, Princess Kate, Harry, Megan, and the future of the Royal family. King Charles's speech echoed the late Queen's promise of

life long service. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The Queen's final journey will start at Balmoral Castle, Edinburgh, Buckingham Palace, and then to Westminster Hall to allow the public to say one final goodbye. The State funeral will take place at Westminster Hall which President Biden confirmed he will attend. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A review of King Charles's life as the heir apparent to the throne, his marriage to Princess Diana, and changes to the monarchy changing ceremonial roles to one with real purpose. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A review of Queen Elizabeth's life juggling the monarchy and motherhood. [[ABC](#)]
- Expectations from the Monarchy's new direction under King Charles III with Prince William's popularity as a means of endearing Charles to a modern Britain. Any potential changes will occur after the National mourning period. [[NBC](#)]
- Tributes are pouring in from around the world to Queen Elizabeth II honoring her extraordinary life. [[NBC](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Ukraine Takes Key City, Reshaping the War" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Charles proclaimed king; queen's funeral to be at Westminster Abbey" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Outlook for Tech Stocks Darkens" [[WSJ](#)]
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DOJ GRANTS

Yakima Herald-Republic (Yakima, WA): Yakama Nation awarded \$400,000 federal grant for its sex offender registry, Phil Ferolito, September 11, 2022, 11:48 PM

The Yakama Nation received a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for its sex offender registry and to assure sex offender registration remains current. Yakama Nation Police Commissioner Jimmy Shike said the funds will greatly support the tribe's sex offender registry program. "We have had the program since around 2007," Shike said. "This grant funds two sex offender registry officers, Lieutenant Micah Maldonado and Officer Gabe Ramos." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

CNN: Republican congressman presents convicted January 6 rioter with flag flown over US Capitol after her release from prison, Aaron Pellish and Marshall Cohen, September 10, 2022, 5:01 PM

Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas presented an honorary American flag recently flown above the US Capitol to a convicted January 6 rioter after she was released from prison Friday. Gohmert, a Trump ally who has previously promoted debunked conspiracies about the January 6, 2021, insurrection, met Dr. Simone Gold upon her release from federal prison in Miami on Friday and gifted her a flag flown over the Capitol along with an official certificate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also:

CBS: Several Trump associates subpoenaed in Justice Department's Jan. 6 probe, Arden Farhi, Graham Kates, and Fin Gomez, September 10, 2022, 4:52 PM

A grand jury has subpoenaed several associates of former President Donald Trump in connection with the Department of Justice's investigation into the origins of the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, multiple people familiar with the case told CBS News. It is not yet clear how many subpoenas were issued. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Former Trump senior adviser Stephen Miller subpoenaed by Justice Department,

Sara Murray, September 10, 2022, 4:23 PM

Stephen Miller, a former White House speechwriter and senior adviser under President Donald Trump, has been subpoenaed by the Justice Department, a source tells CNN. The department is seeking information about the Save America PAC, alleged "fake electors," and communications between Miller and a long list of people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Video shows Trump boarding jet with boxes days after being told of missing docs: Report, Cami Mondeaux, September 10, 2022, 4:21 PM

Newly resurfaced video from May 2021 shows former President Donald Trump loading a private jet with several boxes just days before he was reportedly first told about the missing documents. The video, shot on May 8, 2021, shows the former president boarding a plane from Florida to his resort in Bedminster, New Jersey. In the two-minute clip, [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Did Trump Transfer Documents to Bedminster? Ex-FBI Official Floats Theory, Xander Landen, September 10, 2022, 2:10 PM

Former FBI official Peter Strzok, a frequent critic of Donald Trump, floated a theory on Saturday that the former president may have transferred classified documents from Florida to his property in Bedminster, New Jersey. Strzok's comments come a month after the FBI raided Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort residence where they found confidential and classified documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Trump unlikely to be charged before midterm elections as unofficial 60-day deadline passes, Cami Mondeaux, September 10, 2022, 2:26 PM

Former President Donald Trump may avoid legal trouble before the midterm elections as federal prosecutors have missed an unofficial deadline to announce charges 60 days before Election Day. The Department of Justice is likely to hold off on deciding whether to press charges against the former president, abiding by the "60 Day Rule": a long-standing yet unofficial tradition that the DOJ avoids making consequential decisions within 60 days of an election that could affect voters' decisions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHYI-iHeartMedia (Fort Lauderdale, FL): FBI Doubles Reward for Florida Man Wanted in Capitol Riot, Gordon Byrd, September 10, 2022, 5:15 PM

The FBI is now offering \$30,000 to find a Florida man wanted in connection with the Capitol riot. That's twice the previous reward for finding 23-year-old Jonathan Pollock of Lakeland. He's accused of assaulting multiple police officers with a deadly weapon on January 6th of last year. Agents say Pollock has friends in various parts of Florida and five other states, and may be working in construction. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WSJ: Trump Lawyer Seeks to 'Lower Temperature' Over Mar-a-Lago Documents, Alex Leary and Jan Wolfe, September 11, 2022, 10:00 AM

Chris Kise, the well-connected former Florida solicitor general who last month became the leading member of former President Donald Trump's legal team, has sought a conciliatory tack in challenging the Justice Department's investigation into the handling of highly sensitive documents at Mar-a-Lago, but he faces strong headwinds. His aim is to resolve the case without the government seeking criminal prosecution, people familiar with the strategy say. [[Continue](#)]

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Fox: Trump attorney who was former DOJ official questions department's appeal of special master, Charles Creitz, September 11, 2022, 8:00 AM

Trump attorney Jim Trusty, who previously served in the DOJ and as a federal prosecutor in Maryland, questioned his former employer's steadfast opposition to a special master sorting through documents seized during the Mar-a-Lago raid. Trusty recounted the court session in West Palm Beach, Fla., where he asked what the harm would be to the Justice Department if someone essentially checked their work. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Why Barr is breaking from Trump — and the GOP — over Mar-a-Lago search, Brett Samuels, September 11, 2022, 6:00 AM

Former Attorney General William Barr has emerged as one of the most prominent conservatives to suggest former President Trump may be in serious legal jeopardy over his handling of sensitive materials, underscoring the growing divide between the former president and his onetime staunch ally. Barr has become a regular presence on Fox News over the past few weeks, weighing in on the FBI search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and subsequent court battles over what the Department of Justice (DOJ) can do with what it found. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Beast: Justice Department and Trump's Lawyers Are Headed for a Legal War Over Presidential Power, Shan Wu, September 10, 2022, 5:06 PM

The joint filing by the Department of Justice and Donald Trump's legal team ordered by Trump-appointed Judge Aileen Cannon reveals an expanding chasm between the two sides that appears to make further legal battles inevitable. After Cannon required both sides to set forth substantive points upon which they can agree or disagree regarding Cannon's decision to utilize a special master to review documents seized in the Mar-A-Lago search warrant, the DOJ and Trump's lawyers submitted a six-page filing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Who are the four people Trump and the DOJ have proposed for special master?, Jared Gans, September 10, 2022, 7:37 PM

Former President Trump and the Justice Department (DOJ) have submitted a total of four candidates to be potentially appointed as special master in charge of reviewing the documents the FBI took at Mar-a-Lago last month. The submissions came after a federal judge granted Trump's request on Monday to have a special master review the materials that the FBI obtained to see if any are protected by attorney-client or executive privilege. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Ex-company executive gets prison term in bid-rigging plot, Unattributed, September 10, 2022, 3:44 PM

A former engineering company executive has been sentenced to one year and six months in prison for his role in a bid-rigging scheme to defraud the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Brent Brewbaker, who worked for Contech Engineered Solutions, also was sentenced on Thursday to two years of supervised release after his prison term, court records show. U.S. District Judge Louise Wood Flanagan in New Bern, North Carolina, ordered

Brewbaker to pay a \$111,000 fine and report to prison in approximately three months. [[Continue Reading](#) **See also:** [The Tampa Free Press \(Tampa FL\)](#)]

Boston Herald (Braintree, MA): **Malden man sentenced to over 6 years for drug conspiracy**, Grace Zokovitch, September 10, 2022, 6:58 PM

Another “Tiny Rascals” gang affiliate was handed an over-six-year sentence this week marking another chapter of a large drug and firearm conspiracy closed. Phillips “PHON C” Charles, 22, was sentenced to six years and five months in prison and four years of supervised release after pleading guilty to drug and firearm charges in April, the Justice Department said in a release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXXV-NBC (Waco, TX): **2 Texas medical workers indicted for fraud against adult daycare patients**, O. Gloria Okorie, September 10, 2022, 11:42 PM (EDT)

Two Texans were indicted for fraud for their roles in a healthcare scheme exploiting adult daycare patients. The Department of Justice reported Dr. Osama Balhir Nahas of McAllen and Isabel Moreno Pruneda of Edinburg were taken into custody on Aug. after being accused of charging around \$3.5 million to Medicare for services not needed or not provided to multiple patients. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVOE-NBC (Emporia, KS): **Trial ahead next month for Chase County man accused of child pornography**, Chuck Samples, September 10, 2022, 11:09 PM (EDT)

Trial is coming in federal court next month for a Chase County man accused of having and trying to distribute child pornography. Walter Haskin, age 26 of Strong City, has a jury trial set to begin Oct. 11 at the US Courthouse in Wichita. There will be a status hearing Sept. 26 in Wichita before trial begins. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBAP-ABC (Fort Worth, TX): **Texas Child Molester Sentenced to 60 Years**, Unattributed, September 10, 2022, 3:44 PM

A Rowlett man will spend 60 years in federal prison for molesting a young girl. sentenced this week to 60 years in prison for two counts of production of child pornography. In January of 2020, the girl’s father caught the Rowlett man raping his daughter in her bedroom in the middle of the night. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CNN: **Border agency chief condemns retweets of 'offensive' comments by ex-Trump adviser from official CBP account**, Josh Campbell, September 11, 2022, 10:46 AM

The head of US Customs and Border Protection on Saturday condemned several retweets from an official CBP regional Twitter account of "offensive" tweets made earlier that day by a former top adviser in the Trump administration. The official CBP Twitter account for the agency's West Texas sector retweeted two posts by Stephen Miller, a former White House speechwriter and senior adviser under President Donald Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

El Paso Matters (El Paso, TX): **El Paso CBP region to deactivate Twitter account after political, homophobic activity**, Robert Moore, September 10, 2022, 11:29 PM (EDT)

The El Paso region of U.S. Customs and Border Protection is deactivating its Twitter account after it was used Saturday to promote political and homophobic content. “U.S. Customs and Border Protection has become aware of unauthorized and inappropriate content that was posted to the

@CBPWestTexas Twitter account. CBP will take action to deactivate the account and has referred the matter to the Office of Professional Responsibility to investigate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Tampa Free Press (Tampa FL): **Democratic Rep Slams Biden Admin “They Say The Border Is Closed. It’s Not Closed”**, Harold Hutchison, September 10, 2022, 4:00 PM
Democratic Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas blasted the Biden administration over the border crisis during a Friday afternoon appearance on Fox News. “They’re just not on the same page when they say the border’s closed. It’s not closed. Last year we had 1.7 million individuals that came in. I think at the end of this fiscal year, we’ll probably have maybe 2.3 million,” Cuellar told Fox News host Neil Cavuto. [...] Just under 3.5 million migrants have crossed the southern border since January 2021, according to data from United States Customs and Border Protection. The Biden administration asked some journalists with U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) to help process migrants in July. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

USA Today: **'Guardrails' needed? Telehealth fraud cost Medicare \$128M in first year of COVID pandemic, feds say.**, Ken Alltucker, September 11, 2022, 7:00 AM

The federal government eased telehealth requirements at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic so more Americans could get remote care with fewer obstacles. A report by government investigators this week found more permissive remote care has come at a price. During the first year of the pandemic, 1,714 doctors and health providers billed Medicare nearly \$128 million in “high risk” claims, according to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Former Trump senior adviser Stephen Miller subpoenaed by Justice Department**, Sara Murray, September 10, 2022, 4:23 PM

Stephen Miller, a former White House speechwriter and senior adviser under President Donald Trump, has been subpoenaed by the Justice Department, a source tells CNN. The department is seeking information about the Save America PAC, alleged “fake electors,” and communications between Miller and a long list of people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA): **3,000 laps and counting: Why Richmond FBI, law enforcement walk to honor 9/11 victims**, Lyndon German, September 10, 2022, 5:12 PM

Twenty-one years later, Stanley Meador still remembers 9/11 and the aftermath. Now the special agent in charge of the FBI Richmond office, Meador at the time was a Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority agent in Alexandria. He and other agents responded to the Pentagon after American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the building, killing 64 onboard and 125 people inside. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): **ing for public’s help finding Cleveland teen with autism**, Joi Dukes, September 10, 2022, 11:09 PM

In Atlanta, FBI officials are asking the public to be on the lookout for a teen they said could be in danger and was last seen leaving the Atlanta airport earlier this week. 17-year-old Emma Linek, who also goes by the name Zari, was traveling alone from Cleveland to Boston. She was reported

missing Tuesday morning after she didn't show up for her connecting flight through Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KAKE-ABC (Wichita, KS): Anesthesiologist's license suspended; Incidents at surgery center under review, Andrea Lucia, September 10, 2022, 3:41 PM

The Texas Medical Board took emergency action Friday to suspend the license of a Dallas anesthesiologist suspected of tampering with IV bags. The Board's order said Raynaldo Rivera Ortiz, Jr. is under federal investigation in connection with the death of a fellow doctor and with complications patients suffered, even during routine surgery. The events under investigation happened at Baylor Scott & White Surgicare Center in North Dallas, which halted all surgeries this week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKRG-CBS (Mobile, AL): Co-owner of pornography website added to FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, Clara Benitez, September 10, 2022, 3:26 PM

Michael James Pratt, a co-owner of a pornographic website, has now been added to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list. Pratt, 39, is wanted for his alleged involvement in a conspiracy to recruit young women and girls to engage in commercial sex acts by force, fraud and coercion, authorities say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

