

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 22-MJ-8332-BER

IN RE SEALED SEARCH WARRANT

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UNITED STATES' MOTION TO UNSEAL LIMITED WARRANT MATERIALS

On August 8, 2022, the Department of Justice executed a search warrant, issued by this Court upon the requisite finding of probable cause, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c)(1)-(2), at the premises located at 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, Florida 33480, a property of former President Donald J. Trump.

At the time the warrant was initially executed, the Department provided notice directly to former President Trump's counsel. The Department did not make any public statements about the search, and the search apparently attracted little or no public attention as it was taking place. Later that same day, former President Trump issued a public statement acknowledging the execution of the warrant. In the days since, the search warrant and related materials have been the subject of significant interest and attention from news media organizations and other entities.

In these circumstances involving a search of the residence of a former President, the government hereby requests that the Court unseal the Notice of Filing and its attachment (Docket Entry 17), absent objection by former President Trump. The attachment to that Notice consists of:

- The search warrant signed and approved by the Court on August 5, 2022, including Attachments A and B; and

- The redacted Property Receipt listing items seized pursuant to the search, filed with the Court on August 11, 2022.¹

The government will respond to the direction of the Court to provide further briefing as to additional entries on the docket, pursuant to the schedule set by the Court.

Consistent with standard practice in this Court, the search warrant and attachments were each filed under seal in Case No. 22-mj-8332-BER prior to the search; the Property Receipt was filed under seal today. Former President Trump, through counsel, was provided copies of each of these documents on August 8, 2022, as part of the execution of the search.

Argument

In These Circumstances, the Court Should Unseal the Search Warrant, Including Attachments A and B, and the Property Receipt, Absent Objection from the Former President.

The press and the public enjoy a qualified right of access to criminal and judicial proceedings and the judicial records filed therein. *See, e.g., Romero v. Drummond Co., Inc.*, 480 F.3d 1234, 1245 (11th Cir. 2007); *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.*, 263 F.3d 1304, 1311 (11th Cir. 2001). The unsealing of judicial materials pursuant to the common-law right of access “requires a balancing of competing interests.” *Chicago Tribune Co.*, 263 F.3d at 1311. “In balancing the public interest in accessing court documents against a party’s interest in keeping the information confidential, courts consider, among other factors, whether allowing access would impair court functions or harm legitimate privacy interests, the degree of and likelihood of injury if made public, the reliability of the information, whether there will

¹ The redactions in Docket Entry 17 remove the names of law enforcement personnel who executed the search from the unsealed materials. For ease of reference, the documents the government seeks to unseal, in the form to be made available to the public, have been filed under seal as Docket Entry Number 17.

be an opportunity to respond to the information, whether the information concerns public officials or public concerns, and the availability of a less onerous alternative to sealing the documents.” *Romero*, 480 F.3d at 1246.² Given the intense public interest presented by a search of a residence of a former President, the government believes these factors favor unsealing the search warrant, its accompanying Attachments A and B, and the Property Receipt, absent objection from the former President.

Although the government initially asked, and this Court agreed, to file the warrant and Attachments A and B under seal, releasing those documents at this time would not “impair court functions,” including the government’s ability to execute the warrant, given that the warrant has already been executed. *See Romero*, 480 F.3d at 1246. Furthermore, on the day that the search was executed, former President Trump issued a public statement that provided the first public confirmation that the search had occurred. Subsequently, the former President’s representatives have given additional statements to the press concerning the search, including public characterizations of the materials sought. *See, e.g., F.B.I Search of Trump’s Home Pushes Long Conflict Into Public View*, N.Y. Times (Aug. 9, 2022), available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/09/us/politics/fbi-search-trump.html> (“Christina Bobb, a lawyer and aide to Mr. Trump who said she received a copy of the search warrant, told one interviewer that the agents were looking for ‘presidential records or any possibly classified material.’”). As such, the occurrence of the search and indications of the subject matter involved are already public.

² In addition, the First Amendment provides a basis for the press and the public’s “right of access to criminal trial proceedings.” *Chicago Tribune Co.*, 263 F.3d at 1310. However, this Circuit has not addressed whether the First Amendment right of access applies to sealed search warrant materials. *See, e.g., Bennett v. United States*, No. 12-61499-CIV, 2013 WL 3821625, at *3 (S.D. Fla. July 23, 2023) (“this Court has found no Eleventh Circuit decisions addressing whether a First Amendment right of access extends to sealed search-warrant affidavits, particularly at the preindictment stage”).

This matter plainly “concerns public officials or public concerns,” *Romero*, 480 F.3d at 1246, as it involves a law enforcement action taken at the property of the 45th President of the United States. The public’s clear and powerful interest in understanding what occurred under these circumstances weighs heavily in favor of unsealing. That said, the former President should have an opportunity to respond to this Motion and lodge objections, including with regards to any “legitimate privacy interests” or the potential for other “injury” if these materials are made public. *Romero*, 480 F.3d at 1246. To that end, the government will furnish counsel for the former President with a copy of this Motion.

Conclusion

This Court should unseal Docket Entry 17, subject to the presentation of countervailing interests by former President Trump. A proposed Order is attached herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF PARTIES' POSITION
ON MOTION TO UNSEAL LIMITED WARRANT MATERIALS

In accordance with the Court's order directing the government to confer with counsel for former President Trump (Docket Entry 19) and consistent with Local Rule 88.9(a), the United States files this notice. Counsel for former President Trump—M. Evan Corcoran, Esq., and James Trusty, Esq.—have informed the government that the former President does not object to the government's Motion to Unseal Limited Warrant Materials (Docket Entry 18), which asked this Court to unseal the documents in Docket Entry 17. Accordingly, the United States requests that the Court grant its Motion (Docket Entry 18) and unseal Docket Entry 17.

Date: August 12, 2022

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NOTICE OF FILING OF REDACTED DOCUMENTS

The United States hereby gives notice that it is filing the following document, which is a redacted version of material previously filed in this case number under seal:

- The search warrant (not including the affidavit) signed and approved by the Court on August 5, 2022, including Attachments A and B;
- The Property Receipt listing items seized pursuant to the search, filed with the Court on August 11, 2022.

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ATTACHMENT A

Property to be searched

The premises to be searched, 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480, is further described as a resort, club, and residence located near the intersection of Southern Blvd and S Ocean Blvd. It is described as a mansion with approximately 58 bedrooms, 33 bathrooms, on a 17-acre estate. The locations to be searched include the “45 Office,” all storage rooms, and all other rooms or areas within the premises used or available to be used by FPOTUS and his staff and in which boxes or documents could be stored, including all structures or buildings on the estate. It does not include areas currently (i.e., at the time of the search) being occupied, rented, or used by third parties (such as Mar-a-Largo Members) and not otherwise used or available to be used by FPOTUS and his staff, such as private guest suites.

ATTACHMENT B

Property to be seized

All physical documents and records constituting evidence, contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 793, 2071, or 1519, including the following:

a. Any physical documents with classification markings, along with any containers/boxes (including any other contents) in which such documents are located, as well as any other containers/boxes that are collectively stored or found together with the aforementioned documents and containers/boxes;

b. Information, including communications in any form, regarding the retrieval, storage, or transmission of national defense information or classified material;

c. Any government and/or Presidential Records created between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021; or

d. Any evidence of the knowing alteration, destruction, or concealment of any government and/or Presidential Records, or of any documents with classification markings.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY

Case ID: WF- [REDACTED]
On (date) 8/8/2022

item(s) listed below were:

- Collected/Seized
- Received From
- Returned To
- Released To

(Name) Mar-A-Lago
(Street Address) 1100 S OCEAN BLVD
(City) PALM BEACH, FL 33480

Description of Item(s):

- 4 - Documents
- 29 - Box labeled A-14
- 30 - Box Labeled A-26
- 31 - Box Labeled A-43
- 32 - Box Labeled A-13
- 33 - Box Labeled A-33

Received By: *Christina Bobb*
(signature)

Received From: [REDACTED]
(signature)

Printed Name/Title: *Christina Bobb*
attorney

Printed Name/Title: [REDACTED] / SSA

6:19 pm on 8/8/22

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY

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Description of Item(s):

- 1 - Executive Grant of Clemency re: Roger Jason Stone, Jr.
- 1A - Info re: President of France
- 2 - Leatherbound box of documents
- 2A - Various classified/TS/SCI documents
- 3 - Potential Presidential Record
- 5 - Binder of photos
- 6 - Binder of photos
- 7 - Handwritten note
- 8 - Box labeled A-1
- 9 - Box labeled A-12
- 10 - Box Labeled A-15
- 10A - Miscellaneous Secret Documents
- 11 - Box Labeled A-16
- 11A - Miscellanous Top Secret Documents
- 12 - Box labeled A-17
- 13 - Box labeled A-18
- 13A - Miscellaneous Top Secret Documents
- 14 - Box labeled A-27
- 14-A - Miscellaneous Confidential Documents

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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15 - Box Labeled A-28

15A - Miscellaneous Secret Documents

16 - Box labeled A-30

17 - Box labeled A-32

18 - Box labeled A-35

19 - Box labeled A-23

19A - Confidential Document

20 - Box Labeled A-22

21 - Box labeled A-24

22 - Box Labeled A-34

23 - Box Labeled A-39

23A - Miscellaneous Secret Documents

24 - Box labeled A-40

25 - Box Labeled A-41

25A - Miscellaneous Confidential Documents

26 - Box Labeled A-42

26A - Miscellaneous Top Secret Documents

27 - Box Labeled A-71

28 - Box Labeled A-73

28A - Miscellaneous Top Secret Documents

Received By: *Christina Bobb*
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Printed Name/Title: *Christina Bobb*
attorney

Printed Name/Title: [Redacted] *Special Agent*

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UNITED STATES' OMNIBUS RESPONSE TO MOTIONS TO UNSEAL

On August 8, 2022, the Department of Justice executed a search warrant at the premises located at 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, Florida 33480, a property of former President Donald J. Trump. Given the circumstances presented in this matter and the public interest in transparency, and in the wake of the former President's public confirmation of the search and his representatives' public characterizations of the materials sought, the government moved to unseal the search warrant, its attachments, and the Property Receipt summarizing materials seized, which motion this Court granted. Those docketed items, which had already been provided to the former President's counsel upon execution of the warrant, have now appropriately been made public. The affidavit supporting the search warrant presents a very different set of considerations. There remain compelling reasons, including to protect the integrity of an ongoing law enforcement investigation that implicates national security, that support keeping the affidavit sealed.¹

The government does not object to unsealing other materials filed in connection with

¹ The government has carefully considered whether the affidavit can be released subject to redactions. For the reasons discussed below, the redactions necessary to mitigate harms to the integrity of the investigation would be so extensive as to render the remaining unsealed text devoid of meaningful content, and the release of such a redacted version would not serve any public interest. Nevertheless, should the Court order partial unsealing of the affidavit, the government respectfully requests an opportunity to provide the Court with proposed redactions.

the search warrant whose unsealing would not jeopardize the integrity of this national security investigation, subject to minor redactions to protect government personnel, namely: cover sheets associated with the search warrant application, Docket Entry (“D.E.”) 1; the government’s motion to seal, D.E. 2; and the Court’s sealing order, D.E. 3. The government’s proposed redactions to those documents have been filed under seal as D.E. 57, and the government now asks the Court to unseal the materials contained in that filing.²

Procedural Background

In recent days, following the execution of the search warrant, several news media organizations and other entities asked this Court to unseal the search warrant and related documents. *See* D.E. 4 (motion by Judicial Watch, Inc.) (Aug. 10, 2022); D.E. 6 (letter motion by *Times Union*) (Aug. 10, 2022); D.E. 8 (motion by New York Times Company) (Aug. 10, 2022); D.E. 20 (motion by CBS Broadcasting, Inc.) (Aug. 11, 2022); D.E. 22 (motion by Washington Post Company et al.) (Aug. 11, 2022); D.E. 23 (motion by *Palm Beach Post*) (Aug. 12, 2022); D.E. 30 (motion by Florida Center for Government Accountability) (Aug. 12, 2022); D.E. 31 (motion by *Miami Herald* and *Tampa Bay Times*) (Aug. 12, 2022); D.E. 32 (motion by Dow Jones & Company, Inc.) (Aug. 12, 2022); D.E. 33 (motion by Associated Press) (Aug. 12, 2022); D.E. 49 (motion by ABC, Inc.) (Aug. 15, 2022).

On August 10, 2022, after the filing of the first motion to unseal, the Court ordered the

² None of these documents contains new information that may implicate the privacy interests of former President Trump, so the government has not conferred with his counsel regarding their unsealing. In response to a request from the Washington Post Company group of intervenors (D.E. 22), the government conferred with counsel for those intervenors, who do not object to the proposed redactions. The government recognizes that they or other parties may seek additional time to file reply pleadings addressing any remaining disputed document(s), and the government does not object to such requests.

government to file a response by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 15, 2022. D.E. 5. Following two additional such filings and in order to “avoid the need for individualized orders on any future motion(s) to unseal,” the Court directed the government to file “an omnibus response to all motions to unseal on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 15, 2022.” D.E. 12.

On August 12, 2022, the government filed its own motion with the Court seeking to unseal, absent objection by the former President: (1) “the search warrant signed and approved by the Court on August 5, 2022, including Attachments A and B,” and (2) “the redacted Property Receipt listing items seized pursuant to the search, filed with the Court on August 11, 2022.” D.E. 18. The Court ordered the government to serve a copy of its motion on counsel for the former President and to advise the Court by 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 12, 2022, whether the former President opposed the government’s motion. D.E. 19. In accordance with that order and following consultation with the former President’s counsel, the government notified the Court that the former President did not object to its motion to unseal. D.E. 40. The Court then granted the government’s motion and unsealed the above-listed documents. D.E. 41.

Argument

Disclosure of the Search Warrant Affidavit Would Irreparably Harm the Government’s Ongoing Criminal Investigation

The press and the public enjoy a qualified right of access to judicial proceedings and the judicial records filed therein. *See, e.g., Romero v. Drummond Co., Inc.*, 480 F.3d 1234, 1245 (11th Cir. 2007); *Chicago Tribune Co. v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.*, 263 F.3d 1304, 1311 (11th Cir. 2001). The unsealing of judicial materials pursuant to the common-law right of access “requires a balancing of competing interests.” *Chicago Tribune Co.*, 263 F.3d at 1311. “In

balancing the public interest in accessing court documents against a party's interest in keeping the information confidential, courts consider, among other factors, whether allowing access would impair court functions or harm legitimate privacy interests, the degree of and likelihood of injury if made public, the reliability of the information, whether there will be an opportunity to respond to the information, whether the information concerns public officials or public concerns, and the availability of a less onerous alternative to sealing the documents.” *Romero*, 480 F.3d at 1246.³

“In the Eleventh Circuit, potential prejudice to an ongoing criminal investigation represents a compelling government interest that justifies the closure of judicial records.” *Bennett v. United States*, No. 12-61499-CIV, 2013 WL 3821625, at *4 (S.D. Fla. July 23, 2013) (Rosenbaum, J.) (citing *United States v. Valenti*, 986 F.2d 708 (11th Cir. 1993)). *See generally Douglas Oil Co. of Cal. v. Petrol Stops Nw.*, 441 U.S. 211, 219 (1979) (“if preindictment proceedings were made public, many prospective witnesses would be hesitant to come forward voluntarily, knowing that those against whom they testify would be aware of that testimony,” and “[t]here would also be the risk that those about to be indicted would flee, or

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would try to influence individual grand jurors”). In *Valenti*, for example, the Eleventh Circuit concluded that the district court properly denied a newspaper’s motion to unseal transcripts from closed court proceedings “as a necessary means to achieving the government’s compelling interest in the protection of a continuing law enforcement investigation.” 987 F.2d at 714.⁴ As Judge Jordan explained in the context of one “highly-publicized criminal case,” there are compelling reasons not to release non-public information in an ongoing investigation that could “compromise the investigation and might . . . lead to the destruction of evidence.” *United States v. Steinger*, 626 F. Supp. 2d 1231, 1232, 1235 (S.D. Fla. 2009). Even when the public is already aware of the general nature of the investigation, revealing the specific contents of a search warrant affidavit could alter the investigation’s trajectory, reveal ongoing and future investigative efforts, and undermine agents’ ability to collect evidence or obtain truthful testimony. In addition to the implications for the investigation, the release of this type of investigative material could have “devastating consequences” for the reputations and rights of individuals whose actions and statements are described. See *Steinger*, 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235. For these reasons, courts in this

⁴ Out-of-circuit authority is similar. See, e.g., *Media Gen. Operations, Inc. v. Buchanan*, 417 F.3d 424, 431 (4th Cir. 2005) (affirming that “the government’s interest in continuing its ongoing criminal investigation outweighs the petitioners’ interest in having the document opened to the press and the public”); *Matter of EyeCare Physicians of Am.*, 100 F.3d 514, 519 (7th Cir. 1996) (affirming decision not to unseal search warrant affidavits in preindictment posture because that “might very likely impair the ongoing criminal investigation,” and observing that “disclosing even a redacted version of the search warrant affidavit would enable the subjects of the investigation the opportunity to alter, remove or withhold records”); *Times Mirror Co.*, 873 F.2d at 1219 (“the ends of justice would be frustrated, not served, if the public were allowed access to warrant materials in the midst of a preindictment investigation into suspected criminal activity”); *In re Search Warrant for Secretarial Area Outside Off. of Gunn*, 855 F.2d 569, 574 (8th Cir. 1988) (“The government has demonstrated that restricting public access to [investigative] documents is necessitated by a compelling government interest—the on-going investigation.”).

jurisdiction have consistently denied motions to unseal investigative records—including search warrant affidavits—in ongoing criminal investigations. *See Valenti*, 987 F.2d at 714 (affirming denial of motion to unseal transcripts from closed court proceedings); *Bennett*, 2013 WL 3821625 at *4-8 (denying motion to unseal search warrant affidavit); *Matter of Search of Office Suites for World and Islam Studies*, 925 F. Supp. 738, 743 (M.D. Fla. 1996) (denying motion to unseal search warrant affidavits because they “contain the identifications of individuals that are subjects of the Government’s investigation” and they “state, at length, the scope and direction of its investigation”); *Steinger*, 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235 (denying motion to unseal “motions, responses, replies, orders, and transcripts” related to an “ongoing federal grand jury corruption investigation”).

Courts have also denied requests to partially unseal redacted versions of investigative materials where doing so would fail to protect the integrity of law enforcement investigations. *See Valenti*, 987 F.2d at 715 (“release of a redacted version” of transcripts from closed proceedings “would have been inadequate to protect the government’s interest in the ongoing investigation”); *Patel v. United States*, No. 9:19-MC-81181, 2019 WL 4251269, at *4 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 9, 2019) (“Given the details contained in the [search warrant] affidavit, the Court finds that redaction of names and other identifying information would not adequately assure the Government’s need to protect the integrity of an ongoing investigation.”); *Bennett*, 2013 WL 3821625, at *7 (“line-by-line redaction is not practical” where the government’s justifications for sealing include protecting the identities of undercover agents as well as protecting identities of potential witnesses); *Matter of Search of Office Suites for World and Islam Studies*, 925 F. Supp. at 743-44 (observing that even if release of redacted affidavits “might protect the parties named in the affidavits” it would “offer[] no shield against revealing the other aspects

of the Government’s investigation,” and concluding that “unsealing even a portion of [an] affidavit would reveal, either explicitly or by inference, the scope and direction of the Government’s investigation”); *United States v. Corces*, No. 92-28-CR-T-17B, 1997 WL 447979, at *3 (M.D. Fla. July 28, 1997) (“redaction may be impracticable or insufficient to protect the compelling interest” in protecting law enforcement investigations).

Here, the government has a compelling, overriding interest in preserving the integrity of an ongoing criminal investigation. As the government has readily acknowledged, the circumstances here—involving a search of the premises for a former President—involve matters of significant public concern. As a result, in an effort to ensure public access to materials that no longer needed to be sealed to protect the investigation, the government sought to unseal the search warrant, its attachments describing the premises to be searched and the property to be seized, and the Property Receipt provided to the former President’s counsel upon execution of the search. *See* D.E. 18. The Court granted that motion with the consent of former President Trump, who had previously received these materials, and the materials have now been made public. D.E. 40, 41. From these disclosures, the public is now aware of, among other things, the potential criminal statutes at issue in this investigation, *see* D.E. 17:4 (Attachment B to the search warrant) (permitting the government to seize materials “constituting evidence, contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 793, 2071, or 1519”), and the general nature of the items seized, including documents marked as classified, *see* D.E. 17:5-7 (Property Receipt). The government determined that these materials could be released without significant harm to its investigation because the search had already been executed and publicly acknowledged by the former President, and because the materials had previously been provided to the former

President through counsel.

Disclosure at this juncture of the affidavit supporting probable cause would, by contrast, cause significant and irreparable damage to this ongoing criminal investigation. As the Court is aware from its review of the affidavit, it contains, among other critically important and detailed investigative facts: highly sensitive information about witnesses, including witnesses interviewed by the government; specific investigative techniques; and information required by law to be kept under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e). If disclosed, the affidavit would serve as a roadmap to the government's ongoing investigation, providing specific details about its direction and likely course, in a manner that is highly likely to compromise future investigative steps. In addition, information about witnesses is particularly sensitive given the high-profile nature of this matter and the risk that the revelation of witness identities would impact their willingness to cooperate with the investigation.⁵ Disclosure of the government's affidavit at this stage would also likely chill future cooperation by witnesses whose assistance may be sought as this investigation progresses, as well as in other high-profile investigations. The fact that this investigation implicates highly classified materials further underscores the need to protect the integrity of the investigation and exacerbates the potential for harm if information is disclosed to the public prematurely or improperly.⁶

⁵ This is not merely a hypothetical concern, given the widely reported threats made against law enforcement personnel in the wake of the August 8 search. *See, e.g.*, Alan Feuer et al., "Armed Man Is Killed After Trying to Breach FBI's Cincinnati Office," *N.Y. Times* (Aug. 11, 2022), available at <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2022/08/11/us/fbi-cincinnati-shooting-news>; Josh Margolin, "Authorities Monitoring Online Threats Following FBI's Mar-a-Lago Raid," ABC News (Aug. 11, 2022), available at <https://abcnews.go.com/US/authorities-monitoring-online-threats-fbis-mar-lago-raid/story?id=88199587>.

⁶ Given that the Court is considering motions to unseal this affidavit merely days after reviewing these materials and approving the warrant application, the government is mindful

As Judge Jordan explained in *Steinger*, the risks of disclosing specific details about an investigation are manifold and potentially devastating. *See* 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235. Specific facts in a warrant affidavit may act as a roadmap of the ongoing investigation. Meanwhile, of their own accord, witnesses may be “hesitant to come forward voluntarily, knowing that those against whom they testify would be aware of their testimony,” *id.*, or that information they share in interviews would be publicized before any criminal proceeding has been initiated. These powerful concerns justify keeping the warrant affidavit under seal. *See also, e.g., In re Search of Fair Finance*, 692 F.3d 424, 432 (6th Cir. 2012) (disclosure of search warrant materials could “reveal the government’s preliminary theory of the crime being investigated,” and could cause the government to “be more selective in the information it disclosed [to courts] in order to preserve the integrity of its investigations”); *Matter of Search of Office Suites for World and Islam Studies*, 925 F. Supp. at 743 (denying motion to unseal affidavits that “contain the identifications of individuals that are subjects of the Government’s investigation”; that “state, at length, the scope and direction of its investigation”; and that contain “[r]eferences to cooperating witness(es) . . . throughout the documents”); *Bennett*, 2013 WL 3821625, at *4 (“protecting [the] ongoing investigation of Dr. Bennett and the Gulfstream Pain Center constitutes a compelling interest justifying continued sealing,” especially in “this pre-indictment stage”); *id.* at *6 (similar).

Further, and in view of what the government has already moved to make public, there is no “less onerous alternative to sealing” the affidavit. *Romero*, 480 F.3d at 1246. Unlike

that this Court is familiar with the highly sensitive contents of the affidavit and the specific harms that would result from its unsealing. However, if the Court would like the government to file a sealed *ex parte* supplement that addresses with more specificity the contents of the affidavit and the harms identified in this response, the government stands ready to do so.

the Property Receipt—which the government moved to unseal subject to minor redactions, including to protect the identity of law enforcement officials—the affidavit cannot responsibly be unsealed in a redacted form absent redactions that would be so extensive as to render the document devoid of content that would meaningfully enhance the public’s understanding of these events beyond the information already now in the public record. There is simply no alternative to sealing that could ensure the integrity of the government’s investigation and that would prevent the inevitable efforts to read between the lines and discern the identities of certain individuals, dates, or other critical, case-specific information. *Accord Matter of Search of Office Suites for World and Islam Studies*, 925 F. Supp. at 743 (“While this court is fully cognizant of the public’s and press’s right of access and has carefully considered redaction of names and extraction of excerpts as a less restrictive means to protect the Government’s investigation, in this instance, neither is sufficient to protect the Government’s compelling interests.”); *Bennett*, 2013 WL 3821625, at *8 (“Given the detailed context in which [certain] persons and their actions are discussed in the affidavit, the Court finds that redaction of names and other identifying information would not adequately protect the Government’s need for closure.”).

The case law cited by the intervenors is readily distinguishable. Many of those cases involved unsealing requests made well after charges were filed. *See, e.g., United States v. Peterson*, 627 F. Supp. 2d 1359, 1374 (M.D. Ga. 2008) (“Defendant is already under indictment”); *United States v. Shenberg*, 791 F. Supp. 292, 293 & n.1 (S.D. Fla. 1991) (defendants were already under indictment, and charges were “well known and have been extensively reported by the media”); *United States v. Vives*, No. 02-20030 CR, 2006 WL

3792096 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 21, 2006).⁷ In other cited cases that involved requests to unseal warrants in the investigation phase—in other words, before any charges—the court ultimately concluded that the government’s compelling interest in protecting the integrity of its investigation outweighed any public right of access. *E.g.*, *In re Search Warrant for Secretarial Area Outside Off. of Gunn*, 855 F.2d 569, 574 (8th Cir. 1988) (rejecting disclosure request); *Bennett*, 2013 WL 3821625 (same); *Patel*, 2019 WL 4251269, at *4 (“The Court finds that unsealing the underlying [search warrant] affidavit and related documents would severely prejudice the Government’s ongoing investigation”); *In re Search of Wellcare Health Plans, Inc.*, No. 8:07-MJ-1466-TGW, 2007 WL 4240740, at *2 (M.D. Fla. Nov. 28, 2007) (“The protection of this continuing law enforcement investigation is a compelling governmental interest that outweighs the public’s interest in immediate access to” the warrant affidavit). And in *In re Four Search Warrants*, 945 F. Supp. 1563 (N.D. Ga. 1996), involving the 1996 Atlanta Olympic bombing investigation, “the criminal investigation into [the search subject’s] participation in the bombing ha[d] ended” and he was “no longer considered a suspect” by the time the media sought the search warrant materials. *Id.* at 1568. Unsurprisingly, none of these cases concerned circumstances remotely similar to these—where there is an active investigation and a search was executed just days ago. Thus, while the intervenors quote these opinions for general principles about the right of access, the actual application of those principles in those cases favors the government’s position here.

Conclusion

This Court should deny motions by third parties to the extent they seek to unseal the

⁷ Although the court’s decision in *Vives* did not discuss the case history, the docket indicates that Vives and his codefendants were charged and tried years before the unsealing request at issue.

search warrant affidavit. Because the parties already have briefed this matter extensively, the government submits that the Court should rule on the motions without a hearing. The government does not object to the unsealing of Docket Entry 57.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 22-mj-8332-BER

IN RE SEALED SEARCH WARRANT

CRIMINAL COVER SHEET

1. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Maynard)? No
2. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared Strauss)? No

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE: SEARCH WARRANT

HIGHLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENT

MOTION TO SEAL

The United States of America, by and through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, hereby moves to seal this Motion, the Search Warrant, and all its accompanying documents, until further order of this Court. The United States submits that there is good cause because the integrity of the ongoing investigation might be compromised, and evidence might be destroyed.

The United States further requests that, pursuant to this Court's procedures for Highly Sensitive documents, all documents associated with this investigation not be filed on the Court's electronic docket because filing these materials on the electronic docket poses a risk to safety given the sensitive nature of the material contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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SEALING ORDER

The United States of America, having applied to this Court for an Order sealing the Motion to Seal, the Search Warrant and all its accompanying documents, and this order and the Court finding good cause:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion to Seal, the Search Warrant and its accompanying documents, and this Order shall be filed under seal until further order of this Court. However, the United States Attorney's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation may obtain copies of any sealed document for purposes of executing the search warrant.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at West Palm Beach, Florida, this 5TH day of August 2022.



HON. BRUCE E. REINHART
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Southern District of Florida

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Case No. 22-mj-8332-BER

In the Matter of the Search of (Briefly describe the property to be searched or identify the person by name and address) the Premises Located at 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, FL 33480, as further described in Attachment A

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

See Attachment A

located in the Southern District of Florida, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

See Attachment B

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- [x] evidence of a crime; [x] contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed; [] property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime; [] a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 793 (Willful retention of national defense information), 18 U.S.C. § 2071 (Concealment or removal of government records), and 18 U.S.C. § 1519 (Obstruction of federal investigation).

The application is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit of FBI Special Agent [Redacted]

- [x] Continued on the attached sheet. [] Delayed notice of ___ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: ___) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached [Redacted]

[Redacted Signature] Special Agent, FBI [Redacted Name]

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by Phone (WhatsApp) (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: 08/05/2022

[Handwritten Signature] Judge's signature

City and state: West Palm Beach, Florida

Hon. Bruce E. Reinhart, U.S. Magistrate Judge Printed name and title

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Subject: response to unsealing motions
To: Evers, Austin (ODAG)
Sent: August 15, 2022 5:05 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 8.15.22_Omnibus response draft FINAL.pdf, 2022.08.15.Pages from REDACTED FULL SW-22-mj-8332.pdf

Per NSD, here is the final, as-filed response, and the redacted versions of the materials we've consented to unsealing.

From: Babaeva, Lei a (ODAG)
Subject: RE: mk if you see anything worth mentioning in your email that i'm not on
To: Benedict, Margot (ODAG)
Sent: August 15, 2022 7:49 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Deputies Coordination Ca TPs - 8.15.2022.docx

Thank you. Added in the attached. Though, I thought (b) (5)

Thoughts??

- **Search Warrant for the Former President's Home:** On Thursday, the AG delivered brief remarks noting that he personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant with relation to the court approved search the FBI conducted of the former President's home, and that the Department filed a motion in the Southern District of Florida to unseal the search warrant and property receipt.

From: Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 7:31 PM
To: Babaeva, Leila (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: lmk if you see anything worth mentioning in your email that i'm not on

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From: Babaeva, Leila (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: lmk if you see anything worth mentioning in your email that i'm not on

Leila Babaeva
Senior Counsel
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Desk: (b) (6)
Mobile: (b) (6)

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Subject: Docs (Partia)
To: Bruck, Andrew (ODAG)
Sent: August 18, 2022 8:43 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 6_2_2022 Letter to Evan Corcoran.pdf, 8.15.22_Omnibus response draft FINAL.pdf, 2022-05-25 Ltr To Jay I. Bratt.pdf, 2022-05-25 Ltr To Jay I. Bratt Re Subpoena.pdf, 2022.08.15.Pages from REDACTED FULL SW-22-mj-8332.pdf, Scan_2.pdf, STAMPED - SW-22-mj-8332-BER-8-5-22 Fina FLAT.pdf

From: Bratt, Jay (NSD)
Subject: Fwd: from course for Media Intervenors/search warrant matter
To: Coey, Anthony D. (PAO); Rosse o, Luis (PAO)
Cc: Osen, Matthew (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Sent: August 24, 2022 7:30 PM (UTC-04:00)

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gonzalez, Juan Antonio (USAFLS)" <(b)(6) per EOUSA@usa.doj.gov>
Date: August 24, 2022 at 7:27:23 PM EDT
To: "Tobin, Charles D." <TobinC@ballardspahr.com>
Cc: "Bratt, Jay (NSD)" <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Subject: RE: from counsel for Media Intervenors/search warrant matter

Hi Chuck,

Sorry for the delay getting back to you but I have been tied up today. We are planning to follow the Court's order and file our pleadings under seal. We do not intend to make a public filing however, the Judge may want to make public specific parts of our pleading.

Regards,

Tony

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From: Tobin, Charles D. <TobinC@ballardspahr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Gonzalez, Juan Antonio (USAFLS) <(b)(6) per EOUSA@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] from counsel for Media Intervenors/search warrant matter

Good morning, Tony, I hope you remain well. I wanted to check on the government's plans for tomorrow's noon filing, per the Court's order.

We presume the government will file two versions of the legal memorandum containing its arguments for the continued sealing of portions of the search warrant affidavit - one version sealed, the other a redacted public version. If you would confirm, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

Chuck

Charles D. Tobin



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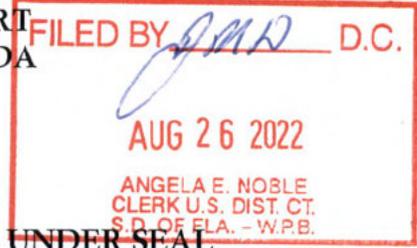
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IN RE SEALED SEARCH WARRANT

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NOTICE OF FILING OF REDACTED MEMORANDUM

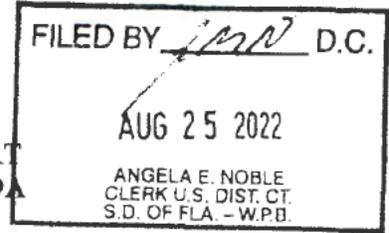
The United States hereby gives notice that it is filing the attached document, which is a redacted version of material previously filed in this case number under seal: the United States' Sealed, *Ex Parte* Memorandum of Law Regarding Proposed Redactions (DE89).

In the interest of transparency, as well as the principle that limitations on public access to judicial proceedings should be "narrowly tailored," *Globe Newspaper Co. v. Superior Court*, 457 U.S. 596, 607 (1982), the government will move at the appropriate time to unseal this notice and the redacted version of its *Ex Parte* Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Antonio Gonzalez", is written over a horizontal line.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 22-MJ-8332-BER

IN RE SEALED SEARCH WARRANT

UNDER SEAL

UNITED STATES' SEALED, EX PARTE MEMORANDUM OF LAW REGARDING
PROPOSED REDACTIONS

Pursuant to this Court's August 18 and August 22, 2022 orders, the United States respectfully submits this sealed, *ex parte* memorandum of law setting forth the justifications for its proposed redactions to the affidavit submitted to the Court on August 5, 2022, in support of the government's application for a search warrant at a property of former President Donald J. Trump. *See* Docket Entries ("D.E.") 1, 74, 80. For the reasons explained below, the materials the government marked for redaction in the attached document must remain sealed to protect the safety and privacy of a significant number of civilian witnesses, in addition to law enforcement personnel, as well as to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation and to avoid disclosure of grand jury material in violation of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Procedural Background

On August 8, 2022, the Department of Justice executed a search warrant, issued by this Court upon the requisite finding of probable cause, at the premises located at 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, Florida 33480, a property of former President Trump. Given the circumstances presented in this matter and the public interest in transparency, and in the wake

of the former President's public confirmation of the search and his representatives' public characterizations of the materials sought, the government moved to unseal the search warrant, its attachments, and the Property Receipt summarizing materials seized, and this Court granted the government's motion. D.E. 18, 41.

A number of news media organizations and other entities (the "Intervenors") have filed motions to unseal these and other materials associated with the search warrant, including the affidavit. The government submitted its omnibus response to those motions on August 15, 2022. D.E. 59. The Court conducted a hearing on August 18, 2022, at the conclusion of which the Court directed the government to file under seal its proposed redactions to the affidavit and a legal memorandum setting forth the justifications for the proposed redactions.¹ D.E. 74.

In a subsequent order, the Court noted that the government "has met its burden of showing good cause/a compelling interest that overrides any public interest in unsealing the full contents of the Affidavit." D.E. 80 at 12. In that order, the Court observed that the obstruction and threat concerns raised by the government were "not hypothetical in this case." *Id.* at 8. In particular, the Court cited its prior finding of probable cause that a statute prohibiting obstruction of justice has been violated, and further relied upon the post-search increase in specific threats of violence to identified FBI agents, overall violent threats to FBI personnel, and the armed attack on the FBI office in Cincinnati. *Id.* at 8-9.

¹ Based on the government's and the Intervenors' agreement that certain additional documents (namely, the government's motion to seal, the Court's sealing order, and two cover sheets) could be publicly released with minor redactions to protect government personnel, the Court also ordered those documents released. D.E. 74.

The Court found that disclosure of the Affidavit would likely result in witnesses being “quickly and broadly identified over social media and other communication channels, which could lead to them being harassed and intimidated.” *Id.* at 9. The Court gave “great weight” to “the significant likelihood that unsealing the Affidavit would harm legitimate privacy interests,” with disclosures potentially serving to “impede the ongoing investigation through obstruction of justice and witness intimidation or retaliation.” *Id.* at 9-10. And the Court found that the Affidavit contains “critically important and detailed investigative facts: highly sensitive information about witnesses . . . ; specific investigative techniques; and information required to be kept under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e),” the disclosure of which “would detrimentally affect this investigation and future investigations.” *Id.* at 10. However, noting that the warrant involves “matters of significant public concern,” *id.*, the Court concluded that “the present record” does not “justif[y] keeping the *entire* Affidavit under seal,” *id.* at 13 (emphasis added).

Argument

The Redacted Materials Must Remain Under Seal

As the Court has found, “[p]rotecting the integrity and secrecy of an ongoing criminal investigation is a well-recognized compelling governmental interest.” D.E. 80 at 6 (citing, *inter alia*, *United States v. Valenti*, 986 F.2d 708, 714 (11th Cir. 1993)). Indeed, “[a]t the pre-indictment stage, the Government’s need to conceal the scope and direction of its investigation, as well as its investigative sources and methods, is at its zenith.” D.E. 80 at 7-8 (citing *Blalock v. United States*, 844 F.2d 1546, 1550 n.5 (11th Cir. 1988)). Counsel for the Intervenors have also acknowledged that certain portions of the affidavit must likely remain

under seal to protect information such as witness identities and investigative sources and methods. Hrg. Tr. at 35.

The government has carefully reviewed the affidavit and has identified five categories of information that must remain under seal in order to protect the safety of multiple civilian witnesses whose information was included throughout the affidavit and contributed to the finding of probable cause, as well as the integrity of the ongoing investigation. In the attached chart, the government has identified each category that applies to information the government proposes to redact. Some information falls within more than one category. The categories, described further below, are (1) information from a broad range of civilian witnesses who may be subject to “witness intimidation or retaliation,” D.E. 80 at 9; (2) information regarding investigative avenues and techniques that could provide a roadmap for potential ways to obstruct the investigation, *id.* at 9-10; (3) information whose disclosure is prohibited under Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (“Rule 6(e)”), such as grand jury subpoenas, testimony, and related material, *id.* at 10; (4) information whose disclosure could risk the safety of law enforcement personnel, *id.* at 9; and (5) information whose disclosure could harm “legitimate privacy interests” of third parties, *id.*

1. Witness Information

First and foremost, the government must protect the identity of witnesses at this stage of the investigation to ensure their safety. As this Court noted, if information relating to witnesses were disclosed, “it is likely that even witnesses who are not expressly named in the Affidavit would be quickly and broadly identified over social media and other communication channels, which could lead to them being harassed and intimidated.” D.E. 80 at 9. *See also,*

[REDACTED]

If witnesses' identities are exposed, they could be subjected to harms including retaliation, intimidation, or harassment, and even threats to their physical safety. As the Court has already noted, "these concerns are not hypothetical in this case." D.E. 80 at 8.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Meanwhile, FBI agents who have been publicly identified in connection with this investigation have received repeated threats of violence from members of the public. Exposure of witnesses' identities would likely erode their trust in the government's investigation, and it would almost certainly chill other potential witnesses from coming forward in this investigation and others.

2. Investigation "Road Map"

As Judge Jordan explained in *Steinger*, if details about an ongoing investigation are prematurely disclosed, such disclosures "would compromise the investigation and might also lead to the destruction of evidence." 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235 (citing *Douglas Oil Co.*, 441 U.S. at 218-19); *see also, e.g., Patel v. United States*, No. 9:19-MC-81181, 2019 WL 4251269, at *5 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 9, 2019) (agreeing with the government that disclosure of information "would severely prejudice" its investigation, including by "prematurely disclosing its scope and direction, subjects, and potential witnesses, and could result in the destruction of evidence"); D.E. 80 at 9-10 (disclosure of investigative "sources and methods" "would detrimentally affect this investigation and future investigations").

Although the public is now aware that the government executed a search warrant at the premises owned by the former President and seized documents marked as classified, the affidavit is replete with further details that would provide a roadmap for anyone intent on obstructing the investigation. "Maximizing the Government's access to untainted facts increases its ability to make a fully-informed prosecutive decision." D.E. 80 at 8.

For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Revealing this information could thus adversely impact the government's pursuit of relevant evidence.²

In addition, revealing this information could severely disadvantage the government as it seeks further information from witnesses. For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

² Additionally, the Court has noted that disclosure of certain information pertaining to physical aspects of the premises could negatively affect the Secret Service's ability to carry out its protective functions. D.E. 80 at 10. Although the Department of Justice is not in a position at this time to assess those potential harms, the information in the affidavit describing physical aspects of the premises fits within the category of information whose disclosure would provide a "road map" of investigative techniques and avenues, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

These concerns are particularly compelling in this case. As explained in the affidavit,

[REDACTED]

In short, the government has well-founded concerns that steps may be taken to frustrate or otherwise interfere with this investigation if facts in the affidavit were prematurely disclosed.

3. Rule 6(e)

The affidavit contains certain information that must be kept under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) because it may disclose “a matter occurring before the grand jury.” Although “Rule 6(e) does not draw a veil of secrecy over all matters occurring in the world that happen to be investigated by a grand jury,” it bars disclosure of information that “would reveal something about the grand jury’s identity, investigation, or deliberation.” *Labow v. U.S. Dep’t of Justice*, 831 F.3d 523, 529 (D.C. Cir. 2016) (internal quotations omitted).³

[REDACTED]

4. Safety of Law Enforcement Personnel

Minor but important redactions are necessary to protect the safety of law enforcement

³ [REDACTED]

personnel. See D.E. 80 at 3 (redactions in other materials “are appropriate to protect the identity and personal safety of” an investigative agent). Specifically, information in the affidavit that would identify the affiant, such as by name or through biographical information, see Aff. ¶ 4, should remain under seal. [REDACTED]

5. Privacy Interests

As the Supreme Court has long recognized, premature disclosure of investigative information creates a risk that “persons who are accused but exonerated” may be “held up to public ridicule.” *Douglas Oil Co.*, 441 U.S. at 219; see also, e.g., *Steinger*, 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235 (disclosure of names of subjects and of matters being investigated “could have devastating consequences for those persons who have been cleared of any misconduct, as well as for those still under investigation”).⁴ The government recognizes that the former President has spoken publicly about this investigation and has said in a public statement that he wishes for the affidavit to be disclosed in its entirety, although the Court has noted that “[n]either Former President Trump nor anyone else purporting to be the owner of the Premises has filed a pleading taking a position on the Intervenors’ Motion to Unseal.”⁵ D.E.

⁴ Protecting the identities of uncharged individuals is also consistent with government counsel’s professional responsibilities. See Justice Manual § 9-27.760 (“Limitation on Identifying Uncharged Third-Parties Publicly”).

⁵ See Perry Stein & Josh Dawsey, “Trump Wants Mar-a-Lago Affidavit Released, As Some Aides Ponder Risk,” *Washington Post* (Aug. 17, 2022), available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/08/16/trump-mar-a-lago-affidavit/>. [REDACTED]

80 at 1-2. Nevertheless, the affidavit contains additional information about others that could harm these individuals' privacy and reputational interests if disclosed.

For example, [REDACTED]

Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Court should maintain under seal the text the government has marked for redaction. The government defers to the Court to determine whether the redactions are "so extensive that" release of the remainder of the affidavit would "result in a meaningless disclosure." D.E. 80 at 12. Should the Court order disclosure of a redacted version of the affidavit, and if the Court agrees with the government's proposed redactions, the government will submit a final version of the redacted affidavit for public release.

In the interest of transparency, as well as the principle that limitations on public access

[REDACTED]

to judicial proceedings should be “narrowly tailored,” *Globe Newspaper Co. v. Superior Court*, 457 U.S. 596, 607 (1982), the government respectfully submits that certain portions of this filing may be unsealed, including the introductory segment up through the first two paragraphs in the Argument section on page 4, as well as certain text in the sections that follow describing relevant provisions of law. The government will submit a version of this filing that identifies the portions that can be publicly filed, along with its proposed redactions, forthwith. And with the Court’s permission, the government will confer with counsel for the former President as to whether counsel or the former President has any objection to unsealing the letter from counsel included as Exhibit 1 to the affidavit. Absent any such objection, the government supports unsealing the letter.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 22-MJ-8332-BER

IN RE SEALED SEARCH WARRANT

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**NOTICE OF FILING OF REDACTED SEARCH WARRANT AFFIDAVIT
AND REDACTED *EX PARTE* MEMORANDUM OF LAW
CONCERNING PROPOSED REDACTIONS**

The United States gives notice that, in compliance with the Court's August 25, 2022 Order To Unseal, Docket Entry ("D.E.") 94, it hereby files the redacted version of the search warrant affidavit, submitted in support of the search warrant signed and approved by the Court on August 5, 2022. The redactions were previously submitted for the Court's review and approved by the Court's August 25, 2022 Order (DE89-1; DE94).