The Hill: [OPINION] Ending telehealth cuts off a vital tool against opioid addiction, Jim Crotty, September 11, 2022, 11:00 AM

The opioid crisis is a national tragedy. In the last 12 months, over 108,000 Americans were lost to drug overdoses, the most on record, with over three-quarters of those untimely deaths involving opioids. [...] At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) loosened restrictions to allow DEA-registered practitioners to issue medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to patients without first conducting an in-person evaluation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden honors 9/11 victims, vows commitment to thwart terror, Colleen Long and Aamer Madhani, September 11, 2022, 10:27 AM

President Joe Biden marked the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, laying a wreath at the Pentagon in a somber commemoration held under a steady rain and paying tribute to "extraordinary Americans" who gave their lives on one of the nation's darkest days. Sunday's ceremony occurred a little more than a year after Biden ended the long and costly war in Afghanistan that the U.S. and allies launched in response to the terror attacks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

USA Today: 'When we stand together:' Joe Biden, other leaders pay tribute on 21st anniversary of 9/11, David Jackson, September 11, 2022, 12:31 PM

President Joe Biden and other political leaders paid tribute Sunday to the fallen of 9/11, somberly marking the 21st anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack in the nation's history. After a wreath-laying ceremony at the Pentagon, Biden said 9/11 changed the United States in countless ways, but did not damage the character of the American people. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

Bloomberg: **[OPINION] Biden Should Give Big Oil a Bailout**, Matthew Yglesias, September 11, 2022, 8:00 AM

White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain has taken to tweeting the price of a gallon of gasoline on a daily basis, a habit that's convenient for him as long as it continues its steady decline. The idea that President Joe Biden's administration is somehow responsible for this decrease is wrong, of course, but the White House certainly took the blame when prices rose, so fair is fair if it wants to take the credit as they fall. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WaPo](#)

WaPo: **White House alarm rises over Europe as Putin threatens energy supply**, Jeff Stein, September 11, 2022, 6:00 AM

White House officials are growing increasingly alarmed about Europe's energy crisis and Russian President Vladimir Putin's threats to force a bleak winter on the continent. Seeking to punish Russia for the invasion of Ukraine and force a retreat, Western allies have moved to set a cap on what buyers pay for Russian oil. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: **[OPINION] All Biden Has to Do Now Is Change the Way We Live**, Ezra Klein, September 11, 2022, 5:00 AM

When the summer began, the Biden administration was mired in failure. Inflation was high, the Build Back Better agenda was dead, the Democrats were doomed. Then came the fastest turnabout I've seen in American politics. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: **Kamala Harris warns domestic threats to democracy are harming America at home and abroad**, Mike Memoli, September 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

Vice President Kamala Harris said anti-democratic forces that have emerged in the mainstream of American politics have made the nation weaker at home and undermined our legitimacy overseas, joining President Joe Biden in describing it as a major threat. Asked in an interview that aired Sunday on NBC News' "Meet the Press" whether the threats from within the U.S. pose a risk equal or greater than what the nation faced 21 years ago on 9/11, Harris drew upon the oath of office she had taken as a prosecutor, attorney general, senator and vice president to uphold the Constitution "against all enemies, foreign and domestic and we don't compare the two." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: **Harris tells Democrats 'stakes could not be higher' as the midterms near**, Alexandra Hutzler, September 10, 2022, 4:22 PM

With the midterm elections less than two months away, Vice President Kamala Harris on Saturday said the "stakes could not be higher" as both parties wrestle for control of Congress.

Speaking at the Democratic National Committee's summer meeting in Maryland, Harris echoed President Joe Biden's recent attacks on "MAGA" Republican leaders who he says are a threat to the nation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: **Election deniers damage U.S. reputation on the world stage, Harris says**, Olivia Olander, September 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

Election deniers and elected officials who back rioters from the Jan. 6 insurrection are responsible for eroding the United States' reputation on the world stage, Vice President Kamala Harris said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" set to air Sunday. "Through the process of what we've been through, we're starting to allow people to call into question our commitment to those principles," Harris said. "And that's a shame." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Harris says she would ‘proudly’ run with Biden if he seeks reelection, Zach Schonfeld, September 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

Vice President Harris said in an interview broadcast on Sunday that she would again run on President Biden’s ticket in 2024 if he decides to seek reelection. “The president has been very clear that he intends to run again,” Harris told host Chuck Todd on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “And if he does, I will be running with him proudly,” Harris added. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Harris on voting rights: ‘Everything is on the line in these elections in just less than two months’, Chloe Folmar, September 11, 2022, 9:00 AM

Vice President Harris expressed concern over threats to voting rights and democracy in an interview with NBC’s “Meet the Press” aired on Sunday, during which she emphasized the importance of getting out the vote for the midterm elections. “Everything is on the line in these elections in just less than two months,” she said while discussing voting rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Biden continues to stiff-arm the press, Joe Concha, September 11, 2022, 8:00 AM

Journalists uncover the truth, check the abuse of power, and demand transparency from those in power. They are indispensable. And, at a time when the truth is increasingly under attack, our need for accurate, fact-based reporting, open public conversation, and accountability has never been greater.” That was President Biden in a statement on National Press Day not long after taking office in 2021. Hard to argue with the sentiment: Journalists are indispensable to a functioning democracy. The need for accountability has never been greater. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Here’s how Biden has shifted the war on terror, Jordan Williams and Ellen Mitchell, September 11, 2022, 7:00 AM

More than 20 years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, President Biden has shifted the way America fights the war on terror by launching fewer drone strikes, embracing an over-the-horizon approach to killing terrorists in Afghanistan and leveraging alliances. Following last year’s pullout of U.S. forces from Afghanistan ending a war that the 9/11 attacks tipped off Biden has placed more emphasis on working with and through allies to target both new and long-standing foreign terrorist groups. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden’s gender colonialism puts US interests, credibility at risk, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 12:00 AM

The United States was an outlier on masking children in schools during COVID-19. Its policies caused irreparable educational and developmental harm to an entire generation of children. Now the U.S. is in danger of becoming an outlier again, this time on so-called “gender-affirming” healthcare, which is really just a politically correct way of saying “mutilating children.” Another entire generation of children is at risk of real harm from the progressive movement. Worse, President Joe Biden wants to ship this radical gender ideology overseas. [[Continuing Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Harris ‘cannot wait’ to end Senate filibuster if Dems win seats in midterms, Emily Jacobs, September 10, 2022, 8:37 PM

Vice President Kamala Harris said over the weekend that she “cannot wait” to vote to break the “archaic” Senate filibuster to push abortion and voting rights legislation through the chamber.

Harris made the comments while delivering the keynote address at the Democratic National Committee's summer meeting in National Harbor, Md., on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: [OPINION] When Kamala Harris sees 'extremists,' she's actually gazing at a mirror, Quin Hillyer, September 10, 2022, 6:49 PM

When it comes to the Biden-Harris administration demonizing Republicans while claiming to stand for unity, enough is enough and enough is already far, far too much. The two defamation artists couldn't stop after President Joe Biden called Republican adversaries "semi-fascists" and made one of the nastiest presidential "addresses" in history. Vice President Kamala Harris followed with a Saturday speech to the Democratic National Committee that repeatedly referred to elected Republican leaders and the Supreme Court not just as wrong, but as "extremists" who "restrict and systematically attempt to take away freedoms" and want to "dismantle our democracy." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Kamala Harris Rips 'Extremist So-Called Leaders' on Abortion, Election Lies, Xander Landen, September 10, 2022, 4:28 PM

Vice President Kamala Harris delivered a speech on Saturday in which she criticized Republican "extremist so-called leaders" ahead of this year's midterm elections. In her speech, which was given at a meeting of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), Harris blasted Republicans' stance on abortion and "big lies" about the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Independent (St. George, UT): [OPINION] Biden Breaks His Own Illegal Immigrant Record, Howard Sierer, September 11, 2022, 4:11 AM (EDT)

Pres. Biden's open-door policies at our southern border have attracted 1.94 million illegal immigrants through July with two months to go in the fiscal year, breaking his previous record of 1.66 million for all of fiscal year 2021. This year's number alone exceeds Trump's combined total of 1.80 million over all four years of his term. Biden's decision last year to cancel Trump's "remain in Mexico" for asylum seekers is coming home to roost. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Leaf Chronicle (St. Clarksville, TN): Marsha Blackburn, Colleagues Send Letter Demanding Answers On U.S. Marshals' Plan To Release Dangerous Criminals Into Our Communities, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 12:14 AM (EDT)

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), along with Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), and James Lankford (R-Okla.) sent a letter to the Director of the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) Ronald Davis demanding answers regarding a new policy permitting the release of illegal immigrants before they are apprehended by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

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

CBS: Weekend News with Adriana Diaz did not air due to college football

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

- A day after the Queen's passing the king has spoken, paying tribute to the Queen and promising a life long service; announcing new titles within the royal family; as cannons boomed and bells tolled in honor of the Queen, King Charles met the Prime minister, herself only 3 days on the job; the King giving a heartfelt speech after entering Buckingham Palace. [\[NBC\]](#)
- King Charles has already lived a life of service, having a chance to reshape his image when he gave his first speech to the British people; his age may play for him in his wisdom and knowledge, but may too weaken him from physical frailness; Charles was a pilot in the air force and commanded a ship in the navy; at age 32 he married Princess Diana; she died a year later after a divorce and a car crash; Charles turned to campaigning the environment, and remarried to Camilla Bowles; He took over several royal rolls as the Queen aged, and is already turning to his son to take over duties Charles is already too old to handle; a long line of kings in view, with no queens on the horizon. [\[NBC\]](#)
- The Queen bridged generations as the world changed; with a new King the monarchy is changing; a new Prime Minister, an energy crisis, and inflation on the rise; Charles has never been as popular as the Queen, people worried but hopeful the monarchy will adapt to the modern world even as funding for the royal family declines; bringing himself and his family into the fold as quickly as possible may endear him to a modern Britain; Charles is expected to push climate change further, a topic hot with the younger generations; any further changes such as to funds and stamps will come after the national mourning period. [\[NBC\]](#)
- 2 major operations are going on in Britain's capital, Operation London Bridge in regards to the Queen's final farewell and burial; and Operation Spring Tide, King Charles will go to Sir James's Palace, where he will swear allegiance to Parliament. [\[NBC\]](#)
- Tributes from around the world honoring the Queen, from celebrities, to people close to her, to ordinary people; people that never met her still feel her death deeply due to her position as a head of state as reliable and honorable; all major sports are on hold in Britain as well as the TV show dedicated to her and her family. [\[NBC\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- This week starts with an overview of Queen Elizabeth II's influence in Britain and America; Prince Charles becoming the new King; and how this shift will change things for both countries. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Discussion regarding the United Kingdom welcoming the new King while mourning the loss of the Queen; the death of Queen Elizabeth; funeral plans at Westminster Abbey 10 days after her death; President Biden plans to attend; King Charles officially proclaimed the new Monarch with the King pledging lifelong service to his people; members of Parliament giving their oaths of allegiance; the King balancing tradition with modern problems; and coming to power in a time of uncertainty. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The Queen's body left Balmoral Castle today on its trip to Edinburgh making stops in various small Scottish towns for people to say their final farewell. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The Queen's body is being transported from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh with plans for her funeral to take place on Monday, September 19th. Plans include: a convoy along the "Royal Mile" to Saint Giles Cathedral allowing people to pay their final respects; Tuesday the Royal Air Force will fly the Queen's body to Buckingham Palace where it will be buried; King Charles will be addressing Parliament tomorrow, before making his way to Edinburgh to lead the prayer service at Saint Giles Cathedral. [\[Watch\]](#)
- People from around the world gathered around Buckingham Palace to pay their respects to the late Queen. Queen Elizabeth's legacy includes: leading the UK since post WW2; living through 15 new Prime Ministers and 13 American Presidents; becoming the first Monarch to address the US Congress; the head of the British Commonwealth; and dealing with the changes of time while serving the longest of any monarch to date. King Charles has spent his life on volunteer work, visiting soldiers abroad, and ecological efforts; and does not enjoy the same popularity as the Queen. [\[Watch\]](#)
- US Ambassador to Britain Jane Hartley states the loss of the Queen is of great significance and discussed her connection to her people. Jane discussed King Charles; the relationship between America and the UK is incredibly strong; and the dedication of the Queen to her country. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Queen Elizabeth famously never spoke about politics, who she did or didn't like, or any other so personal matters; a constitutional monarch who stayed above the fray; Concerns have been raised King Charles may not do the same; James Longman states the Queen's biggest mark was her insistence on not leaving one, being a stable point to help keep her kingdom stable, as well as her ability to show she felt something, without telling people how she thought about anything; Andrew Morton stating the Queen was a part of everyone's lives in the UK by being a sort of mother for her people; he states little is known in regard to the contents of her weekly meetings with the acting Prime Ministers; James says her gender likely affected her, but she would have never said so due to her being above such political frays; saying Charles must do the same. Andrew states Charles must use the remaining capital left to him to reform, such as embracing all the faiths; James stating Charles is not likely to become any more outspoken than he currently is; Andrew states