In addition, this notice includes a redacted copy of the government's Sealed, *Ex Parte* Memorandum of Law Concerning Proposed Redactions, filed on August 25, 2022, along with Exhibit B to that Memorandum, a redacted chart explaining the government's proposed redactions—both of which the Court ordered unsealed on August 26, 2022. Exhibit A to that filing consists of the proposed redactions to the affidavit, which accompanies this Notice in its final, redacted form.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF:)
) Case No.
LOCATIONS WITHIN THE PREMISES)
TO BE SEARCHED IN ATTACHMENT A) **Filed Under Seal**

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN
APPLICATION UNDER RULE 41 FOR A
WARRANT TO SEARCH AND SEIZE**

I, [REDACTED], being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. The government is conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records. The investigation began as a result of a referral the United States National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) sent to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) on February 9, 2022, hereinafter, "NARA Referral." The NARA Referral stated that on January 18, 2022, in accordance with the Presidential Records Act (PRA), NARA received from the office of former President DONALD J. TRUMP, hereinafter "FPOTUS," via representatives, fifteen (15) boxes of records, hereinafter, the "FIFTEEN BOXES." The FIFTEEN BOXES, which had been transported from the FPOTUS property at 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480, hereinafter, the "PREMISES," a residence and club known as "Mar-a-Lago," further described in Attachment A, were reported by NARA to contain, among other things, highly classified documents intermingled with other records.

2. After an initial review of the NARA Referral, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) opened a criminal investigation to, among other things, determine how the documents with

classification markings and records were removed from the White House (or any other authorized location(s) for the storage of classified materials) and came to be stored at the PREMISES; determine whether the storage location(s) at the PREMISES were authorized locations for the storage of classified information; determine whether any additional classified documents or records may have been stored in an unauthorized location at the PREMISES or another unknown location, and whether they remain at any such location; and identify any person(s) who may have removed or retained classified information without authorization and/or in an unauthorized space.

3. The FBI's investigation has established that documents bearing classification markings, which appear to contain National Defense Information (NDI), were among the materials contained in the FIFTEEN BOXES and were stored at the PREMISES in an unauthorized location. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Further, there is probable cause to believe that additional documents that contain classified NDI or that are Presidential records subject to record retention requirements currently remain at the PREMISES. There is also probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found at the PREMISES.

4. I am a Special Agent with the FBI assigned to the Washington Field Office [REDACTED]. During this time, I have received training at the FBI Academy located at Quantico, Virginia, specific to counterintelligence and espionage investigations. [REDACTED].

Based on my experience and training, I am familiar with efforts used to unlawfully collect, retain, and disseminate sensitive government information, including classified NDI.

5. I make this affidavit in support of an application under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a warrant to search the premises known as 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480, the “PREMISES,” as further described in Attachment A, for the things described in Attachment B.

6. Based upon the following facts, there is probable cause to believe that the locations to be searched at the PREMISES contain evidence, contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 793(e), 1519, or 2071.

SOURCE OF EVIDENCE

7. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, knowledge obtained during my participation in this investigation, and information obtained from other FBI and U.S. Government personnel. Because this affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of the application for a search warrant, it does not set forth each and every fact that I, or others, have learned during the course of this investigation.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

8. Under 18 U.S.C. § 793(e), “[w]hoever having unauthorized possession of, access to, or control over any document . . . or information relating to the national defense which information the possessor has reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation, willfully communicates, delivers, transmits or causes to be communicated, delivered, or transmitted” or attempts to do or causes the same “to any person not entitled to receive it, or willfully retains the same and fails to deliver it to the officer or employee

of the United States entitled to receive it” shall be fined or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

9. Under Executive Order 13526, information in any form may be classified if it: (1) is owned by, produced by or for, or is under the control of the United States Government; (2) falls within one or more of the categories set forth in the Executive Order [Top Secret, Secret, and Confidential]; and (3) is classified by an original classification authority who determines that its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to result in damage to the national security.

10. Where such unauthorized disclosure could reasonably result in damage to the national security, the information may be classified as “Confidential” and must be properly safeguarded. Where such unauthorized disclosure could reasonably result in serious damage to the national security, the information may be classified as “Secret” and must be properly safeguarded. Where such unauthorized disclosure could reasonably result in exceptionally grave damage to the national security, the information may be classified as “Top Secret” and must be properly safeguarded.

11. Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) means classified information concerning or derived from intelligence sources, methods, or analytical processes, which is required to be handled within formal access control systems.

12. Special Intelligence, or “SI,” is an SCI control system designed to protect technical and intelligence information derived from the monitoring of foreign communications signals by other than the intended recipients. The SI control system protects SI-derived information and information relating to SI activities, capabilities, techniques, processes, and procedures.

13. HUMINT Control System, or “HCS,” is an SCI control system designed to protect intelligence information derived from clandestine human sources, commonly referred to as

“human intelligence.” The HCS control system protects human intelligence-derived information and information relating to human intelligence activities, capabilities, techniques, processes, and procedures.

14. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or “FISA,” is a dissemination control designed to protect intelligence information derived from the collection of information authorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, or “FISC.”

15. Classified information may be marked as “Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals/Governments/US Citizens,” abbreviated “NOFORN,” to indicate information that may not be released in any form to foreign governments, foreign nationals, foreign organizations, or non-U.S. citizens without permission of the originator.

16. Classified information may be marked as “Originator Controlled,” abbreviated “ORCON.” This marking indicates that dissemination beyond pre-approved U.S. entities requires originator approval.

17. Classified information of any designation may be shared only with persons determined by an appropriate United States Government official to be eligible for access, and who possess a “need to know.” Among other requirements, in order for a person to obtain a security clearance allowing that person access to classified United States Government information, that person is required to and must agree to properly protect classified information by not disclosing such information to persons not entitled to receive it, by not unlawfully removing classified information from authorized storage facilities, and by not storing classified information in unauthorized locations. If a person is not eligible to receive classified information, classified information may not be disclosed to that person. In order for a foreign government to receive

access to classified information, the originating United States agency must determine that such release is appropriate.

18. Pursuant to Executive Order 13526, classified information contained on automated information systems, including networks and telecommunications systems, that collect, create, communicate, compute, disseminate, process, or store classified information must be maintained in a manner that: (1) prevents access by unauthorized persons; and (2) ensures the integrity of the information.

19. 32 C.F.R. Parts 2001 and 2003 regulate the handling of classified information. Specifically, 32 C.F.R. § 2001.43, titled “Storage,” regulates the physical protection of classified information. This section prescribes that Secret and Top Secret information “shall be stored in a [General Services Administration]-approved security container, a vault built to Federal Standard (FHD STD) 832, or an open storage area constructed in accordance with § 2001.53.” It also requires periodic inspection of the container and the use of an Intrusion Detection System, among other things.

20. Under 18 U.S.C. § 1519:

Whoever knowingly alters, destroys, mutilates, conceals, covers up, falsifies, or makes a false entry in any record, document, or tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, or influence the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States or any case filed under title 11, or in relation to or contemplation of any such matter or case, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.

21. Under 18 U.S.C. § 2071:

(a) Whoever willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, or destroys, or attempts to do so, or, with intent to do so takes and carries away any record, proceeding, map, book, paper, document, or other thing, filed or deposited with any clerk or officer of any court of the United States, or in any public office, or with any judicial or public officer of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

(b) Whoever, having the custody of any such record, proceeding, map, book, document, paper, or other thing, willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, falsifies, or destroys the same, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both; and shall forfeit his office and be disqualified from holding any office under the United States. As used in this subsection, the term “office” does not include the office held by any person as a retired officer of the Armed Forces of the United States.

22. Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. § 2201:

(2) The term “Presidential records” means documentary materials, or any reasonably segregable portion thereof, created or received by the President, the President’s immediate staff, or a unit or individual of the Executive Office of the President whose function is to advise or assist the President, in the course of conducting activities which relate to or have an effect upon the carrying out of the constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties of the President. Such term—

(A) includes any documentary materials relating to the political activities of the President or members of the President’s staff, but only if such activities relate to or have a direct effect upon the carrying out of constitutional, statutory, or other official or ceremonial duties of the President; but

(B) does not include any documentary materials that are (i) official records of an agency (as defined in section 552(e) of title 5, United States Code; (ii) personal records; (iii) stocks of publications and stationery; or (iv) extra copies of documents produced only for convenience of reference, when such copies are clearly so identified.

23. Under 44 U.S.C. § 3301(a), government “records” are defined as:

all recorded information, regardless of form or characteristics, made or received by a Federal agency under Federal law or in connection with the transaction of public business and preserved or appropriate for preservation by that agency or its legitimate successor as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the United States Government or because of the informational value of data in them.

PROBABLE CAUSE

NARA Referral

24. On February 9, 2022, the Special Agent in Charge of NARA’s Office of the

Inspector General sent the NARA Referral via email to DOJ. The NARA Referral stated that according to NARA's White House Liaison Division Director, a preliminary review of the FIFTEEN BOXES indicated that they contained "newspapers, magazines, printed news articles, photos, miscellaneous print-outs, notes, presidential correspondence, personal and post-presidential records, and 'a lot of classified records.' Of most significant concern was that highly classified records were unfolded, intermixed with other records, and otherwise improperly [*sic*] identified."

25. On February 18, 2022, the Archivist of the United States, chief administrator for NARA, stated in a letter to Congress's Committee on Oversight and Reform Chairwoman The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney, "NARA had ongoing communications with the representatives of former President Trump throughout 2021, which resulted in the transfer of 15 boxes to NARA in January 2022 NARA has identified items marked as classified national security information within the boxes." The letter also stated that, "[b]ecause NARA identified classified information in the boxes, NARA staff has been in communication with the Department of Justice." The letter was made publicly available at the following uniform resource locator (URL):

<https://www.archives.gov/files/foia/ferriero-response-to-02.09.2022-maloney-letter.02.18.2022.pdf>. On February 18, 2022, the same day, the Save America Political Action

Committee (PAC) posted the following statement on behalf of FPOTUS: "The National Archives did not 'find' anything, they were given, upon request, Presidential Records in an ordinary and routine process to ensure the preservation of my legacy and in accordance with the Presidential Records Act" An image of this statement is below.



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Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America

The National Archives did not find anything they were given, upon request. Presidential Records in an ordinary and routine process to ensure the preservation of my legacy and in accordance with the Presidential Records Act. If this was anyone but Trump, there would be no story here. Instead, the Democrats are in search of their next scam. The Russia, Russia, Russia Hoax turned out to be a Democrat inspired fake story to help Crooked Hillary Clinton. Impeachment Hoax #1, Impeachment Hoax #2, and so much more, has all been a Hoax. The Fake News is making it seem like me, as the President of the United States, was working in a filing room. No, I was busy destroying ISIS, building the greatest economy America had ever seen, brokering Peace deals, making sure Russia didn't attack Ukraine, making sure China didn't take over Taiwan, making sure there was no inflation, creating an energy independent country, rebuilding our military and law enforcement, saving our Second Amendment, protecting our Border, and cutting taxes. Now Russia is invading Ukraine, our economy is being destroyed, our Border is once again overrun, and the mandate continues. Instead of focusing on America, the media just wants to talk about their plan to "get" Trump. The people won't stand for it any longer!

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

28. [REDACTED]

29. [REDACTED]

Boxes Containing Documents Were Transported from the White House to Mar-a-Lago

30. According to a CBS Miami article titled "Moving Trucks Spotted At Mar-a-Lago," published Monday, January 18, 2021, at least two moving trucks were observed at the PREMISES on January 18, 2021. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

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34. [REDACTED]

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35. [REDACTED]

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36. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

37. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Provision of the Fifteen Boxes to NARA

38. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

39. On or about May 6, 2021, NARA made a request for the missing PRA records and continued to make requests until approximately late December 2021 when NARA was informed twelve boxes were found and ready for retrieval at the PREMISES. [REDACTED]

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1 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

40. [REDACTED]

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41. [REDACTED]

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42. [REDACTED]

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44. [REDACTED]

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45. [REDACTED]

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46. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The FIFTEEN BOXES Provided to NARA Contain Classified Information

47. From May 16-18, 2022, FBI agents conducted a preliminary review of the FIFTEEN BOXES provided to NARA and identified documents with classification markings in fourteen of the FIFTEEN BOXES. A preliminary triage of the documents with classification markings revealed the following approximate numbers: 184 unique documents bearing classification markings, including 67 documents marked as CONFIDENTIAL, 92 documents marked as SECRET, and 25 documents marked as TOP SECRET. Further, the FBI agents observed markings reflecting the following compartments/dissemination controls: HCS, FISA, ORCON, NOFORN, and SI. Based on my training and experience, I know that documents classified at these levels typically contain NDI. Several of the documents also contained what appears to be FPOTUS's handwritten notes.

48. [REDACTED]

49. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

50. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

51. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

52. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In the second such letter, which is attached as Exhibit 1, FPOTUS COUNSEL 1 asked DOJ to consider a few “principles,” which include FPOTUS COUNSEL 1’s claim that a President has absolute authority to declassify documents. In this letter, FPOTUS COUNSEL 1 requested, among other things, that “DOJ provide this letter to any judicial officer who is asked to rule on any motion pertaining to this investigation, or on any application made in connection with any investigative request concerning this investigation.”

53. I am aware of an article published in *Breitbart* on May 5, 2022, available at <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/05/05/documents-mar-a-lago-marked-classified-were-already-declassified-kash-patel-says/>, which states that Kash Patel, who is described as a former top FPOTUS administration official, characterized as “misleading” reports in other news organizations that NARA had found classified materials among records that FPOTUS provided to NARA from Mar-a-Lago. Patel alleged that such reports were misleading because FPOTUS had declassified the materials at issue. [REDACTED]

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54. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

57. [REDACTED]

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58. [REDACTED]

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59. [REDACTED]

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60. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

61. On June 8, 2022, DOJ COUNSEL sent FPOTUS COUNSEL 1 a letter, which reiterated that the PREMISES are not authorized to store classified information and requested the preservation of the STORAGE ROOM and boxes that had been moved from the White House to the PREMISES. Specifically, the letter stated in relevant part:

As I previously indicated to you, Mar-a-Lago does not include a secure location authorized for the storage of classified information. As such, it appears that since the time classified documents [REDACTED] were removed from the secure facilities at the White House and moved to Mar-a-Lago on or around January 20, 2021, they have not been handled in an appropriate manner or stored in an appropriate location. Accordingly, we ask that the room at Mar-a-Lago where the documents had been stored be secured and that all of the boxes that were moved from the White House to Mar-a-Lago (along with any other items in that room) be preserved in that room in their current condition until further notice.

² 18 U.S.C. § 793(e) does not use the term “classified information,” but rather criminalizes the unlawful retention of “information relating to the national defense.” The statute does not define “information related to the national defense,” but courts have construed it broadly. See *Gorin v. United States*, 312 U.S. 19, 28 (1941) (holding that the phrase “information relating to the national defense” as used in the Espionage Act is a “generic concept of broad connotations, referring to the military and naval establishments and the related activities of national preparedness”). In addition, the information must be “closely held” by the U.S. government. See *United States v. Squillacote*, 221 F.3d 542, 579 (4th Cir. 2000) (“[I]nformation made public by the government as well as information never protected by the government is not national defense information.”); *United States v. Morison*, 844 F.2d 1057, 1071-72 (4th Cir. 1988). Certain courts have also held that the disclosure of the documents must be potentially damaging to the United States. See *Morison*, 844 F.2d at 1071-72.

On June 9, 2022, FPOTUS COUNSEL 1 sent an email to DOJ COUNSEL, stating, "I write to acknowledge receipt of this letter."

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62. [REDACTED]

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69. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

There is Probable Cause to Believe That Documents Containing Classified NDI and Presidential Records Remain at the Premises

70. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

71. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

72. [REDACTED]

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73. [REDACTED]

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74. [REDACTED]

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75. [REDACTED]

76. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

77. Based upon this investigation, I believe that the STORAGE ROOM, FPOTUS’s residential suite, Pine Hall, the “45 Office,” and other spaces within the PREMISES are not currently authorized locations for the storage of classified information or NDI. Similarly, based upon this investigation, I do not believe that any spaces within the PREMISES have been authorized for the storage of classified information at least since the end of FPOTUS’s Presidential Administration on January 20, 2021.

78. As described above, evidence of the SUBJECT OFFENSES has been stored in multiple locations at the PREMISES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Accordingly, this affidavit seeks authorization to search the “45 Office” and all storage rooms and

any other rooms or locations where boxes or records may be stored within the PREMISES, as further described in Attachment A. The PREMISES is currently closed to club members for the summer; however, as specified in Attachment A, if at the time of the search, there are areas of the PREMISES being occupied, rented, or used by third parties, and not otherwise used or available to be used by FPOTUS and his staff, the search would not include such areas.

CONCLUSION

79. Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, I submit that probable cause exists to believe that evidence, contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed in violation 18 U.S.C. §§ 793(e), 2071, or 1519 will be found at the PREMISES. Further, I submit that this affidavit supports probable cause for a warrant to search the PREMISES described in Attachment A and seize the items described in Attachment B.

REQUEST FOR SEALING

80. It is respectfully requested that this Court issue an order sealing, until further order of the Court, all papers submitted in support of this application, including the application and search warrant. I believe that sealing this document is necessary because the items and information to be seized are relevant to an ongoing investigation and the FBI has not yet identified all potential criminal confederates nor located all evidence related to its investigation. Premature disclosure of the contents of this affidavit and related documents may have a significant and negative impact on the continuing investigation and may severely jeopardize its effectiveness by allowing criminal parties an opportunity to flee, destroy evidence (stored electronically and otherwise), change patterns of behavior, and notify criminal confederates.

**SEARCH PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING POTENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT
PRIVILEGED INFORMATION**

The following procedures will be followed at the time of the search in order to protect against disclosures of attorney-client privileged material:

81. These procedures will be executed by: (a) law enforcement personnel conducting this investigation (the “Case Team”); and (b) law enforcement personnel not participating in the investigation of the matter, who will search the “45 Office” and be available to assist in the event that a procedure involving potentially attorney-client privileged information is required (the “Privilege Review Team”).

82. The Case Team will be responsible for searching the **TARGET PREMISES**. However, the Privilege Review Team will search the “45 Office” and conduct a review of the seized materials from the “45 Office” to identify and segregate documents or data containing potentially attorney-client privileged information.

83. If the Privilege Review Team determines the documents or data are not potentially attorney-client privileged, they will be provided to the law-enforcement personnel assigned to the investigation. If at any point the law-enforcement personnel assigned to the investigation subsequently identify any data or documents that they consider may be potentially attorney-client privileged, they will cease the review of such identified data or documents and refer the materials to the Privilege Review Team for further review by the Privilege Review Team.

84. If the Privilege Review Team determines that documents are potentially attorney-client privileged or merit further consideration in that regard, a Privilege Review Team attorney may do any of the following: (a) apply *ex parte* to the court for a determination whether or not the documents contain attorney-client privileged material; (b) defer seeking court intervention and

continue to keep the documents inaccessible to law-enforcement personnel assigned to the investigation; or (c) disclose the documents to the potential privilege holder, request the privilege holder to state whether the potential privilege holder asserts attorney-client privilege as to any documents, including requesting a particularized privilege log, and seek a ruling from the court regarding any attorney-client privilege claims as to which the Privilege Review Team and the privilege-holder cannot reach agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn before me by
telephone (WhatsApp) or other reliable electronic
means this 5 day of August, 2022:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Reinhart", written over a horizontal line.

HON. BRUCE E. REINHART
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Re: Presidential Records Investigation

Dear Jay:

I write on behalf of President Donald J. Trump regarding the above-referenced matter.

Public trust in the government is low. At such times, adherence to the rules and long-standing policies is essential. President Donald J. Trump is a leader of the Republican Party. The Department of Justice (DOJ), as part of the Executive Branch, is under the control of a President from the opposite party. It is critical, given that dynamic, that every effort is made to ensure that actions by DOJ that may touch upon the former President, or his close associates, do not involve politics.

There have been public reports about an investigation by DOJ into Presidential Records purportedly marked as classified among materials that were once in the White House and unknowingly included among the boxes brought to Mar-a-Lago by the movers. It is important to emphasize that when a request was made for the documents by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), President Trump readily and voluntarily agreed to their transfer to NARA. The communications regarding the transfer of boxes to NARA were friendly, open, and straightforward. President Trump voluntarily ordered that the boxes be provided to NARA. No legal objection was asserted about the transfer. No concerns were raised about the contents of the boxes. It was a voluntary and open process.

Unfortunately, the good faith demonstrated by President Trump was not matched once the boxes arrived at NARA. Leaks followed. And, once DOJ got involved, the leaks continued. Leaks about any investigation are concerning. Leaks about an investigation that involve the residence of a former President who is still active on the national political scene are particularly troubling.

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It is important to note a few bedrock principles:

(1) A President Has Absolute Authority To Declassify Documents.

Under the U.S. Constitution, the President is vested with the highest level of authority when it comes to the classification and declassification of documents. *See* U.S. Const., Art. II, § 2 (“The President [is] Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States[.]”). His constitutionally-based authority regarding the classification and declassification of documents is unfettered. *See Navy v. Egan*, 484 U.S. 518, 527 (1988) (“[The President’s] authority to classify and control access to information bearing on national security . . . flows primarily from this constitutional investment of power in the President and exists quite apart from any explicit congressional grant.”).

(2) Presidential Actions Involving Classified Documents Are Not Subject To Criminal Sanction.

Any attempt to impose criminal liability on a President or former President that involves his actions with respect to documents marked classified would implicate grave constitutional separation-of-powers issues. Beyond that, the primary criminal statute that governs the unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents or material *does not apply* to the President. That statute provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

Whoever, being an officer, employee, contractor, or consultant of the United States, and, by virtue of his office, employment, position, or contract, becomes possessed of documents or materials containing classified information of the United States, knowingly removes such documents or materials without authority and with the intent to retain such documents or materials at an unauthorized location shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

18 U.S.C. § 1924(a). An element of this offense, which the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt, is that the accused is “an officer, employee, contractor, or consultant of the United States.” The President is none of these. *See Free Enter. Fund v. Pub. Co. Acct. Oversight Bd.*, 561 U.S. 477, 497–98 (2010) (citing U.S. Const., Art. II, § 2, cl. 2) (“The people do not vote for the ‘Officers of the United States.’”); *see also Melcher v. Fed. Open Mkt. Comm.*, 644 F. Supp. 510, 518–19 (D.D.C. 1986), *aff’d*, 836 F.2d 561 (D.C. Cir. 1987) (“[a]n officer of the United States can only be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or by a court of law, or the head of a department. A person who does not derive his position from one of these sources is not an officer of the United States in the sense of the Constitution.”). Thus, the statute does not apply to acts by a President.

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(3) DOJ Must Be Insulated From Political Influence.

According to the Inspector General of DOJ, one of the top challenges facing the Department is the public perception that DOJ is influenced by politics. The report found that “[o]ne important strategy that can build public trust in the Department is to ensure adherence to policies and procedures designed to protect DOJ from accusations of political influence or partial application of the law.” See <https://oig.justice.gov/reports/top-management-and-performance-challenges-facing-department-justice-2021> (last visited May 25, 2022). We request that DOJ adhere to long-standing policies and procedures regarding communications between DOJ and the White House regarding pending investigative matters which are designed to prevent political influence in DOJ decision-making.

(4) DOJ Must Be Candid With Judges And Present Exculpatory Evidence.

Long-standing DOJ policy requires that DOJ attorneys be candid in representations made to judges. Pursuant to those policies, we request that DOJ provide this letter to any judicial officer who is asked to rule on any motion pertaining to this investigation, or on any application made in connection with any investigative request concerning this investigation.

The official policy of DOJ further requires that prosecutors present exculpatory evidence to a grand jury. Pursuant to that policy, we request that DOJ provide this letter to any grand jury considering evidence in connection with this matter, or any grand jury asked to issue a subpoena for testimony or documents in connection with this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

With best regards,



M. Evan Corcoran

cc: Matthew G. Olsen
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National Security Division
Via Electronic Mail

ATTACHMENT A

Property to be searched

The premises to be searched, 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach, FL 33480, is further described as a resort, club, and residence located near the intersection of Southern Blvd and S Ocean Blvd. It is described as a mansion with approximately 58 bedrooms, 33 bathrooms, on a 17-acre estate. The locations to be searched include the “45 Office,” all storage rooms, and all other rooms or areas within the premises used or available to be used by FPOTUS and his staff and in which boxes or documents could be stored, including all structures or buildings on the estate. It does not include areas currently (i.e., at the time of the search) being occupied, rented, or used by third parties (such as Mar-a-Largo Members) and not otherwise used or available to be used by FPOTUS and his staff, such as private guest suites.

ATTACHMENT B

Property to be seized

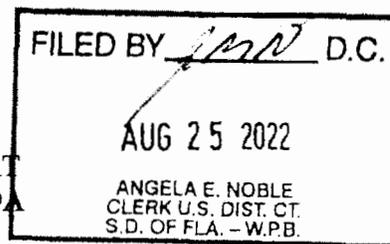
All physical documents and records constituting evidence, contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 793, 2071, or 1519, including the following:

a. Any physical documents with classification markings, along with any containers/boxes (including any other contents) in which such documents are located, as well as any other containers/boxes that are collectively stored or found together with the aforementioned documents and containers/boxes;

b. Information, including communications in any form, regarding the retrieval, storage, or transmission of national defense information or classified material;

c. Any government and/or Presidential Records created between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021; or

d. Any evidence of the knowing alteration, destruction, or concealment of any government and/or Presidential Records, or of any documents with classification markings.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 22-MJ-8332-BER

IN RE SEALED SEARCH WARRANT

UNDER SEAL

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**UNITED STATES' SEALED, *EX PARTE* MEMORANDUM OF LAW REGARDING
PROPOSED REDACTIONS**

Pursuant to this Court's August 18 and August 22, 2022 orders, the United States respectfully submits this sealed, *ex parte* memorandum of law setting forth the justifications for its proposed redactions to the affidavit submitted to the Court on August 5, 2022, in support of the government's application for a search warrant at a property of former President Donald J. Trump. *See* Docket Entries ("D.E.") 1, 74, 80. For the reasons explained below, the materials the government marked for redaction in the attached document must remain sealed to protect the safety and privacy of a significant number of civilian witnesses, in addition to law enforcement personnel, as well as to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation and to avoid disclosure of grand jury material in violation of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Procedural Background

On August 8, 2022, the Department of Justice executed a search warrant, issued by this Court upon the requisite finding of probable cause, at the premises located at 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, Florida 33480, a property of former President Trump. Given the circumstances presented in this matter and the public interest in transparency, and in the wake

The Court found that disclosure of the Affidavit would likely result in witnesses being “quickly and broadly identified over social media and other communication channels, which could lead to them being harassed and intimidated.” *Id.* at 9. The Court gave “great weight” to “the significant likelihood that unsealing the Affidavit would harm legitimate privacy interests,” with disclosures potentially serving to “impede the ongoing investigation through obstruction of justice and witness intimidation or retaliation.” *Id.* at 9-10. And the Court found that the Affidavit contains “critically important and detailed investigative facts: highly sensitive information about witnesses . . . ; specific investigative techniques; and information required to be kept under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e),” the disclosure of which “would detrimentally affect this investigation and future investigations.” *Id.* at 10. However, noting that the warrant involves “matters of significant public concern,” *id.*, the Court concluded that “the present record” does not “justif[y] keeping the *entire* Affidavit under seal,” *id.* at 13 (emphasis added).

Argument

The Redacted Materials Must Remain Under Seal

As the Court has found, “[p]rotecting the integrity and secrecy of an ongoing criminal investigation is a well-recognized compelling governmental interest.” D.E. 80 at 6 (citing, *inter alia*, *United States v. Valenti*, 986 F.2d 708, 714 (11th Cir. 1993)). Indeed, “[a]t the pre-indictment stage, the Government’s need to conceal the scope and direction of its investigation, as well as its investigative sources and methods, is at its zenith.” D.E. 80 at 7-8 (citing *Blalock v. United States*, 844 F.2d 1546, 1550 n.5 (11th Cir. 1988)). Counsel for the Intervenors have also acknowledged that certain portions of the affidavit must likely remain

of the former President's public confirmation of the search and his representatives' public characterizations of the materials sought, the government moved to unseal the search warrant, its attachments, and the Property Receipt summarizing materials seized, and this Court granted the government's motion. D.E. 18, 41.

A number of news media organizations and other entities (the "Intervenors") have filed motions to unseal these and other materials associated with the search warrant, including the affidavit. The government submitted its omnibus response to those motions on August 15, 2022. D.E. 59. The Court conducted a hearing on August 18, 2022, at the conclusion of which the Court directed the government to file under seal its proposed redactions to the affidavit and a legal memorandum setting forth the justifications for the proposed redactions.¹ D.E. 74.

In a subsequent order, the Court noted that the government "has met its burden of showing good cause/a compelling interest that overrides any public interest in unsealing the full contents of the Affidavit." D.E. 80 at 12. In that order, the Court observed that the obstruction and threat concerns raised by the government were "not hypothetical in this case." *Id.* at 8. In particular, the Court cited its prior finding of probable cause that a statute prohibiting obstruction of justice has been violated, and further relied upon the post-search increase in specific threats of violence to identified FBI agents, overall violent threats to FBI personnel, and the armed attack on the FBI office in Cincinnati. *Id.* at 8-9.

¹ Based on the government's and the Intervenors' agreement that certain additional documents (namely, the government's motion to seal, the Court's sealing order, and two cover sheets) could be publicly released with minor redactions to protect government personnel, the Court also ordered those documents released. D.E. 74.

under seal to protect information such as witness identities and investigative sources and methods. Hrg. Tr. at 35.

The government has carefully reviewed the affidavit and has identified five categories of information that must remain under seal in order to protect the safety of multiple civilian witnesses whose information was included throughout the affidavit and contributed to the finding of probable cause, as well as the integrity of the ongoing investigation. In the attached chart, the government has identified each category that applies to information the government proposes to redact. Some information falls within more than one category. The categories, described further below, are (1) information from a broad range of civilian witnesses who may be subject to “witness intimidation or retaliation,” D.E. 80 at 9; (2) information regarding investigative avenues and techniques that could provide a roadmap for potential ways to obstruct the investigation, *id.* at 9-10; (3) information whose disclosure is prohibited under Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (“Rule 6(e)”), such as grand jury subpoenas, testimony, and related material, *id.* at 10; (4) information whose disclosure could risk the safety of law enforcement personnel, *id.* at 9; and (5) information whose disclosure could harm “legitimate privacy interests” of third parties, *id.*

1. Witness Information

First and foremost, the government must protect the identity of witnesses at this stage of the investigation to ensure their safety. As this Court noted, if information relating to witnesses were disclosed, “it is likely that even witnesses who are not expressly named in the Affidavit would be quickly and broadly identified over social media and other communication channels, which could lead to them being harassed and intimidated.” D.E. 80 at 9. *See also,*

e.g., Douglas Oil Co. of Cal. v. Petrol Stops Nw., 441 U.S. 211, 219 (1979) (describing the risk that “prospective witnesses would be hesitant to come forward voluntarily, knowing that those against whom they testify would be aware of that testimony”); *United States v. Steinger*, 626 F. Supp. 2d 1231, 1235 (S.D. Fla. 2009) (similar).

[REDACTED] Information in the affidavit could be used to identify many, if not all, of these witnesses. For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If witnesses' identities are exposed, they could be subjected to harms including retaliation, intimidation, or harassment, and even threats to their physical safety. As the Court has already noted, "these concerns are not hypothetical in this case." D.E. 80 at 8.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Meanwhile, FBI agents who have been publicly identified in connection with this investigation have received repeated threats of violence from members of the public. Exposure of witnesses' identities would likely erode their trust in the government's investigation, and it would almost certainly chill other potential witnesses from coming forward in this investigation and others.

2. Investigation "Road Map"

As Judge Jordan explained in *Steinger*, if details about an ongoing investigation are prematurely disclosed, such disclosures "would compromise the investigation and might also lead to the destruction of evidence." 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235 (citing *Douglas Oil Co.*, 441 U.S. at 218-19); *see also, e.g., Patel v. United States*, No. 9:19-MC-81181, 2019 WL 4251269, at *5 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 9, 2019) (agreeing with the government that disclosure of information "would severely prejudice" its investigation, including by "prematurely disclosing its scope and direction, subjects, and potential witnesses, and could result in the destruction of evidence"); D.E. 80 at 9-10 (disclosure of investigative "sources and methods" "would detrimentally affect this investigation and future investigations").

Although the public is now aware that the government executed a search warrant at the premises owned by the former President and seized documents marked as classified, the affidavit is replete with further details that would provide a roadmap for anyone intent on obstructing the investigation. "Maximizing the Government's access to untainted facts increases its ability to make a fully-informed prosecutive decision." D.E. 80 at 8.

For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Revealing this information could thus adversely impact the government's pursuit of relevant evidence.²

In addition, revealing this information could severely disadvantage the government as it seeks further information from witnesses. For example, [REDACTED]

² Additionally, the Court has noted that disclosure of certain information pertaining to physical aspects of the premises could negatively affect the Secret Service's ability to carry out its protective functions. D.E. 80 at 10. Although the Department of Justice is not in a position at this time to assess those potential harms, the information in the affidavit describing physical aspects of the premises fits within the category of information whose disclosure would provide a "road map" of investigative techniques and avenues, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

These concerns are particularly compelling in this case. As explained in the affidavit,

[REDACTED]

In short, the government has well-founded concerns that steps may be taken to frustrate or otherwise interfere with this investigation if facts in the affidavit were prematurely disclosed.

3. Rule 6(e)

The affidavit contains certain information that must be kept under seal pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) because it may disclose “a matter occurring before the grand jury.” Although “Rule 6(e) does not draw a veil of secrecy over all matters occurring in the world that happen to be investigated by a grand jury,” it bars disclosure of information that “would reveal something about the grand jury’s identity, investigation, or deliberation.” *Labow v. U.S. Dep’t of Justice*, 831 F.3d 523, 529 (D.C. Cir. 2016) (internal quotations omitted).³

[REDACTED]

4. Safety of Law Enforcement Personnel

Minor but important redactions are necessary to protect the safety of law enforcement

³ [REDACTED]

personnel. See D.E. 80 at 3 (redactions in other materials “are appropriate to protect the identity and personal safety of” an investigative agent). Specifically, information in the affidavit that would identify the affiant, such as by name or through biographical information, see Aff. ¶ 4, should remain under seal. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5. Privacy Interests

As the Supreme Court has long recognized, premature disclosure of investigative information creates a risk that “persons who are accused but exonerated” may be “held up to public ridicule.” *Douglas Oil Co.*, 441 U.S. at 219; see also, e.g., *Steinger*, 626 F. Supp. 2d at 1235 (disclosure of names of subjects and of matters being investigated “could have devastating consequences for those persons who have been cleared of any misconduct, as well as for those still under investigation”).⁴ The government recognizes that the former President has spoken publicly about this investigation and has said in a public statement that he wishes for the affidavit to be disclosed in its entirety, although the Court has noted that “[n]either Former President Trump nor anyone else purporting to be the owner of the Premises has filed a pleading taking a position on the Intervenors’ Motion to Unseal.”⁵ D.E.

⁴ Protecting the identities of uncharged individuals is also consistent with government counsel’s professional responsibilities. See Justice Manual § 9-27.760 (“Limitation on Identifying Uncharged Third-Parties Publicly”).

⁵ See Perry Stein & Josh Dawsey, “Trump Wants Mar-a-Lago Affidavit Released, As Some Aides Ponder Risk,” *Washington Post* (Aug. 17, 2022), available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/08/16/trump-mar-a-lago-affidavit/>. [REDACTED]

80 at 1-2. Nevertheless, the affidavit contains additional information about others that could harm these individuals' privacy and reputational interests if disclosed.

For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Court should maintain under seal the text the government has marked for redaction. The government defers to the Court to determine whether the redactions are "so extensive that" release of the remainder of the affidavit would "result in a meaningless disclosure." D.E. 80 at 12. Should the Court order disclosure of a redacted version of the affidavit, and if the Court agrees with the government's proposed redactions, the government will submit a final version of the redacted affidavit for public release.

In the interest of transparency, as well as the principle that limitations on public access

[REDACTED]

to judicial proceedings should be “narrowly tailored,” *Globe Newspaper Co. v. Superior Court*, 457 U.S. 596, 607 (1982), the government respectfully submits that certain portions of this filing may be unsealed, including the introductory segment up through the first two paragraphs in the Argument section on page 4, as well as certain text in the sections that follow describing relevant provisions of law. The government will submit a version of this filing that identifies the portions that can be publicly filed, along with its proposed redactions, forthwith. And with the Court’s permission, the government will confer with counsel for the former President as to whether counsel or the former President has any objection to unsealing the letter from counsel included as Exhibit 1 to the affidavit. Absent any such objection, the government supports unsealing the letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit B

ATTACHMENT

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To: Bruck, Andrew (ODAG)
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Guys -- PACER crashed, which caused some delay. Here is the entire filing with the redacted affidavit, memo, and chart (from PACER).

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Sorry -- I was updating Anthony on another chain too. PACER is crashing -- too many people trying to access the docket.

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Thanks, George.

Adding Anthony.

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Subject:

SDFL just received the required unsealing order from the court and will be filing the redacted memo, the redacted affidavit, and the redacted chart on the public docket momentarily.

From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Subject: Re:
To: Toscas, George (NSD)
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Thanks, George.

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Duplicative Records

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The doc is in your inbox, I'll give the DAG's copy to Maya. Thanks.

Audrey Brockman
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Desk: (b) (6)
Cell: (b) (6)

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Can you print two copies, one for the DAG and one for me.

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To: Gonzalez, Juan Antonio (USAFLS)
Cc: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD (NSD); Toscas, George (NSD); Newman, David A. (ODAG)
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Tony:

I don't think (b) (5)

Thoughts (including those cc'd)?

Jay

From: Mark R. Caramanica <mcaramanica@tlolawfirm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Gonzalez, Juan Antonio (USAFLS) (b)(6) per EOUSA @usa.doj.gov>; Bratt, Jay (NSD) <(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) per NSD>
Cc: Dana J. McElroy <DMcElroy@tlolawfirm.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] News Media intervention in Trump v. United States, No. 22-civ-81294

Dear Messrs. Gonzalez and Bratt:

On behalf of a news media coalition (comprising many of the same entities who intervened before Judge Reinhart regarding the search warrant materials), we plan to file a motion today to intervene in this matter as well. We will be opposing any sealing of records filed under seal pursuant to the Court's August 27, 2022 order (ECF No. 29). Please let us know your position on: 1) intervention and 2) whether the United States will oppose unsealing of those records. We are happy to discuss if you'd like.

Thank you.

-Mark Caramanica



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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: GOP candidate says call for Garland's death was 'facetious', Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 10:22 PM

A Republican candidate for Congress in western New York said in a radio interview that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland "should be executed" for authorizing a search of former President Donald Trump's home, before clarifying later in the show that he wasn't being serious.

Buffalo-area businessman Carl Paladino made the comment in an interview with Breitbart News Saturday on Aug. 13. During the interview, Paladino was criticizing President Joe Biden for what he said was a lack of leadership and disengagement from government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **[OPINION] Mar-a-Lago mess: How Merrick Garland can regain the public's trust**, Jonathan Turley, August 20, 2022, 9:00 AM

In a three-minute press conference following the FBI raid on Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, Attorney General Merrick Garland cut a defiant figure, condemning critics of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the FBI: "I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked." He then left the stage without taking questions or answering that criticism. It was a signature moment for Garland, who often responds to controversies with belated, rote remarks. His brief comments had all of the substance of a Hallmark card that read, "Trust us, we're the government." [[Continue Reading](#)]

DOJ GRANTS

The Hill: **DOJ announces \$35.7 million in grants for states to provide support for sexual assault victims**, Chloe Folmar, August 19, 2022, 3:19 PM

The Department of Justice announced on Friday that it would provide a total of \$35.7 million in grants to help states provide support to victims of sexual assault. The Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program (SASP), run by the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), will include 56 awards, one for each state in addition to five U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Tennessee Lookout (Memphis, TN): **Election officials can't access federal funding for security as violent threats mount**, Kira Lerner, August 20, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

Colorado's election officials, like so many across the country, faced a surge of violent threats after the 2020 election. [...] So when the Colorado secretary of state's office learned early this year that the U.S. Department of Justice would allow funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program to be used by state and local election offices to combat threats, they submitted an application in March. The office requested \$396,000 to pay contractors to monitor social media for threats and to enhance physical security for the secretary of state's office staff and county clerks through September 2023. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: **Islamic State militant gets life in U.S. prison over killing of American hostages**, Kanishka Singh, August 19, 2022, 5:16 PM

A U.S. federal judge on Friday sentenced a member of an Islamic State cell known as "The Beatles" to life in prison for involvement in a hostage-taking plot that led to the killings of American journalists and aid workers in Syria. Families and friends of the four Americans killed and of other hostages previously detained by the militant group looked on as District Court Judge T.S. Ellis sentenced El Shafee Elsheikh, 34, to life without parole, calling his behavior "horrific, barbaric, brutal and of course criminal." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: Officers recall battling thundering mob in Jan. 6 trial of Maine man, Tom Jackman, August 19, 2022, 6:55 PM

In the battle for the West Terrace tunnel at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as a thundering mob tried to force its way through one small opening, three police officers testified in federal court this week that Kyle Fitzsimons pushed his way to the front line and assaulted them. All three also said they feared they were about to die during the hours-long attack. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: War in Ukraine Is Pushing the Last U.S.-Russia Nuclear Treaty Off the Rails, Tom O'Connor, August 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has strained relations between the United States and Russia to their lowest point since the Cold War. With this dangerous downturn in ties has come a new challenge to the already tenuous nuclear cooperation between the two nations with the world's largest weapons of mass destruction stockpiles. [...] The Biden administration has disputed this narrative. A U.S. State Department spokesperson told Newsweek that "U.S. sanctions and restrictive measures imposed as a result of Russia's war against Ukraine are consistent with the New START Treaty and do not prevent Russian inspectors from conducting New START Treaty inspections in the United States." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Augusta Free Press (Waynesboro, VA): Former JAG School Army officer arrested in Arkansas on cyberstalking charges, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 3:44 PM (EDT)

A former Army officer assigned to the JAG School in Charlottesville has been arrested in Arkansas on cyberstalking charges. A report from the U.S. Attorney office in Charlottesville offers a host of other details in the arrest of Manfredo Madrigal III, 36, involving the attempted deletion of Army materials, lying to the FBI, and coaching a witness to provide false information to the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Daily Progress \(Charlottesville, VA\)](#), [KYTX-CBS/CW+ \(Nacogdoches, TX\)](#)

KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): El Cajon man found guilty in Jan. 6 Capitol breach, Darleene Powells, August 19, 2022, 3:48 PM (EDT)

A jury found a San Diego County man guilty for his actions during the Jan. 6, 2021 breach of the U.S. Capitol, which included taking a photo of himself inside the Senate Parliamentarian's office and posting them to Instagram. Erik Herrera, 34, of El Cajon, was found guilty of obstructing an official proceeding, a felony, and four misdemeanor offenses that included entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a Capitol Building, disorderly conduct in a Capitol Building, and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol Building. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Sierra Sun Times \(Mariposa, CA\)](#), [Los Angeles Magazine \(Los Angeles, CA\)](#), [KSWB-Fox \(San Diego, CA\)](#), [KNSD-NBC \(San Diego, CA\)](#), [KGTV-ABC \(San Diego, CA\)](#), [KFMB-CBS \(San Diego, CA\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Pence says he didn't leave office with classified material, Thomas Beaumont, August 19, 2022, 8:48 PM

Former Vice President Mike Pence said Friday that he didn't take any classified information with him when he left office. Pence made the comment during an interview with The Associated Press in Iowa a week and a half after the FBI seized classified and top secret information during a search at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:**

[Axios, Fox](#)

Reuters: House panel seeks social media data on FBI threats made after Trump search, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 2:04 PM

U.S. Democratic lawmakers on Friday asked social media platforms to turn over data regarding an increase in online threats aimed at law enforcement following a search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home and asked how they planned to respond. House Oversight Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney and Stephen Lynch, Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, urged chief executives to act fast in letters addressed to eight internet companies, including Facebook-parent Meta Platforms Inc. (META.O), Twitter Inc. (TWTR.N) and TikTok. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: FBI Director Christopher Wray Tried to Keep the Bureau Out of Politics. Then Came Mar-a-Lago Search., Aruna Viswanatha, August 19, 2022, 8:27 PM

FBI Director Christopher Wray stood before immense paintings of an eagle and an American flag at the field office here last week to talk about how agents had used a tip from Ireland to help save a local hospital from a ransomware attack. It was the sort of threat that Mr. Wray has made it a bureau priority to counter. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Lawmakers press Meta, TikTok, Truth Social over threats to FBI after Mar-a-Lago search, Ella Lee, August 19, 2022, 3:58 PM

Lawmakers on the House Oversight Committee are demanding answers from social media platforms on their responses to a spike in online threats against federal law enforcement after the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate last week. Letters were sent to nine social media platforms Friday, including mainstream sites like Meta, Twitter and TikTok and right-wing platforms like Gab, GETTR and Trump's Truth Social. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Trump's relentless attacks on Mar-a-Lago search lack context. What he said vs. what we know., Bart Jansen, August 19, 2022, 11:38 AM

Donald Trump has blasted the Aug. 8 search of his Florida estate by questioning the justification for the unprecedented action at a former president's home, criticizing how the FBI carried it out and questioning what was taken from Mar-a-Lago. Since then, Trump has made a number of statements through social media posts on his website Truth Social and through public statements that often lack context and facts that rebut his own allegations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Trump legal counsel vows 'Fourth Amendment based' challenge to Mar-a-Lago raid 'very soon', Adam Sabes, August 19, 2022 11:03 PM

Former President Trump's legal counsel said on the Mark Levin Show that he's preparing to file a Fourth Amendment-related legal challenge "very soon" against the Department of Justice in relation to the Mar-a-Lago raid. James Trusty, a former federal prosecutor, said that Trump's legal team is going to "weigh in very strong and very hard," stating that they are going to be "attacking" the search warrant used in the FBI's raid on the former president's Florida estate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Federal court rules DOJ must release internal memo to then-AG Barr stating Trump didn't obstruct justice, Adam Sabes and Jake Gibson, August 19, 2022, 8:25 PM

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals ruled on Friday that the Department of Justice must

release an internal memo advising then-Attorney General Bill Barr in March 2019 to determine that former President Trump did not obstruct justice. According to the appeals court, the memo urged then-Attorney General Bill Barr after the Mueller report was delivered "to conclude that President Trump had not obstructed justice." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: White House officials privately express concern about classified information taken to Mar-a-Lago, Kaitlan Collins, Kevin Liptak and Natasha Bertrand, August 19, 2022, 4:52 PM
White House officials have privately expressed deep concern over the tranche of classified material taken to former President Donald Trump's home in Florida, including some documents that are only meant to be viewed only in secure government facilities, CNN has learned. As more information has emerged in the days since FBI agents combed the former President's private residence, current administration officials have become increasingly concerned about what Trump took and whether that information -- some located in a basement-level storage facility at Mar-a-Lago -- could potentially put the sources and methods of the US intelligence community at risk. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: DOJ must make public memo analyzing whether to charge Trump in Russia investigation, federal appeals court rules, Katelyn Polantz, August 19, 2022, 3:04 PM
The Justice Department must make public an internal legal memo commissioned by then-Attorney General William Barr in 2019 to analyze whether he should charge then-President Donald Trump with obstruction related to the Russia investigation, a federal appeals court ruled on Friday. The ruling from the DC Circuit Court of Appeals comes in a case brought by a government watchdog group that is seeking to get the unredacted version of the memo. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Five things we learned this week about the FBI search of Trump's home, Rebecca Beitsch, Brett Samuels, and John Kruzell, August 20, 2022, 5:58 AM
Former President Trump could be facing mounting legal troubles as new details emerge about the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation that prompted an FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago estate. Trump has called for the release of more information tied to the search, an effort that corresponds with bashing the agency for what he claims is a politically motivated attack. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: Donald Trump Hints at Fourth Amendment Violation in Mar-a-Lago 'Break-In', Aila Slisco, August 19, 2022, 7:57 PM
Former President Donald Trump says that his legal team will fight back against the FBI's raid of Mar-a-Lago by filing a legal motion that may allege Fourth Amendment violations. Trump described the raid of his home as "atrocities being perpetrated by the FBI" and the Department of Justice (DOJ) and accused law enforcement of "destroying our Country" in a series of posts to his Truth Social account on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

CNN: Cheney says January 6 committee still wants to hear directly from Pence, Annie Grayer, Jamie Gangel and Gloria Borger, August 19, 2022, 8:52 PM
Rep. Liz Cheney, the vice chair of the January 6 House select committee, told ABC on Friday that the panel still wants to hear directly from former Vice President Mike Pence. "Look, he played a critical role on January 6. If he had succumbed to the pressure that Donald Trump was putting on

him, we would have had a much worse constitutional crisis," the Wyoming Republican said. "And I think that he has clearly, as he's expressed, concerns about executive privilege, which, you know, I have tremendous respect. I think it's, you know, hugely important constitutional issue in terms of separation of powers." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#)

***The Hill:* Kinzinger says Pompeo 'did all of Donald Trump's bidding' while serving as secretary of state**, Jared Gans, August 20, 2022, 10:21 AM

Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) said on Friday that former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo "did all of [former President] Donald Trump's bidding" while serving in the role. Kinzinger told CNN's Jake Tapper that he and Pompeo, who previously served as a congressman from Kansas, are friends and worked together while they were both in Congress, and they agreed on foreign policy issues. [...] Kinzinger, who is one of two Republicans serving on the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, made his remarks following Pompeo meeting with the committee last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

***AP:* Witness about R. Kelly: I didn't want to 'carry his lies'**, Michael Tarm, August 19, 2022, 7:24 PM

A woman who says she was sexually abused hundreds of times by R. Kelly as a minor testified Friday that she agonized several years ago about whether to cooperate with federal investigators who were looking into child abuse allegations involving the singer, but she ultimately did because she didn't want to "carry his lies." Hours before jurors got their first glimpse of sexually explicit videos at the heart of the prosecution's bid to prove Kelly produced child pornography and successfully rigged his 2008 child porn trial, the woman, who is now 37 and going by the pseudonym "Jane" during the current trial, conceded that even after she began cooperating, she lied when she told agents she wasn't sure if Kelly had abused minors other than her. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [USA Today](#)

***AP:* Defense rests after challenging agents in Whitmer plot trial**, Ed White, August 19, 2022, 12:50 PM

Lawyers for two men charged with conspiring to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called investigators to the witness stand Friday to try to raise questions about their tactics in 2020 and highlight scornful attitudes. The defense rested its case on the ninth day of trial. Closing arguments were scheduled for Monday in federal court in Grand Rapids, Michigan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***CBS:* A Baltimore man named "Fame" has pleaded guilty to sex-trafficking multiple people**, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 11:02 PM

A Baltimore man who sometimes went by the name "Fame" and "Foreign" has pleaded guilty to sex trafficking at least three females. Ryan Odell Oliver, 40, pleaded guilty to sex-trafficking crimes on Aug. 16, according to Department of Justice officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

***Daily Beast:* Baptist Girls' School Circle of Hope Hit With Sex-Trafficking Lawsuit**, Kate Briquet, August 20, 2022, 3:59 AM

When Maggie Drew was 15, her family's pastor in Oklahoma falsely claimed that she was getting into sex and drugs and secretly instructed her parents to send her away to a Baptist boarding school in Missouri. [...] This is the first time the couple, who is awaiting trial on more than 100

charges related to the alleged sexual and physical abuse of teen girls in their care, is being sued in federal court and accused of violations of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 and the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Jamaican National Cops To Lottery Scam Targeting Elderly, Elliot Weld, August 19, 2022, 7:08 PM

A Jamaican national pled guilty Friday to his role in a scheme in which elderly victims were falsely told they had won the lottery and needed to pay fees in order... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Las Vegas Review-Journal (Las Vegas, NV): Las Vegas man gets 12-year federal prison sentence in child porn case, Glen Meek, August 19, 2022, 10:12 PM (EDT)

A Las Vegas man was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison Friday, after pleading guilty to distributing child sexual abuse material. Jonathan Raymond Lish, 38, pleaded guilty in April in federal court to a single criminal count. According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Las Vegas, a search warrant was served on Lish's Skype account in May 2018.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KLAS-CBS \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#)

Detroit News (Detroit, MI), Former Macomb County resident sentenced to 11 years for investment fraud, Kalea Hall, August 19, 2022, 8:04 PM

A 55-year-old former Macomb County man who defrauded 17 people of more than \$4 million in a fraudulent investment scheme was sentenced to more than 11 years in federal prison this week, United States Attorney Dawn Ison said Friday. After Gino Accettola pleaded guilty to wire fraud charges in April, U.S. District Judge Laurie J. Michelson sentenced him to 135 months in prison, Ison's office said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Patriot-News (Mechanicsburg, PA): Man who made threats to a Pa. school gets year in jail, advised to keep opinions to himself, John Beauge, August 19, 2022, 7:29 PM

Stay on your meds and keep your opinions to yourself because no one cares was the advice a judge gave an Oregon man who threatened to kill students and set fire to a school building. They were among the comments U.S. Middle District Judge Matthew W. Brann made Friday when he sentenced Harvey D. Dulgar, 29, of Salem, to a year in prison, followed by three years' supervised release. He also fined him \$100. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WYOU-CBS \(Scranton, PA\)](#), [Williamsport Sun-Gazette \(Williamsport, PA\)](#)

Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ): Man sentenced to 13 years in connection to fraudulent lottery scheme in Arizona, Sam Burdette, August 19, 2022 7:05 PM (EDT)

A man was sentenced Tuesday to 160 months, or just over 13 years, in the U.S. District Court of Arizona's Tucson Division in connection to an international scam to swindle primarily elderly people out of money, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office's Arizona district. David Odean McIntosh, a 29-year-old man from Jamaica, was convicted of multiple counts of mail and wire fraud that largely targeted elderly people. Along with his prison sentence, the U.S. Attorney's Office said McIntosh is required to pay \$1.8 million in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Herald Times Reporter (Manitowoc, WI): Maribel man sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography for second time, Kelli Arseneau, August 19, 2022, 6:04 PM (EDT)

A 51-year-old Maribel man who was already on the Wisconsin sex offender registry was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography. Smedley D. Butler was arrested after the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office received a tip in November 2021 that he possessed and was distributing "numerous digital images and videos of child pornography via the internet," according to the U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Wisconsin. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Idaho Statesman (Boise, ID): **Idaho man sentenced to prison after admitting to having hundreds of child porn images**, Alex Brizee, August 19, 2022, 5:40 PM (EDT)

A Hagerman man was sentenced this week to 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography. Edward Vance, 64, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child porn in April and was sentenced by Judge David C. Nye, the chief U.S. district judge of Idaho, on Tuesday. Vance will now spend the next decade in federal prison, according to multiple court documents filed in the U.S. District Court in Boise. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Idaho Press \(Nampa, ID\)](#), [KHQ-NBC \(Spokane, WA\)](#), [KEZJ \(Twin Falls, ID\)](#)

WMTV-NBC/CW (Madison, WI): **Chicago man fails to report to prison for robbing a Madison liquor store gains another year in prison**, Elizabeth Karnowski, August 19, 2022, 4:37 PM

A man from Chicago was sentenced to another year in prison after he had abandoned his original sentence for robbing a liquor store in Madison in 2019. Bernard Thomas, 31, was sentenced in federal court in Madison by Judge Conley to 18 months of prison after robbing Rocky's Liquor. The robbing of the Madison-based store happened on December 28, 2019. Thomas failed to show up for his original sentence on March 12, 2021 and was arrested almost a year later in Chicago by the U.S. Marshals Service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Athens Banner-Herald (Atlanta, GA): **Bogart bookkeeper sent to federal prison for stealing \$600,000 from real estate employers**, Wayne Ford, August 19, 2022, 3:27 PM

A former bookkeeper for two Athens area real estate companies recently was sentenced to almost four years in a federal penitentiary. Federal officials say Suzanne Brooks, 41, of Bogart stole more than \$600,000 that she used to finance a luxurious lifestyle. U.S. District Court Judge Ashley Royal in Athens on Thursday imposed a prison sentence of three years and 10 months on Brooks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Oregonian (Portland, OR): **Armed robber threatened to 'bathe everyone in blood,' before walking out of Pendleton casino with cash, firing at police, feds say**, Maxine Bernstein, August 19, 2022, 3:14 PM

The identity of a man who allegedly robbed cashiers at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino at gunpoint was confirmed as 51-year-old Javier Francisco Vigil. KAPP-KVEW independently confirmed the suspect's identity with family members who say he struggled with mental health problems for years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Spokesman-Review \(Spokane, WA\)](#), [KEPR-CBS/CW+ \(Pasco, WA\)](#), [KNDU-NBC \(Richland, WA\)](#), [KTVL-CBS/CW+ \(Medford, OR\)](#), [KXL \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KGW-NBC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KVEW-ABC \(Kennewick, WA\)](#)

Gonzales Weekly Citizen (Gonzales, LA): **Donaldsonville man sentenced to 140 months in federal prison on drug distribution charges**, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 2:17 PM (EDT)

A federal judge sentenced a Donaldsonville man to 140 months in federal prison following his conviction of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine and fentanyl. U.S.

Attorney Ronald C. Gathe Jr. announced in a news release that U.S. Chief Judge Shelly D. Dick sentenced 39-year-old Christopher John Scieneaux. The court further sentenced Scieneaux to five years of supervised release following his term of imprisonment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Augusta Free Press (Waynesboro, VA): **Virginia man who threatened to ‘blow up’ Roanoke, kill bank manager, arrested**, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 1:40 PM

A Gainesville man who threatened to “blow up Roanoke” and kill a bank branch manager was arrested earlier this week on federal charges after he was unsatisfied with service he received from his bank. Brandon Hayward, 33, is charged via federal criminal complaint with use of a telephone to make a threat to injure or destroy property by means of fire or explosives as well as one count of communicating a threat in interstate commerce. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Roanoke Times \(Roanoke, VA\)](#), [WSET-ABC \(Lynchburg, VA\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#),

Tampa Bay Times (St. Petersburg, CA): **St. Petersburg man gets 10 years for \$1.8 million concert tickets resale scheme**, Dan Sullivan, August 19, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal judge on Thursday sentenced a St. Petersburg man who conned three people out of close to \$2 million in a concert ticket resale scheme to 10 years in prison. Thomas Coelho, 53, was also ordered to pay more than \$1.8 million in restitution and to have no contact with the people from whom he stole. Calling him a danger to the public, U.S. District Judge Thomas Barber noted the large amount Coelho had stolen, and his efforts to con people even after he’d been jailed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNBN-NBC/MyNetworkTV (Rapid City, SD): **Six arrested in sex trafficking operation at Sturgis Rally**, August 19, 2022, 10:25 PM (EDT)

On Friday, United States Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell announced that multiple South Dakota agencies conducted a joint sex trafficking operation during the 2022 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The United States Department of Justice reports that the operation began on August 5, and ended on August 11. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOTA-CBS \(Rapid City, SD\)](#), [Dakota News Now \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#), [KELO-CBS/MyNetworkTV \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#)

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): **Taos Pueblo man indicted for aggravated sexual assault**, Jordan Honeycutt, August 19, 2022, 9:49 PM (EDT)

Amadius Archuleta, 22, has been indicted for aggravated sexual assault. According to court records, in July, Archuleta contacted a 14-year-old girl through Instagram. Archuleta then allegedly met with the girl later that evening at an abandoned house and smoked marijuana and gave her alcohol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WINS-CBS (Lyndhurst, NJ): **Queens home health aide pleads guilty to stealing savings bonds from elderly patient**, Curtis Brodner, August 19, 2022, 9:45 PM

A home health aide from Queens pleaded guilty on Friday to stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of U.S. savings bonds from her elderly patient. Jhanannie Singh, 52, took bonds from her unnamed elderly victim who had purchased them for her grandchildren and other family members. After her patient died, Singh worked with accomplice Glen Campbell to redeem the bonds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHP-CBS/MyNetworkTV/CW (Harrisburg, PA): **Man sentenced for throwing contraband over Allenwood prison fence, police say**, Austin Winkler, August 19, 2022, 9:00 PM

The United States Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania recently announced

today that Michael Dwight Smith, age 48, was sentenced to 18 months of imprisonment. Official documents state that Smith had attempted to provide contraband to inmates at the Allenwood Federal Correctional Center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Cheektowaga man arrested for attempted sex with 13-year-old, Aidan Joly, August 19, 2022, 8:28 PM

The U.S Attorney announced Friday that a Cheektowaga man was arrested for attempted production of child pornography and attempted online enticement of a child. Authorities say that 35-year-old Mohammed Uddin of Cheektowaga engaged in sexually explicit online and text communications with who he believed to be a 13-year-old girl, who was actually an undercover FBI Child Exploitation Task Force Officer. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOLO-ABC/CW+ (Reno, NV): Reno man given 5 years for receipt of child sex abuse material, Kevin Sheridan, August 19, 2022, 7:50 PM

A Reno man was given five years in prison and a lifetime of probation for the unlawful receipt of more than 14,000 images and videos of child sexual abuse material. "The defendant's criminal conduct against our most vulnerable members of society was despicable," said U.S. Attorney Jason M. Frierson for the District of Nevada. 29-year-old Brandon Eric Navarrete pleaded guilty in May of 2022 to receipt of child pornography. He will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KLAS-CBS \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [KRNVCBS \(Reno, NV\)](#)

KIDK-Dabl/Fox/MyNetworkTV (Idaho Falls, ID): US Attorney announces sentences in 2 drug distribution cases, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 7:36 PM (EDT)

Two men were sentenced to federal prison in separate drug distribution cases this week, announced Josh Hurwit, the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho. Danny Eugene Smith, 28, of Twin Falls, Idaho, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to 121 months in federal prison for distributing fentanyl pills in the Magic Valley. Chief U.S. District Judge David C. Nye also ordered Smith to serve five years of supervised release following his prison sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSEE-NBC (Fresno, CA): DOJ: Man sentenced for growing marijuana in Sequoia National Forest, Manny Gomez, August 19, 2022, 7:33 PM (EDT)

A Kern County Man was sentenced on Friday for illegally cultivating marijuana in a national forest according to the Department of Justice. According to officials, 24-year-old Marino Cruz Diaz, of Taft, was sentenced to 10 years and ordered to pay over \$13,000 in restitution for damage to the land. The court documents state that in July of 2019, law enforcement officers located a covert marijuana grow site in Sequoia National Forest in Fresno County. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KGET-NBC \(Bakersfield, CA\)](#)

WKTV-NBC/CBS/CW+ (Utica, NY): Utica woman faces up to 40 years in prison for trafficking fentanyl in 2021, Unattributed, August 19, 7:09 PM

A Utica woman faces up to 40 years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday to federal drug trafficking charges. According to the United States Department of Justice, 25-year-old Melisa Muminovic admitted to working with others to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl in the Utica area from January through July of 2021. She also admitted to going to the New York City area to purchase the fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWTI-ABC/CW+](#)

WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Cheektowaga man arrested on child pornography charges,

Aidan Joly, August 19, 2022, 6:48 PM

The U.S. Attorney announced Friday that a Cheektowaga man was arrested and is facing child pornography charges. Attorneys say that in July, Depew Police received a report that 33-year-old Dustin Coffelt sexually abused a 13-year-old girl. Investigation showed that the abuse may have been ongoing for several years over several social media applications and text messaging.

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WIVB-CBS (Buffalo, NY): Buffalo man pleads guilty for role in credit union robberies,

Aidan Joly, August 19, 2022, 6:34 PM

A Buffalo man pleaded guilty Friday for his role in a string of credit union robberies, the U.S. Attorney General said. Police say that 47-year-old Ronald Morris of Buffalo robbed three credit unions with three other men in 2019. On February 27 of that year, Morris and Adrian D. Applewhite stole over \$111,000 from the Tonawanda Community Federal Credit Union on Delaware Street, while armed with a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTMJ-NBC (Milwaukee, WI): Former DOA employee sentenced 10 years in federal prison for attempted child enticement, Madison Goldbeck, August 19, 2022, 6:33 PM

A former State of Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) employee was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for attempted child enticement on Friday. According to the Department of Justice (DOJ), 43-year-old Marc F. Bennett, will serve five years on supervised release following his prison sentence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KELO-CBS/MyNetworkTV (Sioux Falls, SD): Man guilty in sex sting operation gets 11 years in prison, Don Jorgensen, August 19, 2022, 6:15 PM (EDT)

A 73-year-old Sioux Falls man, who got caught in a sex trafficking sting in Omaha earlier this year, is on his way to federal prison. In court Thursday, John J. Stratman was sentenced to more than 11 years behind bars. Authorities say on October 1st of last year Stratman contacted an individual who told him he had access to a 15-year-old girl who he could have sex with. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

See also: [WOWT-NBC \(Omaha, NE\)](#)

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): Los Lunas man could serve decades for child porn, Scott Brown, August 19, 2022, 6:01 PM (EDT)

Martin Perea, 42, of Los Lunas pleaded guilty in district court on August 17 to child pornography charges. According to a Department of Justice press release, Perea was indicted by a federal grand jury back in August of 2015. Court documents say on July 1, 2015, the victim's mother found pornographic content of Perea and the victim on a memory card from Perea's cell phone.

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WIBW-CBS (Topeka, KS): Wichita brothers indicted on \$3.7 million healthcare fraud scheme, Sarah Motter, August 19, 2022, 5:07 PM

Two Wichita brothers have been indicted for a \$3.7 million healthcare fraud scheme in which they stole the identity of a physician to do so. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas says a federal grand jury indicted Bradley Eck, 54, and Todd Eck, 58, both of Wichita, on Friday, Aug. 19, for their alleged engagement in a healthcare fraud scheme that stole more than \$3.7 million from Medicare and Tricare over a 3-year period. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

See also: [KWCH-CBS \(Hutchinson, KS\)](#)

WKTV-NBC/CBS/CW+ (Utica, NY): Oneonta woman sentenced to nearly 6 years in prison for trafficking meth, heroin, fentanyl, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 4:59 PM

A woman from Oneonta was sentenced to nearly six years in prison on Thursday for trafficking methamphetamine, heroin and fentanyl. Jillian Eckberg, 43, previously pleaded guilty to federal drug charges, admitting she brought narcotics from New York City to Tupper Laker, Saranac Lake and Lake Placid and delivered them to customers who redistributed them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Illegal immigrant sentenced for role in trafficking hundreds of firearms to criminal organizations in Mexico, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 4:44 PM

The 18th member of a trafficking cell responsible for sending hundreds of firearms to transnational criminal organizations in Mexico has been ordered to federal prison for his role in the scheme, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery announced Friday. Guillermo Gomez-Lazcano, 26, a Mexican national who illegally resided in Houston, pleaded guilty April 6 to being an alien in possession of a firearm, possessing a machine gun and participating in a conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVT-CBS (Fort Worth, TX): Dallas inmate Yeshmel Wright indicted on federal drug trafficking related to drone drops, Annie Gimbel, August 19, 2022, 3:36 PM

Yeshmel James Wright, 35, of Dallas was arrested and charged with federal violations related to a conspiracy to use drones and mail to smuggle drugs and contraband into prison. Wright, who was already an inmate, appeared in federal court this week. If convicted, he faces up to life in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVLA-NBC (Baton Rouge, LA): Woman sentenced for 2017 drug trafficking operation in Baton Rouge, Allison Bruhl, August 19, 2022, 3:30 PM (EDT)

A Baton Rouge woman faces 90 months in federal prison for a drug trafficking operation in 2017. In addition to the 90-month sentencing, Yascia N. LaFrance, 42, will be required to serve four years of supervised release after her release from prison, according to U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Gathe, Jr. She was convicted of conspiracy to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute heroin, cocaine, and cocaine base. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYTV-ABC (Springfield, MO): Mexican national, living in Springfield illegally, sentenced for child exploitation, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 2:40 PM

A Mexican national who was illegally living in Springfield, Mo. has been sentenced for soliciting pornographic images and videos from an 11-year-old victim over Facebook Messenger. Alejandrino Velazquez-Hernandez, 34, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge M. Douglas Harpool this week to 17 years and six months in federal prison without parole. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOLR-CBS \(Springfield, MO\)](#)

WMBD-CBS (Peoria, IL): Peoria man sentenced for possession, intent to distribute cocaine, Maggie Strahan, August 19, 2022, 1:38 PM (EDT)

Assante Bangmon, 31, of Peoria has been sentenced to 87 months in federal prison for possession and intent to distribute crack cocaine. At Bangmon's hearing Thursday, prosecutors presented evidence of his arrest in February 2021. They said that during the incident, Bangmon fled police who were intending to detain him for an outstanding warrant. Upon fleeing, Bangmon discarded his phone and keys to his Jeep. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHOI-ABC \(Peoria, IL\)](#)

KWES-NBC (Odessa, TX): Several members of a meth distribution ring operating in

Midland-Odessa sentenced to prison, Marcus Risen, August 19, 2022, 1:08 PM (EDT)

Six people arrested for being a part of a methamphetamine distribution ring operating in Midland-Odessa were sentenced to federal prison. A joint investigation by Midland and Odessa Police revealed the group distributed multiple-ounce quantities of meth from an Odessa residence and motel. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOSA-CBS (Odessa, TX): Six members of a meth distribution ring sentenced to federal prison, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 12:39 PM

Joshua Rojero, 35, of Odessa was sentenced last week to 22 years in prison for his role in a meth distribution ring operating in and around the Midland Odessa area. According to court documents, Rojero, along with Juvencio Camargo-Garcia, 26, of Mexico; Rudy Mireles, 45, of Midland; Hector Gastelum Valenzuela, 26, of Mexico; Andrea Arroyos, 40, of Lubbock; and Ever Garcia, 19, of Mexico, were all part of a meth distribution ring that operated in Midland and Odessa. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KWES-NBC \(Odessa, TX\)](#)

WSAV-NBC/The CW+/MyNetworkTV (Savannah, GA): Liberty County woman sentenced to 24 years in prison on child pornography charges, Emily Dietrich, August 19, 2022, 10:48 AM

A Liberty County woman is facing more than two decades in federal prison after admitting she produced and shared child pornography. According to David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, Sharon Elizabeth Keegan, 30, of Midway, Ga. was sentenced to 293 months in prison after pleading guilty to Production of Child Pornography. Keegan will have to pay \$3,000 in restitution and register as a sex offender along with serving 15 years of supervised release after her prison term is completed according to Judge R. Stan Baker. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFXL-Fox \(Albany, GA\)](#), [WTGS-Fox \(Hardeeville, SC\)](#), [WJCL-ABC \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IL): Davenport man sentenced to 8 years in prison for a firearm charge, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 10:08 AM

A Davenport man was sentenced Thursday to 96 months; or eight years, in prison for a felon in possession of a firearm charge. Davantres Deshaun Moore, 35, was ordered to serve three years of supervised release following the prison term, according to a media release. According to court documents, Moore was arrested in possession of a loaded firearm, while in violation of a no-contact order. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IL): Davenport man sentenced to prison for false statements during firearms purchase, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 9:49 AM

A Davenport man was sentenced Wednesday to 36 months; or three years, in prison for three counts of false statements during the purchase of a firearm, according to a media release. Brent Stephen Gladwin, 24, will serve three years of supervised release, following the prison term. According to court records, during another interview, the Scott County Sheriff's office learned Gladwin was a well-known straw purchaser in the Quad Cities who would obtain a firearm for anyone in exchange for payment of \$100. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Judge throws out Maine lawsuit against COVID vaccine mandate, Patrick Whittle, August 20, 2022, 1:06 AM

A federal judge has dismissed a complaint from a group of health care workers who said they

were unfairly discriminated against by Maine's COVID-19 vaccine requirement. The plaintiffs sued Democratic Gov. Janet Mills and other Maine officials along with a group of health care organizations in the state. The workers argued that the vaccine mandate violated their right to free exercise of religion because it did not provide an exemption for religious beliefs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Graham effort to delay testimony in election probe rejected, Kate Brumback, August 19, 2022, 7:51 PM

A federal judge on Friday said Sen. Lindsey Graham's appearance before a special grand jury investigating whether then-President Donald Trump and others illegally tried to influence the 2020 election in Georgia should not be delayed to allow him to continue to challenge it in court. Earlier this week, U.S. District Judge Leigh Martin May ordered Graham to honor his subpoena for the special grand jury. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [LAT](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#)

AP: Landlord gets \$50K after deputies use Taser in false arrest, Matthew Barakat, August 19, 2022, 4:39 PM

A jury has awarded \$50,000 to a northern Virginia landlord who was shot three times with a stun gun when sheriff's deputies wrongly arrested him following a tenant's complaint. Matthew Souter, 57, of The Plains, Virginia, was arrested at his home in November 2018 after a tenant in his 19th-century farmhouse claimed he had violated a protective order she had obtained a day earlier. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Black couple sues after they say home valuation rises nearly \$300,000 when shown by White colleague, Justin Gamble and Virginia Langmaid, August 19, 2022, 6:12 PM

A Maryland couple has sued a local real estate appraiser and an online mortgage loan provider, alleging that the housing appraisal they received was unfairly low due to their race, in violation of the Fair Housing Act, after a second appraisal returned a result nearly \$300,000 higher. Nathan Connolly and Shani Mott filed suit against 20/20 Valuations LLC, its owner Shane Lanham, and loanDepot.com on Monday, alleging the defendants 20/20 Valuations LLC and its owner "discriminated against Plaintiffs by dramatically undervaluing their home in an appraisal because of Plaintiffs' race and their home's location adjacent to a Black census block, notwithstanding that it is also located within Homeland, an affluent, mostly white neighborhood," and loanDepot.com discriminated against them by relying on that appraisal in denying their refinance loan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Louisville officer fired after being federally charged over Breonna Taylor raid, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 5:57 PM

A Louisville police sergeant facing federal civil rights charges in the 2020 shooting death of Breonna Taylor has been fired. Louisville Metro Police Chief Erika Shields announced Friday that she made the decision to terminate Sgt. Kyle Meany after "careful consideration and not with ease." "I fully respect the judicial process and realize Sergeant Meany has yet to be heard before a jury of his peers," she wrote in a statement obtained by CBS News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Religious Vaccine Objection Ruling Ducks Full Fifth Circuit Look, Robert lafolla, August 19, 2022, 3:42 PM

The precedential value of a groundbreaking, yet unpublished, federal appeals court decision on religious objections to United Airlines Inc.'s Covid-19 vaccine mandate is now murkier after the

full court declined to review it, according to one of the judges. The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on Thursday rejected without comment United's request to reconsider a divided decision by a three-judge panel in February that revived a bid from two workers for an immediate court order blocking the airline's inoculation requirement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WATE-ABC (Knoxville, TN): Covenant Health settles ADA claim after deaf man loses lower leg, Melissa Greene, August 19, 2022, 5:02 PM

A Knoxville hospital system will pay a fine and revamp how the not-for-profit facilities adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act after a patient, who is deaf, alleged that ineffective communication during treatment at Parkwest Medical Center led to his leg being partially amputated. The man, whose identity has not been released, said in a lawsuit that he could have avoided his leg being partially amputated if the staff had provided him with a live interpreter during hospital visits in 2017. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WVLT-CBS/MyNetworkTV \(Knoxville, TN\)](#)

CIVIL LAW

AP: 16 more states hope to weigh in on Idaho abortion lawsuit, Rebecca Boone, August 19, 2022, 4:56 PM

Sixteen more states are asking to weigh in on the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against Idaho over its strict abortion ban. The Justice Department sued the Republican-led state of Idaho earlier this month, saying the abortion ban set to take effect on Aug. 25 violates a federal law requiring Medicaid-funded hospitals to provide "stabilizing treatment" to patients experiencing medical emergencies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Russia probe memo wrongly withheld under Barr, court rules, Meg Kinnard, August 19, 2022, 3:06 PM

The Justice Department under Attorney General William Barr improperly withheld portions of an internal memo Barr cited in announcing that then-President Donald Trump had not obstructed justice in the Russia investigation, a federal appeals panel said Friday. The department had argued that the 2019 memo represented private deliberations of its lawyers before any decision was formalized, and was thus exempt from disclosure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Florida utility gets \$500K fine, probation for fatal blast, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 9:57 AM

A Florida utility has been fined \$500,000 and placed on three years' probation for a 2017 deadly explosion at a coal-fired power plant that killed five workers. The U.S. Justice Department said in a news release Friday that Tampa Electric Co. also must adhere to a new safety compliance plan. The fine is the maximum allowed for willful Occupational Safety and Health Administration workplace rules violations such as this. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Banks Nearing \$1 Billion Settlement Over Traders' Use of Banned Messaging Apps, Dave Michaels, August 19, 2022, 6:18 PM

Many of Wall Street's biggest banks are nearing agreements to pay as much as \$200 million each and admit that their employees' use of personal messaging apps such as WhatsApp violated regulatory requirements, according to people familiar with the matter. The total amount of fines will likely top \$1 billion, the people said, and will be announced by the end of September. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Kobe Bryant's widow, Vanessa, testifies at crash photos trial: 'I can't escape what I feel', Brent Schrottenboer, August 19, 2022, 9:34 PM

Vanessa Bryant broke down and cried on the witness stand here Friday in federal court, wiping her eyes and struggling through much of her testimony as she described her reaction to a troubling discovery in February 2020. [...] This was Day 8 of Bryant's civil trial against Los Angeles County, arguably the biggest day of the trial so far because it was the first day the jury of five men and four women heard from Bryant and the county sheriff, Alex Villanueva. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [WaPo](#)

Bloomberg: Mueller Memo Advising Barr on Trump Findings Is Ordered Released, Zoe Tillman, August 19, 2022, 12:50 PM

The US Justice Department must release a 2019 memo advising then-attorney general Bill Barr on how to handle the conclusion of the Mueller investigation and the department's decision not to charge Donald Trump, a federal appeals court ruled. The 3-0 decision Friday, by a panel of judges of the appeals court in Washington, upholds a lower court that ordered the department to make the March 2019 document public after finding that DOJ lawyers failed to accurately describe it from the start. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

LAT: Prominent retired justice returns gifts from disgraced lawyer Tom Girardi, her ex-boyfriend, Harriet Ryan and Matt Hamilton, August 19, 2022, 8:00 AM

A retired California appellate justice who carried on a four-year affair with Tom Girardi has returned numerous gifts from the now-disgraced lawyer to a bankruptcy trustee, an attorney for the former justice said. Tricia A. Bigelow, who stepped down last year as presiding justice of an appellate court division in Los Angeles, handed over the gifts this week after The Times asked for an explanation of checks Girardi wrote to her in 2017, including one for \$5,000 from his law firm's bank account. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: TECO Sentenced For Safety Violations After Fatal Blast, Carolina Bolado, August 19, 2022, 8:23 PM

A Florida federal judge sentenced Tampa Electric Co. to a \$500,000 fine and three years of probation after a 2017 explosion at one of its coal-fired power plants in Florida killed... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Seventy Seven Energy Cleared for \$15 Million 401(k) Settlement, Jacklyn Wille, August 19, 2022, 1:24 PM

A \$15 million settlement between Seventy Seven Energy Inc.'s retirement plan committee and participants challenging losses tied to the plan's large holding in Chesapeake Energy stock received final approval from an Oklahoma federal judge, as did a \$5 million fee award for the participants' lawyers. The deal is slated to benefit about 4,000 participants in the Seventy Seven plan who held Chesapeake stock in their retirement accounts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Nurse Fringe Benefit Fund Wins Audit Appeal Against NY Hospital, Jacklyn Wille, August 19, 2022, 12:29 PM

A fringe benefit fund covering New York nurses won its lawsuit seeking to audit payroll and wage records of a Rockland County, N.Y., hospital, according to a Second Circuit ruling on Friday that considered the scope of audit authority under ERISA. The 2016 request to audit Nyack Hospital was contractually authorized by the trust agreement governing the New York State Nurses

Association Benefit Fund, which broadly permits audits into contributing employers' payroll and wage records, the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit said in a 2-1 opinion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

LAT: The Biden administration remade ICE after Trump: But will it last?, Hamed Aleaziz and Alejandra Reyes-Velarde, August 19, 2022, 12:16 PM

As Anastasia Abarca left for work at 4:40 a.m., four immigration officers appeared at the door. [...] The Biden administration has reversed many of these changes and enacted some new policies, including limiting arrests of pregnant women and expanding "sensitive" areas such as playgrounds where arrests are generally off-limits. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Top border official says U.S. strives for "fair and equitable" processing of migrants amid criticism of unequal treatment, Camilo Montoya-Galvez, August 19, 2022, 11:29 AM

The Biden administration is striving to create a "fair and equitable" system for asylum-seekers, the top U.S. Customs and Border Protection official said in response to criticism that his agency has allowed some groups, such as Ukrainians, to enter the country with relative ease, while quickly expelling other migrants. During an interview with CBS News Thursday, CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus was asked why his agency had not created a process similar to one used to admit 22,000 Ukrainian refugees along the southern border this spring for asylum-seekers from Central America, many of whom face rapid expulsion from the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DHS Sued For Withholding Social Media Monitoring Records, Rae Ann Varona, August 19, 2022, 10:16 PM

The nonprofit Brennan Center lodged a lawsuit Thursday against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement division under the Freedom of Information Act, saying in... [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: U.S. asks judge to block book publisher merger as trial closes, David Shepardson, August 19, 2022, 2:20 PM

The U.S. Justice Department on Friday urged a U.S. judge to block a \$2.2 billion merger of two of the "Big Five" book publishers, saying "competition matters" and said the industry should not be treated differently from others. The Justice Department last year sued to stop Penguin Random House, the world's largest book publisher and owned by German media group Bertelsmann SE & Co KGaA, from buying rival Simon & Schuster from Paramount Global. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Courthouse News: Judge hears closing arguments in Penguin Random House-Simon & Schuster antitrust trial, Emily Zantow, August 20, 2022, 3:57 AM

A federal judge heard closing arguments Friday in a case that will determine whether the top U.S. publisher, Penguin Random House, can purchase the fourth largest publisher, Simon & Schuster. Over the course of the three-week antitrust trial, the Department of Justice narrowed its case on authors paid book advances of \$250,000 or above, a data-based proposed anticipated bestseller market that it says may be harmed if the \$2.175 billion dollar deal goes through. [[Continue](#)

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ENVIRONMENT

AP: Judge retains jurisdiction in lawsuit over Enbridge pipeline, John Flesher, August 19, 2022, 8:20 PM

A federal judge Thursday kept jurisdiction over a lawsuit seeking to close an oil pipeline crossing a section of the Great Lakes, rejecting Michigan's effort to shift the case to state court. U.S. District Judge Janet Neff sided a second time with Enbridge Energy, which contends regulation of its Line 5 is a federal matter and federal courts should handle legal arguments about whether it should continue operating. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Air Force Chemical Cleanup Dispute Sent To NM State Court, Daniel Wilson, August 19, 2022, 9:20 PM

A New Mexico federal judge has tossed a case alleging the state exceeded its authority by requiring the cleanup of so-called forever chemicals at a U.S. Air Force base, saying the... [[Continue Reading](#)]

WZTV-Fox (Nashville, TN): Tennessee Riverkeeper sues Lewisburg for sewage pollution, Cindy Murphy, August 19, 2022, 5:06 PM

A Tennessee non-profit has filed to sue the city of Lewisburg for violations due to sanitary sewage overflows from the city's sewage collection system. According to a U.S. District court complaint, Tennessee Riverkeeper filed a Clean Water Act against the City of Lewisburg (dba Lewisburg Water and Wastewater Department) to stop permit violations due to sanitary sewage overflows from Lewisburg's sewage collection system. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Reuters: Crypto trader can sue IRS over 'John Doe' summons for Coinbase records, court says, Alison Frankel, August 19, 2022, 4:22 PM

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service risks losing a blunt weapon in its years-long campaign to collect income taxes from cryptocurrency investors after a ruling from the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The 1st Circuit's decision Thursday in Harper v. Rettig revives a challenge by crypto trader (and former in-house lawyer for the Bitcoin Foundation) James Harper to the IRS's use of so-called John Doe summonses to obtain trading records from cryptocurrency exchanges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Beast: Billionaire Tax Cheat Wins AGAIN With Tycoon's Death, Noah Kirsch, August 19, 2022, 10:16 PM

When the billionaire Robert Brockman died on Aug. 5, less than three months after a judge ruled him competent to stand trial in the largest tax fraud case in U.S. history, the prospect of explosive public testimony evaporated, too. That newfound sense of quiet is likely welcome news to another billionaire, Robert Smith, who signed a non-prosecution agreement with the feds in 2020 and agreed to cooperate against Brockman and other possible suspects. [[Continue Reading](#)]

San Diego Union-Tribune (San Diego, CA): San Diego Attorney, 'Donor' in Chabad of

Poway Fraud, Sentenced to Year in Prison, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 8:37 PM (EDT)
A San Diego lawyer, whose participation in the tax-fraud scheme hatched by former Chabad of Poway Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein allowed him to avoid paying \$500,000 in federal taxes, was sentenced to a year and a day in federal custody on Friday. Elliot Adler, who was the founding partner of the Adler Law Group in San Diego, was also ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine and forfeit about \$1 million in gold coins by U.S. District Court Judge Cynthia Bashant. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [Times of San Diego \(San Diego, CA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Police: Pennsylvania man tried to buy stolen human remains, Terry Wallace and Claudia Lauer, August 19, 2022, 1:45 PM

A Pennsylvania man has been charged with abuse of a corpse, receiving stolen property and other charges after police say he allegedly tried to buy stolen human remains from an Arkansas woman for possible resale on Facebook. [...] UAMS spokeswoman Leslie Taylor said the remains were sent to Arkansas Central Mortuary Services in Little Rock where they were allegedly stolen by a female mortuary employee and sold, adding that there is an open federal investigation. [...] FBI Little Rock spokesman Connor Hagan said the office was aware of the Pennsylvania incident “but will not comment on ongoing investigations.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Colombia, largest cocaine supplier to U.S., considers decriminalizing, Samantha Schmidt and Diana Durán, August 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

It's the largest producer of cocaine in the world, the source of more than 90 percent of the drug seized in the United States. It's home to the largest Drug Enforcement Administration office overseas. And for decades, it's been a key partner in Washington's never-ending “war on drugs.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Mitch McConnell cautious on GOP's odds of taking Senate in midterms, rebukes threats to FBI, Quinlan Bentley, August 19, 2022, 6:08 PM

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell Thursday downplayed his party's chances of regaining control of the Senate in November and criticized threats and acts of violence toward law enforcement. [...] McConnell said attacks on law enforcement agencies are “completely unacceptable.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: FBI's Wray Defends Agents After Threats Over Trump Mar-a-Lago Search, Chris Strohm and Benjamin Penn., August 19, 2022, 1:44 PM

FBI Director Christopher Wray defended the actions his agents have taken as part of an investigation into former President Donald Trump's handling of classified documents in response to heightened criticism and threats of violence. “We don't cut corners,” Wray said in an email obtained by Bloomberg News and sent last week to all FBI personnel. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: FBI report reveals Angelina Jolie's version of 2016 altercation with Brad Pitt, Christie D'Zurilla, August 19, 2022, 8:58 PM (EDT)

The details of Angelina Jolie's report to the FBI about Brad Pitt's alleged behavior toward her and their kids on a private plane flight home from Europe on Sept. 14, 2016, have come to light thanks to a lawsuit Jolie brought against the federal law enforcement agency. Jolie's FBI lawsuit was revealed earlier this year when a judge decided to allow a woman presumably Jolie to file a Freedom of Information/Privacy Act lawsuit using a pseudonym. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: It looks like the FBI and Justice Department have 'chosen a side' to too many

Americans: Rep. Stewart, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 8:31 PM

Rep. Chris Stewart asserted that it looks to too many Americans that the FBI and Department of Justice have "chosen a side" Friday on "Special Report." EP. STEWART: I'm concentrating entirely on FBI and Department of Justice leadership. And my point was, it appears to too many people that they've chosen a side. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Mexican cartels are killing Americans with fentanyl at "catastrophic" rates, DEA chief says, Tori B. Powell, August 19, 2022, 3:09 PM

The head of the Drug Enforcement Administration said two Mexican cartels are behind the influx of fentanyl in the U.S. that's killing tens of thousands of Americans. "What we see happening at DEA is essentially that there are two cartels in Mexico, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, that are killing Americans with fentanyl at catastrophic and record rates like we have never seen before," DEA Administrator Anne Milgram told "CBS Mornings" on Friday ahead of National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Longview News-Journal (Longview, TX): Defendants in meth trafficking organization sentenced, Carlton Fletcher, August 20, 2022, 10:00 AM (EDT)

A federal judge handed down prison sentences for four defendants involved in an extensive drug trafficking organization centered in southwest Georgia that was responsible for distributing more than 100 kilograms of methamphetamine in the region. [...] "This case is an example of DEA's effort to confront, engage and eliminate drug distribution networks," Special Agent in Charge of the DEA Atlanta Field Division Robert J. Murphy said. "Because of the collaborative effort between DEA and its law enforcement partners, these defendants will spend well-deserved time in federal prison." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Man accused of smuggling people into Massachusetts, other states, including those wanted by police, with no visas, Ken Palva, August 20, 2022, 10:05 AM

A man was indicted this week by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to commit human smuggling offenses. Fagner Chaves De Lima, 41, of East Hartford, Conn., was indicted on one count of attempted human smuggling. De Lima was previously arrested and charged by criminal complaint with one count of attempted human smuggling in June 2022. [...] Valuable assistance was provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma Field Office; Homeland Security Investigations in Yuma; U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division; and the Marlborough, Worcester, Hartford (Conn.) and East Hartford (Conn.) Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney John T. Mulcahy of Rollins' Criminal Division is prosecuting the case. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chestnut Post (Wilsonville, OR): Paper Gun Sale Records Pile Up With ATF Prevented From Upgrading Tracing, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 9:57 PM (EDT)

The ATF traces guns used in crimes, however federal law is getting in the way. Gun sales have to be recorded but there's no law requiring dealers to digitize them, causing stacks of documents to pile up. There's currently no way to enter a serial number and search for the gun owner. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): Davis School District hopes to create an inclusive learning

environment, move beyond racism, Mike Anderson and Larry D. Curtis, August 19, 2022, 10:05 PM (EDT)

Davis School District is promising better inclusion for all students. A new assistant superintendent stepped in to head up the new district program, under the direction of the U.S. Department of Justice. The program comes as part of a settlement with the DOJ after an investigation found evidence of widespread racial harassment. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KJZZ-NPR \(Phoenix, AZ\)](#)

KARE -NBC (Minneapolis, MN): ATF teams join Twin Cities firearms crackdown, John Croman, August 19, 2022, 9:43 PM (EDT)

The ongoing battle to stem the tide of gun violence in Minnesota featured new players this week, two Special Response Teams from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. U.S. Attorney for Minnesota Mike Luger announced Friday that the ATF teams took part in two raids, helping local law enforcement make 16 arrests and seize 29 guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

CNN: Oklahoma, with a history of botched lethal injections, prepares to start executing a man a month, Dakin Andone, August 20, 2022, 3:02 AM

Oklahoma will soon begin executing death row inmates at a pace of about one man per month, with plans to put to death 25 prisoners over the next two years despite cries by critics and experts who point not only to outstanding questions of the mental fitness or possible innocence of some but also the state's recent history of botched lethal injections. [...] Pointing to Lockett's and Warner's executions, a number of the inmates now slated for execution sued corrections officials in federal court, claiming in part that Oklahoma's three-drug lethal injection protocol was unconstitutional. Midazolam, one of the drugs used in the protocol, would not render them adequately unconscious, they argued in part, and could put them at risk of severe pain as they died, violating their Eighth Amendment protection against "cruel and unusual punishments." But the judge ruled in June against the inmates, citing the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Bucklew v. Precythe*, in which Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote the Eighth Amendment "does not guarantee a prisoner a painless death." [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Georgia PSC elections again delayed after high court ruling, Jeff Amy, August 19, 2022, 4:18 PM