King Charles had led a life of service, and we can expect him to continue doing exactly that. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Face the Nation began with a tribute to the September 11th attacks at the Twin Towers, Shanksville Pennsylvania, and the Pentagon. President Biden laid a wreath at the Pentagon and made remarks about US vigilance, “to do what’s necessary defend the American people.” [\[Watch\]](#)
- Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee Mark Warner (D-VA) discussed the evolving threats involving the Homeland; the vulnerability of the US; the Jan 6 attacks on the Capitol; the ongoing investigation by the Justice Department of Former President Trump; the Intelligence Committee request for a damage assessment; and leakage of information by the Senate Intelligence Committee. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Former Commander of U.S. Central Command Retired Marine General Frank Mckenzie discussed the attack on the Pentagon in 9/11; the US withdrawal from Afghanistan; his recommendation to President Biden to leave a residual force in Afghanistan; whether the US is paying enough attention to Afghanistan and the Middle East; the Doha Agreement, and the Biden Administration’s failure to release an After Action Plan concerning Afghanistan. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- Meet the Press opens with an interview with Vice President Harris about threat posed by vote deniers, the rightward shift on the national court and abortion, eliminating the filibuster for abortion and voting rights, and on Jan 6/the Mar-A-Lago documents; Independent voters speak out on if Biden should run for president again, and what they think of today’s GOP. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The Vice President’s number one job is to get things done without making waves; Vice President Harris speaking how the focus has shifted from out of country threats to internal threats; saying how America has become a role model for democracy; yet 11 people running for secretaries of state are election deniers; She mentioned when traveling the country, despite a massive 70%+ of Republicans feeling the election was rigged, she doesn’t get that feeling from talking to Americans throughout the country; speaking of bi-partisan laws she feels the people support widely such as repairs to major roads, updates to the nation wide internet service; also commenting on the split between Americans caused by issues such as abortion; Harris states the people need to stand together, especially against election deniers she says are weakening the country from within; Harris further states Joe Biden’s entire career has been spent helping both sides come to an agreement on numerous topics, yet many people she says are not defending our democracy; when asked about the campaigning done by both sides, she states she will not

tell others how to run their campaigns and that people should vote as they feel helps their state and nation the best; speaking the United States Supreme Court removed the constitutional right of choice from women, and Democrats are pushing to re-enstate those rights with new law; Harris states the President is working to bust the filibuster in the Senate on this issue and others, including voting rights; stating states have been making it harder for people to vote and how she agrees with Biden's push against this; She states the filibuster will not be broken completely, simply on some subjects; When asked about the Trump situation, Harris states She will not tell them what to do, knowing the prosecutors know the details best; Stating the country has been through dark times, but justice is being served; Harris states she does not believe there will be a second Jan 6. thanks to those who have taken an oath to protect America and democracy. [[Watch 1](#)] [[Watch 2](#)]

Fox News Sunday with Shannon Bream

- Fox News began recognizing today marks 21 years since the 9/11 attacks. A review of the tributes that will be held at the Pentagon, Shanksville Pennsylvania, and the Twin towers. [[Watch](#)]
- Queen Elizabeth II's funeral will take place on Monday, September 19, 2022, even as her casket is making its way from Balmoral to Edinburgh. Tributes to Queen Elizabeth's graciousness were discussed including her wise and gracious move of allowing the Star Spangled Banner to be played outside Buckingham Palace after the 9/11 attacks in the US. [[Watch](#)]
- US Ambassador to the United Kingdom Jane Hartley discussed Queen Elizabeth's life and legacy including: breaking 600 years of tradition and protocol to allow the Star Spangled Banner to be played outside Buckingham Palace after the 9/11 attacks in the US; the Queen's dual role as Monarch and the Head of the Church of England; the transition of the Monarchy. [[Watch](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Ukraine Claims Fresh Gains Against Russian Forces" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Queen's Coffin Arrives in Edinburgh After Six-Hour Procession" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- "GOP seeks midterm reset as inflation, abortion temper ambitions" [[WaPo](#)]
- "A racial reckoning over a festival's disrespect toward Asians in Monterey Bay: Will its demise bring healing?" [[LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

USA Today: Do Trump's attacks on the Justice Department cross the line into illegal incitement?, Josh Meye, September 12, 2022, 5:01 AM

Thanks in part to incendiary rhetoric from Donald Trump, threats toward the FBI, Justice

Department and other law enforcement agencies already were on the rise before the search of the former president's estate and members-only club at Mar-a-Lago a month ago. Then came Trump's two-hour accusatory speech on Saturday night Sept. 3 at a campaign rally for Republicans in Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Vice President Harris: 'I wouldn't dare tell the Department of Justice what to do', Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Biden White House is working to restore the image of an independent Justice Department following the Trump administration. Peter Baker, chief White House correspondent for The New York Times joined American Voices with Alicia Menendez to discuss how Trump viewed the DOJ and uses division as a political strategy. [[Watch](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

Portland Tribune: **Senate confirms next U.S. attorney for Oregon**, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

Natalie Wight has been confirmed by the Senate as the next U.S. attorney for Oregon. Her nomination was approved Thursday, Sept. 8, by unanimous consent without a recorded vote. President Joe Biden announced her nomination on June 6, about 16 months after he took office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

The Hill: **GOP senators led by Graham slam Trump Jan. 6 pardon promise**, Alexander Bolton, September 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

Former President Trump's promise to grant pardons to the rioters who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, is running into strong opposition from Senate Republicans. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), one of Trump's closest allies, told The Hill that granting pardons to Jan. 6 protesters is "a bad idea" [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: **DHS chief warns of "emerging threat of the domestic violent extremist"**, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas told MSNBC on Sunday the "threat landscape" has evolved in the 21 years since the 9/11 attacks from concerns about foreign terrorists to domestic extremists. What he's saying: "Back when 9/11 occurred, in those years we were very focused on the foreign terrorist, the individual who sought to do a severe harm to enter the United States and do us harm," Mayorkas said during his interview with MSNBC's Jonathan Capehart. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Jan. 6 panel set to reemerge with eye on Newt Gingrich, Mike Lillis and Rebecca Beitsch**, September 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

The House panel investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol is set to revive the public portion of its probe this month, eyeing at least two more hearings in the coming weeks to highlight former President Trump's role in the deadly rampage. Publicly, the inquiry into the Jan. 6 attack has been overshadowed in recent weeks by the FBI's extraordinary seizure of thousands of government documents, including those alleged to be highly sensitive, from Trump's Mar-a-Lago home in Florida last month part of a separate Justice Department investigation into Trump's potential mishandling of federal records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): Incarceration sought for Alden man showing no 'meaningful contrition' for Capitol breach, Patrick Lakamp, September 12, 2022, 6:00 AM

At least one difference has emerged between an Alden man set to be sentenced Monday for his role in the Capitol riot and four other Western New Yorkers already sentenced to the same misdemeanor charge. Daniel Warmus hasn't apologized, prosecutors say. "Warmus has yet to show any meaningful contrition for his conduct on Jan. 6, 2021," the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington said in a recent court filing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

CNN: [ANALYSIS] A new deadline and critical questions bear down on judge in Trump documents case, Stephen Collinson, September 12, 2022, 12:29 AM

The Florida judge who disrupted the Justice Department's probe into Donald Trump's hoarding of classified material faces critical decisions this week in a legal tangle deepened by her granting the ex-President a big win in court last week. The showdown over the appointment of a so-called special master is, so far, having just the effect Trump wants by slowing the investigation that led to FBI agents searching Mar-a-Lago last month. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

Politico: Trump judges are on a tear, Josh Gerstein and Kyle Cheney, September 12, 2022, 4:30 AM

A decision by a judge appointed by former President Donald Trump to temporarily halt a Justice Department investigation into Trump's handling of classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate triggered an avalanche of criticism from across the legal spectrum, including attacks from conservatives who served in the Trump administration. "It was deeply flawed in a number of ways," former Attorney General William Barr said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Trump attorney questions DOJ actions after Mar-a-Lago raid, Daniel Chaitin, September 11, 2022, 1:10 PM

An attorney for former President Donald Trump scolded the Justice Department for fighting the appointment of a special master to review documents seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. James Trusty, a former federal prosecutor, told Fox News host Mark Levin it is a "fair question" to ask whether the Justice Department is attempting a cover-up as it conducts a criminal investigation into Trump's handling of records after leaving office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Special master order throws intelligence briefing to Congress into doubt, Rachel Schilke, September 11, 2022, 4:19 PM

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Mark Warner (D-VA) expressed doubt about whether Congress will receive an intelligence community briefing any time soon on damages arising from classified documents found at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. The Virginia Democrat cited a judge's approval of Trump's motion for a special master review of documents, which directed investigators to stop using seized material for a criminal investigation, after which prosecutors said the intelligence community was forced to pause its assessment of national security risks. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: Pence's Former Top Aide Knocks Trump's Lawyers for 'Misleading' DOJ, Thomas Kika, September 11, 2022, 4:53 PM

Walking back earlier criticisms of the FBI's raid on Mar-a-Lago, a former White House aide to ex-Vice President Mike Pence slammed Donald Trump's lawyers for allegedly lying to federal officials. Marc Short, who served as Pence's chief of staff, appeared on Fox News on Sunday to discuss the continuing saga of the FBI's raid. In early August, federal agents with the bureau executed a search warrant and found numerous top-secret government documents at Trump's Florida resort residence, despite the ex-president's lawyers previously saying that all documents had been returned when asked for. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Guardian: Senate intelligence chair urges judge to allow briefing on Trump Mar-a-Lago search, Ed Pilkington, September 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

The Democratic chair of the US Senate intelligence committee has demanded that a federal judge allows the committee to be briefed on the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago and the potential damage caused by Donald Trump hoarding top secret documents at his private club. Mark Warner, the US senator from Virginia, said that there was confusion over whether the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the FBI were allowed to brief the Senate committee on their review of classified documents held at the former president's club-resort and residence in Palm Beach, Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Chris Christie: DOJ's chances of succeeding in challenge of special master in Trump case 'pretty good', Julia Mueller, September 11, 2022, 1:12 PM

Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R) on Sunday said the Department of Justice (DOJ) has "a pretty good chance" in its appeal of an order for a special master to look over the documents seized by the FBI at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. "I think the Justice Department's chances are pretty good," Christie said on ABC's "This Week." [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [Newsweek](#)

Chicago Tribune: [OPINION] Hilary Gerzhoy: Trump doesn't just threaten the rule of law, he threatens the legal profession as a whole, Hilary Gerzhoy, September 12, 2022, 5:00 AM

The mounting evidence that Donald Trump mishandled classified information after leaving office and the response of his legal team to the Department of Justice investigation reveals the former president's threat to another critical institution: the legal profession. As part of the Justice Department's efforts to recover classified materials Trump took with him from the White House, Trump's lawyer Christina Bobb certified on June 3 that all of the documents had been relinquished. The FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago debunked this certification, placing Bobb and others in legal jeopardy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

ABC: Jan. 6 committee highlighted officials from Pence on down who resisted Trump's 2020 demands, Alexandra Hutzler, September 12, 2022, 4:04 AM

The House Jan. 6 hearings this summer highlighted the pressure placed on officials across the country to overturn the 2020 presidential election – and how close some of Donald Trump's demands came to being a reality. Trump, the committee has already said, was directly involved in trying to have election workers and lawmakers both at the federal and local level declare him the winner of the race rather than Joe Biden. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: 16 weeks left for a heap of questions: Jan. 6 panel weighs its endgame, Nicholas

Wu and Kyle Cheney, September 12, 2022, 4:30 AM

Should they seek Donald Trump's testimony? What should they do with Republican lawmakers who defied subpoenas? Will they be able to negotiate an interview with Mike Pence? Members of the Jan. 6 select committee are confronting a momentous to-do list, including some of their most precedent-setting decisions, as they prepare to present closing arguments about the former president's bid to overturn his loss in 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: New York woman gets prison term for altercation aboard plane, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 2:19 PM

A New York woman has been sentenced to four months in prison for interfering with crew members aboard a flight from Dallas to Los Angeles last year that had to be diverted to Phoenix, according to federal prosecutors. They said Kelly Pichardo and another first-class passenger engaged in intimidating behavior on the flight and both women had to be removed from the plane after it landed at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on Feb. 24, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: British citizens sentenced in death of scuba diver, Ashley Cox , September 11, 2022, 8:29 PM

After more than 10 years on the run from authorities, Christopher Jones and Alison Gracey were sentenced in Miami federal court for their role in the involuntary manslaughter death of a scuba diver in 2011. The Honorable James Lawrence King, Senior United States District Court Judge, sentenced Jones to 51 months of imprisonment and a three-year term of supervised release. Alison Gracey was sentenced to the time she already has served in custody 18.5 months and a one-year term of supervised release. Both will be deported from the United States at the conclusion of their prison terms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Utah man arrested after police seize fentanyl, heroin, meth, stolen guns from Salt Lake City storage unit, Bradford Betz, September 11, 2022, 3:13 PM

A Utah man is accused of running a major drug trafficking operation after authorities seized heroin, cocaine, fentanyl pills, and stolen firearms from a storage unit in his name, prosecutors said. Innocente Ramirez, 38, of West Valley City, was charged on September 2 by a federal criminal complaint with drug possession with the intent to distribute and with the possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDEL-AM (Wilmington, DE): Wilmington man gets 5-year federal prison term on gun and drug counts, Frank Gerace, September 11, 2022, 12:24 PM

A Wilmington man will spend the next 5 years in federal prison after his sentencing on drug trafficking and gun possession counts. 26-year-old Akil Johnson was sentenced Wednesday, Delaware US Attorney David Weiss' office announced. Wilmington police got a search warrant for Johnson's house after members of the department's Safe Streets Task Force saw him selling drugs outside the property. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

NY Daily News: Alabama pastor arrested for watering neighbor's flowers files civil rights lawsuit against city and police, Theresa Braine, September 11, 2022, 10:09 PM

A Black pastor who was arrested while watering his out-of-town neighbor's flowers in May has filed a federal lawsuit against the three cops who cuffed him and the Alabama town of Childersburg on grounds that the incident violated his civil rights and caused him extreme emotional distress. The lawsuit, filed by attorneys on behalf of Pastor Michael Jennings on Friday night, also claims he was falsely arrested. It requests a jury trial, and he's seeking an unspecified amount of money. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KAYS (Hays, KS): Officials close investigation into police shooting death of Kan. teen, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 1:00 PM