Two Georgia Public Service Commission elections will not occur this November, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Friday, reversing an earlier appeals court ruling that allowed them to proceed. Instead, the high court reverted to the original decision by a federal judge in Atlanta that postponed the elections after finding that electing the five commissioners statewide illegally diluted Black votes. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [SCOTUSblog](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] State gun regulations are a messy patchwork. The Supreme Court's Bruen decision won't help, Andrew Morral, Rosanna Smart, and Darrell Miller, August 20, 2022, 8:00 AM

Gun rights advocates cheered the Supreme Court's June decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* as a reaffirmation of the Second Amendment's protections of an individual right to bear arms. Gun control advocates grumbled that the decision would prove a costly disaster for states desperate to address sharply rising rates of gun violence. And yet, as states are already proving, the truth is likely to be more complicated. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Supreme Court Asked To Limit FBAR Fines To 1 Per Year, David Hansen, August 19, 2022, 7:11 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court must rule that a \$10,000 penalty for neglecting to report foreign bank accounts is calculated per year, not per account, a Texas man facing a \$2.72 million... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Jack Daniel's Again Asks Supreme Court to Take Up Dog Toy Case, Kyle Jahner, August 19, 2022, 1:21 PM

Jack Daniel's Properties Inc. asked the US Supreme Court to review a ruling that a dog toy doesn't infringe its trademarks returning after the high court denied an earlier petition in January 2021. The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said VIP Products LLC's "Bad Spaniels" pun-laden chew toy expressed a humorous message and invoked First Amendment concerns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shareholders return to the court after Collins, Kalvis Golde, August 19, 2022, 6:40 PM

Under the Fifth Amendment, "private property" cannot be "taken for public use" by the government "without just compensation." This week, we highlight cert petitions that ask the court to consider, among other things, whether the federal government's decision to essentially nationalize the country's largest federal backed mortgage-securities companies in the wake of the Great Recession was an unconstitutional "taking" of private shareholders' assets. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Tribes, States, Lawmakers, Profs Ask Justices To Keep ICWA, Andrew Westney, August 19, 2022, 10:46 PM

Nearly 500 federally recognized tribes and many Native American organizations led a host of amici on Friday urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Nebraska Examiner (Omaha, NE): ACLU of Nebraska joins fight to uphold Indian Child Welfare Act, Paul Hammel, August 19, 2022, 9:27 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska joined its national office and 11 other ACLU state affiliates this week in filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of upholding the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Supreme Court has scheduled oral arguments on a legal challenge to the act in November in the case, *Brackeen v. Haaland*. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Business Forecast: Ordered to pay \$650 million in restitution for opioid sales were

Walgreens, Walmart, and CVS, Unattributed, August 20, 2022, 7:43 PM

Two Ohio counties which sued CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart over the manner the big pharmacy chains supplied opioids to their communities were granted \$650 million in damages on Wednesday by a federal judge in Cleveland. The funds will be utilized, according to U.S. District Judge Dan Polster's judgment, to combat the opioid crisis in the Cleveland suburbs of Lake and Trumbull counties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Center Square (Keene, NH): New Hampshire to share in \$450M opioid settlement,

Christian Wade, August 19, 2022, 1:22 PM

New Hampshire will be getting money from a multi-state \$450 million settlement with an Ireland-based drugmaker over its alleged role in fueling a nationwide opioid addiction crisis. New Hampshire Attorney General John Formella said the settlement with Endo seeks to resolve allegations that the company "boosted opioid sales using deceptive marketing that downplayed the risk of addiction and overstated the benefits." [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden bill to help millions escape higher health care costs, Amanda Seitz, August 19, 2022, 10:02 AM

Millions of people in the United States will be spared from big increases in health care costs next year after President Joe Biden signed legislation extending generous subsidies for those who buy plans through federal and state marketplaces. The sweeping climate, tax and health care bill sets aside \$70 billion over the next three years to keep out-of-pocket premium costs low for roughly 13 million people, just before the reduced prices were set to expire in a year beset by record-high inflation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden administration touts \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, David Shepardson, August 19, 2022, 6:24 PM

The White House is ramping up efforts to tout the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill and the effort to refurbish roads, bridges and airports and reduce emissions. U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg will go on a four-day, six-state tour starting Tuesday, visiting Florida, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Ohio, Nevada and New Hampshire to talk up the infrastructure law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden climate law could expand controversial biogas industry, Leah Douglas, August 19, 2022, 11:30 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden's climate law could help to expand a burgeoning but controversial industry that seeks to capture gases from rotting food and farm waste and convert them into fuel and other forms of energy. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Biden signed on Tuesday includes new tax credits for companies that build machinery, like anaerobic digesters, to capture climate-harming emissions including methane from landfills or animal manure lagoons and convert them into natural gas, electricity and heat. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden to host September summit targeting hate-fueled violence, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 7:53 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden will host a White House summit in September to counter the effects of

hate-fueled violence on American democracy and highlight his administration's actions to reduce gun violence, the White House said on Friday. The Sept. 15 summit, dubbed "United We Stand," will bring together officials, faith leaders and civil rights groups and feature a keynote speech by Biden, who will put forward a shared vision for a more united America, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

WaPo: Biden's imprint on economy emerges, although inflation threatens wins. Jeff Stein, August 20, 2022, 8:00 AM

It's been a big month for Bidenomics. After a year marked by Democrats' internal dysfunction, Congress has over the last few weeks suddenly delivered a raft of legislation that will help form the core of President Biden's economic record before lawmakers face voters in the 2022 midterm elections. Beyond the economic rescue package and bipartisan infrastructure law passed last year, Congress this month alone also approved a \$280 billion measure to expand veterans health care, a \$280 billion law to counter China's economic rise, and the Inflation Reduction Act centered on addressing the climate crisis, lowering health-care costs and raising taxes on large corporations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Chinese leader asked Biden to prevent Pelosi from visiting Taiwan, Yasmeen Abutaleb and Tyler Pager, August 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

Just days before House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was expected to visit Taiwan, Chinese President Xi Jinping had a request of President Biden: Find a way to keep Pelosi from visiting. Xi's request in a July 28 call with Biden, described by a senior White House official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive conversation, followed myriad warnings Chinese officials made to U.S. counterparts of what China might do in retaliation for Pelosi's visit to the self-governing island that Beijing considers part of its territory. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: After Signing Climate Bill, Biden Prepares More Actions to Cut Emissions, Lisa Friedman and Jim Tankersley, August 19, 2022, 6:59 PM

Fresh off signing expansive climate legislation, President Biden and his administration are planning a series of executive actions to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help keep the planet from warming to dangerous temperatures, senior White House officials said. Mr. Biden is on track to deploy a series of measures, including new regulations on emissions from vehicle tailpipes, power plants and oil and gas wells, the officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Latest U.S. Aid Package to Ukraine Includes Mine-Resistant Vehicles, Drones, Missiles, Gordon Lubold, August 19, 2022, 3:23 PM

The U.S. is sending mine-resistant vehicles, drones, new missile systems and other new types of military assistance to Ukraine in the latest tranche of aid, officials said Friday. The new \$775 million assistance package brings the total of military aid to Ukraine to about \$10.6 billion since the Biden administration entered office last year. It is the 19th such package of aid the Biden administration has announced since the conflict began. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Faces G-20 Quandary Between Joining Putin or Staying Home, Courtney McBride, August 19, 2022, 2:47 PM

President Joe Biden is facing a difficult choice after Indonesia's announcement that Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping will attend this year's Group of 20 summit: join an event with two leaders he has sought to isolate, or skip the gathering and forgo a chance to shape its outcome. As he

prepares for the November gathering, Biden must confront the fact that nations like Indonesia are refusing to pick sides over the Ukraine invasion despite his demand that they do so, and have faulted the US as much as China over increased tension between Washington and Beijing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Kaptur Releases New Ad Breaking With Biden in Ohio House Race, Christian Hall and Mark Niquette, August 19, 2022, 2:14 PM

Representative Marcy Kaptur, an Ohio Democrat and the fourth-longest serving lawmaker in the House, released an ad Friday criticizing President Joe Biden as she faces a tough re-election contest against Republican J.R. Majewski. In her new ad, Kaptur lambastes Biden for “letting Ohio solar manufacturers be undercut by China,” and closes the television spot by distancing herself from her party’s leader, saying “Marcy Kaptur: She doesn’t work for Joe Biden. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Bloomberg: White House Says Zelenskiy Should Join G-20 If Putin Attends, Justin Sink August 19, 2022, 10:32 AM

The White House said Friday that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy should take part in a Group of 20 summit in Bali if Vladimir Putin attends, after Indonesia’s leader said the Russian president would probably join. “As President Biden has said publicly himself, he does not think President Putin should attend the G-20 as he wages his war against Ukraine,” the White House National Security Council said in a statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox Business: Biden's oil, gas moratorium dealt potentially fatal blow by federal court, Thomas Catenacci, August 19, 2022, 5:16 PM

A federal district court blocked the Biden administration's moratorium on federal oil and gas leasing, a potentially fatal blow to the policy that has been tied up in a legal battle since early 2021. U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana Judge Terry Doughty issued a permanent injunction blocking the leasing moratorium in a ruling late Thursday evening. Doughty wrote that President Biden "lacked any authority" to implement the policy under the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) and Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) which regulate federal leasing on public lands and waters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Fox: Biden still pushing federal worker vaccine mandate despite eased CDC guidelines, Tyler Olson and Bill Mears, August 19, 2022, 1:27 PM

President Biden's administration is still pursuing litigation to implement a federal worker vaccine mandate despite recently changed Centers for Disease Control Prevention (CDC) guidelines for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. The case, called *Feds for Medical Freedom v. Biden*, is set for a hearing before the entire Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Sept. 13. It stems from a case filed in Texas last December that resulted in a federal trial court issuing a nationwide injunction against the federal government enforcing its vaccine mandate for civilian employees. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Politico: Newest cause for climate optimism? The U.S. rivalry with China, Karl Mathiesen and Zack Colman, August 20, 2022, 7:00 AM

A clean energy arms race between the U.S. and China — the world’s two superpowers and largest greenhouse gas emitters — has been the dream of climate advocates for decades. [...] The Inflation Reduction Act that President Joe Biden signed on Tuesday will pour \$369 billion

into clean energy and help to build a domestic clean tech manufacturing sector designed to displace China as the key supplier of critical equipment for solar, wind and batteries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***The Hill:* [OPINION] Why we shouldn't expect a Biden primary challenge or voluntary drop-out**, Joshua Spivak, August 19, 2022, 5:00 PM

Even with his recent string of successes, Democratic candidates and commentators are piling on the idea that the low polling numbers and concerns about his age will lead to President Joe Biden either not running for reelection or facing a serious primary challenge. This may seem unusual, but discussion of a candidate bowing out or facing a primary is par for the course for any sitting president. But anyone counting on a primary challenge or a voluntary single term will likely be sorely disappointed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***The Hill:* Biden proposes restoring chemical safety standards weakened by Trump**, Rachel Frazin, August 19, 2022, 12:58 PM

The Biden administration is proposing to restore chemical safety regulations that were loosened under the Trump administration. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to reimpose certain safety requirements that apply to facilities including agricultural supply distributors, chemical manufacturers and distributors, food and beverage manufacturers and oil refineries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

***Axios:* COVID costs could fall on insurers and consumers**, Arielle Dreher, August 19, 2022, 10:20 AM

Consumers should prepare to soon pay for COVID-19 treatments and vaccines as the federal government prepares to shift costs back to health insurers. Driving the news: The Department of Health and Human Services has a meeting scheduled later this month with drugmakers, pharmacies, and state health departments to address the changes, the Wall Street Journal reports. [...] White House COVID-19 response coordinator Ashish Jha said earlier this week the Biden administration will stop buying vaccines, treatments and tests as early as this fall, CNN reported. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSB-ABC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

CONGRESS

***The Hill:* Democrats press social media platforms over FBI threats**, Rebecca Klar, August 19, 2022, 12:31 PM

House Democrats asked social media platforms to turn over information about threats to federal law enforcement officials and how they combat the violent posts, according to letters sent to eight companies Friday. House Oversight and Reform Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.) demanded Meta, Twitter, TikTok, Truth Social, Rumble, Gettr, Telegram and Gab respond with details about their policies and data on the threats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 19, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Linsey Davis

CBS: Evening News with Margaret Brennan

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Communities near the The Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant are stockpiling supplies and drilling on hazard equipment and nuclear related medical responses as the plant continues to become more dangerous. The Pentagon announced a \$775 M arms package including surveillance drones, Javelin missiles, and howitzers even as civilians in Russian occupied areas evacuate, to help Ukrainian forces regain territory[[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Vanessa Bryant testified today in the suit regarding photos of the helicopter crash which killed her husband Kobe Bryant and her daughter, Gianna. The lawsuit against LA county consists of negligence invasion of privacy, saying the emergency responders abused their access to the crash by taking and sharing photos of the crash. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Monsoon rains batter south Texas, with an 80% chance of developing into a named storm. Heavy rain fronts shift to the East into drought stricken Texas, causing possible flash floods extending through Arizona and New Mexico. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Former Vice President Mike Pence stated he would consider testifying before the Jan. 6 Committee, Pence has been reluctant to discuss what happened on Jan. 6. Committee Republican Vice-Chair Liz Cheney stated talks are underway in making that happen. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The Department Of Transportation (“DOT”) is opening a new website to help travelers understand their rights in airlines even as Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg told airlines to ‘step up’ and give accommodations to passengers whose flights were delayed or canceled. Airlines' lobbying group stated, “... industries across the economy..are facing a range of challenges.” [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Virginia Federal Judge T.S. Ellis sentenced Alexanda Kotey and El Shafee Elsheikh to 8 concurrent life sentences, one for each of the 8 charges filed against them. The two are known for the kidnapping, torture, and murder against James Foley, Steven Sotloff, Peter Kassig, and Kayla Mueller.. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Two more buses of immigrants seeking asylum arrived in New York City even as NY Mayor Eric Adams and other officials pleaded with the Texas Governor to coordinate arrivals. Mayor Eric Johnson is attempting to coordinate the arrivals by opening “Project Open Arms” to aid migrant children enroll in school, simplifying the enrollment process and calling for more bilingual teachers. [[ABC](#)]
- A deadly midair collision in San Jose California demonstrated the two pilots speaking to each other just before the collision outside an unmanned airport. The FAA is desperate to understand how the incident occurred which killed both pilots, the single passenger, and a

dog onboard. [\[ABC\]](#)

- The DOJ is working under deadline to sort the redaction of the affidavit for the search of Donald Trump's Mar-A-Lago property. The Justice Department argued redactions would be so extensive as to render remaining text devoid of meaningful content. [\[CBS\]](#)
- An internal message from CDC Director Rochelle Walensky to staff this week was discovered, admitting of the system's rather dramatic and public mistakes during the pandemic. Walensky stated the CDC needs to make systemic changes to protect public safety, health, and security. [\[CBS\]](#)
- With Midterm elections within 3 months, many voters are finding themselves in illegally drawn congressional districts according to several courts. These maps will still be used for Midterms. Representatives believe the Democratic party has attempted to Gerrymander the Republic party out of existence. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Mike Pence continues to defend the FBI against public accusations as Donald Trump blasts both Pence and the FBI. Trump siding lawyers say they have video footage of the Mar-A-Lago search, and the DOJ states to "use caution" to obscure all identifying information of the officers and officials in the search. [\[NBC\]](#)
- Major retail business reporting alarming changes in american spending habits over the summer, with most spendings being on essentials. Most Americans busy putting money saved on gas into basic necessities and savings, and avoiding unnecessary items and vehicles, due to widespread supply issues. [\[NBC\]](#)

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Reuters: Islamic State militant gets life in U.S. prison over killing of American hostages, Kanishka Singh, August 19, 2022, 5:16 PM

A U.S. federal judge on Friday sentenced a member of an Islamic State cell known as "The Beatles" to life in prison for involvement in a hostage-taking plot that led to the killings of American journalists and aid workers in Syria. Families and friends of the four Americans killed and of other hostages previously detained by the militant group looked on as District Court Judge T.S. Ellis sentenced El Shafee Elsheikh, 34, to life without parole, calling his behavior "horrific, barbaric, brutal and of course criminal." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: Russia probe memo wrongly withheld under Barr, court rules, Meg Kinnard, August 19, 2022, 3:06 PM

The Justice Department under Attorney General William Barr improperly withheld portions of an internal memo Barr cited in announcing that then-President Donald Trump had not obstructed justice in the Russia investigation, a federal appeals panel said Friday. The department had argued that the 2019 memo represented private deliberations of its lawyers before any decision was formalized, and was thus exempt from disclosure. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Bloomberg](#), [WaPo](#)

NPR's All Things Considered: Attorney General Garland is 18 months into his promise to return the DOJ to normal, Carrie Johnson, August 20, 2022

Nearly 18 months into his tenure at DOJ, Attorney General Merrick Garland faces consequential decisions about the Jan. 6 attack and former President Donald Trump. [\[Read/Listen\]](#)

WSJ: FBI Director Christopher Wray Tried to Keep the Bureau Out of Politics. Then Came Mar-a-Lago Search., Aruna Viswanatha, August 19, 2022, 8:27 PM

FBI Director Christopher Wray stood before immense paintings of an eagle and an American flag at the field office here last week to talk about how agents had used a tip from Ireland to help save a local hospital from a ransomware attack. It was the sort of threat that Mr. Wray has made it a bureau priority to counter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: As the FBI comes under threat, its leader tries to stay out of fray, Perry Stein, Ellen Nakashima, Hannah Allam and Josh Dawsey, August 20, 2022, 3:48 PM

From the moment news broke of the FBI's search for classified documents at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club, the former president and many of his supporters declared open season on the bureau. FBI agents who carried out the search were doxed in posts on Trump's social media network. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): Justice Department allocates \$35.7 million in grants to support sexual assault victims, Katie Balevic, August 20, 2022, 2:53 PM

The Department of Justice is allocating \$35.7 million in grants for victims of sexual assault. The agency announced on Friday that the Office on Violence Against Women will issue 56 grant awards - one for each state, DC, and five US territories. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [The Hill](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Augusta Free Press (Waynesboro, VA): Former JAG School Army officer arrested in Arkansas on cyberstalking charges, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 3:44 PM (EDT)

A former Army officer assigned to the JAG School in Charlottesville has been arrested in Arkansas on cyberstalking charges. A report from the U.S. Attorney office in Charlottesville offers a host of other details in the arrest of Manfredo Madrigal III, 36, involving the attempted deletion of Army materials, lying to the FBI, and coaching a witness to provide false information to the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [The Daily Progress \(Charlottesville, VA\)](#), [KYTX-CBS/CW+ \(Nacogdoches, TX\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

CBS: Trump considering filing motion calling for "special master" to review evidence seized from Mar-a-Lago, attorney says, Steven Portnoy, Robert Costa, and Nicole Sganga, August 20, 2022, 7:08 PM

Former President Donald Trump is considering filing a court motion which calls for the appointment of a "special master" to review and return evidence collected during last week's FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago estate, one of his attorneys said Friday. Appearing on Mark Levin's radio show, attorney Jim Trusty said that the filing could come as soon as Friday night but also as late as Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [The Guardian](#), [The Hill](#)

Fox: Rep. Dan Crenshaw says Trump FBI raid is 'automatically political', DOJ 'hasn't acted responsibly', Stephen Sorace, August 21, 2022, 12:53 PM

The FBI raid on former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida is "automatically political," according to Rep. Dan Crenshaw, who says the Department of Justice "hasn't acted responsibly." The Texas Republican appeared Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union," where he was asked about Trump having potentially kept classified information in an unsecured location at his private residence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Trump Wanted to Use Classified Documents as 'Leverage,' Ex-Lawyer Says, Jason Lemon, August 20, 2022, 5:58 PM

Michael Cohen, who previously worked as an attorney and vice president for the Trump Organization, said he believes former President Donald Trump wanted to use some of the classified documents he

kept at Mar-a-Lago as "leverage" in the future. The FBI carried out a search warrant of Trump's Florida resort home, Mar-a-Lago, on August 8 to recover top-secret and other classified materials that the former president had taken from the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Trump's relentless attacks on Mar-a-Lago search lack context. What he said vs. what we know., Bart Jansen, August 19, 2022, 11:38 AM

Donald Trump has blasted the Aug. 8 search of his Florida estate by questioning the justification for the unprecedented action at a former president's home, criticizing how the FBI carried it out and questioning what was taken from Mar-a-Lago. Since then, Trump has made a number of statements through social media posts on his website Truth Social and through public statements that often lack context and facts that rebut his own allegations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Lawmakers press Meta, TikTok, Truth Social over threats to FBI after Mar-a-Lago search, Ella Lee, August 19, 2022, 3:58 PM

Lawmakers on the House Oversight Committee are demanding answers from social media platforms on their responses to a spike in online threats against federal law enforcement after the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate last week. Letters were sent to nine social media platforms Friday, including mainstream sites like Meta, Twitter and TikTok and right-wing platforms like Gab, GETTR and Trump's Truth Social. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC News: Poll: 57% of voters say investigations into Trump should continue, Mark Murray, August 21, 2022

A clear majority of American voters believe that the various investigations into alleged wrongdoing by former President Donald Trump should continue, according to a national NBC News poll conducted after the FBI searched Trump's Florida home and recovered documents marked as "top secret" earlier this month. The poll also shows a dissatisfied public, with three-quarters of voters saying the country is headed in the wrong direction, a record 58% who say that America's best years are behind it and 61% who say they're willing to carry a protest sign for a day because they're so upset. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: GOP gov. says Biden, Garland should have anticipated American's response to raid: 'morons', Ronn Blitzer, August 21, 2022, 11:26 AM

Following the FBI's raid of Mar-a-Lago, New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu slammed President Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland for not having a plan to keep the investigation from being seen as purely political. "Clearly Biden and Garland, they had no strategy, no anticipation about saying we're going to take unprecedented action so we better have an unprecedented plan for disclosure. And the fact that we're weeks in now, they're not showing any cards, they're not showing anything, the lack of transparency, it's infuriating," Sununu said Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: White House officials privately express concern about classified information taken to Mar-a-Lago, Kaitlan Collins, Kevin Liptak and Natasha Bertrand, August 19, 2022, 4:52 PM

White House officials have privately expressed deep concern over the tranche of classified material taken to former President Donald Trump's home in Florida, including some documents that are only meant to be viewed only in secure government facilities, CNN has learned. As more information has emerged in the days since FBI agents combed the former President's private residence, current administration officials have become increasingly concerned about what Trump took and whether that information -- some located in a basement-level storage facility at Mar-a-Lago -- could potentially put the sources and methods of the US intelligence community at risk. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Ex-White House Aide Kash Patel Presses View Trump Broadly Declassified Documents, Alex Leary, Vivian Salama, and Aruna Viswanatha, August 21, 2022, 8:00 AM

In May, former Trump administration official Kash Patel, as part of a lengthy scuffle with the National Archives, asserted that documents stored at Mar-a-Lago marked as classified had in fact been

declassified by President Donald Trump as he left office in January 2021. Since the FBI searched the former president's Florida resort on Aug. 8, Mr. Patel has become a leading proponent of that view and one of the most vocal defenders of Mr. Trump in accusing the Justice Department of politically motivated overreach. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Meet King Donald's point man in his Mar-a-Lago fight against the 'deep state', David Ignatius, August 21, 2022

As the country has debated the immense legal issues surrounding the Justice Department's search for documents at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, my mind has wandered back to an odd little intelligence flap in 2018 that was known to House of Representatives investigators as the "turducken incident." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Merrick Garland faces a plethora of tough decisions, Jennifer Rubin, August 21, 2022, 10:00 AM

Don't feel badly if you've lost track of all the investigations into the activities of defeated former president Donald Trump, his underlings and his cronies — there are almost too many to list. But let's give it a try: The coup — the violent and nonviolent part. The retention of highly classified and/or top-secret documents (and Trump lawyers' apparent misrepresentation that all such documents had been returned). [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Trump's anti-FBI rhetoric will take a real-life toll, James Hohmann, August 21, 2022

...Trump has clearly decided that attacking the bureau as an arm of the "deep state" will help reactivate his suspicion-filled base and raise questions about the motivations behind the many investigations that seem to be closing in on him. But his reckless rhetoric will take a real-life toll. There has been a spike in threats against FBI agents and their families. And a man who was active on Trump's social media site, Truth Social, was killed after firing into the FBI's Cincinnati field office and an hours-long standoff. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [OPINION] With Trump, Merrick Garland Can't Afford to Miss, Ross Douthat, August 20, 2022, 3:00 PM

The two weeks since the F.B.I. descended on Mar-a-Lago have felt remarkably familiar. It's not just that Donald Trump is dominating headlines once again; it's that all the hits of 2017 and 2018 are being played again: legal experts cobbling together complex theories out of fragmentary information, exciting Twitter speculation about espionage and treason, a "this time we've got him" spirit unseen since the days of Bob Mueller devotional candles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

CNN: Cheney says January 6 committee still wants to hear directly from Pence, Annie Grayer, Jamie Gangel and Gloria Borger, August 19, 2022, 8:52 PM

Rep. Liz Cheney, the vice chair of the January 6 House select committee, told ABC on Friday that the panel still wants to hear directly from former Vice President Mike Pence. "Look, he played a critical role on January 6. If he had succumbed to the pressure that Donald Trump was putting on him, we would have had a much worse constitutional crisis," the Wyoming Republican said. "And I think that he has clearly, as he's expressed, concerns about executive privilege, which, you know, I have tremendous respect. I think it's, you know, hugely important constitutional issue in terms of separation of powers." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#)

Reuters: Cheney vows to oppose Republican candidates who deny Trump's election loss, David Morgan, August 21, 2022, 12:08 PM

U.S. Representative Liz Cheney vowed on Sunday to oppose Republican candidates who back former

President Donald Trump's falsehoods about a stolen 2020 election and declared Senators Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley "unfit" for office after they voted to overturn the presidential results. Cheney, who is Trump's leading critic and vice chair of the congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol by his supporters, told ABC's "This Week" that a broad movement of election denial could undermine the U.S. constitutional order if left unchecked. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Senator Graham wins temporary reprieve from testifying in Trump Georgia probe,
Kanishka Singh, August 21, 2022, 11:21 AM

An appeals court put on hold U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham's scheduled testimony for Tuesday before a grand jury in Georgia probing efforts by Donald Trump to overturn the former president's 2020 election defeat, with the case returning to a lower court for another look. A federal judge on Monday had rejected Graham's challenge to the subpoena to testify before the grand jury. Graham, a Republican, had argued his position as a U.S. senator provided him immunity from having to appear before the investigative panel. [[Continue Reading](#)]] **See also:** [AP](#), [WaPo](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [USA Today](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Witness about R. Kelly: I didn't want to 'carry his lies', Michael Tarm, August 19, 2022, 7:24 PM

A woman who says she was sexually abused hundreds of times by R. Kelly as a minor testified Friday that she agonized several years ago about whether to cooperate with federal investigators who were looking into child abuse allegations involving the singer, but she ultimately did because she didn't want to "carry his lies." Hours before jurors got their first glimpse of sexually explicit videos at the heart of the prosecution's bid to prove Kelly produced child pornography and successfully rigged his 2008 child porn trial, the woman, who is now 37 and going by the pseudonym "Jane" during the current trial, conceded that even after she began cooperating, she lied when she told agents she wasn't sure if Kelly had abused minors other than her. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#)

AP: Defense rests after challenging agents in Whitmer plot trial, Ed White, August 19, 2022, 12:50 PM

Lawyers for two men charged with conspiring to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called investigators to the witness stand Friday to try to raise questions about their tactics in 2020 and highlight scornful attitudes. The defense rested its case on the ninth day of trial. Closing arguments were scheduled for Monday in federal court in Grand Rapids, Michigan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Marijuana smoking hangs over Whitmer kidnap plot trial, Ed White, August 21, 2022, 9:13 AM
There is no dispute about some evidence in the trial of two men accused of eagerly wanting to kidnap Michigan's governor: They enjoyed getting high. From start to finish, the jury repeatedly has heard about marijuana in the case of Adam Fox and Barry Croft Jr., who are charged with conspiring to abduct Gretchen Whitmer as part of an anti-government uprising in 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Oregonian (Portland, OR): Armed robber threatened to 'bathe everyone in blood,' before walking out of Pendleton casino with cash, firing at police, feds say, Maxine Bernstein, August 19, 2022, 3:14 PM

The identity of a man who allegedly robbed cashiers at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino at gunpoint was confirmed as 51-year-old Javier Francisco Vigil. KAPP-KVEW independently confirmed the suspect's identity with family members who say he struggled with mental health problems for years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Spokesman-Review \(Spokane, WA\)](#), [KEPR-CBS/CW+ \(Pasco, WA\)](#), [KNDU-NBC \(Richland, WA\)](#), [KTVL-CBS/CW+ \(Medford, OR\)](#), [KXL \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KGW-NBC \(Portland, OR\)](#), [KVEW-ABC \(Kennewick, WA\)](#)

Augusta Free Press (Waynesboro, VA): **Virginia man who threatened to ‘blow up’ Roanoke, kill bank manager, arrested**, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 1:40 PM

A Gainesville man who threatened to “blow up Roanoke” and kill a bank branch manager was arrested earlier this week on federal charges after he was unsatisfied with service he received from his bank. Brandon Hayward, 33, is charged via federal criminal complaint with use of a telephone to make a threat to injure or destroy property by means of fire or explosives as well as one count of communicating a threat in interstate commerce. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Roanoke Times \(Roanoke, VA\)](#), [WSET-ABC \(Lynchburg, VA\)](#), [WSLS-NBC \(Roanoke, VA\)](#),

Tampa Bay Times (St. Petersburg, CA): **St. Petersburg man gets 10 years for \$1.8 million concert tickets resale scheme**, Dan Sullivan, August 19, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal judge on Thursday sentenced a St. Petersburg man who conned three people out of close to \$2 million in a concert ticket resale scheme to 10 years in prison. Thomas Coelho, 53, was also ordered to pay more than \$1.8 million in restitution and to have no contact with the people from whom he stole. Calling him a danger to the public, U.S. District Judge Thomas Barber noted the large amount Coelho had stolen, and his efforts to con people even after he’d been jailed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNBN-NBC/MyNetworkTV (Rapid City, SD): **Six arrested in sex trafficking operation at Sturgis Rally**, August 19, 2022, 10:25 PM (EDT)

On Friday, United States Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell announced that multiple South Dakota agencies conducted a joint sex trafficking operation during the 2022 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The United States Department of Justice reports that the operation began on August 5, and ended on August 11. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KOTA-CBS \(Rapid City, SD\)](#), [Dakota News Now \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#), [KELO-CBS/MyNetworkTV \(Sioux Falls, SD\)](#)

WKTV-NBC/CBS/CW+ (Utica, NY): **Utica woman faces up to 40 years in prison for trafficking fentanyl in 2021**, Unattributed, August 19, 7:09 PM

A Utica woman faces up to 40 years in prison after pleading guilty Thursday to federal drug trafficking charges. According to the United States Department of Justice, 25-year-old Melisa Muminovic admitted to working with others to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl in the Utica area from January through July of 2021. She also admitted to going to the New York City area to purchase the fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WWTI-ABC/CW+](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution (Atlanta, GA): **Atlanta kingpin sentenced to federal prison for leading major drug syndicate**, Matt Bruce, August 20, 2022, 4:20 PM

The mastermind behind an Atlanta-based drug ring that operated a covert cocaine distribution and money laundering network for nearly a decade was sentenced to federal prison this week. U.S. District Judge Steve C. Jones sentenced Tory Lenard Troup to eight years in prison followed by 15 years of parole during a hearing Monday. The judge also ordered authorities to seize two of Troup’s homes with a combined value of \$840,124. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRIV-Fox (Houston, TX): **Two charged in \$6 million Medicaid fraud at Houston pediatric dental clinic**, Unattributed, August 20, 2022, 3:12 PM (EDT)

An operator and manager at a dental clinic in Houston have been charged for their role in a health care fraud scheme involving \$6 million in claims to Medicaid. Court documents from the U.S. Department of Justice is Ifeanyi Ndubisi Ozoh, 51, of Houston was arrested Thursday and made his first court appearance. The DOJ said Ozoh was the manager of Floss Family Dental Care Clinic, where Rene Gaviola, 65, also of Houston and the clinic’s operator, was arrested on August 1 on similar charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Beast: **DNA From Letter Solves 30-Year-Old Cold Case of Murdered Mom**, Josh Fiallo, August

20, 2022, 4:01 PM

The Reading Eagle published a story on its front page in 1990 about a Pennsylvania mother who had been brutally murdered two years earlier—an article that would indirectly lead to the mother's killer being identified 30 years later. [...] A Virginia laboratory processed the DNA using grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Rutland Herald (Rutland, VT): **Local man had ties to beating death of 'Whitey' Bulger, Mike Donoghue**, August 20, 2022, 8:59 PM

A former Montpelier man is one of three people charged this week in connection with the beating death of reputed South Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger while in a federal prison in West Virginia nearly four years ago. Sean McKinnon, now 36, appears to have served as a lookout and conspired with two other suspects as they fatally beat Bulger while he was in a wheelchair in his cell on Oct. 30, 2018, officials said. McKinnon also is charged with providing false information to two federal agents about the case at the U.S. Penitentiary–Hazelton. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

CBS: **Louisville officer fired after being federally charged over Breonna Taylor raid**, Unattributed, August 19, 2022, 5:57 PM

A Louisville police sergeant facing federal civil rights charges in the 2020 shooting death of Breonna Taylor has been fired. Louisville Metro Police Chief Erika Shields announced Friday that she made the decision to terminate Sgt. Kyle Meany after "careful consideration and not with ease." "I fully respect the judicial process and realize Sergeant Meany has yet to be heard before a jury of his peers," she wrote in a statement obtained by CBS News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: **Black couple sues after they say home valuation rises nearly \$300,000 when shown by White colleague**, Justin Gamble and Virginia Langmaid, August 19, 2022, 6:12 PM

A Maryland couple has sued a local real estate appraiser and an online mortgage loan provider, alleging that the housing appraisal they received was unfairly low due to their race, in violation of the Fair Housing Act, after a second appraisal returned a result nearly \$300,000 higher. Nathan Connolly and Shani Mott filed suit against 20/20 Valuations LLC, its owner Shane Lanham, and loanDepot.com on Monday, alleging the defendants 20/20 Valuations LLC and its owner "discriminated against Plaintiffs by dramatically undervaluing their home in an appraisal because of Plaintiffs' race and their home's location adjacent to a Black census block, notwithstanding that it is also located within Homeland, an affluent, mostly white neighborhood," and loanDepot.com discriminated against them by relying on that appraisal in denying their refinance loan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Tennessee Lookout (Memphis, TN): **Election officials can't access federal funding for security as violent threats mount**, Kira Lerner, August 20, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

Colorado's election officials, like so many across the country, faced a surge of violent threats after the 2020 election. [...] So when the Colorado secretary of state's office learned early this year that the U.S. Department of Justice would allow funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program to be used by state and local election offices to combat threats, they submitted an application in March. The office requested \$396,000 to pay contractors to monitor social media for threats and to enhance physical security for the secretary of state's office staff and county clerks through September 2023. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Brownsville Herald (Brownsville, TX): **Pharr man shot by police files federal civil rights lawsuit**, Mark Reagan, August 20, 2022, 3:56 PM

A Pharr man who was shot by police has filed a federal lawsuit against the city alleging officers used excessive force on the man, who said in the litigation that he posed no threat to police. Attorneys representing Jose Aldaberto Negrete filed the civil rights lawsuit on Aug. 12. The shooting happened on

Aug. 13, 2020 at 25 N. Fir St. at around 3 a.m. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: 16 more states hope to weigh in on Idaho abortion lawsuit, Rebecca Boone, August 19, 2022, 4:56 PM

Sixteen more states are asking to weigh in on the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against Idaho over its strict abortion ban. The Justice Department sued the Republican-led state of Idaho earlier this month, saying the abortion ban set to take effect on Aug. 25 violates a federal law requiring Medicaid-funded hospitals to provide "stabilizing treatment" to patients experiencing medical emergencies.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Banks Nearing \$1 Billion Settlement Over Traders' Use of Banned Messaging Apps, Dave Michaels, August 19, 2022, 6:18 PM

Many of Wall Street's biggest banks are nearing agreements to pay as much as \$200 million each and admit that their employees' use of personal messaging apps such as WhatsApp violated regulatory requirements, according to people familiar with the matter. The total amount of fines will likely top \$1 billion, the people said, and will be announced by the end of September. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

LAT: The Biden administration remade ICE after Trump: But will it last?, Hamed Aleaziz and Alejandra Reyes-Velarde, August 19, 2022, 12:16 PM

As Anastasia Abarca left for work at 4:40 a.m., four immigration officers appeared at the door. [...] The Biden administration has reversed many of these changes and enacted some new policies, including limiting arrests of pregnant women and expanding "sensitive" areas such as playgrounds where arrests are generally off-limits. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Top border official says U.S. strives for "fair and equitable" processing of migrants amid criticism of unequal treatment, Camilo Montoya-Galvez, August 19, 2022, 11:29 AM

The Biden administration is striving to create a "fair and equitable" system for asylum-seekers, the top U.S. Customs and Border Protection official said in response to criticism that his agency has allowed some groups, such as Ukrainians, to enter the country with relative ease, while quickly expelling other migrants. During an interview with CBS News Thursday, CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus was asked why his agency had not created a process similar to one used to admit 22,000 Ukrainian refugees along the southern border this spring for asylum-seekers from Central America, many of whom face rapid expulsion from the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: White House pushed ICE to increase deportations amid migrant crisis: report, Adam Shaw, August 20, 2022, 4:46 PM

The White House reportedly pushed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to deport more illegal immigrants amid increased political pressure over the border crisis — but so far the Department of Homeland Security hasn't taken a more aggressive approach. The Biden administration has been staring down an enormous crisis at the southern border, with approximately 200,000 migrant encounters each month for the past five months. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Video of ICE agent putting foot on neck of migrant released as part of lawsuit, Herb Scribner, August 20, 2022, 4:15 PM

A video released Friday in a federal civil court case showed an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent with his foot on the neck of a migrant during a raid in 2018, NBC News reports. The big picture: The video was released due to a lawsuit filed by nearly 100 migrants over a raid in Tennessee during the Trump administration in 2018, per the Tennessee Lookout. The migrants allege that their civil

rights were violated due to the use of excessive force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **U.S. asks judge to block book publisher merger as trial closes**, David Shepardson, August 19, 2022, 2:20 PM

The U.S. Justice Department on Friday urged a U.S. judge to block a \$2.2 billion merger of two of the "Big Five" book publishers, saying "competition matters" and said the industry should not be treated differently from others. The Justice Department last year sued to stop Penguin Random House, the world's largest book publisher and owned by German media group Bertelsmann SE & Co KGaA, from buying rival Simon & Schuster from Paramount Global. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Daily Beast: **Billionaire Tax Cheat Wins Again With Tycoon's Death**, Noah Kirsch, August 19, 2022, 10:16 PM

When the billionaire Robert Brockman died on Aug. 5, less than three months after a judge ruled him competent to stand trial in the largest tax fraud case in U.S. history, the prospect of explosive public testimony evaporated, too. That newfound sense of quiet is likely welcome news to another billionaire, Robert Smith, who signed a non-prosecution agreement with the feds in 2020 and agreed to cooperate against Brockman and other possible suspects. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Bloomberg: **FBI's Wray Defends Agents After Threats Over Trump Mar-a-Lago Search**, Chris Strohm and Benjamin Penn, August 19, 2022, 1:44 PM

FBI Director Christopher Wray defended the actions his agents have taken as part of an investigation into former President Donald Trump's handling of classified documents in response to heightened criticism and threats of violence. "We don't cut corners," Wray said in an email obtained by Bloomberg News and sent last week to all FBI personnel. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: **Mexican cartels are killing Americans with fentanyl at "catastrophic" rates, DEA chief says**, Tori B. Powell, August 19, 2022, 3:09 PM

The head of the Drug Enforcement Administration said two Mexican cartels are behind the influx of fentanyl in the U.S. that's killing tens of thousands of Americans. "What we see happening at DEA is essentially that there are two cartels in Mexico, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, that are killing Americans with fentanyl at catastrophic and record rates like we have never seen before," DEA Administrator Anne Milgram told "CBS Mornings" on Friday ahead of National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: **Former Washington Commanders trainer enters deferred prosecution agreement in federal probe**, Luke Barr, August 20, 2022, 8:01 PM

The former head trainer for the Washington Commanders entered a deferred prosecution agreement after the Justice Department alleged he illegally gave players oxycodone and other narcotics when they were not prescribed the pills. A deferred prosecution agreement is when a defendant admits wrongdoing but if they adhere to the terms of the agreement they will not get charged by the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: **Colombia, largest cocaine supplier to U.S., considers decriminalizing**, Samantha Schmidt and Diana Durán, August 20, 2022, 6:00 AM

It's the largest producer of cocaine in the world, the source of more than 90 percent of the drug seized in the United States. It's home to the largest Drug Enforcement Administration office overseas. And for

decades, it's been a key partner in Washington's never-ending "war on drugs." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

CNN: Oklahoma, with a history of botched lethal injections, prepares to start executing a man a month, Dakin Andone, August 20, 2022, 3:02 AM

Oklahoma will soon begin executing death row inmates at a pace of about one man per month, with plans to put to death 25 prisoners over the next two years despite cries by critics and experts who point not only to outstanding questions of the mental fitness or possible innocence of some but also the state's recent history of botched lethal injections. [...] Pointing to Lockett's and Warner's executions, a number of the inmates now slated for execution sued corrections officials in federal court, claiming in part that Oklahoma's three-drug lethal injection protocol was unconstitutional. Midazolam, one of the drugs used in the protocol, would not render them adequately unconscious, they argued in part, and could put them at risk of severe pain as they died, violating their Eighth Amendment protection against "cruel and unusual punishments."

But the judge ruled in June against the inmates, citing the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Bucklew v. Precythe*, in which Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote the Eighth Amendment "does not guarantee a prisoner a painless death." [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Roanoke Times (Roanoke, VA): Editorial: The national opioid crisis needs national solutions, Editorial Board, August 21, 2022, 12:45 AM

"America remains the only developed country on the planet where it's easier to get high than it is to get help." So writes Roanoke author and former Roanoke Times journalist Beth Macy in "Raising Lazarus," the follow up to her New York Times nonfiction bestseller "Dopesick," which became the basis for a Golden Globe award-winning and Emmy Award-nominated Hulu miniseries. [Macy launched the book nationally in the past week and will do a local reading at 7 p.m. Monday at Charter Hall in the Roanoke City Market Building; for ticket information visit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Georgia PSC elections again delayed after high court ruling, Jeff Amy, August 19, 2022, 4:18 PM

Two Georgia Public Service Commission elections will not occur this November, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Friday, reversing an earlier appeals court ruling that allowed them to proceed. Instead, the high court reverted to the original decision by a federal judge in Atlanta that postponed the elections after finding that electing the five commissioners statewide illegally diluted Black votes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#), [NYT](#), [SCOTUSblog](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: Biden bill to help millions escape higher health care costs, Amanda Seitz, August 19, 2022, 10:02 AM

Millions of people in the United States will be spared from big increases in health care costs next year after President Joe Biden signed legislation extending generous subsidies for those who buy plans through federal and state marketplaces. The sweeping climate, tax and health care bill sets aside \$70 billion over the next three years to keep out-of-pocket premium costs low for roughly 13 million people, just before the reduced prices were set to expire in a year beset by record-high inflation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Biden's imprint on economy emerges, although inflation threatens wins. Jeff Stein, August

20, 2022, 8:00 AM

It's been a big month for Bidenomics. After a year marked by Democrats' internal dysfunction, Congress has over the last few weeks suddenly delivered a raft of legislation that will help form the core of President Biden's economic record before lawmakers face voters in the 2022 midterm elections. Beyond the economic rescue package and bipartisan infrastructure law passed last year, Congress this month alone also approved a \$280 billion measure to expand veterans health care, a \$280 billion law to counter China's economic rise, and the Inflation Reduction Act centered on addressing the climate crisis, lowering health-care costs and raising taxes on large corporations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Faces G-20 Quandary Between Joining Putin or Staying Home, Courtney McBride, August 19, 2022, 2:47 PM

President Joe Biden is facing a difficult choice after Indonesia's announcement that Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping will attend this year's Group of 20 summit: join an event with two leaders he has sought to isolate, or skip the gathering and forgo a chance to shape its outcome. As he prepares for the November gathering, Biden must confront the fact that nations like Indonesia are refusing to pick sides over the Ukraine invasion despite his demand that they do so, and have faulted the US as much as China over increased tension between Washington and Beijing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: As Biden turns toward midterms, he may not be the top surrogate, Matt Viser, August 21, 2022, 7:00 AM

Joe Biden on Thursday will effectively launch his midterm campaign efforts, attempting to capitalize on one of the best stretches of his presidency and beginning the hard task of persuading voters to keep Democrats in control of the House and the Senate. But he has also been in an uncomfortable position, as an anchor for many in his party — and for Biden, who for decades has prided himself on being one of the most sought-after Democratic surrogates, it's also an unfamiliar one. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden to rally with Maryland Democrats in Rockville, Unattributed, August 20, 2022, 2:29 PM

President Joe Biden is scheduled to rally with Maryland Democrats in Rockville. The Baltimore Sun reports that the event at Richard Montgomery High School on Thursday will include speeches from Biden and "other special guests." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: After legislative success, positive economic news, bump in polls, Democrats' midterm chances appear to improve, Aubrie Spady, August 21, 2022, 8:00 AM

The Democratic Party's midterm prospects have been hampered by President Joe Biden's low approval rating, high gas prices, and an unsteady economy, but the tables may be turning in a more favorable direction for the party just months before the heated 2022 midterm elections. Political pundits have predicted a red wave, but the mood of the electorate may be shifting in the closing months before November. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Cardona says Biden administration will announce decision on student loan payments in the next week, Brad Dress, August 21, 2022, 11:07 AM

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona on Sunday said the Biden administration will announce a decision on whether to extend a pause on federal student loan debt in the next week, butting up against the current deadline of Aug. 31, when the current moratorium on loan payments expires. Cardona told moderator Chuck Todd on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the announcement was forthcoming but declined to share any other details. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 19, 2022

- Former Vice President Mike Pence stated he would consider testifying before the Jan. 6 Committee, Pence has been reluctant to discuss what happened on Jan. 6. Committee Republican

Vice-Chair Liz Cheney stated talks are underway in making that happen. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- The Department Of Transportation (“DOT”) is opening a new website to help travelers understand their rights in airlines even as Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg told airlines to ‘step up’ and give accommodations to passengers whose flights were delayed or canceled. Airlines’ lobbying group stated, “... industries across the economy..are facing a range of challenges.” [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Virginia Federal Judge T.S. Ellis sentenced Alexanda Kotev and El Shafee Elsheikh to 8 concurrent life sentences, one for each of the 8 charges filed against them. The two are known for the kidnapping, torture, and murder against James Foley, Steven Sotloff, Peter Kassig, and Kayla Mueller.. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Two more buses of immigrants seeking asylum arrived in New York City even as NY Mayor Eric Adams and other officials pleaded with the Texas Governor to coordinate arrivals. Mayor Eric Johnson is attempting to coordinate the arrivals by opening “Project Open Arms” to aid migrant children enroll in school, simplifying the enrollment process and calling for more bilingual teachers. [[ABC](#)]
- The DOJ is working under deadline to sort the redaction of the affidavit for the search of Donald Trump’s Mar-A-Lago property. The Justice Department argued redactions would be so extensive as to render remaining text devoid of meaningful content. [[CBS](#)]
- Mike Pence continues to defend the FBI against public accusations as Donald Trump blasts both Pence and the FBI. Trump lawyers say they have video footage of the Mar-A-Lago search, and the DOJ states to “use caution” to obscure all identifying information of the officers and officials in the search. [[NBC](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 20, 2022

- Former Vice-President Mike Pence clarified he did not retain any classified documents even as Trump requested a special master to review the documents to determine if they fall under Executive or attorney client privilege. Pence is rumored to be considering a Presidential run, even as Congresswoman Liz Cheney spoke of the possibility of Pence’s testifying in front of the Jan. 6 Committee.. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A Ukrainian drone struck the Headquarters Of Russia's Black Sea Fleet in Crimea. This as Europe is concerned about a possible nuclear disaster caused by the shelling of the Zaporizhzhia plant with Ukraine accusing Russia of using the power plant as a military base. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A Florida sheriff's deputy is off the job due to inappropriate actions after pulling a gun on a pregnant woman and handcuffing her during a traffic stop for speeding. The woman had 3 children in the car and stated she was simply terrified of stopping in the dark. [[ABC](#)]
- The State Department condemned an attack on the Hayat Hotel in Somalia's capital Mogadishu. At least 20 people were killed, with soldiers and militants trading fire. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Investigations into Trump’s possible meddling in the Georgia elections continue as Senator Lindsey Graham has been ordered by a Federal judge to testify. Lindsey Graham has continued to fight the subpoena. [[ABC](#)]
- Migrants bused from Texas to New York City and Washington DC are testing the capacities of other jurisdictions, even as city leaders ask hotels to provide 5,000 more rooms while various organizations help supply clothes, food, and shelter. Governor Abbot stated, “...now Texas is sharing our pain with the rest of the country.” [[CBS](#)]
- President Biden signed a law extending benefits to families of police officers who died of suicide. The law changes the parameters of a suicide death to allow some officers to be qualified as “Line of Duty” deaths. [[CBS](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- Liz Cheney stated she has no regrets about her loss in the midterm, however feels her political party has been basically falling apart due to the hold Trump has over the Republican party. Cheney's new political group's goals are to fight against Trump supporters as she states she feels the Republican party has been horribly misguided and that it is important to do everything she can to put a halt on the Republican party's current path, while also saying she feels everyone involved in Jan 6 needs to testify as a duty to their country. [\[Watch 1\]](#) [\[Watch 2\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Ed O'Keefe

- Face the Nation began with Margaret Brennan's interview with Education Secretary Miguel Cardona discussing American students lagging in reading and math; teacher shortages; changing qualifications which lower the standards and quality of education; targeted debt relief; "lost children" in school systems; and the need to clarify CDC guidelines for students. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY) discussed the midterm elections; the Inflation Reduction Act helping Democrats with the upcoming elections; Democratic candidates; Maloney's strategic actions during the Michigan Primary; putting party before country; and special elections across the US. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY) discussed increased cost of living issues; crime, suicides and overdoses on a sharp rise; the flood of immigrants, portions of the Inflation Reduction Act and its effects on Americans; Liz Cheney's warnings and concerns about former President Trump and election deniers; and issues Republican candidates are focused. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Trace Gallagher

- The White House is hoping the Inflation Reduction Act will ease voter's doubts about Democrats even as it deals with high inflation, low approval numbers, fallout from the CDC Director admitting it came up short in its handling of the pandemic, and teacher shortages. Pending news by President Biden about a decision about forgiving student loan debt will be released by August 31st. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Attorneys of Former President Trump claim Federal agents violated his Fourth Amendment Rights concerning the FBI search of Mar-a-lago. The federal judge who signed the search warrant will also be deciding how much of a criminal affidavit will be released. [\[Watch\]](#)

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WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: AUGUST 22, 2022

DOJ

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Politico: **Banks, crypto lobby clash with lawmakers over Fed digital dollar**, Sam Sutton, August 22, 2022, 4:30 AM

Attorney General Merrick Garland has until Sept. 5 to determine what, if any, new laws are necessary for the Fed to move forward with a digital dollar. A bipartisan campaign is underway to push the Federal Reserve to launch a digital dollar — a crypto-friendly breakthrough that could transform payment systems, big banks and the virtual asset industry itself. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **GOP Gov. Sununu calls Biden, Garland 'morons' over handling of Mar-a-Lago raid**, Emily Jacobs, August 21, 2022, 8:07 PM

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu called President Joe Biden and Attorney General Merrick Garland "morons" for not responding to Republican outrage over the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. Sununu, a Republican, made the comments after being asked in an interview on Fox News Sunday what he made of the fierce backlash from his party to the unprecedented FBI raid earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Newsmax](#)

Chicago Tribune: **[EDITORIAL] Merrick Garland's mission: Mute the noise, focus on the law**, Editorial Board, August 22, 2022, 5:00 AM

Hard as it may be to believe that President Joe Biden knew nothing about the FBI search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, as the White House insists, it's easy to understand why he should leave the matter in the hands of the Justice Department, where it belongs. Controversy over the court-approved FBI search was followed immediately by a partisan firestorm, a disturbing escalation of violence and unhinged threats linked to right-wing rhetoric. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: **Court puts on hold Graham's testimony in Ga. election probe**, Kate Brumback, August 21, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal appeals court on Sunday agreed to temporarily put on hold a lower court's order requiring that U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham testify before a special grand jury that's investigating possible illegal efforts to overturn then-President Donald Trump's 2020 election loss in Georgia. A subpoena had instructed the South Carolina Republican to appear before the special grand jury on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#)

WPTV-NBC (West Palm Beach, FL): **Understanding all the investigations former President Trump faces**, Joe St. George, August 22, 2022, 4:00 AM

The country this week could get more information as to why the Justice Department searched former President Trump's property at Mar-a-Lago. A federal judge ordered the Justice Department to submit a redacted version of an affidavit to him for possible public release. It was the latest development in a series of legal investigations the former president continues to face. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

NYT: [OPINION] A Defense of G.O.P. Paranoia, Rich Lowry, August 22, 2022, 5:00 AM

The reaction to the F.B.I. search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago property created an immediate and furious backlash among Republicans. Even after two years of making political hay out of left-wing calls to defund the police, voices on the right are calling for abolishing the federal law enforcement agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: FBI affidavit may be 'road map' for Trump lawyers, Schiff warns, Nick Miroff and Amy B Wang, August 21, 2022, 3:32 PM

The Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee said Sunday that public pressure to unseal the affidavit used in the search of former president Donald Trump's Florida home could put FBI agents at personal risk or be used by Trump's attorneys to intimidate witnesses. Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) told CNN's "State of the Union" that he understood the public interest in seeing the affidavit "is real" but cautioned of the unintended consequences of releasing the document. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NY Daily News](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [The Hill-2](#), [Insider](#), [Insider-2](#)

CBS: [VIDEO] Justice Department faces deadline to provide Trump search affidavit, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 9:00 PM

The Justice Department has until Thursday to release a redacted copy of the affidavit used to justify the FBI's search of former President Trump's primary residence in Mar-a-Lago. Debra Alfarone has more. [[Watch](#)]

Washington Examiner: [OPINION] Addressing the Mar-a-Lago affidavit challenge, John Bolton, August 22, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Justice Department's decision to execute a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence has ignited a two-front war, legal and political. Legally, a federal magistrate authorized a search based on an FBI affidavit indicating probable cause due to a likelihood that crimes had been committed and that pertinent evidence was at Mar-a-Lago. In the normal course, little more would be said publicly by anyone involved. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Ex-Trump aide claims former president could have declassified documents over social media. Here's what the courts say about that, Matthew Loh, August 22, 2022, 12:02 AM

Kash Patel, a one-time aide to former President Donald Trump, suggested on Sunday that Trump had the power to declassify documents through social media posts while he was in the White House. He argued that this level of authority held by Trump meant that the burden of proof fell on the authorities to show that the former president failed to declassify the documents seized in the FBI's Mar-a-Lago raid. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Devin Nunes: Expect Mar-a-Lago affidavit leaks, Daniel Chaitin, August 21, 2022, 9:22 PM

Former House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes (R-CA) is raising expectations for leaks about the affidavit underlying the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago. Nunes, who is now the CEO of former President Donald Trump's social media company, said leaks "in the coming weeks" will likely happen in tandem with a drawn-out battle in court, in which the Justice Department will "slow-roll" the disclosure of evidence, which he argued further stokes concerns about Trump among his critics amid a lack of full transparency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Jared Kushner: Trump 'drives his enemies so crazy, they always over pursue him'**, Emily Jacobs, August 21, 2022, 9:13 PM

Jared Kushner made his first comments on the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate over the weekend, saying the raid was a product of Trump's enemies "over pursuing" him. Kushner, the 45th president's son-in-law who served as a senior White House adviser, offered his thoughts on the shocking raid of the Palm Beach, Fla., resort while appearing on Fox News' Life, Liberty & Levin to promote his new book, Breaking History. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN, 6 COMMITTEE

CNN: **Pence's 2024 hopes loom over potential testimony to Jan. 6 committee**, Stephen Collinson, August 22, 2022, 12:02 AM

Key members of the House committee probing the January 6, 2021, insurrection are dialing up pressure on former Vice President Mike Pence -- whom pro-Donald Trump rioters demanded be hanged on that dark day -- to testify to their committee. Pence would instantly become the investigation's most high-profile witness and could further expose the ex-President's scheme to steal the 2020 election and his negligence in failing to halt the mob once it had smashed its way into the US Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

The Telegraph: **Woman sentenced for bank fraud involving local victims**, Scott Cousins, August 21, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Tennessee woman who was part of what law enforcement called the "Felony Lane Gang" was sentenced to federal prison for a bank fraud scheme targeting women in Southern Illinois. Mary M. Thornhill, 36, of Knoxville, Tennessee, was sentenced Aug. 17 to 34 months in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mitchell Republic (Mitchell, SD): **Four Todd County men facing life in federal prison for allegedly assaulting tribal police, deputy with gun**, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

Four Todd County men are facing life in federal prison after allegedly assaulting multiple tribal and county law enforcement officers with a firearm in July. Kevin Bordeaux, 23; Carston Eagle Deer, 21; Gervis Fool Bull, 28; and Julian Moran, 28, all of Todd County, were each indicted in early August by a federal grand jury for a variety of charges including assault with a dangerous weapon; assault resisting in serious bodily injury; assaulting, resisting and impeding a federal officer, using a carrying a firearm during a crime of violence and more. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News: **One charged and another sent to prison in pandemic fraud cases**, Ben Tsujimoto, August 21, 2022, 3:00 PM

Prosecutions over pandemic aid continue to wind their way through federal court. Brian Avery Smith, 49, of Buffalo, appeared Thursday in U.S. District Court in Buffalo on a criminal complaint accusing him of wire fraud totaling nearly \$120,000. In the complaint against Smith, FBI special agent Sean J. Kelley said Smith sent two fraudulent Paycheck Protection Loan applications and one Economic Injury Disaster Loan application, on behalf of B Smith and Cos., to the Small Business Administration and SBA lenders. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTBC-Fox (Austin, TX): Texas teen threatened mass killing at GOP youth conference in Florida: FBI, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Texas teen now faces federal charges for allegedly threatening a mass killing at a GOP youth conference in Florida according to the FBI. According to a federal complaint, 19-year-old Alejandro Richard Velasquez Gomez of San Antonio allegedly made social media posts that the FBI determined had similar language to a video posted by mass shooter Elliot Rodger, as first reported by KSAT. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): Las Vegas man receives 12-year sentence for distributing child sexual abuse material, Gabrielle Zabat, August 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Las Vegas man was sentenced to 12 years in prison and a lifetime of supervised release for distributing images of child sexual abuse material on Friday. 38-year-old Jonathan Raymond Lish pleaded guilty to one count of child pornography in April. According to his sentence by U.S. District Judge James C. Mahan, Lish must also register as a sex offender after completing his prison sentence under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTRK-ABC (Houston, TX): Last MS-13 gang member sentenced to 20 years for role in fatal shooting of teen in 2016, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 4:56 PM

An MS-13 gang member was sentenced for his role in the 2016 fatal shooting of a teen on a jogging trail, according to Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg. The video above is from a previous report. Daniel Arturo Orellana, 26, was given a 20-year sentence after admitting in a statement that he was on the lookout the day 16-year-old gang member Estuar Quinonez was shot 15 times. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAS-NBC (Fort Worth, TX): Dallas Attorney Sentenced to 5 Years for Laundering Drug Money, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 2:31 PM

According to the U.S Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas, a Dallas lawyer has been sentenced to five years in federal prison for conspiring to launder money he believed was linked to narcotics trafficking. 52-year-old Rayshun Jackson of The Jackson Law Firm was arrested in April 2021 and pleaded guilty to conspiracy to launder money in September 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Washington Times: Judge dismisses lawsuit challenging Montgomery Co. schools' gender identity policy, Matt Delaney, August 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

A lawsuit that accused Montgomery County Public Schools of violating parents' rights with their gender identity policy was dismissed in federal court. The lawsuit, filed in late 2020 by two parents in the school district, argued that MCPS' violated the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) when its 2019 policy allowed staff to not share a student's chosen gender identity with parents unless the student approves, according to Bethesda Magazine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CBS: Coast Guard rescues 19 migrants from drifting boat off the coast of Los Angeles, Gina Martinez, August 21, 2022, 6:04 PM

The U.S. Coast Guard said Saturday that a rescue crew saved 19 migrants from a boat that was seen drifting off the coast of Los Angeles. On Saturday morning, a good Samaritan contacted the Los Angeles-Long Beach Coast Guard after spotting a disabled panga-style vessel off the coast of Redondo Beach, the Coast Guard said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Texas Border Patrol nabs 8 illegal immigrants who posed as unaccompanied minors to avoid deportation, Bradford Betz, August 21, 2022, 5:26 PM

Border authorities in Texas last week apprehended at least eight illegal immigrants who they say were posing as unaccompanied minors to avoid being deported. U.S. Border Patrol agents encountered three separate groups of illegal immigrants at the El Paso Station and the Ysleta Station on Aug. 16 and Aug. 17. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGN (Chicago, IL): Fentanyl busts skyrocket to new high with bulk of seizures at U.S. ports of entry, Fernie Ortiz, August 21, 2022, 10:28 PM

Border authorities seized a record amount of the synthetic opioid fentanyl in July, most of which came through U.S. ports of entry, data released this month shows. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection figures, officers with the agency's Office of Field Operations seized approximately 1,800 pounds of fentanyl in July, while U.S. Border Patrol agents who guard the vast border areas between ports of entry seized about 340 pounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Mexican national sentenced to 17 years in prison for sexual exploitation of a child, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 10:00 AM

A Mexican national illegally in the United States has been sentenced in federal court for soliciting pornographic images and videos from an 11-year-old victim over Facebook Messenger. Alejandro Velazquez-Hernandez, 34, of Springfield, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge M. Douglas Harpool on Tuesday, Aug. 16, to 17 years and six months in federal prison without parole. Velazquez-Hernandez had been ordered removed from the United States on Nov. 19, 2013, after failing to appear for his immigration hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Financial Times: US trustbusters: why Joe Biden is taking on private equity, Stefania Palma and James Fontanella-Khan, August 22, 2022, 1:00 AM

Almost 60 years ago the US Department of Justice argued before the Supreme Court that a couple of large grocery store chains in Los Angeles should not be allowed to merge. The government believed two things were at stake: the livelihood of ordinary Americans and the chance to set a legal precedent to pre-empt market saturation. The 1966 case was not about proving existing concentration. It was about showing that the industry was beginning to "turn the corner to oligopoly". The tie-up between Von's Grocery Company and Shopping Bag Food Stores would have dealt the final blow, authorities argued. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

WCAX-CBS (Burlington, VT): Rescued beagle finds new home in Vermont, Cam Smith, August 21, 2022, 7:20 PM

The Humane Society of the United States is more than halfway finished finding new homes for nearly 4,000 beagles rescued from a Virginia facility. One has found its new home here in the

green mountain state. Lucy is a 3-month-old beagle who was settled in West Rutland earlier this week. This comes after the Justice Department filed a lawsuit against Envigo, a private contract research organization, after they allegedly violated the animal welfare act at the Virginia breeding facility. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID): Governor Gordon Joined By Other Governors in Pushing Back Against EPA Overreach, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 6:00 PM

Governor Gordon and six other governors representing states included in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), are deeply concerned over the consequences of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transport Rule and its impact on the SPP's ability to deliver reliable electricity. The Governors say the EPA's decisions demonstrate the repeated attempts at federal overreach by the Biden Administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

The Hill: The IRS could be on the verge of changing the way Americans file their taxes, Tobias Burns, August 22, 2022, 5:30 AM

The IRS could be on the cusp of revolutionizing the way that Americans file their taxes. The Inflation Reduction Act signed into law by President Biden on Tuesday provided \$80 billion in funding for the agency, including \$15 million to deliver a report on a free, government-run tax e-filing system that tax simplification advocates have long argued for. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: FBI must return to being a nonpolitical agency, Sen. Blackburn says, Talia Kaplan, August 21, 2022, 3:27 PM

Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., argued during an exclusive interview with "Sunday Morning Futures" that the Federal Bureau of Investigation must return to being a nonpolitical agency. She made the comment about two weeks after agents from the FBI executed a search warrant on Trump's Florida estate and seized items, which include 11 sets of material that are listed as classified, as well as some that were marked as top secret. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Crenshaw denounces 'crazy' GOP rhetoric on FBI: '99 percent of Republicans are not on that train', Zach Schonfeld, August 21, 2022, 3:12 PM

Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas) on Sunday sought to distance himself from those in his party calling to defund the FBI following the agency's search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. "Oh yes, it's crazy," Crenshaw responded when CNN's Jake Tapper asked him about recent GOP rhetoric on "State of the Union." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Daily News](#), [Washington Times](#)

Cincinnati Enquirer: [OPINION] Blaming, targeting FBI agents is as wrong as it is dangerous, Dan Sewell, August 21, 2022, 11:27 PM

The day after an armed man was killed after earlier trying to breach the Cincinnati FBI field office on a reported mission to kill agents "on sight," we happened to be driving through West Virginia and passed an exit for a road named "Jerry Dove." I knew the name, but couldn't immediately place it. My wife Googled: "Jerry Dove was an FBI special agent..." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAFB-CBS (Baton Rouge, LA): U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration recognizes National Fentanyl Awareness and Prevention Day, Miranda Thomas, August 21, 2022, 11:36 PM

The dangerous synthetic opioid, known as fentanyl, has been a growing concern for many across the country, and right here in our area. It is why the drug enforcement administration is recognizing National fentanyl awareness and prevention day. Tonja Myles is a peer support recovery specialist here in Baton Rouge. “From the curb to the countryside, from Hollywood St to Highland Road. It is affecting everyone and so we must get the message out to everyone that fentanyl is deadly and could cost you your life,” said Tonja Myles, a Peer Support Recovery Specialist. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KLKN-KSNV-NBC \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#), [WBRC-Fox \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [WCBF-NBC/CW \(Charleston, SC\)](#)

WLBT-NBC (Jackson, MS): MS narcotics investigator talks fentanyl as DEA works to bring more awareness to deadly drug, Miranda Thomas, August 21, 2022, 11:14 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration is recognizing today as “National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day.” According to the CDC, more than 150 people die every day from synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSN-NBC (Wichita, KS): Cracking the ‘Emoji Drug Code:’ Do you know what these mean?, Heidi Schmidt, August 21, 2022, 9:10PM

Sunday is National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. The day was established to remember those who have died from fentanyl poisoning. As Kansas City-area law enforcement report spikes in fentanyl overdoses, an agency is working to make sure friends and families can identify loved ones in trouble. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA): Fentanyl busts skyrocket to new high with bulk of seizures at U.S. ports of entry, Fernie Ortiz, August 21, 2022, 8:47 PM

Border authorities seized a record amount of the synthetic opioid fentanyl in July, most of which came through U.S. ports of entry, data released this month shows. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection figures, officers with the agency’s Office of Field Operations seized approximately 1,800 pounds of fentanyl in July, while U.S. Border Patrol agents who guard the vast border areas between ports of entry seized about 340 pounds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOAI-NBC (San Antonio, TX): Texas police arrest wanted felons from Wisconsin, Unattributed, August 21, 2022, 1:27 PM

Arrests were made by Kerr County police after they discovered felons were wanted for murder in Wisconsin and were residing in Texas. The Kerr County Sheriff’s Office had gained information that the two suspects who were wanted for murder in Wisconsin have been hiding in Ingram. U.S. Marshals were actively seeking the two brothers, Alejandro and Gustavo Cantu for an alleged drug-related murder crime that had occurred in April. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NPR: Released during COVID, some people are sent back to prison with little or no warning, Carrie Johnson, August 22, 2022, 5:16 AM

Eric Alvarez remembered what it felt like to hear his fiance was coming home from prison:

overwhelming relief. Alvarez has heart trouble and he's struggled to take care of his four kids and his fiance's daughter through their long separation. When Eva Cardoza returned from the federal correctional institution in Danbury, Connecticut, she shouldered a lot of burdens. More than 11,000 people like Cardoza have been released from federal prison in the last couple of years, to ride out the pandemic at home, often with their families and loved ones. But that situation can be precarious. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Cincinnati Enquirer: Elwood Jones' impending execution and why it may not matter if the jury was wrong, Amber Hunt, August 21, 2022, 11:08 PM

Here's a lesser-known fact about the criminal justice system: Once you're convicted of a crime, it no longer matters much if you're innocent of it. Innocence on its own won't get you a new hearing or a new trial. Even if you're lucky enough to have money to pay for post-conviction lawyers or if you find lawyers willing to work for free or through a nonprofit organization like an innocence project they can't do much for you based only on your adamant and persistent insistence that you didn't commit the crime. Even if you've been saying it for nearly three decades. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Miami Herald: What happened to a Hialeah doctor who made up clinical trial data for a kids' asthma drug, David Neal, August 21, 2022, 1:58 PM

A South Florida doctor lost her medical license 17 months after she admitted her clinical trial for a children's asthma drug was a pile of data lies. In Dr. Yvelice Villaman-Bencosme's guilty plea to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, she admitted falsifying the data for a clinical trial she ran while at Unlimited Medical Research from 2013 to 2016. Villaman-Bencosme, now 66, worked in Pembroke Pines and Northwest Miami-Dade, lived in Hialeah and has been living in the federal prison in Marianna since March. The federal Bureau of Prisons database says her release date from FCI Marianna is Sept. 11, 2026. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

NYT: Is a Fetus a Person? An Anti-Abortion Strategy Says Yes, Kate Zernike, August 21, 2022, 8:00 PM

Even as roughly half the states have moved to enact near-total bans on abortion since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June, anti-abortion activists are pushing for a long-held and more absolute goal: laws that grant fetuses the same legal rights and protections as any person. So-called fetal personhood laws would make abortion murder, ruling out all or most of the exceptions for abortion allowed in states that already ban it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Politico: Senate prepares to pick up the judicial-pick pace as November looms, Marianne LeVine, August 22, 2022, 4:30 AM

With most of their biggest legislative priorities accomplished and control of the Senate a toss-up, Democrats are about to dig into territory more closely associated with the GOP: ramping up judicial confirmations. While President Joe Biden has seen more judges confirmed at this point in his presidency than his three White House predecessors, some Senate Democrats and progressive advocacy groups want the chamber to start picking up the pace. Judicial confirmations will come to a standstill if Republicans win back the Senate in the fall, they warn.

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NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

KXMB-CBS/CW (Bismarck, ND): Indian Child Welfare Act establish protection requirements, Adrienne Oglesby, August 21, 2022, 11:52 PM

The Indian Child Welfare Act establishes basic requirements to protect Native American children from continued forced removal from their families, tribes, and tribal culture.

It is slated to be reviewed by the Supreme Court this fall via Brackeen versus Haaland. If the Supreme Court overturns the Act, states would once again be allowed to remove Native children from their families and culture while simultaneously depriving tribes of future generation, putting the very existence of tribes in jeopardy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

WaPo: The casualties of California legalizing pot: Growers who went legal, Scott Wilson, August 21, 2022, 12:39 PM

The Wild Cat Road skips along a ridge line, a narrow half-paved, half washed-out track that once carried much of the world's finest marijuana to market. Even in mists that obscured its treacherous course as it bows toward the Pacific, the road hummed in tune with the family weed farms around it. Now there is little cannabis to carry, nor "trimmigrants" who traveled here to the Mattole River Valley to pick the flower that made Humboldt County shorthand for the best marijuana around. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

OPIOID CRISIS

Winston-Salem Journal (Winston-Salem, NC): Opioid settlement money arriving in local government accounts, Scott Sexton, August 21, 2022, 11:00 PM

It's neither an unexpected windfall nor found money. Millions that began showing up in recent months in local government bank accounts came at a gut-wrenching cost. The first installments were wired in spring and summer from a \$26 billion national settlement paid by pharmaceutical companies for their undeniable role in unleashing an opioid epidemic that's still claiming the lives of eight North Carolinians every single day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 21, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Linsey Davis

CBS: Evening News with Jericka Duncan

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- Flash floods are turning roads into rivers across the southwest. Nearly 30 kids were rescued after their school bus got stranded in Tucson, Arizona. In Utah's Zion National Park, a search and rescue mission is ongoing for one person still missing. Meanwhile in Texas, residents are bracing for a possible tropical storm. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)

- The daughter of an influential Russian political theorist often referred to as “Putin’s brain” was killed in a car bombing on the outskirts of Moscow, authorities said Sunday. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Justice Department has until Thursday to release a redacted copy of the affidavit used to justify the FBI's search of former President Trump's primary residence in Mar-a-Lago. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Two months from election day and NBC News polls show a mixed picture for the 2022 landscape. Republicans now have a slim lead when it comes to Congressional picks. NBC’s poll indicated a shift in voters’ top issue from “cost of living” now to “threats to democracy.” 57% of respondents say the investigation of former President Trump should continue. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Monkeypox, which was declared a nationwide public health emergency earlier this month, has affected more than 14,000 Americans and counting, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Washington state authorities arrested a man they say was armed with guns outside a crowded music festival on Friday. [[ABC](#)]
- Ukraine is bracing itself for an intensification of Russian missile attacks to coincide with its independence day on Wednesday in the aftermath of the car-bomb killing of the daughter of a Russian ideologue. [[CBS](#)]
- Just days after the start of the fall semester, Indiana State University announced it believes five of its students were involved in a deadly crash overnight. Authorities say a vehicle suddenly veered off the road in Riley, Indiana, crashed into a tree, and caught fire with the five still inside. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Stock Futures, Oil Prices Fall in Broad Market Decline” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Mercenaries Project Russia’s Power Far From Its Troubles in Ukraine” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Anti-Abortion Activists Push to Get Fetuses Personhood” [[NYT](#)]

- “2024 meets 2022: Trump, Pence, others ramp up for allies in midterms” [[WaPo](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

CNN: Exclusive: Justice Department issues new subpoena to National Archives for more January 6 documents, Jamie Gangel and Evan Perez, August 22, 2022, 10:43 PM

The Justice Department has issued a new grand jury subpoena to the National Archives for more documents as part of its investigation into the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol, two sources familiar with the investigation tell CNN. This latest subpoena, issued on August 17, is in

addition to a subpoena the Department of Justice sent to the Archives earlier this year, requesting the same documents and information that the Archives had previously handed over to the House select committee investigating January 6. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Merrick Garland continues to cover up abusive raid on Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, Gregg Jarrett, August 22, 2022, 4:06 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland behaves like an imperious ruler. How dare Americans question his motives or actions. The little people have no right to ask questions or doubt his orders. This was Garland's indignant attitude during his recent four-minute news conference when he dressed down the public for its skepticism, if not outrage, over the armed pre-dawn raid on former president Donald Trump's home. Apparently, citizens have no right to know what went on there or why the FBI deployed such thuggish tactics on a former president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: Former Apple car engineer pleads guilty to trade secret theft, Stephen Nellis, August 23, 2022, 12:55 AM

A former Apple Inc (AAPL.O) engineer on Monday pleaded guilty to trade secret theft - one of two people accused of stealing trade secrets from the iPhone maker's nascent self-driving car program. U.S. federal prosecutors have alleged that Xiaolang Zhang downloaded the plan for a circuit board for Apple's self-driving after disclosing his intentions to work for a Chinese self-driving car startup and booking a last-minute flight to China. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Man sentenced in extremist killing of federal officer, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 8:55 PM

A man who destroyed evidence during the investigation of the deadly shooting of a federal officer in California by an extremist militia member was sentenced Monday to 10 1/2 years in federal prison, authorities said. Robert Blancas, 35, was sentenced in San Francisco federal court for obstructing justice and also for enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Western sanctions are wounding but not yet crushing Russia's economy, Jeanne Whalen, Robyn Dixon, Ellen Nakashima and Mary Ilyushina, August 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

Soon after the Western world launched a broad package of sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, President Biden argued that the measures were already causing Russia's economy to "crater" and "reel." Six months later, the picture appears more mixed. While most economists agree that Russia is suffering real damage that will mount over time, the economy at least on the surface does not yet appear to be collapsing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Former security chief claims Twitter buried 'egregious deficiencies', Elizabeth Dwoskin and Cat Zakrzewski, August 23, 2022, 5:59 AM

Twitter executives deceived federal regulators and the company's own board of directors about "extreme, egregious deficiencies" in its defenses against hackers, as well as its meager efforts to fight spam, according to an explosive whistleblower complaint from its former security chief. The complaint from former head of security Peiter Zatkó, a widely admired hacker known as "Mudge," depicts Twitter as a chaotic and rudderless company beset by infighting, unable to properly protect its 238 million daily users including government agencies, heads of state and other influential public figures. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

Bloomberg: Lindsey Graham Given Deadline in Fresh Chance to Quash Georgia

Testimony, Erik Larson, August 22, 2022, 9:58 AM

Senator Lindsey Graham was ordered to file his latest arguments by Wednesday in a renewed bid to limit his testimony before a Georgia grand jury investigating efforts by Donald Trump and his allies to overturn his 2020 election loss in the state. US District Judge Leigh Martin May on Monday told the South Carolina Republican to explain in the filing why she should partially quash or modify his subpoena under the Speech or Debate clause of the US Constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Washington Examiner: Top Durham prosecutor withdraws from case against Steele

dossier source, Jerry Dunleavy, August 22, 2022, 12:28 PM

John Durham's team has been shaken up again ahead of what some are describing as a make-or-break trial. Durham asked the court on Sunday to "please withdraw the appearance" of Andrew DeFilippis, an assistant special counsel, from the criminal case against Steele dossier source and Russian national Igor Danchenko. The move comes less than a month after it appeared Durham had personally taken the reins ahead of the upcoming trial against Danchenko. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Forbes: Ransomware Attacks Hit Two Out Of Three Organizations In 2021: Here's What

You Need To Know, Raja Patel, August 22, 2022, 7:45 AM

The percentage of organizations hit with ransomware attacks jumped to 66% in 2021, representing a 29% year-over-year increase. As attacks become more complex and adversaries become more capable of deploying ransomware at scale, organizations have gotten better at dealing with the aftermath but they're still struggling to prevent attacks in the first place. This was one of many findings uncovered by my company's annual State of Ransomware report. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): More charges filed against 2 Utahns accused in Jan. 6 US

Capitol riot, Kaitlyn Bancroft, August 22, 2022, 9:21 PM

Additional criminal charges have been filed against two Utahns accused of participating in the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot, federal court records show. Brady Knowlton, 41, and Gary Wilson are each charged with theft of government property, accused of stealing an escape hood worth less than \$1,000 from the Capitol building. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVU-Fox (Oakland, CA): FBI warns of increasing ransomware attacks, Tom Vacar, August 22, 2022, 7:07 PM

Federal authorities are warning companies in the Bay Area of increasing ransomware cyberattacks known as Zeppelin. The FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security (CISA) Agency said the warning is aimed at all industries but specifically those dealing with COVID and monkeypox. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KNTV-NBC \(San Jose, CA\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Trump seeks to temporarily block FBI from reviewing items seized from Florida

home, Sarah N. Lynch, August 22, 2022, 11:05 PM

Former President Donald Trump on Monday asked a federal court to temporarily block the FBI from reviewing the materials it seized two weeks ago from his Florida home, until a special master

can be appointed to oversee the review. Trump's motion, filed in federal court in West Palm Beach, Florida, also demanded that the U.S. Justice Department provide him a more detailed property receipt outlining items the FBI seized from his Mar-a-Lago home during its Aug. 8 search, and asked investigators to return any items outside the scope of the search warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [Axios](#), [BBC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [CNBC](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [The Hill-2](#), [Insider](#), [National Law Journal](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [The Week](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: Trump Had More Than 300 Classified Documents at Mar-a-Lago, Maggie Haberman, Jodi Kantor, Adam Goldman and Ben Protess, August 22, 2022, 11:30 PM

The initial batch of documents retrieved by the National Archives from former President Donald J. Trump in January included more than 150 marked as classified, a number that ignited intense concern at the Justice Department and helped trigger the criminal investigation that led F.B.I. agents to swoop into Mar-a-Lago this month seeking to recover more, multiple people briefed on the matter said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [Insider](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Rolling Stone](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Let voters read virtually all of the Mar-a-Lago search affidavit, Henry Olsen, August 22, 2022, 5:06 PM

Federal Magistrate Judge Bruce E. Reinhart will decide soon how much to reveal of the FBI's affidavit that provided the basis for the search of former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home. He should make virtually all of it public. Such pre-indictment disclosure would be highly unusual in a normal investigation. Law enforcement needs to operate in a veil of secrecy to accumulate evidence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Trump turns his legal battle after FBI search into political rallying cry, Stephen Collinson, August 23, 2022, 12:01 AM

Donald Trump's new lawsuit over the FBI search of his Florida resort codifies his political fury into a legal strategy and implicitly spells out how the ex-President intends to exploit the drama as a springboard for his likely 2024 White House bid. Trump's legal team on Monday asked a federal judge to appoint a "special master" to ensure the Justice Department returns any private documents taken from his residence, maintaining that his constitutional rights were violated. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: [VIDEO] 'They are just saying stuff': Ex-federal judge reacts to Trump's legal move, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 11:30 PM

John Dean and former federal judge Nancy Gertner react to former President Donald Trump's legal team asking a federal judge to appoint a "special master" to ensure the Justice Department returns any of his private documents seized during the search of Mar-a-Lago two weeks ago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: Judge indicates he may not unseal much, if any, of Trump Mar-a-Lago search affidavit, Marc Caputo, Ken Dilanian and Ryan J. Reilly, August 22, 2022, 10:27 PM

The federal magistrate judge in Florida who approved the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago compound is lowering expectations about how much, if any, of the search warrant affidavit he'll ultimately release following a motion from media organizations seeking its disclosure. U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart, in a written order Monday, noted the "intense

public and historical interest in an unprecedented search of a former President's residence," but said he still could ultimately conclude that it would be best not to release any of the affidavit because the redactions would render it meaningless. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill, Politico](#)

Washington Examiner: **[OPINION] Addressing the Mar-a-Lago affidavit challenge**, John Bolton, August 22, 2022, 11:42 AM

The Justice Department's decision to execute a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence has ignited a two-front war, legal and political. Legally, a federal magistrate authorized a search based on an FBI affidavit indicating probable cause due to a likelihood that crimes had been committed and that pertinent evidence was at Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: **Archives warned of national security damage from Trump's classified Mar-a-Lago docs, letter shows**, Kyle Cheney, August 23, 2022, 1:09 AM

The National Archives found more than 700 pages of classified material including "special access program materials," some of the most highly classified secrets in government in 15 boxes recovered from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in January, according to correspondence between the National Archivist and his legal team. The May 10 letter posted late Monday on the website of John Solomon, a conservative journalist and one of Trump's authorized liaisons to the National Archives to review papers from his presidency showed that NARA and federal investigators had grown increasingly alarmed about potential damage to national security caused by the warehousing of these documents at Mar-a-Lago, as well as by Trump's resistance to sharing them with the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Judge warns redactions in Trump warrant affidavit could render it 'meaningless'**, Rebecca Beitsch, August 22, 2022, 11:08 PM

A federal magistrate judge reviewing whether to release the affidavit that pushed him to approve a warrant to search former President Trump's home said Monday that while he believes public interest favors releasing the document, redactions could make it "meaningless." The order from Judge Bruce Reinhart expands on an order from the bench given Thursday that gave the Justice Department until Thursday to propose redactions it says are necessary to protect its ongoing investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: **Ex-federal prosecutor faces ethics complaint over behavior towards intern**, Mike Scarcella, August 22, 2022, 3:57 PM

A former federal prosecutor in Akron, Ohio, has been accused by the state's attorney discipline office of workplace misconduct involving a then-law school intern who said at one point she tried to block communications from him, according to an ethics complaint. The assistant U.S. attorney, Mark S. Bennett, who has since resigned from the Justice Department, allegedly asked the intern to send nude photos and discussed his sex life with her, the Ohio office of disciplinary counsel said in its Aug. 18 complaint. [[Continue Reading](#)]:

Washington Examiner: **Man sentenced for attempting to extort \$25 million from Matt Gaetz's family**, Ryan King, August 22, 2022, 10:07 PM

A Florida man who pleaded guilty in an extortion plot to extort \$25 million from the family of Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) last November was sentenced to 63 months behind bars on Monday. Stephen Alford's sentencing will be followed by three years of supervised release. Alford, 62, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud in the scheme and confessed to participating in the scheme, which involved false promises that he could help Gaetz obtain a presidential pardon amid a sex trafficking investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Detroit Free Press: Bank robber arrested in Porta Potty pleads guilty, Emma Stein, August 22, 2022, 6:22 PM

A bank robber who was arrested in a Porta Potty in Dearborn pleaded guilty Monday morning. Inkster resident Charles William Woolery, 52, robbed the Dearborn Federal Savings Bank on March 22, according to a news release. Wearing a black face mask, Woolery handed a bank teller a note that demanded she "smile" and put money in a bag or he would "kill everyone," the release said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WDIV-NBC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

CT Insider: Farmington man sentenced for trafficking stolen guns from Florida to CT, Liz Hardaway, August 22, 2022, 3:45 PM

A Farmington man was sentenced Monday in federal court to one year in prison for trafficking stolen guns from Florida to Connecticut. Dominic Colon-Brown, 28, of Farmington, sold at least one of the stolen guns to someone who had been convicted of a felony, according to court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hawk Eye (Burlington, IA): Burlington men sentenced for participation in large-scale meth operation, Brad Vidmar, August 22, 2022, 3:38 PM

Five men from Burlington have been sentenced to federal prison for their role in a large-scale drug operation after the seizure of 362 pounds of methamphetamine during an Arizona traffic stop in 2020. On Friday, the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southeast District of Iowa announced the sentencing of the following individuals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KWQC-NBC \(Davenport, IA\)](#)

WOIO-CBS (Cleveland, OH): Euclid man sentenced to 12 years in prison for child porn, Brian Koster, August 22, 2022, 10:05 PM

According to the United States Department of Justice, 52-year-old John P. Comer of Euclid, Ohio, was sentenced to more than 12 years in prison and 20 years of supervised release after Comer pleaded guilty to receipt and distribution of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and possession of child pornography. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMTV-NBC (Madison, WI): Man sentenced in 2020 Madison park shots fired incident, Juliana Tornabene, August 22, 2022, 9:49 PM

A 50-year-old Madison man who fired a gun after an argument at Brittingham Park two years ago was sentenced Friday in federal court, the Wisconsin Department of Justice revealed. Robert Coney was sentenced to 15 months in prison for possession of ammunition as a felon, which he pleaded guilty to on May 12. A charge of possession with intent to distribute cocaine was dismissed as part of a plea agreement, according to U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin Timothy O'Shea on Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WISC-CBS \(Madison, WI\)](#), [WKOW-ABC \(Madison, WI\)](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): Now-former paramedic charged with stealing fentanyl vials

from Denver Health, sources and court docs say, Stephanie Butzer, August 22, 2022, 9:12 PM

A now-former Denver Health paramedic is accused of stealing large quantities of fentanyl vials over a three-year period while employed by the hospital, sources tell Denver7 Investigates. On Monday afternoon, Christopher Robert Pattinson, 40, pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court to 58 counts of tampering with a consumer product and obtaining a controlled substance by deception. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCNC-NBC (Charlotte, NC): Former Colorado officer coerced NC minors online, sentenced to prison, Nathaniel Puente, August 22, 2022, 8:53 PM

A man has been sentenced to prison for coercing minors in North Carolina to send him child pornography while he worked as a Colorado sheriff's deputy. On Monday, Vincent Ryan Potter, 38, appeared in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and was sentenced to 262 months, over 21 years, in federal prison. Potter pleaded guilty to coercing and enticing a minor in Union County in March. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Chesapeake man sentenced to 7.5 years in prison for possession of firearms, child pornography, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 7:54 PM

A Chesapeake man was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison for possessing firearms as a prohibited person and possession of child pornography. According to court documents, 49-year-old Kim Joseph Habit, as a person who had been committed to a mental institution, broke the law by possessing an AM-15 rifle and other firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLUK-Fox (Green Bay, WI): Oshkosh man sentenced to over 7 years in prison for robbing van with a handgun, Molly Ruffing, August 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

An Oshkosh man was sentenced to over seven years in prison on robbery and firearm charges Monday. Raymon Fuller, 26, pleaded guilty in 2020 to the Hobbs Act, a federal law that prohibits robbery by use of force or fear affecting interstate or foreign commerce. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBAY-ABC \(Green Bay, WI\)](#)

WACH-Fox (Columbia, SC): Columbia gang member sentenced to five years on a gun charge, Briasia Russ, August 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

Raekwon Cortez Ford, 25, of Columbia, was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. In late November 2019, several automobiles were broken into and various items stolen, including an iPhone. One of the victims of the break-ins was able to track their iPhone to a residence in Columbia and notified the Columbia Police Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSOC-ABC (Charlotte, NC): Charlotte man sentenced in mail-theft scheme involving more than 540 victims, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 6:24 PM

A 29-year-old Charlotte man was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison after stealing mail from more than 540 victims, announced Dena J. King, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Daron Quashawn Wright and two co-conspirators, Shermar Isaiah Walker and Haleem Gilliland, targeted apartment complexes in Charlotte and in other states in the Southeast and stole the mail from hundreds of victims between November 2019 and February 2021, according to court documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHNT-CBS (Huntsville, AL): Huntsville man sentenced to 19 years in prison for string of

armed robberies, Zach Hester, August 22, 2022, 5:22 PM

A Huntsville man was sentenced to 19 years in prison after a string of armed robberies in November 2020, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. According to the Office of U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona, 28-year-old Christopher Maxwell Jacobie Owens of Huntsville was sentenced to 228 months for "Hobbs Act Robbery and brandishing a firearm." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAFF-NBC \(Huntsville, AL\)](#)

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Arizona man sentenced to probation after pleading guilty to cyberstalking, Kenneth Wong, August 22, 2022, 5:17 PM

Officials with the U.S. Attorney's Office say a Phoenix man has been convicted of cyberstalking, stemming from an incident two years ago. According to a statement released on Aug. 22, 35-year-old Chauncey Hollingberry was sentenced to 60 months of probation, after he pleaded guilty to a count of cyberstalking. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYMA-NBC \(Yuma, AZ\)](#)

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): Former Virginia resident pleads guilty to defrauding Red Cross of hurricane relief funds, Dina Weinstein, August 22, 2022, 5:01 PM

A former Virginia resident pleaded guilty on Friday to conspiring to commit wire fraud to defraud the American Red Cross of disaster relief funds intended for Hurricane Harvey victims in 2017, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. According to federal court documents, Muata Khalif, 55, conspired with other individuals to obtain the personal information of Texas residents, and to use that personal information to apply for and obtain Red Cross disaster relief payments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJET-ABC (Erie, PA): Mercer County man pleads guilty to federal drug crimes, Corey Morris, August 22, 2022, 4:49 PM