The Justice Department announced Friday that it will not pursue federal criminal civil rights charges against the Overland Park Police officer who fatally shot John Albers, according to a media release from the DOJ. Officials from the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas and the FBI met privately with members of John Albers' family to notify them of this determination. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: Trial set to begin for Alex Jones in Sandy Hook hoax case, Dave Collins, September 12, 2022, 3:00 AM

A month after losing one nearly \$50 million verdict, conspiracy theorist Alex Jones is set to go on trial a second time for calling the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting a hoax and causing several of the victims' families emotional and psychological harm. A six-member jury with several alternates in Connecticut will begin hearing evidence Tuesday on how much Jones should pay the families, since he already has been found liable for damages to them. The trial is expected to last about four weeks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Times Union (Albany, NY): Judge rules in SIG Sauer's favor in accidental shooting lawsuit, Paul Feely, September 11, 2022, 9:00 PM

A federal judge has ruled in gunmaker SIG Sauer's favor in a product liability lawsuit brought by a Hillsborough man, who alleged he was hit in the leg by a bullet because his pistol fired without pulling the trigger. The plaintiff, Kyle Guay, alleged SIG Sauer sold the P320 pistol in an unreasonably dangerous condition. The lawsuit claimed the pistol has a defect, allowing it to fire without the trigger being pulled under certain conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Border Patrol halts tweets from agency's West Texas region, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 5:00 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has deactivated the agency's Twitter account for the West Texas region after it retweeted posts criticizing President Joe Biden's border policies and liked posts that made gay slurs against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus posted a tweet late Saturday saying the agency "has become aware of unauthorized and inappropriate content" that was posted on the @CBPWestTexas Twitter account. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examine](#)

CNN: CBP officers announce the largest ever meth seizure at Del Rio Port of Entry, Yenny

Sanchez, September 11, 2022, 2:37 PM

US Customs and Border Protection officers at the Del Rio Port of Entry in Texas said they have [sic] seized a shipment of methamphetamine valued at \$11.9 million, making it the largest ever seizure of the drug at the port. The drugs were found within a tractor trailer, the CBP said in a press statement on Wednesday. It said it made the discovery on Monday after an officer from the CBP's Office of Field Operations referred the truck hauling a shipment of diesel tank reservoir containers for a secondary inspection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [NY Post](#)

ANTITRUST

Bloomberg Law: Looming Tough Antitrust Enforcement Spurs DOJ Hiring Binge, Shook Hardy Adds DOJ Litigator, Dan Papsun, Sam Skolnik, September 12, 2022, 4:30 AM

The Justice Department's antitrust division is ramping up hiring of trial attorneys from Big Law firms as the Biden administration heightens its focus on competition amid a surge in mergers. The division, led by Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter, has brought on at least five partners from large firms including Andrew Forman, now deputy assistant attorney general since Kanter was nominated in July 2021, according to a Bloomberg Law analysis and data provided by the law firm and attorney analytics company Firm Prospects. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The American Lawyer: [EDITORIAL] With Antitrust at 'Historic' Moment, Shook Hardy Adds DOJ Litigator, Andrew Maloney, September 12, 2022, 4:30 AM

As demand in antitrust expertise grows, Shook, Hardy & Bacon is bringing on a Justice Department litigator to help lead its practice. The firm announced this week that Ryan Sandrock, a trial lawyer in the department's antitrust division, will co-chair its antitrust practice from San Francisco and Washington, D.C. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

CBS: EPA launches investigation into Jackson, Mississippi, water crisis, Avery Miller, September 11, 2022, 10:08 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency has launched a review of the water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi, which left thousands of residents without water for days, an official confirmed to CBS News Saturday. Jennifer Kaplan, spokesperson for the EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG), told CBS News that the agency had launched a "multidisciplinary review" of the crisis. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

USA Today: Homicides down but violent crime increased in major US cities, midyear survey says, Jorge L. Ortiz, September 11, 2022, 9:14 PM

With less than two months left before the midterms, crime as an election issue may be gaining even more relevance. [...] While not as encompassing as FBI reports, the Major Cities Chiefs Association survey provides useful information about crime trends in the nation's largest population centers, and it figures to be cited by politicians looking to win votes with tough-on-crime stands or to portray their opponents as weak in that area. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: FBI file shows bureau kept tabs on Aretha Franklin's activism, a common focus during the Civil Rights era, Elliott C. McLaughlin, September 11, 2022, 3:33 PM

There "ain't no way" the highest domestic law enforcement agency in the country was keeping tabs on Aretha Franklin -- but they were. The FBI kept a careful eye on the Queen of Soul and her activism, nothing unusual during the civil rights era when the bureau was monitoring a host of the movement's luminaries. Franklin was best known for her sturdy catalog of R&B and gospel hits, but the file shows her possible affiliation -- both real and perceived -- with Communist and Black liberation organizations was a regular focus for federal agents. Franklin died in 2018. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHIO-AM (Dayton, OH): FBI: 17-year-old Ohio girl who went missing in Georgia found, Unattributed, September 11, 2022, 10:13 PM

FBI officials said that a 17-year-old girl, who traveled from Ohio to Atlanta, was found safe after she went missing for several days, according to WSB-TV. Emma Linek was last seen leaving Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport on Tuesday morning and was able to reunite with her father on Sunday afternoon, the FBI said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

WTWO-NBC (Terre Haute, IN): 3 inmates hospitalized following fight at Terre Haute prison, Zeke Torres, September 11, 2022, 9:30 PM

Three inmates were sent to the hospital following a fight at the United States Penitentiary in Terre Haute. The incident happened Sunday, Sept. 11, according to an email sent by the Federal Correctional Institute. Multiple inmates were observed fighting and responding staff secured the area. Three inmates were transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and one inmate has since returned to the prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WaPo: [OPINION] What Chief Justice Roberts misses, Ruth Marcus, September 11, 2022, 3:29 PM

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. says it's wrong for people to deem the court illegitimate because its decisions are unpopular. He's right -- but his defense badly misses the point of why the court has fallen so far in public esteem. "Simply because people disagree with an opinion is not a basis for criticizing the legitimacy of the court," Roberts told a judicial conference in Colorado on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Guardian: John Roberts defends supreme court as Kamala Harris lashes out at Roe ruling, Maya Yang, September 11, 2022, 3:00 PM

US supreme court chief justice John Roberts has defended his conservative-leaning bench from attacks over its decision in June to overturn federal abortion rights, as US vice-president Kamala Harris launched a fierce attack on what she called today's "activist court". [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: US Supreme Court to Settle Long-Disputed FBAR Penalty Issue, Matthew D. Lee, September 12, 2022, 3:45 AM

The Supreme Court is set to review an FBAR ruling from the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit later this year. Matthew D. Lee of Fox Rothschild gives an overview of the case, United

States v. Bittner, as well as a look at an earlier FBAR case with a contrary ruling from another federal appeals court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: Ex-Sen. Al Franken says Senate GOP 'destroyed' the legitimacy of the Supreme Court: 'They've stolen two seats', John L. Dorman, September 11, 2022, 12:24 AM
Former Sen. Al Franken on Saturday said that Republicans in the upper chamber "destroyed" the legitimacy of the Supreme Court by refusing to hold a hearing for onetime nominee Merrick Garland and by installing Amy Coney Barrett to the high court only weeks before the 2020 presidential election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Nexstar Media Wire: Derogatory Native American term officially scrubbed from federal use, Travis Schlepp, September 11, 2022, 4:25 PM
A racial slur used to identify hundreds of landmarks and geographic sites across the country is getting replaced. The word will be scrubbed from close to 650 geographic features across the nation, bringing an end to hundreds of years of the offensive term being used in an official capacity. The term (which the Department of the Interior refers to only as "sq" in its most recent news release on the subject) has been used throughout history as an offensive ethnic and sexist term, particularly against Indigenous and Native women. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden executive order to fund U.S. biomanufacturing industry, Trevor Hunnicutt, September 12, 2022, 4:11 AM
President Joe Biden will sign orders on Monday to push more government dollars to the U.S. biotechnology industry, aimed at reducing dependence on China for materials to generate clean energy, weave new fabrics and inoculate populations against the COVID-19 pandemic. The executive order allows the federal government to direct funding for the use of microbes and other biologically derived resources to make new foods, fertilizers and seeds, as well as making mining operations more efficient, administration officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Washington Times](#)

CONGRESS

CNN: 3 things to watch as the House returns to Washington, Clare Foran, Kristin Wilson and Annie Grayer, September 12, 2022, 5:00 AM
The House of Representatives will return to work in Washington this week following the August recess with a government shutdown deadline looming at the end of the month and the midterms -- where a major fight is underway for control of the chamber -- fast approaching in November. Republicans are hoping to win back the majority in the House, while Democrats are hoping to limit their losses -- and both parties will be eager to allow their most vulnerable lawmakers time to get back on the campaign trail before the election. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Linsey Davis

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Queen Elizabeth II's flag-draped coffin was driven slowly through the Scottish countryside on Sunday from Balmoral Castle as tens of thousands of mourners lined the roads to pay their respects. As people across the U.K. pay their respects to the queen, her grandsons, Prince Harry and Prince William have also come together in a show of unity to honor her memory. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]
- All across the United States, mourners gathered to pay respects to the almost 3,000 lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ukrainian President Zelenskyy says Russian shelling is to blame for a “total blackout” in major parts of the country. This comes as Ukrainian forces make significant progress in the latest offensive to regain territory. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Southern California remnants of Tropical Storm Kay have helped firefighters gain an upper hand on the destructive Fairview Fire, but in Northern California, the Mosquito Fire has grown to over 3,200 acres, forcing residents to flee. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Sliding Earnings Estimates Pose Next Test for Markets” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Ukraine’s Offensive Claims More Ground in Northeast” [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- “Trump backers flood election offices with requests as 2022 vote nears” [[WaPo](#)]
- “USC scandals assume starring role in L.A. mayor’s race” [[LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Justice Department asks judge to pause Idaho abortion ban, Rebecca Boone, August 9, 2022, 10:29 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice asked a federal judge this week to bar Idaho from enforcing its near-total abortion ban while a lawsuit pitting federal health care law against state anti-abortion legislation is underway. Meanwhile, the Republican-led Idaho Legislature is asking for permission to intervene in the federal case, just as it has done in three other abortion-related lawsuits filed in state courts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Garland Becomes Trump's Target After F.B.I.'s Mar-a-Lago Search, Katie Benner and Glenn Thrush, August 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

The F.B.I. had scarcely decamped from Mar-a-Lago when former President Donald J. Trump's allies, led by Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, began a bombardment of vitriol and threats against the man they see as a foe and foil: Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. Mr. Garland, a bookish former judge who during his unsuccessful Supreme Court nomination in 2016 told senators that he did not have "a political bone" in his body, responded, as he so often does, by not responding. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#), [Washington Times](#)

WaPo: Garland vowed to depoliticize Justice. Then the FBI searched Mar-a-Lago, Perry Stein, August 9, 2022, 3:46 PM

When President Biden tapped Merrick Garland to lead the Justice Department last year, he selected a cautious appeals court judge known as a political moderate who could build consensus. Garland, a former federal prosecutor, would attempt to rebuild trust in the sprawling and powerful law enforcement agency after the tumultuous Trump presidency, his supporters said. He would try to convince the public and lawmakers that he was an apolitical attorney general, even as he tackled some of the nation's most contentious political issues. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Laura Ingraham: We have now learned more about just how petty and venal Attorney General Merrick Garland is, August 10, 2022, 12:09 AM

Laura Ingraham analyzed how the raid of former President Donald Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago happened because of a document dispute even after Trump's legal team voluntarily met with government investigators on "The Ingraham Angle." LAURA INGRAHAM: Just hours ago, we learned more about just how petty and venal Attorney General Merrick Garland is that he would send federal agents into the home of a former president and likely 2024 candidate over a document dispute. The Washington Post is reporting tonight that Monday's raid came months after the Trump legal team voluntarily met with government investigators at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Trump's legal team was in talks with DOJ this spring over records stored at Mar-a-Lago, attorney says, Ken Dilanian, Vaughn Hillyard and Zoë Richards, August 9, 2022, 10:05 PM

Donald Trump's legal team was in discussions with the Justice Department as recently as early June about records stored at the former president's Mar-a-Lago home, which FBI agents searched Monday, one of his attorneys confirmed to NBC News. Trump attorney Christina Bobb said Tuesday that the FBI removed about a dozen boxes from a basement storage area and that

a search warrant left by agents indicated they were investigating possible violations of laws dealing with the handling of classified material and the Presidential Records Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **[EDITORIAL] Justice Department must justify Mar-a-Lago raid**, Editorial Board, August 10, 2022, 12:01 AM

Process demands that law enforcement must convince a judge that they have probable cause to believe a crime has been committed before a warrant is issued to search someone's property. We have no doubt the FBI met that bar before they searched former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home Monday. Politics, however, demands that the Department of Justice must justify the time, resources, and tactics used by the FBI when enforcing federal law. It is entirely unclear if the DOJ can defend the FBI's unprecedented search of a former president's home for what appears to be document retention malfeasance. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: **Justice department under pressure to explain raid on Donald Trump's estate**, Courtney Weaver and James Politi, August 9, 2022, 11:30 PM

The US Department of Justice is under pressure to provide a fuller explanation of the FBI's search of Donald Trump's Florida estate after the unprecedented raid on a former US president's home prompted howls of outrage from Republicans. By Tuesday night, the Justice Department and FBI had yet to comment on the search of Mar-a-Lago, which was carried out a day earlier by what Trump described as a "large group" of federal agents. FBI searches must be approved by a federal judge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: **[VIDEO] Garland Had To Have Thought Trump Wouldn't Comply With A Subpoena Says Weissmann**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 5:00 PM

Former DOJ prosecutor Andrew Weissmann, host of MSNBC's "Way Too Early" Jonathan Lemire, and former FBI special agent Asha Rangappa, discuss the unprecedented move by the Justice Department to search former President Trump's Mar-A-Lago home. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: **DOJ and FBI silent following raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago home**, Jerry Dunleavy, August 9, 2022, 3:29 PM