A Mercer County man has pled guilty to violating federal drug crimes while in jail. Eugene Phillips, 20, of Farrell in Mercer County, pleaded guilty on Aug. 18 for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine and to launder drug trafficking proceeds. Between March and June 2021, Phillips conspired to distribute crack cocaine and to launder the drug trafficking proceeds while he was detained at Mercer County Jail for alleged state drug trafficking charges, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Pennsylvania. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IA): Mexican man sentenced to prison for drug charge, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 4:20 PM

A Mexican citizen was sentenced on Friday to 30 years; or 360 months, in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Ricardo Renteria Gutierrez, 49, was ordered to serve five years of supervised release to follow his prison term, according to a media release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IA): Mexican citizen illegally residing in West Liberty sentenced to Prison for identity theft, fraud charges, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 4:12 PM

A Mexican citizen who lives in West Liberty was sentenced Thursday to 33 months, or two year and nine months, in prison for fraud in connection with immigration documents, aggravated identity theft, misuse of a social security number and illegal reentry. Silvano Marez Rios, 50, was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his prison term, according to a media release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): Chicago man sentenced to 4 years for illegally possessing gun,

pointing it at people during fight, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 3:33 PM

A Chicago man has been sentenced to four years in federal prison for illegally possessing a gun and pointing it at multiple people during an altercation last year. Julian Almanza, 22, pleaded guilty earlier this year to a federal charge of illegal possession of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPIX-CBS (San Francisco, CA): Pittsburg man gets 5 years for selling fentanyl that killed former classmate, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 3:26 PM

An Eastern Contra Costa County man has been sentenced to over five years in federal prison for selling pills laced with fentanyl that caused the overdose death of a former classmate, federal prosecutors said. Northern California U.S. Attorney Stephanie Hinds' office announced Monday that 23-year-old Gage Pascoe of Pittsburg received a 68 month sentence, along with five years of supervised release. Earlier this year, Pascoe pleaded guilty to the charge of distributing fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Man accused of selling fentanyl in Northumberland County, Vivian Muniz, August 22, 2022, 3:13 PM

Officials announce a man has been charged with drug trafficking after police say he distributed fentanyl in Northumberland County. According to US Attorney Gerard M. Karam, Eric Clark, 32, of Shamokin allegedly distributed quantities of fentanyl on June 1, 2022, and again on August 3, 2022, in Northumberland County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSAZ-NBC (Huntington, WV): Lincoln County man sentenced on drug charges, Martina Bills, August 22, 2022, 2:39 PM

A Lincoln County man faces 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine after pleading guilty to drug charges. Randall Jim Hughes, of Alkol, pleaded guilty in federal court on August 22 to charges including distributing drugs that contained fentanyl, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of West Virginia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KCAU-ABC (Sioux City, IA): Sioux City woman sentenced for stealing government assistance funds, Ariel Pokett, August 22, 2022, 12:56 PM

A Sioux City woman was sentenced to federal prison for allegedly stealing from government funding through programs such as the Iowa Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). According to a release from the United States Attorney's Office, Margaret Ortega, 45, of Sioux City admitted to embezzling [sic] and stealing from the United States Social Security Administration (SSA) in the amount of \$92,744.51. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMEG-CBS \(Sioux City, IA\)](#)

KWQC-NBC (Davenport, IA): Davenport man sentenced to prison for 2021 bank robbery, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 12:02 PM

A Davenport man was sentenced Thursday to 65 months; or five years and five months, in prison for a bank robbery charge. Arnordo Corderrel Turner, 34, will serve three years of supervised release following the prison term, according to a media release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WQAD-ABC \(Moline, IL\)](#)

WBBH-NBC (Fort Myers, FL): Cape Coral woman sentenced to 2 years in prison for mail fraud targeting elderly people, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 10:56 AM

A Cape Coral woman has been sentenced to two years and nine months in prison for a mail fraud operation that targeted elderly people. According to court documents, 38-year-old Nicole

Sprague contributed to a tech support scam conspiracy that defrauded numerous elderly victims from around January 2018 through April 2019. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: 3 Arkansas officers suspended after video captures beating, Andrew Demillo, August 22, 2022, 10:00 PM

Federal authorities said Monday they have started a civil rights investigation following the suspension of three Arkansas law enforcement officers after a video posted on social media showed two of them beating a man while a third officer held him on the ground. [...] A Justice Department spokesperson said Monday that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Arkansas, the FBI's Little Rock Field Office and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division opened a civil rights investigation into the incident. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#)

AP: Family sues Georgia sheriff over drug raid that killed woman, Russ Bynum, August 22, 2022, 11:39 AM

The family of a woman killed by gunfire last year as Georgia sheriff's deputies with a drug warrant raided her cousin's home announced a federal lawsuit Monday against the sheriff and others. Attorneys for the family of 37-year-old Latoya James have argued her death echoes the fatal shooting in 2020 of Breonna Taylor in Kentucky. Both cases involved Black women killed in shootouts after law officers forced their way into darkened homes with little to no warning. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Reuters](#)

WaPo: Judge to rule by Wednesday on federal challenge to Idaho abortion ban, Perry Stein, August 22, 2022, 3:55 PM

A federal judge in Idaho will rule by Wednesday on whether a near-total ban on abortion can take effect in the state, following a Justice Department lawsuit that says the statute violates a federal requirement to provide medical care when a pregnant person's life or health is at stake. The case marks the Justice Department's first attempt to fight a strict abortion ban in court following the Supreme Court decision in June that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, upending the right to terminate a pregnancy that had been enshrined in federal law for nearly 50 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [The Hill](#), [MSNBC](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo-2](#)

WFOR-CBS (Miami, FL): Feds back challenges to Florida elections law, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 10:53 AM

The Biden administration has urged a federal appeals court to uphold a ruling that said parts of a 2021 Florida elections law discriminate against Black voters. U.S. Department of Justice attorneys last week filed a 35-page brief backing challenges by voting-rights groups to the law, which included placing additional restrictions on ballot drop boxes and on providing food and water to people waiting in line at polling places. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [News Service Florida](#)

CIVIL LAW

Law360: Pharmacies Can't Be Forced To Fill Ivermectin Rx, Judge Says, Gina Kim, August 22, 2022, 11:31 PM

A Minnesota federal judge on Friday nixed a suit filed against a Walmart pharmacy for refusing to fill prescriptions for ivermectin, an anti-parasite drug used on humans and animals, to treat a couple's COVID-19 infection, calling their purported "right to self-determination" that would force medical providers to administer certain treatments "mind-boggling." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marietta Daily Journal (Marietta, GA): **Smyrna plastic surgeon fined 100k, for improper opioid prescriptions**, Jake Busch, August 22, 2022, 5:37 PM

A Smyrna doctor will pay \$100,000 in penalties and refrain from applying for a DEA registration, which is required for doctors to prescribe drugs, for five years after settling with the U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Keith Jeffords, a Smyrna-based plastic surgeon, continued prescribing opioids to patients after the Georgia Composite Medical Board suspended his medical license on November 22, 2021, the DOJ said in a Monday news press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: **Asylum seekers caught in political battle in NYC, Washington**, Bobby Caina Calvin and Ashraf Khalil, August 22, 2022, 4:00 PM

Weary of Venezuela's autocratic government and the pittance he earned in the military, Dario Maldonado deserted and fled with his family to neighboring Colombia. But life remained hard money was tight and expenses mounted. So he set off for the United States, an odyssey that required him to travel by foot through Central American jungle infested with venomous snakes and gun-toting bandits, sometimes sidestepping the corpses of people who died on the same journey. [...] The Pentagon on Monday denied the mayor's request for help, saying the use of the National Guard would be inappropriate and would hurt the overall readiness of the troops by forcing some to cancel or disrupt military training. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: **Pentagon again denies Bowser request for National Guard help for migrants**, Antonio Olivo, August 22, 2022, 5:02 PM

The Defense Department on Monday again said it will not help the District deal with the thousands of migrants who have arrived on buses from Texas and Arizona, upholding the department's previous denial of D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's earlier request for National Guard deployment. In a letter to Bowser (D), Pentagon Executive Secretary Kelly Bulliner Holly outlined a host of reasons National Guard troops can't be deployed, including the fact that its members are not trained to provide the type of services that would be required to help the migrants, including feeding, sanitation and management of a central processing facility. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

CNN: **ICE officials under Trump told to wipe phones when leaving agency**, Geneva Sands, August 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

The phones of several top Trump-era Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials were deactivated when they left their positions and the data contained on them likely wiped, a court filing released late last week shows. The revelation came in a public records dispute between ICE and watchdog group American Oversight, which has sought emails and text messages from former acting ICE directors Thomas Homan, Matthew Albence and Ronald Vitiello in a controversial immigration-related case. It follows recent controversies over wiped government phones and erased text messages, including the potential loss of information relevant to

investigations into the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Times](#)

Law360: 1st Circ. Says BIA Didn't Explain Seriousness Of Weed Crime, Rae Varona, August 22, 2022, 6:15 PM

The First Circuit has told the Board of Immigration Appeals to have another look at a Haitian man's asylum request, saying the board did not adequately explain why his marijuana offenses made him ineligible for asylum. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Albuquerque Journal: Border official indicted in 2019 incident at Columbus Port of Entry, Olivier Uyttebrouck, August 22, 2022, 10:02 PM

Federal prosecutors last week indicted a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer in a 2019 incident at the Columbus Port of Entry in Luna County. Oscar Orrantia, 36, of Santa Teresa, was indicted on Wednesday for depriving an unidentified U.S. citizen “of his constitutional right to be free from unreasonable seizures,” according to the federal grand jury indictment. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Arizona Daily Star: 1.57 million fentanyl pills seized at Arizona ports over weekend, Danyelle Khmara, August 22, 2022, 8:00 PM

The amount of fentanyl pills seized at the southern border in Arizona drastically increased in August, from already historically high numbers. Over the weekend, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers assigned to the Port of Nogales made two significant seizures. The combined total was 1.57 million fentanyl pills, 114 pounds of cocaine, 13 pounds of heroin and 2 pounds of fentanyl powder, according to Customs and Border Protection. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Phoenix News](#)

Patch (Redondo Beach, CA): Accused Child Killer Among 19 Migrants Rescued In Redondo Beach, Rachel Barnes, August 22, 2022, 6:23 PM

The Coast guard rescued 19 migrants who were stranded in a disabled boat off the coast of Redondo Beach, including a man who had an outstanding warrant for aggravated rape and murder of a child, according to Customs and Border Protection. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations agents processed the people rescued and found that all 19 adults, five female and 14 male, were from Mexico. All individuals were expelled from the US under Title 42, which prohibits the entry of people who may pose a health risk due to unlawfully entering the country to bypass health screening. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Miami Herald: Seven migrants arrive at Ocean Reef, among more than 70 who landed in Keys on weekend, David Goodhue, August 22, 2022, 6:02 PM

With the arrival Monday morning of seven people from Cuba on the shores of Ocean Reef, an exclusive gated community and resort in north Key Largo, the number of migrants who made landfall in the Florida Keys since Saturday has topped 75, according to Border Patrol officials. The group Monday consisted of five men and two women who arrived in a homemade, rustic boat, said Adam Hoffner, division chief for U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Miami operations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDKY-Fox (Lexington, KY): Fentanyl busts skyrocket to new high with bulk of seizures at U.S. ports of entry, Fernie Ortiz, August 22, 2022, 10:12 PM

Border authorities seized a record amount of the synthetic opioid fentanyl in July, most of which

came through U.S. ports of entry, data released this month shows. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection figures, officers with the agency's Office of Field Operations seized approximately 1,800 pounds of fentanyl in July, while U.S. Border Patrol agents who guard the vast border areas between ports of entry seized about 340 pounds. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKBD-CW (Detroit, MI): Border Agents Make Million Dollar Bust At Blue Water Bridge Crossing, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 3:09 PM

Four men are in custody after allegedly attempting to smuggle over a million dollars worth of marijuana and ecstasy into the United States from Canada. According to the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, a semi-truck entered the U.S. from Canada and was eventually spotted at a closed business in Columbus Township. Officers observed the suspected narcotics being loaded from the truck and into a van. Officers then arrested two men and found 348 pounds of marijuana and 24 pounds of ecstasy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KETK-NBC (Longview, TX): \$89,000 in undeclared cash seized from vehicle bound for Mexico, Fernie Ortiz, August 22, 2022, 1:54 PM

Two Mexican nationals attempted to sneak more than \$89,000 in cash south of the border without declaring it, U.S. Custom and Border Protection said. Border officers conducting outbound inspections at the Stanton Stree [sic] Bridge in Downtown El Paso picked, for a routine inspection, a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old Mexican national. Neither the driver nor the 46-year-old passenger, also a Mexican citizen, declared the cash, CBP said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Law360: Indivior Loses Bid For Early Win In 'Product Hop' MDL, Hailey Konnath, August 22, 2022, 11:37 PM

A Pennsylvania federal judge on Monday refused to hand Indivior an early win in sprawling antitrust litigation alleging the drugmaker monopolized the market for the opioid addiction treatment suboxone, ruling that the claims rest on issues of fact that belong before a jury. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

National Law Journal: DOJ Antitrust Chief, a Veteran of Big Law, Keeps Distance From Defense Bar, Andrew Goudsward, August 22, 2022, 7:19 PM

Jonathan Kanter, the Justice Department's antitrust head, came to the University of Chicago earlier this year to lay out his agenda for more muscular enforcement, and was asked about government lawyers angling for lucrative jobs in private practice. "How do you motivate people?" asked Tommaso Valletti, an economics professor at the Imperial College Business School in London, when talented antitrust lawyers can leave government work to earn millions at private law firms. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Investors Seek 4th Circ.'s Help In FTC's Belize Scam Case, Joyce Hanson, August 22, 2022, 4:57 PM

Multiple investors have asked the Fourth Circuit to help them recoup \$1.95 million in litigation over the purported luxury development Sanctuary Belize that the Federal Trade Commission says swindled American consumers, arguing that a lower court erred when spurning their intervention bid. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Pandemic Wage-Fixing Trial Is Pushed To December, Matthew Perlman, August

22, 2022, 3:33 PM

A federal judge in Maine pushed back a slated trial over objections from the government in a criminal case accusing operators of several home health care agencies of conspiring to fix pay rates to avoid competing with each other for workers during the pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): Feds to issue checks, says debt relief provider didn't provide relief, Justin Boggs, August 22, 2022, 11:10 AM

The Federal Trade Commission announced it will be sending 14,521 checks to borrowers who lost money in a student loan debt-relief scheme. The FTC said that \$822,000 will be sent to those who lost money to Student Advocates. The FTC alleged Student Advocates "charged illegal upfront fees that they falsely claimed went toward consumers' student loans." [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Law360: BofA Not Entitled To Merrill's Tax Overpayment Interest, US Says, Kat Lucero, August 22, 2022, 9:00 PM

Bank of America should not get a refund on the net of interest it owed on tax underpayments and interest due to Merrill Lynch's tax overpayments because the two companies were [...]. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 11th Circ. Affirms \$9M Easement Overstatement Penalty, Theresa Schliep, August 22, 2022, 5:50 PM

A partnership owes a \$9 million penalty for overstating the value of a conservation easement on which it claimed a \$17.5 million deduction, the Eleventh Circuit said Monday, finding the U.S. [...]. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: [OPINION] This is making the FBI look so bad, Jesse Watters, August 22, 2022, 8:12 PM

Fox News host Jesse Watters calls out the FBI's "big scheme" and weighs in on the handling of the Trump raid on "Jesse Watters Primetime." JESSE WATTERS: So, the Trump raid is being run by the same people behind the Russia hoax, the January 6 investigation and the fake Gretchen Whitmer kidnaping, all the same people, and by the way, that first Gretchen Whitmer case, the one that got tossed out because of a hung jury, because it was entrapment, so the feds are retrying it and there's closing arguments today. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Jim Jordan says more FBI whistleblowers coming forward: 'Every other week', Daniel Chaitin, August 22, 2022, 7:11 PM

A growing number of FBI whistleblowers are coming forward to Republican investigators in Congress, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) disclosed on Monday. The congressman, who is the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, said in an interview there are now "over" 14 agents who have raised concerns with GOP lawyers on the panel over matters including the controversy surrounding a school boards memo, Jan. 6, and pressure to label cases "domestic violence extremism." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **[EDITORIAL] Liberal elites can't pick and choose enforcing the law**, Editorial Board, August 22, 2022, 3:00 PM

America's law enforcement organizations have come a long way from the days of J. Edgar Hoover, Melvin Purvis and the junior G-men. They wouldn't recognize the FBI today, or the way it and the Justice Department are in it up to their necks over their various probes into former President Donald Trump and his associates. We hope special counsel John Durham, a former U.S. attorney with a spotless reputation for integrity, will be able to get to the bottom of it all, but, given the way the "old boy and girl network" covers its tracks, we're doubtful. [[Continue Reading](#)]

High Times: **DEA Chooses Seventh Cannabis Cultivator License for Research Purposes**, Nicole Potter, August 22, 2022, 3:00 PM

Maridose LLC, based in Maine, announced on Aug. 19 that it officially received a federal cultivation license from both the United States Department of Justice, as well as the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The company is one of only seven in the country that have been approved by the DEA as a "bulk manufacturer marijuana grower." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSPA-CBS (Spartanburg, SC): **Greenville introduces 'Project Safe Neighborhoods' to help reduce violent crime**, Asia Wilson, August 22, 2022, 11:22 PM

Police said crimes are increasing across the country and in the state. Leaders said more than half of U.S. homicides occurred among people ages 15-34 in 2020. While Greenville is seeing a downward trend within the last year, city leaders said that's not enough. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPXI-NBC (Pittsburgh, PA): **Atlanta triple shooting: Suspected shooter, 2 of 3 victims identified**, Kelli Dugan, August 22, 2022, 10:38 PM

Police arrested a woman at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Monday evening, about two hours after she was accused of fatally shooting two people and wounding a third at two separate midtown addresses, WSB-TV reported. [...] The TV station reported that Kengnem was arrested by ATF task force officers at the airport's international terminal "after an ATF agent contacted a taxi company and found out she had been dropped off at the airport." The arrest was made before the suspect passed through security, and officers found a 9mm pistol in her purse, the ATF source confirmed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): **McCluer North security guard sentenced for filming sexual abuse of a child**, Kayla Shepperd, August 22, 2022, 8:49 PM

A former McCluer North High School security guard was sentenced Monday for recording his sexual abuse of a child over many years. Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri said Mark A. Bennett of Ferguson admitted that his victim was younger than 10 years of age when he began abusing her and filming it. The abuse went on for years until Bennett, 48, tried to download child pornography, which triggered a tip on Dec. 12, 2019, to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, who then alerted the St. Louis County Police Department and the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): **FBI, GBI say human trafficking has increased during pandemic**, Archith Seshadri, August 22, 2022, 8:17 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says it identified and rescued 84 minor victims of child trafficking and sex abuse and located 37 missing children as part of "Operation Cross Country." The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) says Georgia is a hotspot for human trafficking with a large international airport, easy access to highways across major cities and several large sporting

events. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPLC-NBC (Lake Charles, LA): Suspect arrested in Beaumont Heights murder investigation, Jakob Evans, August 22, 2022, 7:38 PM

A Beaumont man has been arrested in connection with the murder of Isaiah Brandon Wagner that occurred on January 30, 2022. Renaldo Dotson, 19, of Beaumont was arrested in Houston, Tx on August 22 by Beaumont Police with the assistance of US Marshals, authorities said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLTX-CBS (Columbia, SC): South Carolina residents worried of possible new drug entering state, Zoie Henry, August 22, 2022, 7:19 PM

Following Fentanyl Awareness Day on Sunday, the Drug Enforcement Administration sent a warning for a new version of the drug fentanyl. The pill is rainbow-colored and resembles candy. This new version recently entered the drug market in the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPTV-NBC \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

WRAL-NBC (Raleigh, NC): Durham man arrested in Georgia for fatal shooting in Hillsborough, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 4:54 PM

Authorities arrested Uriel Garcia Garcia on Monday afternoon in connection with the Aug. 19 murder of Ulises Guadalupe Vasquez. Garcia, who lives in Durham, was arrested in Statesboro, Georgia, and charged with first-degree murder. “We appreciate the assistance of both US Marshals task forces, the help of the Statesboro Police Department, and the Bulloch County Sheriff’s Office,” Orange County Sheriff Charles Blackwood said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLWT-NBC (Cincinnati, OH): AG: 35 arrested across Ohio following human trafficking sting, Unattributed, August 22, 2022, 4:26 PM

Dozens of people across Ohio were arrested over the weekend for trying to buy sex, according to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. [...] The operation also involved the investigation of illicit massage parlors in Cleveland and a statewide search for missing children by the U.S. Marshals Service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOIO-CBS (Cleveland, OH): U.S. Marshals search for convicted Cleveland drug trafficker wanted for a probation violation, Julia Bingel, August 22, 2022, 11:53 AM

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is offering a reward for help in locating a convicted drug trafficker who recently violated probation. Abdul Mallory has convictions for both drug trafficking and possession, said the U.S. Marshals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Lawsuit: DeKalb sheriff does little to protect female jail workers, Tyler Estep, August 22, 2022, 2:00 PM

Six former and current DeKalb County jail employees have filed a federal lawsuit against Sheriff Melody Maddox, accusing her of “acting with deliberate indifference to endemic, well-known sexual harassment of female staff by inmates.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

NYT, The Daily: **[AUDIO] The Effort to Punish Women for Having Abortions**, August 23, 2022, 6:00 AM

Even as the anti-abortion movement celebrates victories at the Supreme Court and in many states across the country, there is debate about where to go next. A hard-edge faction is pursuing "abortion abolition," a move to criminalize abortion from conception, targeting not only the providers but also the women who have the procedure. [\[Listen\]](#)

NPR, Up First: **[AUDIO] Florida Primary, Ukraine Nuclear Power Plant Worker, Abortion Laws**, August 23, 2022, 6:03 AM

Florida voters decide who will face Governor Ron DeSantis in the November election (1:21). Ukrainian civilians are keeping Europe's largest nuclear power plant up and running under the eyes of Russian soldiers (5:22). Two months after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* several laws banning abortion are enacted (9:32). [\[Listen\]](#)

Law360: **High Court Wants Gov't View On Controversial FCA Case**, Daniel Wilson, August 22, 2022, 5:30 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court asked the federal government Monday to weigh in on whether the justices should review a contentious decision that a supermarket chain's alleged overcharging of Medicare and Medicaid was "objectively reasonable" enough to defeat a False Claims Act case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: **Supreme Court temporarily blocks Georgia law said to violate civil rights**, Kaelan Deese, August 22, 2022, 11:19 AM

The Supreme Court reinstated a federal judge's ruling on Friday, issuing a temporary order holding that Georgia's current election system disadvantages black voters in violation of a federal civil rights law. The justices issued their unsigned order in response to an emergency request filed by a group of black voters who challenged the state's "at large" method for selecting members of Georgia's Public Service Commission, which oversees the prices of electricity and other utilities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: **Okla. Tax Officials Say Choctaws Can't Block Penalties**, Andrew Westney, August 22, 2022, 5:16 PM

Oklahoma Tax Commission officials have pressed a federal judge to toss a suit by two Choctaw Nation members challenging the state's authority to tax them on the tribe's reservation, saying the federal court can't enjoin the state's income tax and that blocking penalties for failing to pay it would create a loophole in federal tax law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: **SD County Digs In Heels, Says Tribe's Voting Suit Is Moot**, Caleb Symons, August 22, 2022, 5:02 PM

A South Dakota county told to revise its electoral map to protect Native American voting rights is fighting back, saying immediate action is unnecessary because a proposed change would let the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe elect its preferred candidates within two years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Wyoming News Now: **Wyoming ACLU will help advise the Indian Child Welfare Act in front of the U.S. Supreme Court**, Valeria Fugate, August 22, 2022, 10:54 PM

The Wyoming American Civil Liberties Union weighs in on a U.S. Supreme Court case that could

determine if the Indian Child Welfare Act/ICWA is racially biased and unconstitutional. A case pending in front of the U.S. Supreme Court could affect Native American tribes across the U.S., including the Arapaho and Shoshone tribes here in Wyoming. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Spectrum News: New York attorney general opposes changes to law protecting Native American families, NICK REISMAN, August 22, 2022, 1:35 PM

New York Attorney General Letitia James is defending a 44-year-old federal measure that is meant to provide protections for indigenous families across the country and now being challenged at the U.S. Supreme Court. James signed onto an amicus brief with a bipartisan coalition of 24 attorneys general from around the country in support of the Indian Child Welfare Act. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Forbes: Federal Court Strikes Down Maine's Residency Requirement For Cannabis Business Owners, A.J. Herrington, August 22, 2022, 4:35 PM

A law requiring all owners of medical marijuana businesses in Maine to be residents of the state was struck down last week by a federal appeals court, which ruled that the statute is a violation of the U.S. Constitution. The First Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that the residency requirement is an unconstitutional restriction on interstate trade. Under the regulations for Maine's medical marijuana program, all directors or officers of a dispensary licensed to sell medical cannabis must be residents of the state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Nebraska Medical Marijuana Initiatives Will Not Appear On November Ballot, State Announces, Kyle Jaeger, August 22, 2022, 11:00 AM

A pair of medical marijuana legalization initiatives will not appear on Nebraska's ballot in November, the state announced on Monday. But while advocates are disappointed, they're already turning their attention to 2024 for another push. While activists with Nebraskans for Medical Marijuana (NMM) had held out hope that they turned in enough raw signatures to qualify, the verification process showed that they came up short by about 10,000 signatures for each measure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

CNN: Newsom vetoes bill proposing safe drug injection sites in California, Cheri Mossburg, August 22, 2022, 8:28 PM

California Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday vetoed legislation that aimed to minimize overdose deaths by creating safe drug injection sites in some cities, citing concern over "unintended consequences." Senate Bill 57 proposed a tri-city pilot program in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland that would legalize drug use in specific supervised hygienic spaces where drug users could consume drugs using sterile supplies, according to the bill text. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [KNTV-NBC \(San Jose, CA\)](#), [KSBW-NBC/ABC \(Salinas, CA\)](#), [LAT, Patch \(San Francisco, CA\)](#)

WMTV-NBC (Madison, WI): Federal judge rules lawsuit can proceed against Suboxone manufacturer, Juliana Tornabene, August 22, 2022, 4:32 PM

A group of 42 states, led by Wisconsin, can move forward with legal action against the makers of

a drug used to treat opioid dependence. The announcement comes after a ruling by the Court in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, saying they can proceed with a lawsuit. Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust Gwendolyn Lindsay Cooley is at the head of the investigation, along with states that include Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Reuters: U.S. lawmakers unveil bill to help news media negotiate with Google, Facebook, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 3:15 AM

A bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers on Monday released a revised version of a bill aimed at making it easier for news organizations to negotiate collectively with platforms like Google and Facebook. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act "removes legal obstacles to news organizations' ability to negotiate collectively and secure fair terms from gatekeeper platforms that regularly access news content without paying for its value," according to a news release from the lawmakers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 22, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Millions of people in the southwest are under flood warnings after monsoon rains hit communities across six states. The Dallas-Fort Worth area saw the second heaviest rainfall in the city's history and emergency crews are working to rescue trapped residents. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Lawyers for Donald Trump have asked a federal judge to block the FBI from reviewing the seized materials until a "special master" can be appointed to oversee the review. This comes as a Florida judge prepares to decide whether to release the affidavit that led to the search. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Dr. Anthony Fauci has announced that he will step down from his position with the federal government in December. He has advised every president since Reagan and led the federal response to the HIV-AIDS epidemic in 1984. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian authorities are blaming Ukrainian operatives for the deadly car bombing that killed the daughter of Pres. Putin's closest advisers over the weekend. Ukraine has denied any involvement, but there is growing fear about what the Kremlin will do in response. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The DOJ is looking into a possible civil rights violation after disturbing video emerged over

the weekend of police officers in Arkansas beating a man on the ground. Two of the officers have been suspended and authorities are investigating the incident. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- In a press conference on Monday, officers provided an update on the search for 16-year-old Kiely Rodni, who has been missing since early August. A private dive team said on Sunday they found the teen in a Nevada County lake. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- More than 4,000 teachers in Ohio's largest school district have voted to go on strike after failing to reach a deal on a new contract. Teachers say the strike is about students deserving modern schools, smaller class sizes and a well-rounded curriculum. [[CBS](#)]
- The summer rally on Wall Street hit the brakes over fears about inflation and the Federal Reserve's next interest rate hike. All three major indexes fell, it was the worst day for stocks since June. [[CBS](#)]
- As students return to the classroom, the National Retail Federation says back-to-school spending will rise more than 40% this year compared to 2019. This year, just 36% of parents say they can afford back to school supplies, compared to 52% last year. [[CBS](#)]
- Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has warned airlines that his department could draft new rules around passenger rights if the carriers don't give more help to travelers trapped by flight cancellations and delays. [[ABC](#)]
- Antisemitic flyers from a group called the Goyim Defense League are blaming Covid-19, abortion, inflation, and more on Jewish officials in the Biden administration and media companies led by Jewish owners or executives. Law enforcement can't do anything about it because of freedom of speech. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "After Six Months of War in Ukraine, Momentum Tilts Against Russia" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Trump Had More Than 300 Classified Documents at Mar-a-Lago" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Twitter's former security chief alleges company misled regulators about spam and lax security" [[WaPo](#)]
- "Voters are dissatisfied with California's direction but still back Newsom, poll shows" [[LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Fox: Improper Justice leaks trigger bombshell story on Trump's stash of classified documents, Howard Kurtz , August 24, 2022, 3:01 AM

In its battle with Donald Trump, the Justice Department has just engaged in some egregious leaking. Leaking about an ongoing criminal investigation is highly improper because it violates the rights of the probe's target. Now, I understand the temptation. Merrick Garland and his department have been getting creamed in the media war because Trump says whatever he wants and they have to remain silent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Sen. Joni Ernst questions Merrick Garland's 'knock and talk' gun enforcement push, Anders Hagstrom, August 23, 2022, 10:38 AM

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, says Attorney General Merrick Garland's recent crackdown on firearm straw purchases may be infringing on Americans' rights. Ernst sent a letter to Garland on Tuesday stating that while enforcing laws against straw purchasing firearms is important, the Department of Justice must be clear on its methods. "Straw purchase" refers to the practice of an individual purchasing a firearm on behalf of someone else, which is illegal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

WAND-NBC (Decatur, IL): U.S. Attorney's Office provides update on Cross-Jurisdictional Firearms Trafficking Strike Force, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 7:00 PM

The United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois joined other regional U.S. Attorneys to provide an update on the cross-jurisdictional Firearms Trafficking Strike Force. The strike force was launched in July 2021 by the Department of Justice to disrupt illegal firearms trafficking and reduce gun violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: US, Iran inch closer to nuke deal but high hurdles remain, Matthew Lee and Aamer Madhani, August 23, 2022, 10:00 PM

The Biden administration is expected to weigh in this week on Iran's latest offer to resume its compliance with the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, but neither side is offering a definitive path to revive the agreement, which has been on life-support since former President Donald Trump withdrew from it in 2018. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: 2 Illinois brothers face charges in Jan. 6 Capitol riot, Don Babwin, August 23, 2022, 6:01 PM

Two brothers from Illinois have been arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges for their alleged roles in the Jan. 6 insurrection at the United States Capitol, with both accused of being part of mobs that overwhelmed police officers who were desperately trying to keep them from storming the building, the FBI announced on Tuesday. In a news release, the FBI said Daniel Leyden, 55, of Chicago and Joseph Leyden, 56, of nearby La Grange, were arrested in Illinois on Tuesday. In a complaint, Daniel Leyden was charged with a felony offense of assaulting, resisting or impeding law enforcement with a dangerous weapon. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Chicago Sun-Times](#), [KSL-NBC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#), [WMAQ-NBC \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

AP: Florida man convicted of storming US Capitol during riot, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Florida man was convicted Tuesday of storming the U.S. Capitol during the January 2021 insurrection. A District of Columbia federal judge returned the verdict after a trial where William Rogan Reid, 37, of Davie, Florida, and the government agreed upon a stipulated set of facts regarding his conduct, according to court records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Two alleged militia members found guilty of plot to abduct Michigan governor, Tyler Clifford, August 23, 2022, 4:40 PM

A jury on Tuesday convicted two men accused of conspiring to trigger "a second American revolution" by kidnapping Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, handing the U.S. government a victory in its second attempt to prosecute the case. The verdict against Adam Fox, 39, and Barry Croft Jr., 46, comes about four months after a federal judge in Grand Rapids, Michigan, declared a mistrial in the same case. Two other defendants were found not guilty in the first trial. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Beast](#), [Detroit News](#), [NBC](#), [Patriot-News \(Harrisburg, PA\)](#), [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WWMT-CBS/CW \(Kalamazoo, MI\)](#), [WZZM-ABC \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#)

Reuters: U.S. to return \$23 million looted by late dictator Abacha to Nigeria - officials, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 2:08 PM

The United States will turn over to Nigeria \$23 million taken by former military ruler Sani Abacha, officials said at an event to sign the agreement on Tuesday. Nigeria has reached several agreements to return stolen cash in recent years. Abacha ruled Africa's most populous nation and top oil exporter from 1993 until his death in 1998, during which time Transparency International estimated that he took up to \$5 billion of public money. He was never charged. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Twitter misled U.S. regulators on hackers, spam, whistleblower says, Steve Benen, August 23, 2022, 12:49 PM

Twitter Inc (TWTR.N) misled federal regulators about its defenses against hackers and spam accounts, the social media company's former security chief Peiter Zatko said in a whistleblower complaint. In an 84-page complaint, Zatko, a famed hacker widely known as "Mudge," alleged Twitter falsely claimed it had a solid security plan, according to documents relayed by congressional investigators. Twitter's shares fell 7.3% to close at \$39.86. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [Law360](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

NBC: FBI arrests ex-Marine for allegedly assaulting officers inside Capitol on Jan. 6, Ryan J. Reilly, August 23, 2022, 6:16 PM

A former U.S. Marine was arrested by the FBI on Tuesday for allegedly assaulting two officers as he helped fellow rioters breach the doors of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Kaleb Dillard of Columbiana, Alabama, was arrested in his hometown after the FBI identified him as the man who appeared to throw a Capitol Police officer to the ground during the insurrection, and apparently shoving another officer in the chest. Dillard, 26, was charged with assaulting, resisting, or impeding law enforcement officers and interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder. He was also charged with six misdemeanors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Birmingham News \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [Newsmax](#), [WAAY-ABC \(Huntsville, AL\)](#), [WBRC-Fox \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [WIAT-CBS \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [WPMI-NBC \(Mobile, AL\)](#), [WZDX-Fox \(Huntsville, AL\)](#)

MSNBC: Court rejects Barr's claim, orders release of memo on Trump, obstruction,

Steve Benen, August 23, 2022, 3:58 PM

When Robert Mueller completed his investigation into the Russia scandal a few years ago, the special counsel's findings had two parts. The first examined Russia's efforts to target U.S. elections in the hopes of putting Donald Trump in power, while the second documented the many instances in which the then-Republican president took alleged steps to obstruct the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Mueller prosecutor claims DOJ looking at 'substantial criminal case' against Trump, Jerry Dunleavy, August 23, 2022, 12:41 PM

A former top prosecutor for special counsel Robert Mueller is arguing the Justice Department could be bringing a "substantial criminal case" against former President Donald Trump related to the FBI raid at Mar-a-Lago. Andrew Weissmann, who served as FBI general counsel under former President Barack Obama and criticized Mueller and fellow team members for not going far enough in pursuing Trump during the special counsel investigation, argued Tuesday that Trump may now be in significant legal jeopardy after a flurry of stories Monday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRON (San Francisco, CA): Ransomware risk warning for Bay Area businesses, Noelle Bellow, August 23, 2022, 10:17 PM

An uptick in ransomware attacks in the Bay Area has local FBI and cyber security officials sounding the alarm. Ransomware in general has been running rampant. Bay Area businesses are advised to beware of Zeppelin ransomware. According to the FBI San Francisco and Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency, or CISA, the last two years have seen a tremendous uptick in attacks from these hackers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WUSA-CBS (Washington, DC) : Judge convicts three men in Lower West Terrace Tunnel assaults on police, Jordan Fischer, August 23, 2022, 4:10 PM

Three defendants accused of joining the assault on police officers in the Lower West Terrace Tunnel on Jan. 6 were convicted of assault and obstruction Tuesday after agreeing to a stipulated bench trial. All three men — Geoffrey Sills, 31, Robert Morss, 29, and David Lee Judd, 36 — were part of a group of nine defendants indicted by a grand jury on dozens of charges related to sustained attacks on officers attempting to defend an entrance to the U.S. Capitol Building near the Inaugural Stage. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Glenshaw man Robert Morss found guilty of assaulting officers on Jan. 6, Madeline Bartos, August 23, 2022, 2:33 PM

A former Army Ranger from Glenshaw accused of storming the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 was found guilty of assaulting officers. Robert Morss was one of three men found guilty of obstruction of an official proceeding on Tuesday, the U.S. Attorney's Office in D.C. announced. Morss was also found guilty of assaulting, resisting or impeding officers with a dangerous weapon and robbery. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTAE-ABC \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Agency identified 700-plus pages of classified records at Trump's home, Sarah N. Lynch, August 23, 2022, 12:30 PM

The U.S. National Archives discovered more than 700 pages of classified documents at Donald Trump's Florida home in addition to material seized this month by FBI agents, according to a May letter that the records agency sent to the Republican former president's attorney that was made

public by a Trump ally. The large quantity of classified material in 15 boxes recovered in January by the National Archives and Records Administration, some marked as "top secret," provides more insight into what led to the FBI's court-authorized Aug. 8 search of Trump's residence at the Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] GOP attacks go beyond FBI and elections to delegitimize government, Joe Davidson, August 24, 2022, 6:00 AM

The threat to democracy metastasizing from former president Donald Trump's refusal to accept defeat stretches beyond elections and into federal agencies and their employees. An attempted breach of an FBI office in Cincinnati earlier this month, allegedly by a Trump supporter, resulted in the attacker's death. That followed angry rhetoric from the former president and Republican politicians after FBI agents searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Trump, Without the Presidency's Protections, Struggles for a Strategy, Maggie Haberman, Glenn Thrush and Alan Feuer, August 23, 2022, 7:00 PM

On Tuesday, a Florida judge informed two lawyers representing former President Donald J. Trump, neither of them licensed in the state, that they had bungled routine paperwork to take part in a suit filed following the F.B.I.'s search this month of Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and private club. "A sample motion can be found on the Court's website," the judge instructed them in her order. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Washington's Mar-a-Lago Prosecution by Leaks, Ken Dilanian, Editorial Board, August 23, 2022, 6:43 PM

Merrick Garland opened a press briefing two weeks ago with the words, "Since I became Attorney General, I have made clear that the Department of Justice will speak through its court filings and its work." Then how does the Right Honorable Attorney General explain the multiple leaks to the press concerning the Department of Justice investigation of Donald Trump's handling of presidential documents? [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] These are the benefits and risks of a Trump pardon, Peter Shinkle, August 23, 2022, 4:56 PM

Jason Willick's idea expressed in his Aug. 19 op-ed, "What Biden could gain from pardoning Trump," struck me as both unfair and yet the proper thing to do. Should it come to that, a pardon would allow the country to inch forward rather than lurch back. No doubt, many Democrats would feel betrayed; however, they most likely would move on. Whereas, should the ex-president be sent to prison, the country could expect many Republicans to exhibit violence or threats of violence, which would send the country reeling into a deeper crisis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Trump's document narcissism is dangerous, David Ignatius, August 23, 2022, 4:24 PM

To the catalogue of Donald Trump's malign personality traits, add one that might be called "document narcissism." According to the New York Times, Trump insists he has a right to keep classified documents because they're "mine." Trump's lawyers are right to be worried about the Justice Department's criminal investigation of the former president's retention of classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: DOJ 'taint team' examining Trump Mar-a-Lago documents, Jake Gibson , Brooke Singman and Danielle Wallace, August 23, 2022, 12:56 PM

A Department of Justice "taint" or "filter" team has been reviewing documents seized by the FBI during its raid on former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, Fox News has learned. A senior law enforcement official familiar with the process told Fox News that the review began soon after the search warrant was executed on Aug. 8. The official said that it is standard procedure for the Justice Department to use a "taint" or "filter" team to go through documents obtained during a search in part to identify records that may be protected by attorney-client privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Judge gives Trump until Friday to better explain why he wants a special master for Mar-a-Lago documents, Katelyn Polantz and Tierney Sneed, August 23, 2022, 6:36 PM

A federal judge in Florida has given former President Donald Trump until Friday to refine the legal arguments in his request for a special master to oversee the review of evidence gathered in the Mar-a-Lago search. District Court Judge Aileen Cannon in the Southern District of Florida ordered Trump's lawyers to elaborate on their arguments for why the court has the ability to step in at this time, explain what exactly Trump is asking for and whether the Justice Department has been served with Trump's special master motion. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Fox: Judge orders Trump legal team to elaborate on request for special master, key legal claims by Friday, Brooke Singman, Bill Mears and David Spunt, August 23, 2022, 6:05 PM

A federal judge is requesting lawyers for former President Trump elaborate on their request for the appointment of a special master to independently review records seized by the FBI during its unprecedented raid of Mar-a-Lago and on other key legal claims by Friday. Trump and his legal team filed a motion Monday evening seeking an independent review of the records seized by the FBI during its raid of Mar-a-Lago earlier this month, saying the decision to search his private residence just months before the 2022 midterm elections "involved political calculations aimed at diminishing the leading voice in the Republican Party, President Trump." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Did the Mar-a-Lago breach damage national security? Spy agencies have yet to determine, Ken Dilanian, Courtney Kube and Carol E. Lee, August 23, 2022, 7:06 PM

The country's top intelligence officials do not appear to have launched a formal damage assessment relating to classified documents found at Mar-a-Lago, even though the government has known since January that highly sensitive material had been improperly stored in former President Donald Trump's golf club and residential compound, four current U.S. officials told NBC News. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Trump hyped a legal letter from before the Mar-a-Lago raid, ignoring that it may further undermine his own position, Tom Porter, August 24, 2022, 5:30 AM

Former President Donald Trump was jubilant at the release of a letter which he claimed showed a political plot against him. But his celebration, in a series of posts on his Truth Social network, was seized on by legal experts for a different reason making clear the extent of alarm within the government at his holding secret documents in Mar-a-Lago. Trump's posts referred to a letter sent from the National Archivist, Debra Wall, in May to Trump attorney Evan Corcoran. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Trump defiance of DOJ on classified docs comes into sharper focus, Rebecca Beitsch, August 23, 2022, 6:36 PM

Former President Trump's resistance to turning over what now appears to be a much larger tranche of documents than previously known could strengthen a potential case from the Justice Department against him and renews questions over whether the delay harmed national security. A letter released by the National Archives on Tuesday indicates that an initial batch of 15 boxes of documents taken from Mar-a-Lago in January included 100 classified documents totaling 700 pages. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: Former prosecutors mock Trump's attorneys and say they may need to hire their own lawyers amid continued Mar-a-Lago fallout, Sonam Sheth, Camila DeChalus, and C. Ryan Barber, August 23, 2022, 2:00 PM

Legal experts and former prosecutors are widely panning former President Donald Trump's team of lawyers as they continue grappling with the fallout from the FBI's unprecedented Mar-a-Lago raid. "They appear to be either completely incompetent, or out of their depth," Renato Mariotti, a longtime former federal prosecutor, told Insider. "That's part of the reason why the former president has trouble finding lawyers: because he demands that they file documents and take positions that have no legal support whatsoever." [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NYT: Jan. 6 Panel Questions Trump Cabinet Members on 25th Amendment Talks, Luke Broadwater and Maggie Haberman, August 23, 2022, 8:00 PM

The House select committee scrutinizing the Jan. 6 attack has used the August congressional recess to gather more evidence as it prepares to resume public hearings next month, dispatching investigators to Europe and digging deeper into discussions by former President Donald J. Trump's cabinet after the riot about removing him from office. The panel has been holding closed-door interviews with senior Trump administration officials in an effort to uncover more about the period between Jan. 6, 2021, when a mob of Mr. Trump's supporters attacked Congress, and Jan. 20, when President Biden was sworn in, including talks about invoking the 25th Amendment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Call shows inmates knew 'Whitey' Bulger was moving to prison, Alanna Durkin Richer, August 23, 2022, 7:59 PM

Inmates at a troubled West Virginia prison where James "Whitey" Bulger was beaten to death found out ahead of time that the notorious Boston gangster would be arriving, according to new details revealed in court. Sean McKinnon, who is accused of acting as a lookout while two other men killed Bulger, told his mother on a phone call shortly before Bulger came to USP Hazelton in October 2018 that inmates were preparing for the arrival of a "higher profile person." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)

AP: Former Tennessee Speaker Casada arrested in corruption probe, Kimberlee Kruesi And Jonathan Mattise, August 23, 2022, 3:00 PM

Tennessee's disgraced former House Speaker Glen Casada and his top aide were arrested Tuesday on federal charges including bribery, kickbacks and conspiracy to commit money

laundering. Their indictments follow the abrupt resignation in March of Republican Rep. Robin Smith, who pleaded guilty to federal wire fraud charges involving Casada and his chief of staff, Cade Cothren. Afterward, speculation swirled about what additional charges might come in the corruption probe. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Tennessean](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [The Week](#)

Fox: Chicago gun violence: DOJ announces dozens of charges as part of federal 'strike force' initiative, Audrey Conklin, August 23, 2022, 12:46 PM

The Department of Justice on Tuesday announced that officials have charged and convicted dozens of offenders for gun crimes in Chicago as part of President Biden's 2021 "strike force" initiative. The DOJ also said "a significant number" of guns recovered in Chicago are illegally trafficked from outside the Windy City. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds Say Crypto Buyers Conned Banks Into Refunding \$4M, Khadrice Rollins, August 23, 2022, 6:29 PM