More than 24 hours after raiding former President Donald Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago, the Justice Department and FBI remain tight-lipped about the purpose and justification behind the raid. Wyn Hornbuckle, the DOJ's deputy director of public affairs, told the Washington Examiner that "we'll decline to comment" on the raid of Trump's Florida home, while a spokesperson for the FBI's national press office said that "we have no comment on this matter." The search warrant and FBI affidavit for the raid remain sealed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: **[EDITORIAL] If Merrick Garland doesn't give a solid, fast reason for raiding Trump's home, he's probably just re-elected him**, Editorial Board August 9, 2022, 6:42 PM

While we're furious at former President Donald Trump's "stolen election" claims, he's been utterly right these last six years about the "witch hunt" that was the Russiagate investigation: It's now plain that the Justice Department turned Clinton campaign-commissioned disinformation into a probe that kneecapped his presidency. So Attorney General Merrick Garland has a clear duty to address the nation and explain Monday's unprecedented FBI raid on a former president's home. Hiding behind the "need to avoid compromising an ongoing investigation" will fuel over-the-top speculation on all sides. Transparency can at least ground the debate in reality. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Tennessean: **[OPINION] Attorney General Merrick Garland cannot afford to miss a legal shot at Donald Trump**, Cameron Smith, August 9, 2022, 4:08 PM

The FBI's raid of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence should sound familiar. It wasn't too long ago that federal law enforcement officials addressed allegations of a high level federal official failing to protect classified information. The Department of Justice is heading for a reckoning at the hands of Republicans if it can't build a much stronger case against Trump than mishandling classified information. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: **Veteran emissary Richardson hopeful for Griner, Whelan swap**, Erick Tucker, August 9, 2022, 1:30 PM

Bill Richardson, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and a frequent emissary in hostage negotiations, said Tuesday he was hopeful about the chances of a two-for-two prisoner swap that could result in Russia's release of WNBA star Brittney Griner and another jailed American, Paul Whelan. In cases like this, Richardson said in an interview with The Associated Press, "it's proportional two-for two." Richardson, who traveled to Russia in advance of the release by Moscow of Marine veteran Trevor Reed in an April prisoner swap, declined to discuss the current status of negotiations with Russia over Griner or Whelan or to explain what role he may be playing in the talks. But he said he felt "relatively positive" for several reasons. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: **Judge punts Rudy Giuliani grand jury testimony to Aug. 17, if health permits**, Kevin Johnson, August 9, 2022, 3:46 PM

A Georgia judge Tuesday granted Rudy Giuliani's request to delay his testimony before an Atlanta-area grand jury investigating interference in the 2020 presidential election, setting a tentative date of Aug. 17, if his health allows. The personal attorney for former President Donald Trump had been scheduled to appear Tuesday before a special Fulton County grand jury, but Giuliani's lawyers said his doctors had not cleared him for air travel following a recent heart procedure. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

National Law Journal: **DOJ Urges DC Circuit to Uphold Key Felony Offense Against Accused Capitol Rioters**, Andrew Goudsward, August 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

The U.S. Justice Department has asked an appeals court to uphold the obstruction of an official proceeding charge against three men accused of taking part in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, warning that the lower court's decision to dismiss the charge leads to "absurd results." DOJ prosecutors urged the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to reverse a series of rulings by U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols, who found that defendants must physically interfere with documents, records or objects to be charged with obstruction of an official proceeding. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO RAID

AP: **Did Trump break the law? FBI search raises fresh questions**, Eric Tucker, August 9,

2022, 10:29 PM

The year was 2016, the presidential candidate under investigation was Hillary Clinton and the FBI director at the time, James Comey, laid out the factors the Justice Department weighs in deciding whether to charge someone with mishandling classified records. Fast forward to 2022 and that tutorial proves instructive as another candidate from that election, Donald Trump, is entangled in an FBI probe related to sensitive government documents. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [HuffPost](#), [Today](#), [LAT](#), [Newsweek](#), [Newsweek-2](#), [NPR](#), [NPR-2](#), [NPR-3](#), [NYT](#), [NYT-2](#), [LAT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: FBI search of Trump's Florida home was 'by the book,' ex-prosecutors say, Sarah N. Lynch and Steve Holland, August 9, 2022, 3:55 PM

The U.S. Justice Department's silence about its search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home is a sign of an investigation being run "by the book," former federal prosecutors said on Tuesday. Trump disclosed on Monday that FBI agents were at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AlterNet](#)

Reuters: Trump seeks to raise money off news of FBI search of his Florida home, Brian Ellsworth and Sarah N. Lynch, August 9, 2022, 12:00 PM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday tried to turn the news of an FBI search of his Florida estate to his benefit, citing the investigation in text messages and emails soliciting political donations from his supporters. The unprecedented search of the home of a former president marked a significant escalation of the federal investigation into whether Trump illegally removed records from the White House as he was leaving office in January 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#)

NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] The F.B.I. Search of Trump's Home, August 10, 2022, 6:00 AM

On Monday, federal agents descended on Mar-a-Lago, the private club and Florida home of former President Donald J. Trump, reportedly looking for classified documents and presidential papers. Trump supporters expressed outrage about the agency's actions, while many Democrats reacted with glee. But what do we know about the search, and what comes next? [[Listen](#)]

NYT: Never Before in American History: The F.B.I. Searches a Former President's Home, Michael D. Shear, August 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

The fight between former President Donald J. Trump and the National Archives that burst into the open when F.B.I. agents searched Mr. Trump's Palm Beach estate has no precedent in American presidential history. It was also a high-risk gamble by Attorney General Merrick B. Garland that the law enforcement operation at Mar-a-Lago, the former president's sprawling home in Florida, will stand up to accusations that the Justice Department is pursuing a political vendetta against President Biden's opponent in 2020 and a likely rival in 2024. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Pence expresses 'deep concern' over Mar-a-Lago search, asks for 'full accounting' from Garland, David Jackson, August 9, 2022, 7:48 PM

Many Republicans are rallying around former President Donald Trump after the FBI search on his Mar-a-Lago estate some more aggressively than others. While House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy and other Republicans vowed to investigate the Department of Justice over the search, Vice President Mike Pence issued a tweet expressing his "concern" over the incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The FBI's Dangerous Trump Search, Editorial Board, August 9, 2022, 6:30 PM

Monday's unannounced Federal Bureau of Investigation search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home isn't a moment for anyone to cheer. The Justice Department is unleashing political furies it can't control and may not understand, and the risks for the department and the country are as great as they are for Mr. Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Questions about Mar-a-Lago search? Here's how warrants, subpoenas and grand juries work, Kevin McCoy, August 9, 2022, 6:29 PM

The FBI's execution of a search warrant Monday at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida has prompted questions about the methods federal law enforcement officials use in their investigations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] The FBI goes after Trump again, and this time, it has really blundered, Marc A. Thiessen, August 9, 2022, 4:02 PM

The unprecedented FBI search of former president Donald Trump's Palm Beach, Fla., home might go down as one of the most catastrophic mistakes in law enforcement history — one already widely seen by Republicans as an act of political retribution by a bureau whose relentless pursuit of Trump has destroyed its credibility. It also makes it far more likely that Trump will win the GOP nomination and take back the White House in 2024. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: The status of key investigations involving Donald Trump, Matt Zapotosky, Matthew Brown, Shayna Jacobs, Devlin Barrett and Jacqueline Alemany, August 9, 2022, 8:01 AM

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. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Trump denounces FBI for court-approved Mar-a-Lago raid, and Garland's major mistake, Howard Kurtz, August 10, 2022, 3:13 AM

A few weeks ago, liberals in the media and politics were loudly complaining that the Justice Department was being way too passive in its investigation of Donald Trump. Why can't Merrick Garland be more aggressive, they demanded, and put the former president behind bars? In doing so, they echoed the tactics they vehemently decried when Trump was president and openly pressured two attorneys general to go after his political enemies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Republicans rail against DOJ over FBI search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago, vowing investigations, Melissa Quinn, August 9, 2022, 6:49 PM

House Republicans and allies of former President Donald Trump erupted in anger late Monday after he revealed the FBI conducted a search of his South Florida home of Mar-a-Lago, with the GOP leader in the House vowing to open investigations into the Justice Department if Republicans win control of the House in the November midterm elections. After Trump revealed FBI agents "raided" his club, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy tweeted that Attorney General Merrick Garland should "preserve your documents and clear your calendar." [[Continue](#)

[Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Courthouse News](#), [USA Today](#)

Fox: David Axelrod blasted for Trump FBI raid take: Garland wouldn't authorize without 'significant evidence', Lindsay Kornick, August 9, 2022, 5:10 PM

Former senior Obama advisor David Axelrod joined the flocks of leftists approving of the FBI raid on Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on Monday, despite even more Twitter backlash. Shortly after the news broke of several FBI agents executing a search warrant on Trump's Florida property, many liberal media pundits cheered at the sight, going so far as to celebrate it.

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NBC: After Mar-a-Lago search, users on pro-Trump forums agitate for 'civil war' — including a Jan. 6 rioter, Ben Collins and Ryan J. Reilly, August 9, 2022, 2:47 PM

Some users on pro-Trump internet forums told users to "lock and load," agitated for civil war and urged protesters to head to Mar-a-Lago in the hours after news broke that the FBI searched former President Donald Trump's Florida compound on Monday. One user posting about the "civil war" shortly after the search was Tyler Welsh Slaeker, a Washington state man awaiting sentencing for storming the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, according to previous research and statements posted online. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Trump in bunker mode as Biden team invokes 'nation of laws' after Mar-a-Lago raid, Katherine Doyle, August 9, 2022, 7:30 PM

A federal search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate has sent shockwaves through the political world, prompting questions about the Department of Justice and FBI's possible pursuit of evidence that could stop the former president from another bid for the White House. Top White House officials said President Joe Biden had no advance knowledge of the raid and was not involved in the deliberations by his top prosecutors to go after his predecessor and possible future rival. Republicans immediately expressed concern that Biden was weaponizing the Justice Department against a political foe. Trump himself called it "prosecutorial misconduct, the weaponization of the Justice System, and an attack by Radical Left Democrats who desperately don't want me to run for President in 2024." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: National Archives documents, at center of Trump raid, have spawned unusual cases for decades, Jeff Mordock, August 9, 2022, 3:00 PM

From an employee selling 71 signed presidential pardons to a White House national security adviser illegally sneaking out documents stuffed in his socks, the National Archives and Records Administration has been at the center of some of America's most unusual, headline-grabbing cases. Now the little-known agency, which houses everything from the Declaration of Independence to Michael Jackson's moonwalking shoes, again finds itself in the news. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: Ruling Upholds House Panel's Request for Trump Tax Returns, Charlie Savage, August 9, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday that the House could gain access to former President Donald J. Trump's tax returns, upholding a district court judge's decision last year. In a 28-page ruling, a panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit held that a federal law gives a House committee chairman broad authority to request them despite Mr. Trump's status as

a former president. The Treasury Department refused to turn over the records during his administration. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg Tax](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

Bloomberg: Trump's Secretary of State Pompeo Will Be Questioned by Jan. 6 Panel, Billy House, August 9, 2022, 1:28 PM

The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol is expected to speak behind closed doors Tuesday with former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, a person familiar with the plans said. Separately, Doug Mastriano, the Republican nominee for governor in Pennsylvania and an ally of former President Donald Trump, abruptly ended his virtual deposition by the committee Tuesday before being sworn-in over a dispute on how the questioning will be conducted. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Law & Crime: Security Specialist at Supermax Federal Prison Testifies About Notes Found in Toilet After Alleged Mexican Mafia Lawyer's Visit, Meghann Cuniff, August 9th, 2022, 10:43 pm

A security specialist at the highest security federal prison in the United States testified Tuesday that a Los Angeles lawyer's already suspicious visits with Mexican Mafia inmates took on a more criminal appearance after three notes were discovered in a visiting room toilet he'd used. [...] Chavez is charged with four felonies that accuse him of conspiring to distribute methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine and marijuana; conspiring to violate the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute of heroin and methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Pa. Nursing Homes Lied About Staffing Levels, Feds Say, Adam Lidgett, August 9, 2022, 7:57 PM

A pair of Pennsylvania-based nursing homes are facing federal charges that employees fabricated staff information to state health authorities and that the homes falsified statements to hike up reimbursements from health programs, according to federal prosecutors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [New Castle News \(New Castle, PA\)](#), [WESA-NPR \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

Law360: Fake-PAC Fraudster Pleads Guilty To \$3.5M Scam, Elliot Held, August 9, 2022, 3:39 PM

A California man has pled guilty to his role in a scheme to solicit donations for rival political action committees in the 2016 presidential election and instead pocket the cash, prosecutors announced Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, WA): Snohomish County rapper featured in Amazon Prime documentary sentenced for drug distribution, Kip Hill, August 9, 2022, 8:29 PM

A 35-year-old Nespelem, Washington, man already convicted of at least one violent felony will spend more than two decades in federal prison after pleading guilty to charges connected with a multicounty crime spree on June 1, 2020. John Edward McGinnis was sentenced to 22 years in federal custody Tuesday morning for crimes that included holding four people, including his mother and nephews, at gunpoint, and erratically firing the gun before leading Spokane police on

a chase that ended in Liberty Park. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Seattle Times](#)

San Bernardino Sun: **Fontana man sentenced to 25 years in prison for production of child pornography**, Hunter Lee, August 9, 2022, 8:18 PM

A Fontana man was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison on Monday after admitting to posing as a teen boy online and coaxing girls as young as 9 years old to film themselves in sexually explicit ways. Jonathan Garcia pleaded guilty on May 2 to one count of production of child pornography. He was ordered by a judge to be on supervised release for 20 years after he is released from custody. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTTV-Fox \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#)