Three Miami men have been charged with fraud for allegedly tricking banks into refunding more than \$4 million in cryptocurrency transactions by falsely claiming that the purchases were unauthorized, Manhattan federal prosecutors announced Tuesday. According to the indictment that was unsealed on Tuesday, the men purchased cryptocurrency on an unnamed exchange using accounts with false identities that were linked to their bank accounts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Fake LA Billionaire Fleeced Investors Out Of \$3.5M, Feds Say, Elliot Weld, August 23, 2022, 4:05 PM

A Los Angeles man was charged with creating false billionaire personas for himself and convincing two victims to give him \$3.5 million for purported investments, which he never paid back. Russell Dwayne Lewis, 52, goes by several aliases and is charged with three counts of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft, prosecutors said Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WV MetroNews: Indiana woman admits to scheme involving stolen checks, driver's licenses, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 8:16 PM

An Indiana woman has admitted to obtaining stolen checkbooks and driver's licenses in hopes of getting thousands of dollars from West Virginia banks. Stefanie Marie Wells, 37, of Jasonville, Indiana, pleaded guilty Tuesday to bank fraud and aggravated identify theft. Wells admitted to multiple incidents that happened in October 2020; she first wrote a \$2,700 check from a stolen checkbook and cashed it at a Mount Hope bank by presenting a stolen driver's license. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Gaston Gazette (Gastonia, NC): Gastonia man sentenced to nine years in federal prison for gun conviction, Kevin Ellis, August 23, 2022, 6:52 PM

A Gastonia man will spend more than nine years in federal prison for illegally possessing a firearm, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Corey Donnell Jenkins, 37, was on supervised release related to a 2013 federal gun conviction when he was caught with another handgun in 2021, according to court records. Jenkins was sentenced Tuesday to 112 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Ex-St. Louis Alderman John Collins-Muhammad admits federal corruption charges, Joel Carrier, August 23, 2022, 6:29 PM

Former St. Louis Alderman John Collins-Muhammad pleaded guilty Tuesday in a federal bribery case against him and two other ex-city officials. Collins-Muhammad, 31, who represented a ward

on the city's north side, admitted charges of theft or bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds, racketeering and wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSDK-NBC \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

Republican (Springfield, MA): **Former Mass. resident agrees to plead guilty to illegally obtaining \$2.5M in fraudulent COVID-relief loans**, Tom Matthews, August 23, 2022, 5:19 PM
A former Massachusetts resident accused of obtaining \$2.5 million through fraudulent COVID relief loan applications has agreed to plead guilty to charges of wire fraud and unlawful monetary transactions, the United States Attorney's Office said. Vinicius Santana, 34, of Boca Raton, Florida, formerly of Revere, was arrested and charged by criminal complaint in June. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Suffolk County, MA\)](#), [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#)

Midland Reporter-Telegram (Midland, TX): **Alabama man sentenced to over 17 years for producing child pornography**, Mercedes Cordero, August 23, 2022, 4:00 PM
An Alabama man was sentenced Monday to 17.5 years in prison by a federal court in Alpine for producing child pornography, according to the Justice Department. Matthew Jacob Metzler, 32, traveled to Arizona to pick up a minor and then brought the child to Pecos, where he engaged in sexual acts with the child, according to court documents. A search warrant on Metzler's cellphone found child pornography photos along with a sexually explicit video Metzler made with the minor, according to court documents. He was arrested on Feb.7. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids, MI): **GR man arrested for illegally buying, selling guns**, Michael Oszust, August 23, 2022, 9:49 PM
A Grand Rapids man has been arrested for allegedly illegally buying and selling guns. The U.S. Attorney's Office for Western District of Michigan said Jerreil Lamounta Martin of Grand Rapids was arrested on charges involving alleged straw purchasing and illegal sale of firearms. Between September and October 2021, the indictment alleges Martin bought at least 11 handguns from licensed firearms dealers and lied on federal forms that he was the actual buyer of the guns. It is alleged he then illegally sold those guns to other people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): **Clearwater drug dealer who dumped woman's body at Howard Frankland Bridge gets 25 years**, Nathaniel Rodriguez, August 23, 2022, 6:51 PM
A Clearwater man who dumped a woman's body at the Howard Frankland Bridge was sentenced to 25 years Tuesday for drug charges and obstruction of justice, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. A DOJ release said Sherman Michael Puckett, 34, was part of a drug ring that distributed 255 grams of fentanyl, over 37 grams of fentanyl analogues, over 28 grams of cocaine, over 17 grams of methamphetamine, and other drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KINY (Juneau, AK): **Anchorage man indicted on federal stolen firearms charges**, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 6:41 PM (EDT)
A federal grand jury in Alaska returned an indictment charging an Anchorage man with being a felon in possession of firearms and for the sale of stolen firearms. According to court documents, Max Reder, 37, knowingly sold at least nine stolen firearms in October 2020. He also possessed at least 34 firearms knowing he had two prior convictions for burglary in the second degree, a felony, in the State of Alaska. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSNV-NBC (Las Vegas, NV): **Las Vegas man pleads guilty to possession of a machine gun, 'ghost guns'**, Khadrice Rollins, August 23, 2022, 6:30 PM

A local man pleaded guilty to felony possession of a firearm and illegal possession of a machine gun on Monday. Court documents say 29-year-old Alfonzo Lee Womack fired four firearms, including two privately made guns. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KLAS-CBS \(Las Vegas, NV\)](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Feds: Felon from Indianapolis charged with illegally having gun, Daja Stowe, August 23, 2022, 6:25 PM

An Indianapolis man with a lengthy criminal record faces more prison time after his arrest in June for being a felon in possession of a firearm. On June 20, police arrested 41-year-old James Hoskins at a home on South Belmont Street after his wife accused him of threatening and physically assaulting her during an argument. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

WLKY-CBS (Louisville, KY): Indiana man who escaped from Kentucky jail in 2020 facing 20 years in prison, Matthew Keck, August 23, 2022, 6:14 PM

An Indiana man was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to robbing multiple businesses in southern Indiana and Kentucky on Tuesday. According to the United States Attorney's Office District of Indiana, Anthony Martinez, 32, plead guilty to robbing a credit union in southern Indiana and four banks in Kentucky. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSNT-NBC (Topeka, KS): Topeka man indicted on firearms charges, Matthew Self, August 23, 2022, 6:13 PM

A Topeka man is facing federal charges over allegations he lied about who was going to receive several guns he purchased. According to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice, a federal grand jury in Topeka returned an indictment charging Todd Hetherington, 26, with three counts of making false statements during the acquisition of a firearm. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WIBW-AM \(Topeka, KS\)](#)

WANE-CBS (Fort Wayne, IN): Franklin man arrested for making and selling 'ghost guns', Jacob Burbrink, August 23, 2022, 5:41 PM

A Franklin man faces federal charges after investigators say he made and sold so-called "ghost guns," including a part to make the gun automatic. In court documents in the case against Alexander Clark, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives says they started an investigation into the illegally making and selling of privately-made firearms in May. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Journal \(Franklin, IN\)](#), [Republic \(Columbus, IN\)](#), [WRTV-ABC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#), [WTHR-NBC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Convicted child molester in Johnston County sentenced for immigration fraud, Chloe Rafferty, August 23, 2022, 5:21 PM

A convicted child molester who lived in Johnston County must leave the country once he completes the prison sentence he is already serving, the U.S. Department of Justice said. Federal prosecutors say Levi Isidoro Velasco-Hernandez, 40, was sentenced Tuesday to six months in prison following his guilty plea to immigration fraud and has been judicially ordered to be removed from the country after he finishes his sentence for state law violations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMC-NBC (Memphis, TN): Court details: Three armed carjackers who shot federal agents plead guilty, Lydian Kennin, August 23, 2022, 5:09 PM

Three suspects who participated in a string of carjackings, which resulted in the shooting of two

federal agents in 2021, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to armed carjacking. According to information presented in court, Barium Martin, 19, Julius Armstrong, 19, and Adairius Armstrong, 20, along with another co-defendant, were responsible for the May 2021 crimes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW (Wilmington, NC): Wilmington man receives more than 6 years in prison for drug, gun offenses, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Wilmington man was sentenced today after pleading guilty to multiple charges on March 30th. 31-year-old Rasul Gatford received just over 6 years (74 months) in prison for possession with intent to distribute cocaine base (crack) and being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to court documents and other information presented in court, in October of 2021, members of the Wilmington Police Department Vice and Narcotics Unit began an investigation into Gatford after receiving information concerning his drug trafficking activities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WMBB-ABC (Panama City, FL): Walton father and son convicted of drug trafficking, Cortney Evans, August 23, 2022, 4:49 PM

A father and son were convicted last week for distributing cocaine. Federal prosecutors said Kenneth Ingram, 62, and Kadeem Ingram, 32, both of DeFuniak Springs were moving cocaine out of South Florida as part of an ongoing distribution scheme. They were convicted on August 17 after a three-day trial. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRIC-ABC (Petersburg, VA): 3 drug dealers convicted in multi-state fentanyl drug bust, Braley Dodson, August 23, 2022, 4:43 PM

Three Rock Hill men have been found guilty of running a multi-state drug operation, according to an announcement Tuesday morning from the U.S. District Attorney's Office. Gabriel L'Ambiance Ingram, Darrell Larod Crockett and Carl Michael Mann ran the operation out of the Rock Hill and Charlotte areas. They were convicted after a seven-day trial. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WBTW-CBS \(Florence, SC\)](#), [WPDE-ABC \(Florence, SC\)](#)

WYOU-CBS (Scranton, PA): Man accused of selling fentanyl in Lycoming County, Vivian Muniz, August 23, 2022, 4:16 PM

Officials announce a man has been charged with drug trafficking in Lycoming County and possessing an illegal gun. According to US Attorney Gerard M. Karam, Richard Ansley, 39, of Williamsport, distributed fentanyl on December 2, 2021, and illegally possessed a .45 caliber Glock pistol on December 6, 2021, in Lycoming County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJFW-NBC (Rhineland, WI): Antigo man pleads guilty to possessing child pornography, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 4:00 PM

An Antigo man pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal district court to possessing child pornography. Kelly M. Schultz, 45, was arrested in March of 2017, after law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Schultz's home and seized around 150 CDs and DVDs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZY-Fox (Charlotte, NC): Charlotte man pleads guilty to COVID-19 fraud, drug and firearms charges, Ciara Lankford, August 23, 2022, 3:37 PM

A Charlotte man has pleaded guilty to participating in a COVID-19 fraud scheme, drug distribution, and illegal gun possession authorities announced on Tuesday. Donte O'Neill Clements, 33, of Charlotte, and his co-conspirator, Kaila Leaann Shanteau-Jackson, 30, also of Charlotte, both face time in prison. Shanteau-Jackson pleaded guilty to wire fraud in July. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KYMA-NBC (Yuma, AZ): Man sentenced to 63 months for possessing more than 40 firearms and ammunition as a convicted felon, Faith Rodriguez, August 23, 2022, 3:17 PM
Man from Kingman, Arizona was sentenced to 63 months in prison, along with three years of supervised release and was previously found guilty for being a convicted felon possessing firearms and ammunition in May 2022. FBI agents investigated Howard's residence on October 11, 2019 in Kingman, Arizona discovering 23 firearms and 21 in a safe in Howard's bedroom closet. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WUTR-ABC (Utica, NY): La Linea cartel leader extradited to face drug charges in U.S., Julian Resendiz, August 23, 2022, 11:32 AM
The government of Mexico has extradited to the United States a former La Linea cartel leader to face long-standing drug charges. According to the Mexican Attorney General's Office, Carlos Arturo Quintana, a.k.a. "El 80," was put on an airplane under the custody of U.S. agents at the Toluca International Airport and flown to the United States late last week. He is wanted by a federal district court in New Mexico for allegedly supervising drug exports from the state of Chihuahua to the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WIFR-CBS (Rockford, IL): Rockford woman gets federal prison time for buying firearms for felons, Marta Berglund, August 23, 2022, 8:54 AM
Kiana Martin, 30, will spend 18 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to multiple firearm charges. The Rockford woman admitted to lying to federally licensed weapons dealers, saying she was buying the firearms for herself. However, in truth, she was buying and transferring them to known felons. She pleaded guilty on May 18, 2022 to making false written statements to these firearms dealers, buying both guns and ammunition. She would then transfer the purchases to criminals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Justice Department opens investigation into violent arrest in Arkansas, Brendan O'Brien, August 24, 2022, 1:00 AM
The U.S. Justice Department has launched a civil rights investigation into the conduct of three Arkansas law enforcement officers caught in an online video over the weekend punching and kicking a suspect while he was on the ground outside a convenience store. The department's field office in Western Arkansas said in a statement on Monday it will work with the civil rights division and the FBI to investigate the incident on Sunday in Mulberry, a community of about 1,500 people about 130 miles (209 km) northwest of Little Rock, the state capital. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: US prison warden charged with sexually abusing 2 more women, Michael Balsamo and Michael R. Sisak, August 23, 2022, 7:00 PM
The former warden of a California women's prison, who is already facing federal charges alleging he sexually abused inmates and forced them to pose nude for him, was charged Tuesday with sexually abusing two other female prisoners, the Justice Department said. Ray Garcia, 55, was the warden at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California. An Associated Press investigation revealed a culture of abuse and cover-ups that had persisted for years at the prison, a women-only facility called the "rape club" by many who know it. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:**

[KPIX-CBS \(San Francisco, CA\)](#), [KRON \(San Francisco, CA\)](#), [KTVU-Fox \(Oakland, CA\)](#)

AP: Former Louisville cop pleads guilty in Breonna Taylor case, Dylan Lovan, August 23, 2022, 3:00 PM

A former Louisville police detective who helped falsify the warrant that led to the deadly police raid at Breonna Taylor's apartment has pleaded guilty to a federal conspiracy charge. Federal investigators said Kelly Goodlett added a false line to the warrant and later conspired with another detective to create a cover story when Taylor's March 13, 2020, shooting death by police began gaining national attention. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [KMTV-CBS \(Omaha, NE\)](#), [Louisville Courier Journal](#), [NPR](#), [NPR-2](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [Spectrum News](#), [WaPo](#), [WCNC-NBC \(Charlotte, NC\)](#), [WSJ](#), [WTHR-NBC \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

USA Today: Abortion 'trigger' bans to take effect in multiple states this week. What do they change?, Bill Keveney, August 24, 2022, 5:00 AM

New laws banning abortion are scheduled to take effect Thursday in three states — Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas — two months after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 landmark Roe v. Wade ruling that established a constitutional right to abortion. Two more states, North Dakota and Idaho, could also put in place more restrictive abortion laws this week, depending on upcoming judicial rulings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courthouse News: Arizona slammed over 8-foot rule for recording police actions, Natalie Hanson, August 23, 2022, 9:00 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday claiming a new Arizona law, which makes it a crime to record police officers without permission, will stifle First Amendment rights. The National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) joined the Arizona Broadcasters Association and eight other journalism organizations, represented by the ACLU and Ballard Spahr LLP, in the complaint, filed in the District of Arizona. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Oregonian (Portland, OR): Self-professed skinhead from Eugene pleads guilty to racially motivated beating of Black man, Maxine Bernstein, August 23, 2022, 5:37 PM

A self-professed skinhead from Oregon who traveled to Washington state to honor a white supremacist killed in a 1980s shootout with federal agents admitted this week that he assaulted a Black disc jockey in a bar there because of the color of his skin. Randy Aaron Smith, 42, of Eugene, pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Seattle to committing the hate crime, acknowledging his role in the Dec. 8, 2018, racially motivated attack, according to his plea agreement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KCPQ-Fox \(Seattle, WA\)](#)

WITI-Fox (Milwaukee, WI): Justin Blake federal civil rights lawsuit, arrested during protests, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 10:13 PM

On the two-year anniversary of the Jacob Blake shooting, a federal civil rights lawsuit was filed Tuesday, Aug. 23 on behalf of his uncle, Justin Blake. This pertains to Justin Blake's arrest and placement in a restraint chair during protests after the shooting of his nephew. The lawsuit says Justin Blake was "tortured, suffered severe pain and unlawfully arrested at the hands of defendants." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: U.S. judge blocks federal guidance on emergency abortions in Texas,

Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:30 AM

A federal judge in Texas late Tuesday blocked the Biden administration from enforcing in the Republican-led state new guidance requiring hospitals to provide emergency abortions to women regardless of state bans on the procedure. U.S. District Judge James Wesley Hendrix in Lubbock agreed with Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' guidance was unauthorized and went beyond the text of a related federal law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Texas Wants 5th Circ. To Block National Guard Vax Mandate, Maggie Haberman, Daniel Wilson, August 23, 2022, 8:00 PM

Texas has urged the Fifth Circuit to issue an injunction blocking the Biden administration's COVID-19 vaccination mandate from being imposed on the Texas National Guard, saying the mandate wrongly steps into an area where the state has authority. The federal government had acted both unconstitutionally and arbitrarily by threatening to punish members of the Texas Army National Guard and Air National Guard for refusing to get vaccinated, and a district court got it wrong when it denied a preliminary injunction in June, the state argued in a brief late on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Essilor Will Pay \$22M To End Doctor Kickback Claims, P. J. D'Annunzio, August 23, 2022, 6:13 PM

Optical lens maker Essilor International has agreed to pay \$22 million to resolve whistleblower claims that the company violated federal anti-kickback law by paying doctors to order Essilor products for Medicare and Medicaid patients, federal prosecutors said Tuesday. The deal ends allegations lodged in False Claims Act suits filed by former Essilor district managers who alleged that, between 2011 and 2016, the company's financial incentives led to eye doctors submitting false claims to the government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WINS-AM (New York, NY): CT man sentenced to 6 years in prison for \$5M romance, lottery scams targeting elders, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Connecticut man was sentenced to three years in prison Tuesday for his role in multiple lottery and romance schemes to defraud hundreds of mostly elderly people out of millions of dollars, officials said. The New Haven fraudster, 31-year-old Rodney Thomas, is one of three men involved in the elaborate schemes to falsely claim people were lottery winners or romance them to swindle them out of money, court documents show. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CNN: Cruise ship rescues Cuban migrants stranded at sea, Patrick Oppmann, Sahar Akbarzai and Paul P. Murphy, August 24, 2022, 12:00 AM

Six Cuban migrants adrift at sea on a makeshift raft were rescued by a cruise ship last week, video shared with CNN shows. The video captured the impromptu encounter Friday as the Carnival Cruise liner, Carnival Paradise, sailed from Tampa, Florida to Cozumel, Mexico. The clip shows passengers clapping and cheering as the migrants neared the ship. [...] According to US Customs and Border Protection, more than 175,000 Cubans have arrived in the US from Mexico since July last year. In the same period, more than 4,500 Cubans intercepted at sea have been returned to Cuba, the Coast Guard said in a statement Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: GOP rep shares video of Border Patrol in physical confrontation with suspected

smugglers, Ronn Blitzer, August 23, 2022, 1:54 PM

Video of an incident on a Southern California beach shows Border Patrol agents in a physical confrontation with two suspected smugglers, and the FBI is investigating, the Washington Examiner reported. The footage, posted on TikTok by user @yeseniam17, was shared on Instagram Monday by Rep. Mayra Flores, R-Texas. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **[EDITORIAL] What does Biden plan to do with migrants not granted asylum?**, Editorial Board, August 24, 2022, 12:00 AM

Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) again begged President Joe Biden for help handling the “humanitarian crisis” caused by his border policies last month. And on Monday, Biden again declined to help her. Just 7,000 migrants have been bused from Arizona and Texas to the nation's capital. That's just a drop in the bucket of more than 1.4 million migrants whom Biden has caught illegally crossing the southern border and then released into the United States without any concern for the communities they have flooded, especially in the Rio Grande Valley. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Allies Tell DC Circ. Green Card Delays Threaten Safety**, Rae Varona, August 23, 2022, 6:34 PM

Afghan and Iraqi allies suing the federal government over delays with their green card applications told the D.C. Circuit that a lower court's refusal to impose a deadline to address the delays endangers their lives given the deteriorating security conditions in their homelands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Border Wall Fraud Suspect Wants Prosecutor Out Of 2nd Trial**, Ivan Moreno, August 23, 2022, 5:47 PM

A Colorado man accused of looting a \$25 million fund to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico wants a Manhattan federal prosecutor booted from his retrial, saying the government engaged in "devious manipulation" of evidence during the first trial that ended with a deadlocked jury in June. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **ICE Must Stop Wiping Phones Amid Records Suit, Court Told**, Chris Villani, August 23, 2022, 4:42 PM

The American Civil Liberties Union and a government watchdog on Monday filed an emergency motion asking a court to stop U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement from deleting data from agency-issued phones following revelations of a Trump-era practice of wiping devices clean when employees leave. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Federal court protects sexual predator from deportation**, Stephen Dinan, August 23, 2022, 3:00 PM

Fernando Cordero sounds like a villain in “The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo.” If prosecutors are to be believed, the Mexican immigrant spent years using his position as a psychologist for Santa Barbara County, California, raping and sodomizing female patients, filming the assaults and ensuring victims’ silence by threatening to send them to jail or a mental hospital. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Bloomberg: Zuckerberg Dismissed by FTC From Suit Over Meta VR Firm Takeover, Peter Blumberg, August 23, 2022, 9:49 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg was released by the Federal Trade Commission from the agency's first preemptive challenge to a takeover by the tech giant. Lawyers on both sides of the case told a judge Tuesday that as long as Zuckerberg agrees not to acquire virtual reality company Within Unlimited Inc. in his "personal capacity," he will no longer be a defendant. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

Law360: Duke Gets Early Win In Insurer Antitrust Coverage Suit, Emily Enfinger, August 23, 2022, 8:48 PM

Duke University gained a win when a North Carolina federal judge granted its request for partial summary judgment in a coverage dispute over two antitrust class actions, finding that a retroactive exclusion does not bar coverage. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] The right time to declare a monopoly, Mohar Chatterjee, August 23, 2022, 5:24 PM

Later this year, Meta will be facing off against the U.S. government in court, as the Federal Trade Commission tries to block the company from buying a small virtual-reality fitness startup. The case is seen as a signal that the FTC is trying out a new, more aggressive strategy to break up potential tech monopolies. But it's also triggering a debate about when the government should intervene. When it comes to trust-busting in a new technology market, how soon is too soon? [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Two Senate Democrats ask FTC to investigate Twitter whistleblower allegations, Jared Gans, August 23, 2022, 4:09 PM

Two Senate Democrats sent letters to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) chairwoman on Tuesday to request that the agency investigate allegations from a former top Twitter official that the company has significant security issues that could threaten privacy and U.S. national security. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety and Data Security, sent his letter to FTC Chairwoman Lina Khan. Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), also a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, sent his letter to Khan and Attorney General Merrick Garland. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Defends Concrete Price-Fixing Case From Dismissal, Matthew Perlman, August 23, 2022, 3:58 PM

The U. S. Department of Justice told a Georgia federal court that its criminal case accusing a concrete company and four individuals of fixing prices, rigging bids and allocating markets for ready-mix concrete properly alleges an overarching conspiracy. The DOJ responded Monday to a flurry of motions from Evans Concrete LLC and four individuals indicted on antitrust charges over an alleged conspiracy enforcers say was in place from 2010 until 2016 in the Savannah area. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Virginia site taken off EPA's Superfund list after cleanup, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 5:00 PM

A site in central Virginia that used to house a business that dismantled batteries is being removed

from the federal list of Superfund sites, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced on Tuesday. Between the early 1970s and 1985, the C&R Battery Company Inc. site in Chesterfield County was home to work that involved breaking down large batteries to recover lead and lead oxide, EPA said in a news release. Battery acid was drained into on-site ponds, contaminating the soil, sediment and surface water. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

AP: IRS initiates safety probe after threats to workers, Fatima Hussein, August 23, 2022, 9:00 PM

Responding to an increasing number of threats borne of conspiracy theories that agents were going to aggressively target middle income taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service announced Tuesday that it was conducting a comprehensive review of safety at its facilities. The climate, healthcare and tax legislation signed into law by President Joe Biden last week included \$80 billion in funding for tax collection efforts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

Washington Times: IRS inability to hire, retain workers could upend Biden's revenue plans, Jeff Mordock, August 23, 2022, 5:00 PM

Who wants to be an Internal Revenue Service enforcement agent? Turns out, hardly anyone. President Biden's plan to boost government revenue over the next decade by adding 87,000 IRS agents is on a collision course with the hard reality that they can't even recruit enough workers now to meet existing staff levels, according to recent studies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBBM-CBS (Chicago, IL): Former Ald. Patrick Daley Thompson in prison after tax fraud conviction, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 4:20 PM

Former Ald. Patrick Daley Thompson is now in prison. He was convicted of filing false income tax returns and lying to federal regulators. Thompson resigned as the alderman of the 11th Ward, two days after his conviction earlier this year. His lawyers believe he will be released before Christmas. He is the nephew and grandson of Chicago's longest-serving mayors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CBS: FBI seeks 'empty promise robber,' responsible for several bank robberies in Denver metro area, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 5:21 PM

The FBI and local authorities are seeking the public's help in identifying a man they say he's robbed several banks and attempted to rob others. Investigators call the suspect "the empty promise bandit." According to the FBI, the suspect always hands bank tellers a note with some sort of empty promise written on it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Chris Wray was hired to be boring. Now, he's guiding the FBI through threats and MAGA hate, Betsy Woodruff Swan, August 23, 2022, 5:12 PM

Chris Wray reached the halfway mark of his ten-year term as FBI director right as the bureau he leads was about to face a political firestorm. He had been sworn in as head of the nation's preeminent law enforcement agency on Aug. 2, 2017, which was, itself, a tumultuous time. Then-President Donald Trump had turned on his attorney general, Jeff Sessions, for recusing himself

from the probe of Russian interference in the 2016 election, and fired James Comey from his post atop the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOAI-NBC (San Antonio, TX): **Marshals Most Wanted: Jorge Grado**, Yamilet Virgin, August 23, 2022, 8:00 PM

The U.S. Marshals need your help finding Jorge Grado who is wanted for allegedly violating the conditions of his pretrial release. Sagrado was arrested in July of last year for Possession with the Intent to Distribute Meth. He was released on bond, promising to return to all court proceedings. He allegedly violated the conditions of his pre-trial release when he tested positive for Cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBNS-CBS (Columbus, OH): **One pill can kill: DEA shares advice for college students**, Lacey Crisp, August 23, 2022, 7:01 PM

A new initiative by the Drug Enforcement Administration, "One Pill Can Kill," is revealing how drug networks appear to be flooding the U.S. with deadly fentanyl. In Franklin County alone, overdose deaths from fentanyl increased by 13% between 2017 and 2021, according to the coroner's office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRDO-AM (Colorado Springs, CO): **Local and federal authorities make mass arrests in a Pueblo east side gang**, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 6:39 PM

Tuesday, the Pueblo Police Department (PPD) joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office held a press conference to discuss a five-year investigation into violent gang activity in the city. According to the authorities, 13 defendants were arrested and charged federally, with 12 suspects arrested and charged in the state. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WATN-ABC (Memphis, TN): **[VIDEO] Suspect accused in the murder of Whitehaven activist arrested**, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 6:11 PM

The U.S. Marshals said Tifanee Wright was arrested Tuesday morning without incident. She is charged with second-degree murder in the death of Dr. Yvonne Nelson. [[Watch](#)]

WAFF-NBC (Huntsville, AL): **UAH, FBI warns students about "sextortion" scams**, Javon Williams, August 23, 2022, 5:51 PM

The University of Alabama at Huntsville's Dean of Students and Chief of Police sent emails out to students about "sextortion" scams on Tuesday. "Sextortion" is when someone receives an email from an alleged hacker who claims to have hacked the victim's computer and filmed them watching pornography. The scammer then threatens to forward the video to all of the victim's contacts unless they pay a ransom. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJXT-CW (Jacksonville, FL): **Jacksonville abortion clinic wants FBI to investigate JSO's response to anti-abortion protest**, Vic Micolucci, August 23, 2022, 5:49 PM

Staff members at a Jacksonville abortion clinic are asking for the FBI to investigate after an anti-abortion protest. A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville, located off University Boulevard on the Southside, released a statement saying that 165 anti-abortion protesters held a demonstration Monday that stopped traffic and blocked patients and staff from entering the clinic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRIV-Fox (Houston, TX): **FBI Houston searching for bank robbery suspect**, Ronnie Marley,

August 23, 2022, 5:24 PM

FBI Houston needs your help identifying a bank robbery suspect involved in an armed robbery that occurred on August 13. The suspect walked into the First Convenience Bank, located at 5801 S. Gessner Road, approached a teller, and handed her a note demanding cash. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPRC-NBC \(Houston, TX\)](#)

WNYW-Fox (New York, NY): NJ man ran interstate fentanyl mailing operation from Staten Island: Feds, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 4:56 PM

A man from New Jersey has been arrested and charged with using mailing facilities on Staten Island to mail thousands of fentanyl pills across the nation. Authorities say that Joel Manuel De Jesus Amparo, 23, was arraigned on Friday and charged with multiple counts of first-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and related charges for using mail facilities to send the drugs across the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBAL-NBC (Baltimore, MD): MSP, US Marshals arrest armed carjacking suspect in Baltimore, Unattributed, August 23, 2022, 10:37 AM

Federal and state authorities arrested a man Friday in connection with a reported carjacking in Baltimore. Maryland State Police said troopers and U.S. Marshals arrested Treverrick Jamal Robinson, 24, of Baltimore, on armed carjacking and related charges issued by the Baltimore Police Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court asked to revive postal worker's religious bias claim, Daniel Wiessner, August 23, 2022, 4:25 PM

A former U.S. Postal Service mail carrier on Tuesday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether he was entitled to take Sundays off to observe the Sabbath, after an appeals court dismissed his case. Lawyers for Gerald Groff, who was a rural mail carrier in Pennsylvania, filed a petition urging the court to overturn its 1977 ruling that said employers do not have to grant religious accommodations that would impose "more than a de minimis cost." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Fox: Alaska sues feds over polluted lands governor says DC 'knowingly' transferred to Natives, Charles Creitz, August 23, 2022, 3:57 PM

The State of Alaska recently filed a court action against the Biden administration alleging the federal government has failed to act on contractual obligations to clean up knowingly polluted sites affecting Alaskan Native populations. The suit names Interior Secretary Debra Haaland, the Interior Department and the sub-departmental Bureau of Land Management, claiming they've failed to clean up millions of acres of land transferred from the federal government to Alaskan Natives through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of the 1970s. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Tribe Says Permit For Texas Oil Terminal Needs More Review, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 23, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Native American tribe and other groups near the Corpus Christi Ship Channel urged a Texas federal judge on Monday to revoke the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' permit approval for the project, saying the agency has failed to adequately defend its decision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: ND Tribe Waived Immunity To RICO Claims, 8th Circ. Told, Andrew Westney, August 23, 2022, 7:48 PM

A Three Affiliated Tribes member has urged the Eighth Circuit to revive her suit claiming the tribe's governing council defrauded her company of nearly \$46 million from a joint venture, saying Monday a lower court judge ran afoul of U.S. Supreme Court precedent by finding a tribe-owned company hadn't waived the council's sovereign immunity to the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act suit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: [OPINION] Who gets to be American Indian?, Natalie Fertig, August 23, 2022, 3:05 PM

Rachel Cushman was about to become a Gates Millennium scholar — a program funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for students of color, including American Indian students when her tribe lost federal status in 2001. The grant was going to cover all of her college tuition, room and board. “They had to revoke my application because of my tribe status,” said Cushman, now a councilwoman for the Chinook Nation — which sheltered and fed Lewis and Clark during the winter of 1806 in what is now Oregon. More than 200 years later, the Chinook are still fighting for the U.S. federal government to recognize them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Iowa Capital Dispatch: Iowa joins 23 states in support of Indian Child Welfare Act, Robin Opsahl, August 23, 2022, 5:54 PM

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller called for the U.S. Supreme Court to reject a challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act, which protects Native American children from forced removal from their families and tribal communities. Miller joined 23 other state attorneys general Monday in filing an amicus brief in *Harland v. Brackeen*. The lawsuit was brought in 2017 by a white Texas couple who attempted adopting a Navajo boy. The Navajo Nation objected to the request on the basis of the Indian Child Welfare Act, ICWA, as a Native family member of the child also wanted to adopt the child. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Politico: Newsom's dodge on safe injection sites in California adds to speculation about his ambition, Jeremy B. White, August 23, 2022, 7:06 PM

Gov. Gavin Newsom's rejection of supervised drug use in three California cities angered backers of the approach. But it didn't surprise them. The Democratic governor made no attempt to negotiate details of the bill as it worked its way through the state Legislature, supporters of the controversial strategy say. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Westmoreland County to receive funds from federal opioid lawsuit settlement, Ross Guidotti, August 23, 2022, 5:57 PM

Westmoreland County is set to receive millions of dollars as a part of a \$26 billion settlement against pharmaceutical companies for their alleged role in the opioid crisis. For those fighting the addiction battle on the administrative level, the windfall from the Johnson & Johnson federal lawsuit settlement couldn't come at a better time for Westmoreland County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

WaPo: Federal ‘ghost guns’ rule takes effect despite court challenges, Mark Berman, August 24, 2022, 5:00 AM

A new Biden administration rule governing “ghost guns,” the kits that had allowed people to assemble homemade firearms without serial numbers, took effect on Wednesday after a federal judge declined to block the measure. The rule mandates serial numbers on gun kits and directs licensed dealers to sell them only with background checks. Its implementation marks a success for the Biden administration, which has portrayed the rule as a necessary tool to help law enforcement officials combat a surge in gun violence. Other court challenges are pending. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

WSJ: Biden Stays Silent on Mar-a-Lago Search, Andrew Restuccia and Vivian Salama, August 23, 2022, 2:53 PM

President Biden made a strategic decision earlier this year to more aggressively criticize former President Donald Trump after barely mentioning his predecessor by name during his first 16 months in office. But in the two weeks since federal agents searched Mr. Trump’s Florida home, Mr. Biden has gone silent about the former president, declining to weigh in on the federal investigation into how the former president handled classified documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

Washington Times: GOP lawmakers prepare to investigate new FBI whistleblower allegations, Kerry Picket, August 23, 2022, 6:36 PM

House Republicans say new allegations from FBI whistleblowers about corruption within the bureau’s management and executive ranks are “appalling” and will be investigated as more revelations about the agency surface. Republicans, who are poised to take the majority in the lower chamber in November, say they will use their oversight power on the House Judiciary panel to hold accountable those responsible for the failings in the bureau first described in an exclusive report in Monday’s editions of The Washington Times. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 23, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O’Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The National Archives and Records Administration recovered more than 100 documents bearing classified markings, totaling more than 700 pages, from an initial batch of 15 boxes retrieved from Mar-a-Lago earlier this year, according to newly public government correspondence with the Trump legal team. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- After torrential rains struck parts of northeastern Texas and sent floodwaters rushing through streets and homes, rescue crews fanned out across the region, responding to hundreds of calls for aid from residents stunned by the severity of the downpour. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)

- The State Department is urging Americans in Ukraine to leave immediately as it warns that Russia is stepping up efforts to attack civilian infrastructure and government facilities. Ukraine is on edge as it braces for vengeance after the killing of Daria Dugina, the daughter of a top Putin ally. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A jury found Adam Fox and Barry Croft Jr. guilty of planning to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and conspiring to obtain a bomb to blow up a bridge. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Two white Atlanta police officers who clashed with Rayshard Brooks acted reasonably during the 2020 encounter that ended with the 27-year-old Black man's fatal shooting, a specially appointed prosecutor said Tuesday in announcing his decision not to pursue charges against them. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Summer travel nightmares have continued, with more than 19,000 flights delayed and nearly 3,000 more canceled since Sunday in the U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg sent a letter to airlines last week calling their performance unacceptable. Airlines say they've reduced flying and increased hiring in an attempt to keep pace. [[CBS](#)]
- U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist won the Democratic nomination for governor in Florida on Tuesday, setting him up to challenge Gov. Ron DeSantis this fall in a campaign that the Republican incumbent sees as the first step toward a potential White House run. [[CBS](#)]
- A former head of security at Twitter alleges the company misled the U.S. government and its own corporate board about its security practices and vulnerabilities. Members of Congress are calling for an investigation, citing national security concerns. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A former Louisville police detective who helped falsify the warrant that led to the deadly police raid at Breonna Taylor's apartment has pleaded guilty to a federal conspiracy charge. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "After Six Months of War in Ukraine, Momentum Tilts Against Russia" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Twitter Comes Under Washington Spotlight" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Nadler Routs Maloney in Marquee Showdown of Bruising New York Primaries" [[NYT](#), [WSJ](#), [WaPo](#)]

- “FBI’s search of Mar-a-Lago club followed months of resistance, delay by Trump” [[WaPo](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Memo Details Barr's Justifications for Clearing Trump of Obstruction, Mark Mazzetti, Michael S. Schmidt and Charlie Savage, August 24, 2022, 9:15 PM

The Biden administration released a Trump-era memorandum on Wednesday that provided the most detailed look yet at the Justice Department's legal reasoning for proclaiming that President Donald J. Trump could not be charged with obstruction of justice over his efforts to impede the Russia investigation. The March 2019 memo... concluded that none of Mr. Trump's actions chronicled in the report by the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III... could be shown beyond a reasonable doubt to be criminal acts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Boston Globe](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [National Law Journal](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WSJ](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: FBI: 5 militia members charged with storming Capitol, Michael Kunzelman, August 24, 2022, 5:38 PM

Five Florida men affiliated with a militia group called "B Squad" have been arrested on charges that they joined a mob's attack on the U.S. Capitol, disrupting Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory, federal authorities said Wednesday. "B Squad" members stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, while wearing riot gear and armed with metal batons, knives, chemical spray and walking sticks, according to an FBI agent's affidavit. Group members joined the mob in a "heave-ho" push against police officers trying to secure a tunnel on the Lower West Terrace, the affidavit says. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [VT Digger \(Montpelier, VT\)](#)

NYT: Twitter executives push back against whistleblower complaint, Ryan Mac and Kate Conger, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

Executives at Twitter pushed back on Wednesday against what they said was a "false" narrative being created around a former executive's allegations about the company's security practices. At its weekly companywide meeting, Parag Agrawal, Twitter's chief executive, addressed a whistleblower complaint made by Peiter Zatkó, the former head of security, who was fired in January. Mr. Zatkó's complaint, in which he accused Twitter of lying about its security practices and violating a 2011 agreement with the Federal Trade Commission, was made public on Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Are sanctions on Russia over Ukraine biting? Yes, but..., Olivier Knox, August 24, 2022, 11:42 AM

Six months ago, America and its allies and friends in Europe and Asia retaliated for Moscow's expansion of its war in Ukraine by imposing an unprecedented wave of economic and diplomatic sanctions they hoped might get Russian President Vladimir Putin to back down. It was never going to be a speedy process. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: The 5 key takeaways from the Twitter whistleblower, Brian Fung, August 24, 2022, 11:00 AM

Twitter's former head of security is blowing the whistle on company practices that he says have jeopardized US national security and misled investors and regulators. With a nearly 200-page disclosure to the US government, Peiter "Mudge" Zatkó has become the latest whistleblower to come forward from the tech industry. Zatkó levels a barrage of devastating allegations that US lawmakers who have received the disclosure say are extremely concerning. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: **Mayorkas officially cancels DHS disinformation board**, Stephen DInan, August 24, 2022, 10:00 PM

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas put the final kibosh on his disinformation governance board on Wednesday, after a review he ordered came back with a firm recommendation that the idea was a stinker. The board had been on hold since May, when Mr. Mayorkas hit pause after a botched rollout that saw critics accusing him of Orwellian attempts to silence people who had competing views on issues of the day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (East Dutchess, NY): **3 Orlando area men linked to Capitol riot militia investigation**, Nicole Valinote, August 24, 2022, 3:30 PM

A Hudson Valley man who entered the United States Capitol Building during the riot on Jan. 6, 2021, and took photographs of a senator's papers has been found guilty of a felony charge. Dutchess County resident Christopher Patrick Moynihan, age 41, of Salt Point, was found guilty of obstruction of an official proceeding, the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia announced on Tuesday, Aug. 23. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Mid Hudson Valley, NY\)](#), [WKMG-CBS \(Orlando, FL\)](#)

Courier & Press (Evansville, KY): **Morganfield, Kentucky, woman pleads guilty for role in Jan. 6 insurrection at US Capitol**, Houston Harwood, August 24, 2022, 2:43 PM

A Morganfield, Kentucky, woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to multiple charges connected to her involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Shelly Stallings, 43, pleaded guilty to seven federal charges, including assaulting, resisting or impeding law enforcement officers using a dangerous weapon, interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder, and entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly weapon. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Spectrum News](#), [WFIE-NBC \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WDKY-Fox \(Lexington, KY\)](#)

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): **Falkville man accused of Jan. 6 Capitol riot violence tells WAAY 31 he's a good man**, Luke Hajdasz, Josh Rayburn and Nicole Zedeck, August 24, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Falkville man has been arrested in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. WAAY 31 was at his house Wednesday when he returned. Bobby Wayne Russell said his attorney told him not to answer any questions, but he did tell WAAY 31 he believed he was a good man and not a violent criminal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAFF-TV \(Huntsville, AL\)](#), [WZDX-Fox \(Huntsville, AL\)](#)

WMBD-CBS (Peoria, IL): **FBI warns against malware, phishing, cyber attacks**, Maggie Strahan, August 24, 2022, 3:43 PM

The FBI Springfield Field Office held a round table discussion Wednesday to warn about the dangers of cyber threats and attacks. Special Agent in Charge David Nanz, Supervisory Special Agent Regina Burris, and Pearl Technology President Dave Johnson joined members of the media to discuss where cyber attacks come from, how Illinoisans become vulnerable, and the systems in place to keep the state and country safe from bad actors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHOI-ABC \(Peoria, IL\)](#), [WAND-NBC \(Decatur, IL\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WaPo: **Archives asked for records in 2021 after Trump lawyer agreed they should be**

returned, email says, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany, August 24, 2022, 6:56 PM
About two dozen boxes of presidential records stored in then-President Donald Trump's White House residence were not returned to the National Archives and Records Administration in the final days of his term even after Archives officials were told by a Trump lawyer that the documents should be given back, according to an email from the top lawyer at the record-keeping agency. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] The Mar-a-Lago Raid Was Necessary to Protect U.S. Intelligence, Kevin Carroll, August 24, 2022, 6:40 PM
Donald Trump's defenders must be granted two points. First, the U.S. government over classified documents. Anyone in the intelligence community could recall social invitations being sent via work email, lazily emblazoned as top secret by default. I once defended a Marine whistleblower who was accused of mishandling classified information in retaliation by the Marine Corps. I remember the corps' lawyer claiming an old weather-and-illumination report from Afghanistan was secret, as if the Taliban couldn't detect rain or the sun's rising and setting. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Biden says he had 'zero' advance notice of FBI search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, Ella Lee, August 24, 2022, 5:10 PM
President Joe Biden said he had "zero" advance notice before federal agents executed a search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence earlier this month, his first public comments on the search. What he said: "I didn't have any advanced notice none, zero, not one single bit," Biden said Wednesday after making remarks on a newly announced student loan debt relief plan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: FBI Search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago Heads to Court, Alex Leary, Sadie Gurman and Vivian Salama, August 24, 2022, 9:02 AM
More than two weeks after the FBI's unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, investigators are still seeking to understand why Mr. Trump sought to hold on to the documents they seized. FBI agents on Aug. 8 removed more than two-dozen boxes from the premises, including 11 sets of classified documents, some marked top secret. Commingled with that highly sensitive information was other material, including the note President Barack Obama left for his successor in the Oval Office and some of Mr. Trump's expired passports, which the Justice Department has since said would be returned to him. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: Justice Department expected to file heavily redacted Mar-a-Lago affidavit as judge considers limited release, Alexander Mallin, August 25, 2022, 5:09 AM
The Justice Department on Thursday is expected to file a heavily redacted version of the affidavit used to support a search warrant of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month, as a magistrate judge weighs whether to make portions of it public. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart gave department officials a noon deadline to submit proposed redactions under seal as well as a legal memorandum explaining their justifications for the information that they believe should be kept hidden from public view. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: What's next in the fight over the Mar-a-Lago FBI search affidavit, Tierney Sneed, August 25, 2022, 5:00 AM
The next steps in the legal fight to bring more transparency into the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home will largely take place in secret. In the coming days, US Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart -- who approved the warrant the FBI used to search Mar-a-Lago

earlier this month -- will be considering in private the Justice Department's proposals for redacting parts of the affidavit it filed when seeking the warrant, if the affidavit is to be released at all.