Rockdale Citizen (Rockdale County, GA): **Rockdale nurse practitioner sentenced to prison for telemedicine fraud**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Rockdale County nurse practitioner has been sentenced to federal prison and ordered to pay more than \$1.6 million in restitution for her role in a massive telemedicine fraud scheme. Sherley L. Beaufils, 44, was sentenced to 87 months in prison after a U.S. District Court jury convicted her of participating in an illegal kickback conspiracy, and five counts each of health care fraud, false statements related to health care, and aggravated identity theft, said David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WJBF-ABC \(Augusta, GA\)](#)

Boston Herald: **Boston English High School dean who shot student pleads guilty to federal RICO charge**, Flint McColgan, August 9, 2022, 7:45 PM

Fresh off of getting ordered to pay his victim more than \$10 million in damages, the former Boston English High School dean who shot a student in 2015 has now pleaded guilty to federal racketeering conspiracy charges. Shaun “Rev” Harrison, 63, pleaded guilty to anti-corruption law conspiracy charges in federal court in Boston Tuesday. U.S. Senior District Court Judge Rya W. Zobel scheduled sentencing for Nov. 15. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Republican \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

County 17 (Gillette, WY): **Gillette men sentenced in U.S. District Court for drugs, fraud**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 7:27 PM

Two Gillette men were among the latest defendants sentenced in U.S. District Court, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Sentencing includes: Skavdahl sentenced Donae Larae Chavez, 40, of Gillette, on July 29, 2022, for conspiracy to commit bank fraud to 28 months’ imprisonment and five years of supervised release. Chavez was also ordered to pay \$9,971.29 in restitution and a \$100 special assessment. The crime was investigated by the Campbell County Sheriff’s Department and the United States Postal Inspection Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christyne M. Martens. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Times of San Diego: **SD Man Sentenced to 68 Months for Assault on Officer at San Ysidro Port of Entry**, Elizabeth Ireland, August 9, 2022, 7:00 PM

A San Diego man convicted of assault on a federal officer for repeatedly punching a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer in the head at the San Ysidro Port of Entry has been sentenced to more than five years in prison, the U.S. Attorney’s Office said Tuesday. Rene Robert Ruiz, 55, was found guilty by a federal jury of attacking the unidentified officer on May 17, 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KSWB-Fox \(San Diego, CA\)](#)

Capital Gazette (Annapolis, MD): **Annapolis man receives 10-year sentence for role in an**

area drug ring, Dan Belson, August 9, 2022, 6:33 PM

A 42-year-old Annapolis man received a 10-year sentence from a federal judge Monday for his role in an area drug ring. Khayr Basimibnbrown was sentenced after pleading guilty in U.S. District Court in Baltimore to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute fentanyl, heroin, PCP, and cocaine, according to prosecutors from the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, who announced the plea and sentence in a news release Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

See also: [Daily Voice \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

Times of San Diego: **Four Charged with \$150 Million Fraud on San Diego Technology Company**, Elizabeth Ireland, August 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

Four people have been charged by federal prosecutors with allegedly defrauding a San Diego technology company during its \$150 million purchase of the defendants' tech start-up, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the defendants marketed their startup's microchip technology to the unidentified victim company in 2015.

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Republican (Springfield, MA): **Rhode Island man pleads guilty to sex trafficking five victims across several states**, Alvin Buyinza, August 9, 2022, 5:21 PM

Ronald Hall, 48 of Woonsocket, Rhode Island has pleaded guilty to five counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud or coercion and one count of transporting a victim with an intent to engage in prostitution, U.S. Attorney Rachel Rollins said in a press release. His sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 3, 2022. In October 2020, Hall was indicted by a federal grand jury. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

See also: [Boston News](#)

The Providence Journal (Providence, RI): **Ex-VFW commander admits to posing as Marine battling cancer to steal from veterans' groups**, Katie Mulvaney, August 9, 2022, 3:47 PM

A former VFW commander admitted on Tuesday to portraying herself as a U.S. Marine veteran decorated with military honors before being stricken with cancer to swindle charity groups dedicated to wounded veterans and others. Sarah Jane Cavanaugh, 31, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Court Chief Judge John J. McConnell Jr. to falsifying military service records; false use of military medals; aggravated identity theft; and fraudulently collecting more than \$250,000 in veterans' benefits and charitable contributions through wire fraud. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (West Chester, PA): **Ponzi Scheme Lands Ex-West Chester Finance Advisor 5 Years In Jail**, Holly Herman, August 9, 2022, 3:36 PM

A former investment advisor was sentenced Tuesday in U.S. District Court here to five years in federal prison for orchestrating a Ponzi scheme in which he defrauded his clients of more than \$7 million. Lee D. Weiss, 51, was also ordered by U.S. Eduardo C. Robreno to serve three years of probation following his prison term and pay \$7.5 million in restitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Times Union (Albany, NY): **Albany man pleads guilty to taking \$200K in COVID-19 unemployment scheme**, Lauren Staforth, August 9, 2022, 2:32 PM

A 21-year-old Albany man pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges related to a COVID-19 unemployment scheme that took more than \$200,000 from the state Department of Labor. Kahleke Taylor, 21, pleaded guilty to mail fraud, wire fraud and aggravated identity theft charges, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of New York. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WNBF-AM \(Binghamton, NY\)](#), [WNYT-NBC \(Albany, NY\)](#), [WRGB-CBS \(Schenectady, NY\)](#), [WTEN-ABC \(Albany, NY\)](#)

Gaston Gazette (Gastonia, NC): **Gastonia man loses disguise during robbery, then gets 10 years in court**, Kevin Ellis, August 9, 2022, 12:35 PM

A Gastonia man who accidentally knocked off part of his disguise while robbing a convenience store was sentenced to more than 10 years in federal prison Tuesday. Davonte Everett, 24, robbed a 7-Eleven convenience store at 2901 Yorkmont Road, in Charlotte on July 3, 2020, according to court records in U.S. District Court. Everett went into the store wearing a hat and had his face covered. He walked to the back of the store, picked up an item, and approached the cash register. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): **KC man who shot himself before arrest sentenced for illegal firearm**, Brian Dulle, August 9, 2022, 9:42 PM

A 55-year-old Kansas City, Missouri man who shot himself in the buttocks before being arrested was sentenced in federal court Tuesday for illegally possessing a firearm. Herbert Lee Jones was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison without parole. On Jan. 4, 2022, Jones pleaded guilty to one count of possessing a controlled substance and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KGPE-CBS (Fresno, CA): **DOJ: Fresno man sentenced for trying to use toys to ship meth**, Kellie Helton, August 9, 2022, 8:12 PM

A man has been sentenced to prison time after he was caught trying to ship drugs stashed inside children's toys at a local FedEx store, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Officials announced that 59-year-old Leslie Hood of Fresno was sentenced by a judge on Monday to 12 years in prison for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [KMPH-Fox \(Fresno, CA\)](#)

KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): **Las Vegas mail carrier pleads guilty to mail fraud**, David Denk, August 9, 2022, 7:38 PM

A Las Vegas mail carrier has pleaded guilty to her role to commit mail fraud involving illegally obtained unemployment benefit cards. According to court documents, Jasmine-Roysshell Kanisha Black, 34, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a term of supervised release, and a fine. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTNV-ABC \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#)

WJHL-CBS/ABC (Johnson City, TN): **Georgia man sentenced to 25 years for conspiracy to distribute meth in TN, VA**, Slater Teague, August 9, 2022, 6:56 PM

A Georgia man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. The 300-month sentence against William Roger Woodie, 33 of Calhoun, Georgia, came after a plea agreement in which he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 4.5 kilograms or more of meth. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMBC-ABC (Kansas City, MO): **Shawnee attorney sentenced to prison for smuggling heroin to inmate**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 6:18 PM

A Shawnee, Kansas, attorney was sentenced to prison Tuesday for smuggling heroin to an inmate at the Western Missouri Correctional Center with whom she had a romantic relationship, according to the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri. Juliane L. Colby, 44, received a one year and one month sentence in federal prison without parole. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVE-NBC (El Dorado, AR): Arkansas man sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for trafficking meth, Kevin Dudley, Jr., August 9, 2022, 5:45 PM

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 50-year-old Eddie Dean McBride Jr. of Magnolia, Ark. was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release for distributing methamphetamine in Columbia County, Ark. According to court documents, agents and investigators with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and the 13th Judicial Drug Task Force initiated an investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in Columbia County, Ark. in June of 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWCH-CBS (Wichita, KS): Men sentenced in international drug ring with Kansas connection, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 5:43 PM

The United States Attorney's Office identified two men sentenced in connection with what it called "an international drug ring that distributed large quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine and marijuana from Mexico in the Kansas City area." In January 2021, Aron Rodriguez-Posada, a 48-year-old Mexican national, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. The U.S. Attorney's Office said Rodriguez-Posada was sentenced to 100 months in prison, or about eight years, three months. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [KSN-NBC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WBNS-CBS (Columbus, OH): Bexley couple sentenced for sexual exploitation of minors, child pornography, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 5:25 PM

A husband and wife in Bexley have been sentenced to prison for crimes involving minors that span from 2016 to 2021. Stephen Wilson, 39, and Jessica Wilson, 38, were sentenced in a federal court Monday evening for crimes that relate to the sexual abuse of minors. The pair were both arrested locally in January 2021 and were indicted by a federal grand jury in April 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Virginia man sentenced for crossing West Virginia state lines to engage in sexual activity with a minor, Jessica Patterson, August 9, 2022, 4:34 PM

A man from Virginia has been sentenced to prison for traveling across state lines to engage in illicit sexual activity with a minor. According to the United States Department of Justice, Austin James Quesenberry, 28, of Dublin Virginia will spend the next three years and 10 months in prison followed by a 10-year supervised release. He will also be required to register as a sex offender. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): Minneapolis man sentenced to 7 years for having stolen gun, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 4:11 PM

A Minneapolis man has been sentenced to seven years in federal prison for having a stolen gun. The U.S. Attorney's Office says 31-year-old Brandon Xavier Coyour was seen running from an area where gunshots were fired on June 23, 2021. Responding police officers saw him hide a gun in the wheel well of a parked car, then keep running, prosecutors say. He was eventually caught and arrested, and officers recovered the semiautomatic gun he hid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSAU-FM (Wausau, WI): Wausau Woman Accused of Straw Gun Purchase, Mike Leischner, August 9, 2022, 3:14 PM

A Wausau woman has been accused of making a straw purchase of two firearms earlier this year. Ashley Zastrow is said to have filled out false information on a Firearms Transaction Record,

stating that she was the purchaser of the guns when in reality that was not the case. Falsifying that information is known as a Straw Purchase, and is illegal under federal firearms rules. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WAOW-ABC \(Wausau, WI\)](#), [WKOW-ABC \(Madison, WI\)](#), [WXPR-NPR \(Rhinelander, WI\)](#)

KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX): Texas men convicted in sex slave case sentenced to a combined 25 years in prison, Joe Villasana, August 9, 2022, 2:20 PM

Convicted human traffickers Alfonso Orozco Juarez, 37, and Robert Hubert, 68, were sentenced to a combined 25 years in federal prison in a case involving a human trafficking victim sold after being advertised in a social media post, said U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas Chad E. Meacham. Hubert pleaded guilty in February 2022 to kidnapping and was sentenced in May 2022 to 121 months in federal prison. Juarez pleaded guilty in March 2022 to sex trafficking and was sentenced last week to 180 months in federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTVT-CBS \(Fort Worth, TX\)](#)

WJZY-Fox (Charlotte, NC): 4 Texas men sentenced for delivering 14kg of cocaine to Charlotte, officials say, Mike Andrews, August 9, 2022, 1:26 PM

Four Texas men were sentenced to prison Tuesday for delivering more than 14 kilograms of cocaine to Charlotte in 2021, according to the U.S. District Attorney's Office. Prosecutors said Miguel Angel Mares, 35, of Dallas, Texas, David Mondragon, 38, of Houston, Texas, Juan Carlos Mendoza, 40, of Laredo, Texas, and Milton Rivera-Cubas, 31, a Honduran national residing in Garland, Texas, conspired with each other to traffic cocaine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Woman sentenced over fire at St. Louis 7-Eleven amid protests, Joey Schneider, August 9, 2022, 1:20 PM

A federal judge has sentenced a woman in connection with a fire at a St. Louis 7-Eleven location that stemmed from a 2020 protest. Nautica Turner, 27, pleaded guilty in February to a felony charge of conspiracy to commit arson. On Tuesday, she was sentenced to two years and three months in federal prison. Investigators say Turner plotted with others to damage or destroy the store, located at the intersection of N. 17th and Pine streets, on June 1, 2020 [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Man sentenced for shooting into Kansas City house occupied by woman, baby, Heidi Schmidt, August 9, 2022, 1:18 PM

A metro man will spend a decade behind bars for shooting into a house occupied by a woman and a baby. A judge sentenced 34-year-old Bernard Manuel Tuesday morning. Eight years of the sentence is for shooting into an occupied building. The other two years is because Manuel was a felon in possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): DOJ: Indy man gets 4-year sentence after gun arrest while on GPS monitoring, Joe Hopkins, August 9, 2022, 12:27 PM

An Indianapolis man was sentenced to over four years in prison after he pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Tuesday. The DOJ said 28-year-old Davion Andrews was sentenced to 51 months in federal prison and three years of probation upon his release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Mom sues NC officer, city over son's fatal shooting, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 3:00

PM

The mother of a man fatally shot by a North Carolina police officer during an attempted car theft filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday claiming the officer broke the law when he shot her unarmed son several times, called in the incident, then fired again. Brandon Combs died after he was shot while behind the wheel of Concord Officer Timothy Larson's police SUV in February, attorneys said. Attorneys for Virginia Tayara filed the complaint Tuesday in Winston-Salem federal court accusing Larson and the City of Concord of excessive force, assault and battery, wrongful and intentional death and gross negligence, The Charlotte Observer reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Suspect in Dallas salon May shooting indicted for anti-Asian hate crime, Thao Nguyen, August 9, 2022, 9:12 PM

A man accused of shooting three Asian American women at a Dallas hair salon was indicted Tuesday on multiple counts, including committing a hate crime and aggravated assault. The Dallas County District Attorney's Office announced the indictment of Jeremy Smith, 37, for the May 11 shooting at a salon in Dallas' Koreatown. Smith is alleged of entering the establishment, firing 13 shots from a .22-caliber rifle, injuring three women and endangering four others. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Civil rights groups, including Al Sharpton-led organization, urge USDA to fix 'dietary racism' in school lunch programs, Brad Dress, August 9, 2022, 2:33 PM

Twenty-eight civil rights and health care groups announced Tuesday they have requested that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) address "dietary racism" in national school lunch programs, raising concerns to the federal agency about forcing millions of minority children to drink cow's milk without allowing them a healthier alternative. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Judge in Pa. narrows hostile work environment suit of transgender ex-state prison guard, John Beauge, August 9, 2022, 7:20 PM

A federal judge has narrowed the lawsuit of a former state prison guard who claims he was subjected to a hostile work environment as she was transitioning to become a man in 2017. U.S. Middle District Judge Matthew W. Brann Tuesday allowed John Doe's claims of hostile work environment and constructive discharge to continue under the Rehabilitation Act and against two prison officers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Federal judge says search of Army lieutenant's vehicle unlawful, officers justified in stopping vehicle, Zak Dahlheimer, August 9, 2022, 10:39 PM

It's video of a traffic stop in southeast Virginia that gained national headlines. The viral video shows Windsor Police pulling over Army Lt. Caron Nazario. The officers could be seen drawing their guns, pointing them at him and using pepper spray on him. Officer Joe Gutierrez was fired after the video surfaced nationwide. Meanwhile, the other officer, Daniel Crocker, remains on the force. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WRIC-ABC (Richmond, VA): Virginia landlords to pay \$225,000 for alleged SCRA violations, Tannock Blair, August 9, 2022, 7:00 AM

The Justice Department (DOJ) announced today that two Virginia landlords have agreed to pay \$225,000 in order to resolve allegations that they mistreated military tenants at their properties in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. An investigation was reportedly launched after a Navy attorney reported that the owner of a Chesapeake apartment complex had obtained an eviction default judgment against a servicemember after filing an affidavit that falsely stated she was not in military

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

CIVIL LAW

AP: Trump Says He's Testifying Wednesday in NY Investigation, Michael Balsamo and Michael R. Sisak, August 10, 2022, 3:35 AM

Former President Donald Trump will be questioned under oath Wednesday in the New York attorney general's long-running civil investigation into his dealings as a real estate mogul, he confirmed in a post on his Truth Social account. Trump's testimony comes amid a flurry of legal activity surrounding him, taking place just days after FBI agents searched his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida as part of an unrelated federal probe into whether he took classified records when he left the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Law360: IBM Must Pay \$16M In Atty Fees To 'Exploited' Software Co., Hailye Konath, August 9, 2022, 8:42 PM

A Texas federal judge on Monday ordered IBM to pay more than \$16 million in attorney fees for Houston-based software company BMC, an award that comes in the wake of a \$1.6 billion judgment against IBM for breaching a licensing agreement and "exploiting" BMC. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

New Jersey Advance Media: Company fined for selling overpriced KN95 masks to N.J. supermarkets, Jeff Goldman, August 9, 2022, 2:33 PM

A New York City company that admitted earlier this year to selling a chain of New Jersey grocery stores KN95 masks at excessive prices at the start of the coronavirus pandemic has been fined \$314,165. Brooklyn-based Milk & Honey Ventures pleaded guilty in March to price gouging in violation of the Defense Production Act for selling the unnamed grocery chain 100,000 masks for \$5.25 each, the U.S. Attorney's Office for New Jersey said Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

WaPo: Aid for arriving migrants strained amid dispute over who should help them, Antonio Olivo and Julie Zauzmer Weil, August 9, 2022, 10:18 PM

It's been nearly four months since migrants seeking U.S. asylum began arriving in D.C. by the hundreds on buses from Texas and Arizona, a situation created when the governors of the two border states began providing free rides to the nation's capital as a way to criticize the Biden administration's border policy. With some of those people sleeping outside or at Union Station as volunteers scramble to find them food, clothing and temporary shelter, neither the city nor the federal government has been willing to play a direct role in addressing what immigrant advocates say is a building humanitarian crisis. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Jury Acquits Truck Driver of All Charges in Crash That Left 7 Bikers Dead, McKenna Oxenden and Eduardo Medina, August 9, 2022, 9:00 PM

A jury in New Hampshire on Tuesday acquitted a commercial truck driver of all charges in connection with a 2019 crash on a rural highway that killed seven members of a motorcycle club and shocked the state. After an emotional 12-day trial, the truck driver, Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 26, of West Springfield, Mass., was acquitted of seven counts of manslaughter, seven counts of negligent homicide and one count of reckless conduct. [...] Mr. Zhukovskyy had been in jail since

his arrest three years ago, according to WMUR, a television station in Manchester, N.H. The Department of Homeland Security issued a detainer for Mr. Zhukovskyy, who was born in Ukraine. He was in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Tuesday, pending an appearance before an immigration judge, according to a Homeland Security spokesman. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Boston Herald](#)

WSJ: Biden Administration to End Trump-Era 'Remain in Mexico' Policy, Michelle Hackman, August 9, 2022, 2:39 PM

The Biden administration said it would wind down use of a controversial immigration policy known as Remain in Mexico after a federal court removed a final procedural hurdle preventing it from doing so on Monday. The Department of Homeland Security said Monday evening it wouldn't place anyone new into the program, which requires migrants seeking asylum to live in northern Mexican border cities during their U.S. court proceedings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NY Post](#)

Law360: Ill. Judge Won't Force Feds To Process Diversity Visa Forms, Alyssa Aquino, August 9, 2022, 8:44 PM

An Illinois federal judge refused to order the Biden administration to quickly process thousands of diversity visa applications before the applicants lose the coveted opportunity at a green card, saying Tuesday they were unlikely to show their green card requests were illegally given lower priority. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Texas, Mo. Go To 5th Circ. Over Border Wall Funding Ruling, Isaac Monterose, August 9, 2022, 6:26 PM

Texas and Missouri told a Texas federal judge that they plan to file an appeal in the Fifth Circuit of a recent ruling that tossed the states' claims over the Biden administration's paused construction funding for the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 7th Circ. Backs Ill. Law Forcing Counties To Quit ICE Detention, Alyssa Aquino, August 9, 2022, 6:20 PM

The Seventh Circuit upheld an Illinois law barring state and local governments from housing immigrant detainees on behalf of the federal government, ruling Tuesday that the law doesn't infringe on the Executive Branch's ability to detain noncitizens. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: US will admit migrants forced to remain in Mexico through asylum process, Anna Giaritelli, August 9, 2022, 6:01 PM

Several thousand asylum-seekers whom the Biden administration had forced to remain in Mexico through the duration of their legal proceedings will be admitted into the United States as their cases proceed in court following a district court order issued Monday. Roughly 5,500 migrants who were enrolled into the Trump-era Migrant Protection Protocols since President Joe Biden took office 19 months ago are expected to be unenrolled from the border program and permitted into the country, according to immigration policy analysts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Civil rights groups call for probe into fake ICE university that detained students, seized millions of dollars, Gianna Melillo, August 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

In a letter sent Tuesday to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, more than 40 organizations call for an investigation into a sham university set up by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2015. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NY Post: **81 migrant children detained by CBP in Arizona**, Patrick Reilly, August 9, 2022, 10:32 PM

Eighty-eight migrants, 81 of whom are children, were detained by Border Patrol agents after they crossed the border into Arizona, officials announced Tuesday. Of the 81 children, 71 were unaccompanied when the large group was found near Sasabe, according to John R. Modlin, Chief Patrol Agent of the US Customs and Border Protection's Tucson Sector. Most of the migrants were from Guatemala, he said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Boston Herald: **ICE puts immigration detainer on Nashua murder stabbing suspect: 'Eligible for removal proceedings'**, Rick Sobey, August 9, 2022, 6:33 PM

The man charged with killing a 34-year-old Nashua woman is in the U.S. illegally, and will be "eligible for removal proceedings" following the New Hampshire court case, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Jose Miguel Ramirez-Vasquez, 25, of Nashua, has been arrested and charged with one count of second-degree murder for the stabbing death of Julie Graichen last week. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMUR-ABC \(Manchester, NH\)](#)

KMTV-CBS (Omaha, NE): **ACLU Nebraska files lawsuit for information about 2018 immigration raid in O'Neill**, Cindy Gonzalez, August 9, 2022, 1:55 PM

Saying the federal government has ignored requests for information about an immigration investigation, the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska filed a lawsuit Monday to find out more about a high-profile operation that played out four years ago in O'Neill, Nebraska. The local ACLU and community advocates documented reports of mistreatment and potential civil rights violations during the August 2018 raid in which 133 people were taken into custody. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **Boies, Hausfeld among law firms reaping \$667 mln windfall in Blue Cross antitrust case**, Sara Merken and David Thomas, August 9, 2022, 5:38 PM

Boies Schiller Flexner, Hausfeld and other law firms will split more than \$667 million in attorneys' fees and costs for work on long-running antitrust litigation involving Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, after an Alabama federal judge granted the request on Tuesday. U.S. District Judge R. David Proctor in Birmingham awarded lawyers the requested sum of about \$627 million in attorneys' fees and more than \$40 million in costs and expenses. The combined payout came out to 25% of the \$2.67 billion settlement fund, according to the order. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: **Justice Dept. Said to Conduct New Interviews in Inquiry Into Google's Ad Tech**, David McCabe and Tripp Mickle, August 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

The Justice Department has in recent weeks conducted new interviews for its investigation into Google's ad technology, a sign it may be moving closer to filing its second antitrust case against the company, said three people with knowledge of the matter. The Justice Department for more than a year has investigated whether Google abuses its dominance over the interlocking technologies that deliver ads online. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [TechCrunch](#)

WaPo: **Judge denies LIV golfers' bid to play PGA Tour's FedEx Cup playoffs**, Rick Maese, August 9, 2022, 7:56 PM

The PGA Tour's FedEx Cup playoffs will take place without any of the players who defected to the Saudi-funded LIV Golf Invitational Series. A federal judge Tuesday denied the bid by three golfers — Talor Gooch, Matt Jones and Hudson Swafford — seeking spots in this week's St. Jude Championship, which begins Thursday in Memphis. The trio had sought a temporary restraining order that would allow them to play in the season-ending FedEx Cup playoffs, a three-tournament competition that includes the top 125 golfers in season-long standings. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [NYT](#)

Law360: Judge Grants Attys' \$20M Fee Bid For ATM Antitrust Deal, Emily Ruscoe, August 9, 2022, 10:45 PM

A Washington, D.C., federal judge has awarded more than \$20 million in fees, plus another \$10 million for litigation expenses, to three firms that brokered a \$66.7 million settlement with major banks over claims they conspired to fix ATM access fees. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Hagens Berman Awarded Over \$26M In Fees In Disk Drive MDL, Craig Clough, August 9, 2022, 9:14 PM

A California federal judge awarded Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP more than \$26.6 million in attorney fees on Monday for securing a \$205 million optical disk price-fixing multidistrict litigation settlement, reconfiguring the amount after a Ninth Circuit ruling vacated a \$31 million award. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds Sue PPE Business Over 'Made In USA,' COVID Claims, Emily Field, August 9, 2022, 6:06 PM

The Federal Trade Commission filed suit Tuesday to stop an Ohio-based company from falsely labeling its personal protective equipment and light fixtures as "Made in USA" when they are made in China, as well as from making false claims about the PPE's effectiveness against COVID-19. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVOA-NBC (Tucson, AZ): FTC orders digital brokerage Opendoor to pay \$62 million for "misleading" business practices, Chorus Nylander, August 9, 2022, 9:00 PM

The Federal Trade Commission announced major action taken against the online, San Francisco based, brokerage Opendoor. The real estate tech company, which owns more than 300 properties in Pima County, is one of the largest companies using the business model. It provides sellers quick offers then puts the homes back on the marketplace. "A consumer's home is usually their most valuable asset," said Matthew Wilshire with the FTC. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Texas Tribune: EPA launches investigation into Texas environment agency's permitting process for concrete batch plants, William Melhado, August 9, 2022, 8:00 PM

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is the subject of an investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency following complaints that the state agency violated civil rights laws in its permitting of concrete batch plants. The Harris County Attorney and Lone Star Legal Aid, a nonprofit law group, alleged that the state environmental agency discriminated against racial and ethnic minorities and those with limited English proficiency through a revised permitting process to build new concrete batch plants. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [E&E News](#)

Hawaii Public Radio: EPA fines DLNR over \$100,000 for illegal Kaua'i cesspool, Catherine

Cruz, August 9, 2022, 6:00 PM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has levied a hefty fine against the state department responsible for protecting Hawai'i's natural resources. The Department of Land and Natural Resources must pay \$105,543 due to an illegal large-capacity cesspool at Kamokila Hawaiian Village in Kapa'a on Kaua'i. The attraction was forced to close two years ago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): Judge facing medical issue steps aside in Flint water crisis civil trial, Ron Fonger, August 9, 2022, 2:22 PM

A federal judge is stepping away from a marathon trial tied to the Flint water crisis because of a medical issue. U.S. District Judge Judith E. Levy will be replaced in the case by Federal Magistrate Judge David Grand as the jury in the trial continues deliberations that started last month, according to a news advisory from the court on Tuesday, Aug. 9. The trial involves four Flint children who are suing two engineering consultants for injuries, including brain damage, that they claim to have suffered after drinking water that was contaminated by lead [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

See also: [Law360](#)

TAX

Law360: Mylan Gets Industry Aid In \$50M Tax Fight At 3rd Circ., Danie Ducassi, August 9, 2022, 7:58 PM

A generic-drug manufacturer trade group told the Third Circuit on Monday that taxing patent litigation costs related to the expedited approval process for generic drugs would undermine the purpose of the Hatch-Waxman Act that set up that process, driving up costs for consumers.

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Law360: Judge OKs Florida Insurer's Foreign Withholding Refund, Matthew Guerry, August 9, 2022, 5:45 PM

A Florida federal judge signed off Tuesday on an agreement allowing a title insurance company to recoup \$40,500 in foreign real estate taxes its clients paid on a property transaction they [...]

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WFOR-CBS (Miami, FL): Key West staffing agency manager sentenced for tax fraud, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 11:45 AM

A manager of Key West staffing companies that provided workers to hotels, bars and restaurants has been sentenced to four years in prison on tax and immigration charges. Volodymyr Ogorodnychuk, of Key West, helped operate Paradise Choice LLC, Paradise Choice Cleaning LLC, Tropical City Services LLC, and Tropical City Group LLC and provided workers who were not authorized to work in the United States to businesses, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Afghan Muslim arrested for killings that shook New Mexico's Islamic community, Andrew Hay and Steve Gorman, August 9, 2022, 9:42 PM

A Muslim immigrant from Afghanistan has been arrested as the prime suspect in the serial killings of four Muslim men that rattled the Islamic community of New Mexico's largest city, police said on Tuesday. After days bolstering security around Albuquerque-area mosques, seeking to allay

fears of a shooter driven by anti-Muslim hate, police said on Tuesday they had arrested 51-year-old Muhammad Syed, one among the city's Islamic immigrant community. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [KOAT-ABC \(Albuquerque, NM\)](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [WABC-ABC \(New York, NY\)](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: Rep. Scott Perry says FBI agents seized his cellphone, Michael Balsamo, August 9, 2022, 6:48 PM

U.S. Rep. Scott Perry said his cellphone was seized Tuesday morning by FBI agents carrying a search warrant. The circumstances surrounding the seizure were not immediately known. Perry, though, has been a figure in the congressional investigation into President Donald Trump's actions leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#)

Law360: DC Circ. Backs ATF In Suit Challenging Bump-Stock Ban, Mike Curley, August 9, 2022, 7:01 PM

The D. C. Circuit on Tuesday sided with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in a suit challenging its rule banning bump stocks as machine guns, saying the ATF's interpretation of the National Firearms Act is accurate in classifying the devices. In the opinion, the three-judge panel affirmed a summary judgment that ended the suit brought by a group of gun advocacy groups, finding the D. C. district court was right in finding that the ATF correctly interpreted the terms "single function of the trigger" and "automatically" to apply to bump stocks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Man charged with murder in DeKalb arrested in Statesboro by fugitive task force, Henri Hollis, August 9, 2022, 7:00 PM

Ronnie Jones Jr., 27, was arrested after officers found him hiding in the backseat of a woman's car during a traffic stop, Statesboro police said in a news release. The woman, who was previously linked to Jones and had been watched by officers with the fugitive task force, was also arrested. Jones is accused of killing 43-year-old Enrico Jackson in November 2021, DeKalb police spokeswoman Officer Elise Wells told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Epoch Times: FBI Director Wray Calls Report of Bureau's Alleged Mishandling of Hunter Biden Probe 'Deeply Troubling', Hannah Ng, August 9, 2022, 5:00 PM

At a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Aug. 4, FBI Director Christopher Wray said he found "deeply troubling" a whistleblowers' report alleging a concerted effort within the agency to discredit accurate information about Hunter Biden during the bureau's investigation in 2020. The report claiming widespread efforts within the FBI to downplay or mishandle information about the son of President Joe Biden was made public by Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee, in a letter (pdf) he sent to Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland on July 25. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): 3 NC first responders nominated by Biden to serve as US Marshals, Kayla Morton, August 9, 2022, 10:11 PM

President Joe Biden has nominated three first responders from North Carolina to serve as U.S. Marshals he announced Tuesday. "These individuals were chosen for their devotion to enforcing the law, their professionalism, their experience and credentials and their dedication to pursuing equal justice for all," Biden said in an official White House announcement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WREG-CBS (Memphis, TN): Murder fugitive from Puerto Rico captured in Memphis, Autumn Scott, August 9, 2022, 5:41 PM

A murder fugitive from Puerto Rico was captured at a motel in Memphis on Monday, the U.S. Marshals Service announced. According to U.S. Marshals, on May 5, 2022, a 43-year-old woman was killed in the Puerto Rico town of Aguadilla and her body was found dismembered. A warrant was issued by the General Court of Justice for the District of Aguadilla on June 6 charging Daunta Head with the crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDAF-Fox (Kansas City, MO): Man wanted for alleged rape, kidnapping arrested in Leavenworth, Matthew Self, August 9, 2022, 5:05 PM

U.S. Marshals say they have arrested a man in Leavenworth wanted for multiple crimes out of the Topeka area. According to the U.S. Marshals Service, on Tuesday, members of the U.S. Marshals Kansas Fugitive Apprehension Task Force, Kansas Highway Patrol, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Lawrence Police Department, Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office and the Ottawa Police Department arrested 20-year-old London Pike. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSNT-NBC \(Topeka, KS\)](#), [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WAOW-ABC (Wausau, WI): Man wanted for July homicide in Madison arrested in Ohio, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 5:00 PM

A man waived extradition in an Ohio court Tuesday in connection to the killing of a teenager in Madison, according to law enforcement authorities. Montgomery County Arraignment Court official Cindy Miller said Aquille Lowe, 27, of Fitchburg, appeared on charges including Party to the Crime of First Degree Intentional Homicide, Recklessly Endangering Safety and Felon in Possession of Firearms. Miller said Lowe is being held in the Montgomery County Jail without bond after waiving extradition. A supervisory deputy with the U.S. Marshals Service told 27 News, Lowe was arrested the morning of Thursday, August 4 at an apartment complex in Dayton, Ohio. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFSM-CBS (Fort Smith, AR): [VIDEO] New U.S. Marshals Museum President and C.E.O. to start soon, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 4:51 PM

A new President and C.E.O at the U.S. Marshals Museum in Fort Smith starts August 22nd. Daren speaks with Ben Johnson about his goals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WATN-ABC (Memphis, TN): Murder fugitive from Puerto Rico apprehended by U.S. Marshals in Memphis, Nick Papadimas, August 9, 2022, 4:04 PM

U.S. Marshals for the Western District of Tennessee announced the arrest of Daunta Head, 53, in Memphis for violations of conspiracy to murder in Puerto Rico. According to a news release, on May 5, 2022, a 43-year-old woman was murdered in the Puerto Rico town of Aguadilla. Her body was dismembered. On June 6, a warrant was issued charging Head for the crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMSN-Fox (Madison, WI): Man wanted in deadly north Madison shooting arrested in Ohio, Logan Reigstad, August 9, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Dane County man wanted in a deadly shooting on Madison's north side late last month was arrested last week in southern Ohio. Madison Police Department spokesperson Stephanie Fryer said Aquille Lowe, 27, of Fitchburg, was arrested in Dayton, Ohio, on Thursday. He is being held in the Montgomery County, Ohio, jail and is awaiting extradition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCTV-CBS (Thomasville, GA): **Feds could seize and auction off Scott Maddox's classic cars**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 2:42 PM

A judge has ruled U.S. Marshals can seize and auction off two of Scott Maddox's classic cars to help pay off penalties in his public corruption case. The former Tallahassee City Commissioner was sentenced to five years in federal prison in September 2021 after pleading guilty in a bribery scheme. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Law360: **Justices Told SEC, FTC Challenges 'Waste' Courts' Resources**, Jessica Corso, August 9, 2022, 9:21 PM

Congress never intended federal district courts to hear constitutional challenges to administrative law proceedings like those before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, and allowing those courts to do so would be a waste of judicial resources, government attorneys told the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

WaPo: **[OPINION] This is Biden's biggest unnoticed success**, Paul Waldman, August 9, 2022, 4:07 PM

When Joe Biden secured the Democratic nomination for president in 2020, many progressives were wary of their party's new leader. He had run as the moderate in the race and had a long history of seeking the center of gravity within the party, which didn't always mean standing up for progressive goals. With the party's recent round of legislative successes, those progressives are hardly overjoyed, but they do feel that things are going reasonably well. Yet there's one area where Biden can fairly be said to have exceeded the left's expectations: the appointment of judges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLTX-CBS (Columbia, SC): **Biden picks longtime Columbia judge as nominee for federal court**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022, 5:35 PM

President Joe Biden has nominated Columbia Judge DeAndrea Benjamin to be on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, one of the highest courts in America. The White House issued its latest round of nominations Tuesday afternoon for federal judgeships, a list that included Benjamin. Her nomination must be approved by the U.S. Senate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: **Calif. Tribe Says Full 9th Circ. Should Weigh Contract Row**, Andrew Westney, August 9, 2022, 7:35 PM

The Cedarville Rancheria of Northern Paiute Indians has pressed the Ninth Circuit to overturn a penalty a California bankruptcy judge imposed on a tribal company, saying precedent relied on by a construction contractor has been overruled and the full circuit court should hear the case to make that clear. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Navajo-Hopi Observer (Flagstaff, AZ): **Pinon man arrested for alleged murder of missing Navajo woman and acts of domestic violence**, Unattributed, August 9, 2022 8:39 AM EDT

The Department of Justice announced Aug. 5 that police had arrested a Pinon man for suspected first-degree murder and several counts of domestic violence in regard to a Pinon woman who went missing and whose remains were later found. [...] Yazzie was listed as a missing person by both federal and tribal law enforcement, and her disappearance was investigated by the Naajo Nationa [sic] Division of Public Safety, Navajo Nation Police Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo County Sherriff's [sic] Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

AP: **Missouri voters set to vote on recreational marijuana in November**, Summer Ballentine, August 9, 2022 5:56 PM

A campaign to legalize recreational marijuana in Missouri gathered enough signatures to make it on the November ballot, Republican Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft announced Tuesday. If voters approve the constitutional amendment on marijuana, those age 21 and older could buy and grow it for personal consumption as early as this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Law360: **Endo Says Bankruptcy Likely In Face Of Opioid Suits**, Rick Archer, August 9, 2022, 7:25 PM

Endo Pharmaceuticals on Tuesday warned investors that it may very soon become the next opioid maker to seek refuge in bankruptcy, saying a Chapter 11 filing could be imminent in the face of continuing opioid suits and "substantial" debt. In its second-quarter report filed with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the drugmaker said it has opened restructuring talks with senior creditors as it attempts to deal with opioid liability, other legal actions and \$8. 2 billion in debt. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Cincinnati Enquirer (Cincinnati, OH): **[OPINION] Law enforcement alone won't end the opioid crisis**, Matt Lehman, August 10, 2022, 5:02 AM

The opioid crisis was created by a handful of domestic pharmaceutical companies, and solving it will require a comprehensive approach. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell's recent op-ed, published in LinkNKY, rightly points out the grim statistics of the painful spike in opioid overdoses in Kentucky. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVU-Fox (Oakland, CA): **New law could open safe injection sites for drug users in Oakland, San Francisco**, Rick Archer, August 9, 2022, 11:48 AM

Oakland and San Francisco may soon be home to safe injection sites, places drug users can use in a protected setting. Both cities would be some of the first on the west coast to adopt the controversial approach to drug use. Senate bill 57 was passed by the California state legislature earlier this month and would allow for the two Bay Area cities and Los Angeles to open safe sites. According to the bill, drug users would have to bring their own drugs but would be given safe supplies, like clean needles. Professionals trained in reversing overdoses would also be on hand. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Politico: Republicans who blast FBI's Trump search are prepping to snag Joe in a Hunter Biden probe, Jordain Carney, August 10, 2022, 11:48 AM

As House Republicans rush to argue that the FBI search of Donald Trump's home is marred by politics, they are readying a future Hunter Biden investigation designed to ensnare Joe Biden ahead of a potential reelection bid. House Republicans see no contradiction between their suspicion of the FBI's law enforcement activity at Mar-a-Lago and their interest in digging into the business dealings of the president's son and other family members. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Fox](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 9, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Jericka Duncan

NBC: Nightly News with Thomas Edward Llamas

- New details are emerging about the unprecedented FBI search warrant issued of former Pres. Trump's Florida home, including that investigators searched Trump's safe and seized boxes and paper documents, but no electronics. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- The manhunt in Albuquerque, New Mexico is over after police say they have made an arrest in the killings of four Muslim men whose deaths sparked fear in Muslim communities nationwide. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- US chip makers got a boost to their assembly lines after Pres. Biden signed the bipartisan \$280 billion Chips Act. The bill aims to boost the manufacturing of semiconductors in America and take control of the growing chip shortage. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- The FDA has greenlit the Biden administration's plan to stretch out its limited supply of Monkeypox vaccine by injecting shots that use only one-fifth of the usual dose closer to the skin. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- Powerful explosions rocked a Russian air base in Crimea and sent towering clouds of smoke over the landscape Tuesday in what may mark an escalation of the war in Ukraine. At least one person was killed and several others were wounded, authorities said. [\[ABC, NBC\]](#)
- The first-ever cameras were allowed inside the U.S. Space Command, where the military tracks every rocket and missile launch around the globe. SpaceX has launched what is believed to be a top secret, state-of-the-art spy satellite that will support the Pentagon's

“overhead reconnaissance mission.” [\[NBC\]](#)

- The average price of gas has fallen for 50 straight days, and the national average is on the verge of dipping below \$4 a gallon for the first time since March. [\[CBS\]](#)
- A grand jury in Mississippi has declined to indict the White woman whose accusation set off the lynching of Black teenager Emmett Till nearly 70 years ago. The jury found insufficient evidence to charge Carolyn Bryant Donham, now 88, with kidnapping or manslaughter. [\[CBS\]](#)

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