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Fox: 'It's not believable' Biden didn't know about FBI raid: Former Supreme Court law clerk, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 9:24 PM

President of Article III Project Mike Davis weighed in on the legality of the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago Wednesday on "Jesse Watters Primetime," calling some of the agency's reasoning "completely bogus." MIKE DAVIS: It's just not believable. This is the same Attorney General Merrick Garland who said that he did not personally approve this raid. He leaked that to "Newsweek." That's not true. They said that President Trump had nuclear documents, which we know is completely bogus. They have been leaking grand jury material illegally leaking grand jury material, they are selectively leaking, improperly leaking from this affidavit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NBC: Out of office, Trump has received over \$342,000 in benefits, Kelly O'Donnell, August 24, 2022, 1:35 PM

Since he left office in January 2021, former President Donald Trump has received more than \$342,030.81 in pension benefits. That figure accounts for the time period from his eligibility after his presidency ended through July 2022, according to the General Services Administration which manages benefits for former presidents. Like his predecessors, Trump receives a lifetime federal pension and a range of taxpayer funded benefits under a law originally passed in 1958 and updated through the years, The Former Presidents Act. Trump, his aides and allies have at times responded to the Mar-a-Lago FBI search by blaming the GSA for mishandling his move and, they argue, mistakenly hauling classified materials to Florida. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC: How Trump lawyers put themselves at risk with reported statement to DOJ, Lisa Rubin, August 24, 2022, 6:03 PM

It's been more than two weeks since the FBI executed its search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. And of all the details revealed about how and where Trump retained classified documents, his team's negotiations with the National Archives and the FBI, and progress of the Justice Department's investigation, the one thing I can't stop thinking about is a statement reportedly drafted by one Trump lawyer, Evan Corcoran, and signed by another, Christina Bobb. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Student Debt Relief, Trump Investigation, Ukraine Military Aid, August 25, 2022, 5:48 AM

President Biden announced a plan that would forgive some student debt for millions of borrowers (1:09). The Justice Department has until noon to submit a redacted version of the affidavit for the Mar-a-Lago search to a federal judge (4:56). The Pentagon approved \$3 billion more in military aid to Ukraine (8:45). [\[Listen\]](#)

NPR: [AUDIO] Deadline looms for DOJ to submit a redacted affidavit on FBI's Mar-a-Lago search, Rachel Martin, Ryan Lucas, August 25, 2022, 5:07 AM

The Justice Department faces a Thursday deadline in federal court in Florida to submit its proposed redactions to the affidavit used to get the warrant for searching ex-President Trump's Florida home. [\[Listen\]](#)

Newsmax: Was FBI Raid About Trump's Lawsuit Against Deep State Officials?, Larry Bell,

August 24, 2022, 3:22 PM

My Aug. 22 column earlier this week presented examples demonstrating that the Washington swamp is feverishly determined to do everything possible to legally disqualify former President Donald Trump from running again ... the raid for materials in his private Mar-a-Lago residence representing a most recent episode. Substantial conservative media speculation has suggested that the purpose of this unprecedented invasion was a scavenger sweep for any materials that can possibly tie Trump actions to the Jan. 6 Capitol riots ... the goal of ongoing Democrat sham show trials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Venezuelan man indicted in U.S. for money laundering linked to Petropiar oil venture, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 9:46 PM

A Venezuelan man has been indicted for allegedly laundering the proceeds of inflated procurement contracts obtained via millions of dollars in bribes to officials at Venezuelan oil venture Petropiar, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Wednesday. Rixon Moreno, 46, allegedly received benefits including over \$30 million in payments on contracts from Petropiar to accounts in South Florida and paid millions of dollars in bribes to senior Petropiar officials, the agency said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Shelby County woman sentenced to federal prison for embezzling \$1.4 million from HOAs to feed gambling addiction, Carol Robinson, August 24, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Shelby County woman has been sentenced to more than three years in federal prison for stealing more than \$1 million from her employer and the homeowners' associations she managed to feed her gambling additions [sic]. Aimee Louise Statham, 47, of Chelsea was sentenced Tuesday to 40 months for wire fraud. She was charged in March and pleaded guilty to the charge in April, according to a joint statement issued Wednesday by Northern District of Alabama U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona and FBI Special Agent in Charge Johnnie Sharp Jr. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [WBRC-Fox \(Birmingham, Al\)](#), [WVTM-NBC \(Birmingham, AL\)](#)

Columbia Basin Herald (Moses Lake, WA): Wapato man receives 50-year sentence for three homicides, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Wapato man who pleaded guilty earlier this year to three counts of second-degree murder on Yakama tribal land has been sentenced to 50 years in federal prison, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington in Spokane. Clifton Frank Peter, 37, pleaded guilty earlier to killing three people with a shotgun following what the press release called a day spent consuming alcohol and playing video games in his house located inside the boundaries of the Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [KNDU-NBC \(Richland, WA\)](#)

Patch (Greater Hartford, CT): Five Indicted In Stolen Catalytic Converter Ring: Feds, Michael Lemanski, August 24, 2022, 6:56 PM

Five Connecticut men, including two in the greater Hartford area, have been indicted in connection with a stolen catalytic converter trafficking ring, federal authorities said. Vanessa Roberts Avery, U.S. Attorney for the Connecticut, James Ferguson, special agent in charge, ATF Boston Field Division, and Joleen D. Simpson, special agent in charge of IRS Criminal

Investigation, Boston division, Wednesday announced the unsealing of a nine-count indictment charging five men with federal offenses related to a stolen catalytic converter trafficking ring.

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Hartford Courant: **Two Hartford men charged in June robbery of credit union**, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 6:04 PM

Two Hartford men have been charged with robbing a Hartford credit union in June, according to federal authorities. Zaiqwan Fothergill 20, and Hakeem Robison, 27, are each charged with armed bank robbery and with using, carrying and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, according to federal authorities. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Patch \(Greater Hartford, CT\)](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: **Atlanta rapper sentenced for federal gun charge after police chase on Ga. 400**, Caroline Silva, August 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

An Atlanta rapper has been sentenced to federal prison after he fled from police with a gun last year while officers attempted to arrest him in connection with a May 2021 shooting, authorities announced Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WGCL-CBS \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WSB-ABC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

San Antonio Express-News: **Former Southside ISD teacher gets 20 years on child pornography charges**, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:27 PM

A former Southside ISD teacher was sentenced to 20 years in prison on child pornography charges, the Department of Justice announced Wednesday. Mark Anthony Rodriguez, 56, was found guilty of one count of distribution of child pornography, one count of receipt of child pornography and three counts of possession of child pornography, according to a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KSAT-ABC \(San Antonio, TX\)](#)

Daily Voice (Alexandria, VA): **Repeat Bank Robber From DC Sentenced To 25 Years For His Multiple Crimes**, AJ Goldbloom, August 24, 2022, 3:06 PM

A man from D.C. was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for an armed bank robbery he committed back in 2021, authorities said. Amobi Agu, 37, is no stranger to the law, as he allegedly committed seven other armed bank robberies between 2007 and 2008, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Belleville Man Sentenced to 11 Years in Prison for Distributing Explicit Images of Minors**, Carly Baldwin, August 24, 2022, 2:35 PM

An Essex County man was sentenced today to 135 months in prison for distributing multiple images and videos of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Federal officials said Mauricio Calderon, 51, of Belleville, New Jersey, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Claire C. Cecchi to an information charging him with one count of distribution of explicit images of minors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Goldsboro, NC): **Perth Amboy Man Admits To Leading Heroin, Fentanyl Drug Ring**, Carly Baldwin, August 24, 2022, 2:12 PM

In Newark federal court on Wednesday, a Perth Amboy man admitted to leading a heroin and fentanyl drug trafficking ring, U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger announced. Luis Cabrera, 37, of Perth Amboy, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): Missouri man sentenced 10 years after filming underage boys, Alli Hebel, August 24, 2022, 8:16 PM

A southern Missouri man has been sentenced to 10 years for filming underage boys in the bathroom. Michael Stevens, a 43-year-old man from Oran, Missouri, pleaded guilty in May 2022 to coercion and enticement of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

KCEN-NBC (Temple, TX): Two Killeen men sentenced for involvement in string of 2017-2018 robberies, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:24 PM

Two men have been sentenced for their involvement in a series of robberies that took place in Killeen, according to Waco Police Department. From November 2017 to January 2018, 26-year-old Roosevelt Jones IV, and Christopher Teon Fults, 29, robbed five businesses at gunpoint, according to Temple Police. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTBC-Fox \(Austin, TX\)](#), [KWKT-Fox \(Waco, TX\)](#)

KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): Utah man pleads guilty to child exploitation in two states, Larry D. Curtis, August 24, 2022, 6:57 PM

A Utah man has pleaded guilty to two federal child exploitation cases, one in Arkansas and one in his home state. Landon Germaine, 24, of Woods Cross, Utah, pleaded guilty to felony interstate coercion and enticement of a minor in the Utah case. In the case in Arkansas, he entered a guilty plea for attempted sexual exploitation via production of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVX-ABC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#)

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): East Longmeadow man charged with trafficking fentanyl, Ashley Shook, August 24, 2022, 6:51 PM

A man from East Longmeadow was indicted Tuesday on fentanyl and firearm charges. According to the Justice Department in Boston, 25-year-old Carlos Gonzalez was indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield on possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking felony. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVE-NBC (El Dorado, AR): Hahnville man sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for drug and firearm offenses, Kevin Dudley, August 24, 2022, 5:42 PM

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced 34-year-old Delon Scott of Hahnville, La. was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release for Drug Trafficking and Possession of Firearms. On May 17, 2022, Scott pleaded guilty to a Bill of Information charging him with Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking. According to evidence presented in court, Scott was stopped by Mangham Police on December 8, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTBS-ABC (Shreveport, LA): SPD officer indicted for wire fraud, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:30 PM

A Shreveport Police Department officer has been indicted by a federal grand jury for claiming overtime for hours that he did not work, U.S. Attorney Brandon Brown said in a news release. The indictment, which was returned today, charges James Cisco, 51, of Shreveport, with six counts of wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSLA-CBS \(Shreveport, LA\)](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Federal prosecutors allege man shot woman during

carjacking, Matt Woods, August 24, 2022, 5:38 PM

A man was indicted for allegedly shooting a woman multiple times during a carjacking outside a North City Walgreens earlier this month. An indictment alleges 20-year-old Loyse Dozier attempted to steal a woman's Kia Optima at gunpoint at the Walgreens in the 1400 block of North Grand on August 1. Police said the woman handed over the keys but was shot multiple times.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTVI-Fox \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

KOLD-CBS (Tucson, AZ): Tucson man convicted of federal child sex abuse charges,

Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:17 PM

A federal trial jury found a Tucson man guilty last week of multiple child sexual abuse charges. Eric David Marrufo, 43, was found guilty of five counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child and one count of abusive sexual contact with a child. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WVUA (Northport, AL): Tuscaloosa sentenced to 25 years for drug trafficking, Keli Stiglich,

August 24, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Tuscaloosa man this week was sentenced to 25 years in prison on federal drug trafficking charges. Clemmie Lee Spencer, 43, was charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and possessing a firearm after a previous drug trafficking conviction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): Man sentenced to federal prison in 'grandparent scam',

Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 4:33 PM

A New York man was sentenced to eight years in federal prison for mail fraud and money laundering connected to a nationwide grandparent scheme. Jasaun Pope, also known as "Biz," 31, along with alleged co-conspirators Darlens Renard, Princess Elizer, Jennifer Glemeau, and Kareem Brown, targeted and exploited the elderly. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIBQ \(Terre Haute, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indianapolis man faces more prison time for possessing gun while on parole, Daja Stowe, August 24, 2022, 4:27 PM

An Indianapolis man on parole faces prison time after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm on Tuesday. Parole agents searched the home of Bradford Jensen, 50, in Indianapolis on Oct. 28. Police say they found a loaded handgun. Jensen was arrested and later confessed to investigators that the firearm was in fact his, according to court documents.

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KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Seattle man charged with possessing 'ghost gun,' stolen car and drugs, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 4:01 PM

A Seattle man faces federal felony charges of possessing a ghost gun and drugs in a stolen vehicle. Jade B. Irey was charged Wednesday in the Seattle U.S. District Court with unlawful possession of a machine gun, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking and unlawful possession of a firearm.

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WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Huntington man sentenced to prison for role in multi-state drug trafficking organization, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Cabell County man has been sentenced to prison for his role in a multi-state drug trafficking operation. Marvin Jerome Calvin, 41, of Huntington was sentenced to six years and six months in

prison, followed by three years of supervised release time for trafficking illegal drugs, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Southern District of West Virginia.

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WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Rocky Mount Blood Nation gang leader sentenced to more than 27 years for drug conspiracy, Department of Justice says, Kathryn Hubbard, August 24, 2022, 3:55 PM

A Rocky Mount man was sentenced Tuesday to more than 27 years in prison for leading a conspiracy to sell drugs, according [sic] the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. According to court documents, Terrence Brandon Mabry, 32, ran a drug distribution operation out of a residence in Rocky Mount. Law enforcement officers conducted more than one dozen undercover purchases of controlled substances from Mabry and his co-conspirators between Nov. 2015 and Apr. 2018. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KNOX-FM (Grand Forks, ND): ND man sentenced on 3 involuntary manslaughter counts, Pat Sweeney, August 24, 2022, 3:27 PM

A 19-year-old St. Michael (ND) man will serve nearly five years in federal prison after pleading guilty to three counts of Involuntary Manslaughter and one count of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. The U-S Attorney's Office says, in August 2021, Winter Skye Bigtrack operated a motor vehicle on the Spirit Lake Reservation that left the road and rolled. Another vehicle was involved in the accident. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCTI-ABC (New Bern, NC): Pamlico County man sentenced to more than five years in prison on crack charges, Jordan Honeycutt, August 24, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Bayboro man was sentenced to just under six years in prison for distributing crack. Court documents showed that George Henry Midgette, 62, a.k.a. "Jersey George" pled guilty to charges of distributing 28 grams of crack on multiple occasions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KNOX-FM (Grand Forks, ND): Fargo man sentenced to 2-1/2 years on federal firearms charges, Pat Sweeney, August 24, 2022, 2:58 PM

A 31-year-old Fargo man has been sentenced to two-and-a-half years in federal prison for possession of illegal ghost guns and imported suppressors. Authorities say a search of Matthew Kraft's home in 2021 revealed an arsenal of weapons, including short barreled rifles, ghost guns and more than 20 firearm suppressors, most of which were illegally imported from China.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KFGO-AM \(Fargo, ND\)](#)

WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Indiana man sentenced for dealing meth on probation, Matt Adams, August 24, 2022, 12:31 PM

An Indiana man was sentenced to more than a decade in federal prison for dealing meth while on probation. Shane Theisz, 44, of Terre Haute, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. A judge sentenced him to 135 months. Upon his release, he'll be on supervised probation for five years. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WISH-CW \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): Man sentenced for sending threatening messages to Maryland Asian-American doctor over COVID-19 vaccine, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 11:58 AM

A Texas man has been sentenced to six months in federal prison for sending a threatening message to a Maryland Asian-American medical doctor of who [sic] publicly advocated for the

COVID-19 vaccine. According to court documents, Scott Eli Harris, 52, of Aubrey, Texas, sent a threatening message from his phone to a Maryland doctor who had been a vocal proponent of the COVID-19 vaccine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. judge blocks Idaho abortion ban in emergencies; Texas restrictions allowed, Nate Raymond, August 24, 2022, 9:40 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday blocked Idaho from enforcing a ban on abortions when pregnant women require emergency care, a day after a judge in Texas ruled against President Joe Biden's administration on the same issue. The conflicting rulings came in two of the first lawsuits over Biden's attempts to keep abortion legal after the conservative majority U.S. Supreme Court in June overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized the procedure nationwide.

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AP: NC transgender inmate's suit likely to proceed, judge says, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal judge indicated Tuesday that the case of a transgender inmate suing North Carolina for gender affirming medical care may be likely to proceed. Kanautica Zayre-Brown sued North Carolina's Department of Public Safety in April, claiming the prison system has failed to regularly dispense Zayre-Brown's prescribed hormones and has denied her request for surgical procedure to construct a vagina.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Second ex-prison guard convicted in inmate beating death, John O'Connor, August 23, 2022, 5:00 PM

A former Illinois prison guard could face life in prison after a jury convicted him Tuesday of violating the civil rights of a 65-year-old inmate who died after correctional officers beat him in a lockup more than four years ago. The jury of six men and six women deliberated about three hours before returning guilty verdicts on five counts against ex-correctional Lt. Todd Sheffler, 54, of Mendon. Sheffler is the second ex-guard convicted in the death of Larry Earvin in May 2018. A separate jury convicted Alex Banta, 31, of similar charges in April. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Federal judge poised to allow help for disabled Wisconsin voters, Harm Venhuizen, August 24, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal judge in Wisconsin signaled Wednesday that he will allow voters with disabilities to get help returning their ballots this fall, despite a state Supreme Court ruling that cast doubt on such assistance and state law suggesting it is not allowed. U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson said he expects to issue an order by Sept. 2 that will address differences in state and federal law that make it unclear whether voters who are unable to return or mail their own ballot can select someone else to do so for them.[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Use of force 'doesn't seem justified' in video of 3 Arkansas officers beating man: Experts, N'dea Yancey-Bragg, August 24, 2022, 6:34 PM

For about 30 seconds, a bystander records a video as three officers punch, strike and knee a man while struggling to arrest him outside an Arkansas convenience store. The video ends after one of the officers looks up at the camera, points a finger and appears to tell the person to stop filming. For many, the incident is a clear example of excessive force. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: 'It steals our dignity': Houston residents have turned to the federal government to clean up trash dumped in their neighborhood, Nicole Chavez, August 25, 2022, 12:00 AM
Huey German-Wilson has spent six years trying to get rid of piles of tires, mattresses, and other debris that have marred the streets of her Houston neighborhood. [...] She and others in her neighborhood have sent countless photos of the debris to the city's 311 system but tired of not getting help, they filed a federal complaint in December accusing the city of prejudice and discrimination about its response to illegal dumping complaints in this majority Black and Latino area. Now, the Department of Justice is investigating how city officials respond to those calls and whether their response discriminates against Black and Latino residents across Houston.
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Bloomberg Law: Texas Harvester Settles Allegations of Bias Against US Citizens, Khorri Atkinson, August 24, 2022, 4:56 PM
A Texas-based farm produce distributor agreed to pay more than \$18,000 to settle US Department of Justice allegations that the company unlawfully hired foreign visa holders over two US citizens. A. Olivarez Harvesting LLC will shell out a \$4,250 civil penalty, pay \$14,165 in back pay and interest to the US workers, be subjected to federal oversight for three years, and must publish notices informing workers of their rights under the Immigration and Nationality Act's anti-discrimination provision, as part of a settlement agreement the DOJ announced Wednesday.
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WZTV-Fox (Nashville, TN): NAACP calls on Justice Department to investigate Metro Police body cam cuts, Jordan Whittington, August 24, 2022, 4:00 PM
The Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP is calling for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate recent action by the Metro Nashville Police Department which entailed editing body camera footage. Last week, Metro Police gave two employees written reprimands for incorrectly editing out curse words from body-worn camera footage. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Nashville Scene](#)

Patch (Farmington, CT): Farmington Schools Disagree With Bullying Accusations, Michael Lemanski, August 24, 2022, 1:28 PM
Local school officials Wednesday confirmed the district is being subjected to a civil rights probe by federal education officials regarding a bullying complaint, a complaint school officials disagree with. According to Hearst Connecticut Media's CT Insider website, the U.S. Department of Education Aug. 10 told a parent it is looking into complaints the school system failed to act on reports of a middle school student being bullied, among other incidents appearing to target the LGBTQ community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Texas Tribune: "It's a living hell": Scorching heat in Texas prisons revives air-conditioning debate, Jolie McCullough, August 24, 2022, 10:08 AM
David Segovia lay on the floor of his Texas prison cell and wondered if this was how he was going to die. The state was experiencing its hottest July in recorded history, and he, like most Texas prisoners, was locked inside a concrete and steel building without air conditioning. It had been months since he last felt cool air on his skin. A heat rash snaked up his arms. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJZ-CBS (Baltimore, MD): Maryland officer indicted by jury for violating civil rights and

obstructing justice, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 8:41 PM

A former Fairmount Heights police officer has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of violating a man's civil rights and allegedly obstructing justice, according to Department of Justice officials. Philip Dupree, 38, allegedly used excessive force when he conducted a traffic stop in the District of Columbia on Aug. 4, 2019, Department of Justice officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#), [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WBUR-FM (Boston, MA): Civil rights group asks for federal review on the impacts of Orange Line shutdown, Chris Lisinski, August 24, 2022, 1:00 PM

Alleging that the MBTA failed to properly examine the impacts of the Orange Line shutdown on communities of color, a civil rights group on Wednesday asked federal authorities to intervene amid what it described as an "illegal and discriminatory" change in service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Biden seeks to bolster legal protection for DACA recipients, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Biden administration on Wednesday unveiled a regulation aimed at fending off legal challenges to a decade-old program that shields immigrants from deportation if they arrived as young children. The rule isn't scheduled to take effect until Oct. 31 and its fate is tied to a lawsuit by Texas and other Republican-led states. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has been closed to new registrants since July 2021 while the case winds its way through the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: Cuban Migrants Head to the U.S. in Record Numbers, José de Córdoba, August 24, 2022, 11:00 AM

Cuban migrants are arriving in the U.S. at the highest rate since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959, fleeing political repression and the island's worst economic crisis in more than three decades. More than 175,000 Cuban migrants were apprehended in the U.S. between last October and July, six times as many as in the previous 12-month period, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Border agents thwart American citizen, four Brazilians using jet skis in human smuggling scheme, Brad Matthews, August 24, 2022, 5:00 PM

Customs and Border Protection agents have apprehended an American man trying to smuggle in four Brazilian migrants across the St. Clair River dividing the U.S. from Canada via jet ski. CBP Air and Marine Operations officers initially observed a jet ski on Saturday carrying three people leaving Canadian waters and crossing the border before landing near Port Huron, Michigan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Blogger Cops To Assisting Attys' Alleged Immigration Scam, Pete Brush, August 24, 2022, 2:35 PM

A New York City blogger told a Manhattan federal judge Wednesday that he assisted two lawyers in creating fraudulent asylum applications to submit to U.S. immigration authorities, pleading guilty to a conspiracy count. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Merced Sun-Star (Merced, CA): Arrests of undocumented immigrants by ICE have shrunk

in Merced County. Here's the data, Abbie Lauten-Scrivner, August 24, 2022, 8:28 PM
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests of undocumented individuals remained relatively low in Merced County for another year in 2021, according to data presented by law enforcement during Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. Only two undocumented immigrants were arrested by ICE following their release from the Merced County jail last year, the Sheriff's Office reported. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: Video shows migrants attacking, taunting Border Patrol agents, Callie Patteson, August 24, 2022, 7:36 PM
US Border Patrol agents were allegedly attacked by two migrants who swam around a Pacific Ocean barrier with an alarming video showing one man taunting and lunging at one of the agents before getting busted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Laredo Morning Times: Woman tried smuggling \$248K, firearms into Mexico, César Rodríguez, August 24, 2022, 4:00 PM
A woman tried smuggling more than \$248,000 and two handguns from Dallas to her hometown in Michoacan, Mexico, according to the Webb County Sheriff's Office. On Aug. 22, a Webb County Sheriff's Office investigator and a sergeant responded to assist U.S. Customs and Border protection officers at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge with a cash and firearms seizure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): Candy-looking 'rainbow fentanyl' targeting younger people, concerning for law enforcement, Brittany Harry, August 24, 2022, 11:00 PM
There's growing concern over 'rainbow fentanyl' as large amounts of the colorful pills are being seized. "It's scary, it's really scary," Madison County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Brent Patterson said. Rainbow fentanyl has not made its way to Alabama yet, but law enforcement says it's not a matter of if, but when. [...] U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in Arizona recently seized more than 250,000 fentanyl pills, some of which were different colors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): 5 arrested in Michigan after human smuggling attempts on jet ski from Canada, Faraz Javed, August 24, 2022, 8:10 PM
Four people have been arrested after they allegedly entered the country illegally by crossing the St. Clair River from Canada. A fifth person has also been apprehended in Port Huron for playing a role in the human smuggling incident that took place over the weekend. A five-page court affidavit filed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection tells all about the incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRAL-NBC (Raleigh, NC): Brother charged with murder in shooting death of Wake County deputy Ned Byrd faces gun charge in separate case, Chelsea Donovan, August 24, 2022, 6:13 PM
One of the brothers charged with the murder of Wake County deputy Ned Byrd appeared Wednesday in federal court. Authorities are holding Alder Alfonso Marin-Sotelo in Forsyth County Jail on a federal immigration detainer to allow U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to investigate whether he is in the country legally. He's been detained there since Aug. 16. Marin-Sotelo waived a preliminary hearing and a detention hearing on Wednesday on a charge of possessing a gun illegally while not being a resident of the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Law360: DOJ Wants 'Raw' Google Data To Ensure No Cherry-Picking, Bryan Koenig, August 24, 2022, 7:58 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice battled Google in a D.C. federal court hearing Wednesday over access to "raw" search data sought to ensure the technology giant did not selectively pick what its expert was looking at when analyzing how consumers use the service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Wants To Argue In State-Led Facebook Case At DC Circ., Matthew Perlman, August 24, 2022, 4:46 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice is requesting time during oral arguments at the D.C. Circuit to support a contingent of state-level enforcers accusing Facebook's parent company, Meta Platforms Inc., of monopolizing personal social networking services through acquisitions and developer restrictions on its platform. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: T-Mobile Wants Suit Over \$26B Sprint Merger Sent To NY, Piper Blackburn, August 24, 2022, 2:29 PM

T-Mobile asked an Illinois federal judge to transfer a putative class suit challenging its \$26 billion merger with Sprint Corp. to a New York federal court, where the companies beat a prior merger challenge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: FTC drops Zuckerberg from lawsuit over virtual reality company purchase, Zach Schonfeld, August 24, 2022, 9:28 AM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) entered an agreement with Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Tuesday to drop him from an ongoing antitrust lawsuit attempting to block the company's purchase of a virtual reality company. A joint court filing stipulates that Zuckerberg will not purchase the company, Within Unlimited, as an individual or through any entity controlled by Zuckerberg in exchange for being removed as a defendant in the suit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

ABC: Man caught carrying reptiles in clothing pleads guilty to smuggling, Teddy Grant, August 24, 2022, 9:06 PM

A California man has pleaded guilty to importing wild animals into the country, federal prosecutors in Los Angeles announced Wednesday. Prosecutors said Jose Manuel Perez, 30, smuggled more than 1,700 wild animals, including 60 reptiles, worth \$739,000 into the U.S. and was arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border in February. Officials found reptiles hidden in his clothing in small bags, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Gorton's Must Face Scaled-Back Frozen Fish Labeling Suit, Chris Villani, August 24, 2022, 3:43 PM

Gorton's Inc. is not yet off the hook for a suit alleging it falsely labeled its tilapia products as "sustainably sourced," after a Massachusetts federal judge on Wednesday trimmed the claims but declined to toss the case altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Group blames Biden border policies for 'environmental destruction' despite admin's push for enviro justice, Brianna Herlihy, August 24, 2022, 1:01 PM

A group claiming that President Biden's border policies allowing record-breaking mass migrations are negatively impacting the environment is presenting a legal challenge that flips the script on the

administration, which has pushed environmental justice as its "top priority." [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

AP: 3 arrested in Washington State in yoga tax fraud case, Larry Neumeister, August 24, 2022, 1:59 PM

Three leaders of a multimillion dollar international yoga network that promoted itself as "Yoga to the People" before closing down amid published reports that it operated like a cult were arrested Wednesday in Washington State for failing to pay federal taxes while they lived lavishly, authorities in New York announced. A complaint unsealed in Manhattan federal court said the donation-based organization generated over \$20 million in revenue for a decade while promising that its classes featured no-ego and no glorified teachers because "yoga is for everyone."

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [Law360](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

Bloomberg: IRS Will Wipe Away \$1.2 Billion in Late Fees From Pandemic, Laura Davison, August 24, 2022, 10:35 AM

The Internal Revenue Service announced Wednesday that it will wipe out late fees for taxpayers who struggled to file their tax returns on time during the pandemic. The IRS estimates that nearly 1.6 million taxpayers will receive more than \$1.2 billion worth of penalty relief. The tax agency will automatically issue the refunds or credits for most of the fees by the end of September.

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The Hill: Senate report blasts IRS for handling of foreign bank registration, Tobias Burns, August 24, 2022, 5:26 PM

A Senate report released Wednesday on a form of tax evasion was highly critical of the IRS for the way it handles foreign bank registration as part of the laws that govern how U.S. citizens and business entities can own foreign assets. The report said that it was "shockingly easy" to obtain a certain kind of registration number from the IRS that signifies its holder to be a valid foreign financial institution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TDPel Media: Florida Woman Gets Prison Sentence for Participating in National Tax Fraud Scheme, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Florida woman who assisted in carrying out a widespread tax fraud plan and made an effort to stop the IRS from retrieving a fraudulent refund she obtained after submitting a bogus tax return was given a one-year and one-day jail term today. Rebecca Cyphers, 65, of Winter Springs, Florida, took part in a widespread tax fraud operation from at least September 2014 to May 2016, according to court records and testimony given in court. Promoters of the scam convinced potential customers that they were eligible for tax refunds because of their mortgages and other obligations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: Chicago gun violence: DOJ announces dozens of charges as part of federal 'strike force' initiative, Audrey Conklin, August 24, 2022, 12:46 PM

The Department of Justice on Tuesday announced that officials have charged and convicted dozens of offenders for gun crimes in Chicago as part of President Biden's 2021 "strike force" initiative. The DOJ also said "a significant number" of guns recovered in Chicago are illegally

trafficked from outside the Windy City. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: The FBI is on the hunt for a Denver bank robber dubbed the 'Empty Promise Bandit', Dustin Jones, August 25, 2022, 5:30 AM

The FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force and local law enforcement are looking for a suspect who's robbed at least three banks in Colorado's Denver metropolitan area. They're calling him the "Empty Promise Bandit." The FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force said the suspect is a 5-foot-9 white male in his 30s, with a slender build and close-cut, light-colored hair. Photos of the suspect show him wearing a hat and a pair of sunglasses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: ATF goes after 'ghost guns' as new rule takes effect, Maureen Breslin, August 24, 2022, 4:07 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced Wednesday that its new rule going after so-called "ghost guns" has gone into effect. The rule is intended to stop the proliferation of ghost guns — firearms privately made or put together through gun kits that are generally hard to trace. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [Newsmax](#)

NY Post: FBI brass warned agents off Hunter Biden laptop due to 2020 election: whistleblowers, Emily Crane, August 24, 2022, 7:01 PM

FBI officials told agents not to investigate first son Hunter Biden's infamous laptop for months vowing that the bureau was "not going to change the outcome of the election again," according to whistleblower claims made public Wednesday by Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) "These new allegations provide even more evidence of FBI corruption and renew calls for you to take immediate steps to investigate the FBI's actions regarding the laptop," Johnson wrote in a letter to Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): US Marshals arrest Columbia man wanted for firing shots at Forest Acres police, Caitlin Ashworth, August 24, 2022, 5:00 PM

A man wanted for allegedly firing shots at a Forest Acres police officer was arrested by the US Marshals Service at a motel in Birmingham, Ala., after a month-long investigation, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department. The Marshals served the warrant on Aug. 24. The suspect, 19-year-old Labre Smith of Columbia, had barricaded himself in a Tourway Inn motel room, but eventually surrendered and now faces charges of attempted murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime, according to the sheriff's department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL): Glenview man sentenced in federal Firearms Trafficking Task Force case, Brian L. Cox, August 22, 2022, 4:36 PM

A Glenview man is one of more than 40 people that have been charged or sentenced to federal prison for gun crimes in the wake of a cross-jurisdictional "Firearms Trafficking Strike Force," according to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): Church near Germantown High School hit by gunfire, Daniel Wilkerson, August 24, 2022, 10:12 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is investigating after shots were fired near Germantown High School and near a church Wednesday afternoon. When FOX13's crew arrived, police and ATF agents swarmed the scene in the 2400 block of Arthur Road. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Large amount of 'rainbow fentanyl' seized in Morgantown,

Madeline Bartos, August 24, 2022, 8:09 PM

Officers said they seized a large amount of "rainbow fentanyl" in Morgantown, a colorful version of the deadly drug that's made to look like candy. U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld said adolescent overdose deaths have doubled over the past decade, blaming it on fentanyl and the way it's marketed. Ihlenfeld said the multi-colored pills found in Morgantown are "another example of drug cartels being creative in how they produce and sell their product." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBOY-NBC/ABC \(Clarksburg, WV\)](#), [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): U.S. Marshals release statement after man killed in

officer-involved shooting at Nutter Fort funeral home, Alexandra Weaver, August 24, 2022, 8:03 PM

The United States Marshals Service has released the following statement about Wednesday's fatal officer-involved shooting in Nutter Fort. "At approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, members of the U.S. Marshals-led Mountain State Fugitive Task Force and other law enforcement agencies were involved in an officer-involved shooting during a fugitive investigation that resulted in a fatality in Nutter Fort, West Virginia. Preliminary information indicates that during the arrest attempt, the subject produced a firearm." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KABB-Fox (San Antonio, TX): Amber Alert discontinued for 1-year-old girl from Austin,

she's safe, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

An AMBER Alert has been stopped for the missing one-year-old girl from Austin earlier Wednesday morning. The Austin Police Department says, "with the assistance and support of the U.S. Marshals Office and the diligent work of APD's Missing Persons Unit, Saylor Elizabeth Tucker has been located and is safe." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KDBC-CBS \(El Paso, TX\)](#)

WGXA-Fox/ABC (Macon, GA): Second suspect arrested in 2020 murder of Macon 15-year-

old, Claire Helm, August 24, 2022, 3:00 PM

Another suspect is in custody for the December 2020 shooting of a Macon teen who later died from his injuries. The Bibb County Sheriff's Office said US Marshals arrested 18-year-old David Martin, Jr. in Pulaski County on Wednesday. Martin is the second person to be arrested in connection to the December 6, 2020 shooting of 15-year-old Jamarion Lawrence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMGT-NBC \(Macon, GA\)](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): Derek Chauvin to serve time in federal prison in Arizona

for killing George Floyd, Paul Walsh and Stephen Montemayor, August 24, 2022, 5:28 PM

Fired Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was taken by U.S. marshals from a state prison and is heading to a federal facility to serve his time for killing George Floyd more than two years ago, a Minnesota corrections spokesman said. Chauvin was picked up by marshals about 8 a.m. at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Oak Park Heights, Department of Corrections (DOC) spokesman Nicholas Kimball said. Marshals Service spokesman Michael Fuller said Chauvin was being flown to a federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBTS-NBC (Nashua, NH): Families of Bulger Victims Have Questions About Former

Boston Mob Boss' Death, Brian Burnell, August 24, 2022, 9:00 PM

New details are becoming clear in court on how infamous Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger was killed in a West Virginia prison almost four years ago. During a federal hearing for one of the three men charged with his murder, prosecutors showed evidence that inmates knew Bulger was coming. "The [Federal] Bureau of Prisons has a lot of questions to answer here. Whitey Bulger never even made it to breakfast. He went to bed and never got out of his cell that day," said Dave Wedge, one of the authors of "Hunting Whitey." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): Almost 50,000 men and women held in solitary confinement in US prisons, report says, Douglas Jones, August 24, 2022, 8:23 PM

A report from Yale Law School that questioned U.S. prison systems found that in the summer of 2021, nearly 50,000 men and women were held in solitary confinement in the U.S. As the Guardian reported, the number was above the minimum standards set by the United Nations, which says that this type of isolation is considered torture [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Law360: [ANALYSIS] What To Watch In Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's First Term, Jimmy Hoover, August 24, 2022, 9:46 PM

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson has spent nearly a decade on the federal bench, but only a short portion of that was as a member of an appellate court. With so many unknowns about her approach to the job, U.S. Supreme Court practitioners tell Law360 what they will be watching for in her debut term beginning in October. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Utah sues Biden over move to restore 2 national monuments, Sam Metz and Brady McCombs, August 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

The state of Utah and two Republican-leaning rural counties sued the Biden administration on Wednesday over the president's decision last year to restore two sprawling national monuments on rugged lands sacred to Native Americans that former President Donald Trump had downsized. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Deseret News](#), [NPR](#)

AP: ACLU SD joins case in support of Indian Child Welfare Act, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 9:00 AM

The American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota is joining other states in filing an amicus brief in defense of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The 'friend of the court' brief involves the U.S. Supreme Court case Brackeen v. Haaland which challenges the act that establishes federal standards for placement of Native American children in foster or adoptive homes. The act seeks to give the child's family and tribe the opportunity to be involved in decisions that previously may have been excluded from, including placement and services. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Law360: Smoking Ban Suit A No-Go In Tribal Court, 8th Circ. Told, Andrew Westney, August 24, 2022, 7:32 PM

An oil and gas company has asked the Eighth Circuit to reject a bid by the Three Affiliated Tribes to overturn a ruling that their courts can't hear a suit claiming the company's employees violated a contractual smoking ban on the tribe's reservation, saying the company isn't under the tribal

court's jurisdiction. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: All Tribes Risk Losing Out On Online Gambling, DC Circ. Told, Caleb Symons, August 24, 2022, 5:38 PM

A week after federal regulators urged the D.C. Circuit to revive a controversial gambling compact that would give the Seminole Tribe full control over Florida's online sports betting market, the tribe sought to cast the appellate case as a referendum on the future of the entire industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Tribe Not Required To Allow More Trains In BNSF Clash, Joyce Hanson, August 24, 2022, 5:01 PM

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community was not obligated to let BNSF Railway Co. breach an easement agreement that limited how many trains could cross tribal land, a Washington federal judge has ruled, rejecting the railroad's argument that the tribe's opposition to additional trains was arbitrary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: NY Pot Regulators Announce Caps On Retail Licenses, Sam Reisman, August 24, 2022, 4:55 PM

New York state cannabis regulators on Wednesday identified 150 as the number of conditional marijuana retail licenses that it will award in its first round of licensing, with limits placed on regions based on their population size. The announcement was timed one day before the Office of Cannabis Management is set to begin accepting applications on Thursday for the first tranche of conditional adult-use retail dispensary licenses. The per-region license maximums are tied to the area's population. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Politico: How cities could get around Newsom's injection sites veto, Lara Korte And Camille Von Kaenel, August 24, 2022, 6:15 PM

For some San Francisco city officials, Gov. Gavin Newsom's veto of a state-backed safe drug injection site means it's time to take matters into their own hands. Doing so could get tricky. Senate Bill 57 which the governor vetoed this week, fueling speculation about his broader ambitions would have created pilot programs in Oakland, San Francisco in Los Angeles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Bloomberg: Biden Says He Had 'Zero' Advance Notice of FBI's Mar-a-Lago Search, Justin Sink, August 24, 2022, 2:36 PM

President Joe Biden said Wednesday he had no prior knowledge of the FBI search at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. "I didn't have any advance notice," Biden said at the White House following an event to announce student loan relief. "None, zero, not one single bit." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Biden administration crackdown on 'ghost guns' takes effect, Paul Best, August 24,

2022, 10:12 PM

A new federal rule designed to crack down on "ghost guns," or privately assembled firearms, took effect on Wednesday, the Department of Justice announced. "These guns have often been sold as build-your-own kits that contain all or almost all of the parts needed to quickly build an unmarked gun. And anyone could sell or buy these guns without a background check," Attorney General Merrick Garland said Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Biden names new Secret Service director amid growing pressure over missing Jan. 6 text messages, Zoë Richards, August 24, 2022, 9:46 PM

President Joe Biden said Wednesday he is appointing Kim Cheatle as the new director of the Secret Service as it faces scrutiny over missing text messages related to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Cheatle will succeed James Murray, who announced his retirement last month before the text message debacle became public. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

CONGRESS

Reuters: Twitter whistleblower to meet with Senate panel Sept. 13, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:51 PM

The U.S. Senate Judiciary committee will hold a hearing on Sept. 13 with Twitter Inc's (TWTR.N) former security chief Peiter "Mudge" Zatkó to discuss allegations from his whistleblower complaint that the social media company misled regulators. Zatkó, who accused Twitter of falsely claiming it had a solid security plan and making misleading statements about its defenses against hackers and spam accounts, has already discussed his complaint with staffs of the chair and ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and the staff of the Senate Intelligence Committee, according to a spokesperson for Zatkó. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Politico](#)

Reuters: Congressman Perry sues to block U.S. from searching seized cell phone, Sarah N. Lynch, August 24, 2022, 10:00 AM

Republican Congressman Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, a staunch ally of former President Donald Trump, has sued the U.S. Justice Department in a bid to stop investigators from searching the contents of his cell phone after it was seized earlier this month. Perry, who has helped spread Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him through widespread voting fraud, was vacationing with his family in New Jersey on Aug. 9 when three FBI agents approached him with a search warrant to seize his cellphone. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [UPI](#), [WSJ](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 24, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

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- President Biden announced he's wiping away thousands of dollars of college debt. He also proposed big changes to the repayment programs, offering much-needed relief to 45 million Americans with federal student loan debt. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- At least 22 people were killed and dozens more were injured in a Russian missile strike on a train station in Ukraine. The strike comes six months after the start of the war, as Ukraine marked its independence day. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

A flash flood warning has been issued for parts of Mississippi after torrential rains caused evacuations, closed roadways and forced water rescues across the region. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- After more than three hours of deliberation, a federal jury awarded \$31 million in damages after finding the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments liable for infringing on the constitutional rights of Vanessa Bryant and co-plaintiff Christopher Chester, who each lost a spouse and daughter in the helicopter crash in January 2020. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Ahead of the midterms, new evidence suggests that the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is benefitting Democrats. In the New York primary, Democrat Pat Ryan pulled off an upset win, focusing on abortion rights. However, Democrats are also facing internal duels that have been intensified by redistricting. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]

- The Texas school board will be meeting in a closed-door session to decide the fate of Police Chief Pete Arredondo. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]

- More than 4,000 teachers in Ohio’s largest school district remain on strike for the third day, forcing students back into remote learning. The union wants smaller classes and says teachers are working in dilapidated schools. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- A new rule went into effect mandating serial numbers and background checks on “ghost guns” in an effort to crackdown on the otherwise untraceable weapon made with a click of a 3D printer. [[CBS](#)]

- While remote learning protected students from COVID, it didn’t always make it easy to learn. One study found it may take more than five years for some students to catch up. [[CBS](#)]

- First lady Dr. Jill Biden has tested positive for a rebound case of Covid-19, her deputy communications director Kelsey Donohue confirmed. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Biden Urged to Act Swiftly on Ukraine Nuclear Plant” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]

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“How China Could Choke Taiwan With a Blockade” [[NYT](#)]

- “Biden to cancel up to \$20,000 in student loans for many borrowers” [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)]
- “Stock Futures Rise as Investors Await Jackson Hole” [[WSJ](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Memo Details Barr's Justifications for Clearing Trump of Obstruction, Mark Mazzetti, Michael S. Schmidt and Charlie Savage, August 24, 2022, 9:15 PM

The Biden administration released a Trump-era memorandum on Wednesday that provided the most detailed look yet at the Justice Department's legal reasoning for proclaiming that President Donald J. Trump could not be charged with obstruction of justice over his efforts to impede the

Russia investigation. The March 2019 memo... concluded that none of Mr. Trump's actions chronicled in the report by the special counsel, Robert S. Mueller III... could be shown beyond a reasonable doubt to be criminal acts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Boston Globe](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [LAT](#), [Law360](#), [MSNBC](#), [MSNBC-2](#), [National Law Journal](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [The Week](#), [WSJ](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: FBI: 5 militia members charged with storming Capitol, Michael Kunzelman, August 24, 2022, 5:38 PM

Five Florida men affiliated with a militia group called "B Squad" have been arrested on charges that they joined a mob's attack on the U.S. Capitol, disrupting Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's 2020 electoral victory, federal authorities said Wednesday. "B Squad" members stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, while wearing riot gear and armed with metal batons, knives, chemical spray and walking sticks, according to an FBI agent's affidavit. Group members joined the mob in a "heave-ho" push against police officers trying to secure a tunnel on the Lower West Terrace, the affidavit says. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [VT Digger \(Montpelier, VT\)](#)

NYT: Twitter executives push back against whistle-blower complaint, Ryan Mac and Kate Conger, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

Executives at Twitter pushed back on Wednesday against what they said was a "false" narrative being created around a former executive's allegations about the company's security practices. At its weekly companywide meeting, Parag Agrawal, Twitter's chief executive, addressed a whistleblower complaint made by Peiter Zatkó, the former head of security, who was fired in January. Mr. Zatkó's complaint, in which he accused Twitter of lying about its security practices and violating a 2011 agreement with the Federal Trade Commission, was made public on Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [ANALYSIS] Are sanctions on Russia over Ukraine biting? Yes, but..., Olivier Knox, August 24, 2022, 11:42 AM

Six months ago, America and its allies and friends in Europe and Asia retaliated for Moscow's expansion of its war in Ukraine by imposing an unprecedented wave of economic and diplomatic sanctions they hoped might get Russian President Vladimir Putin to back down. It was never going to be a speedy process. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: The 5 key takeaways from the Twitter whistleblower, Brian Fung, August 24, 2022, 11:00 AM

Twitter's former head of security is blowing the whistle on company practices that he says have jeopardized US national security and misled investors and regulators. With a nearly 200-page disclosure to the US government, Peiter "Mudge" Zatkó has become the latest whistleblower to come forward from the tech industry. Zatkó levels a barrage of devastating allegations that US lawmakers who have received the disclosure say are extremely concerning. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: Mayorkas officially cancels DHS disinformation board, Stephen DInan, August 24, 2022, 10:00 PM

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas put the final kibosh on his disinformation

governance board on Wednesday, after a review he ordered came back with a firm recommendation that the idea was a stinker. The board had been on hold since May, when Mr. Mayorkas hit pause after a botched rollout that saw critics accusing him of Orwellian attempts to silence people who had competing views on issues of the day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (East Dutchess, NY): **3 Orlando area men linked to Capitol riot militia investigation**, Nicole Valinote, August 24, 2022, 3:30 PM

A Hudson Valley man who entered the United States Capitol Building during the riot on Jan. 6, 2021, and took photographs of a senator's papers has been found guilty of a felony charge. Dutchess County resident Christopher Patrick Moynihan, age 41, of Salt Point, was found guilty of obstruction of an official proceeding, the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia announced on Tuesday, Aug. 23. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Mid Hudson Valley, NY\)](#), [WKMG-CBS \(Orlando, FL\)](#)

Courier & Press (Evansville, KY): **Morganfield, Kentucky, woman pleads guilty for role in Jan. 6 insurrection at US Capitol**, Houston Harwood, August 24, 2022, 2:43 PM

A Morganfield, Kentucky, woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to multiple charges connected to her involvement in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Shelly Stallings, 43, pleaded guilty to seven federal charges, including assaulting, resisting or impeding law enforcement officers using a dangerous weapon, interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder, and entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly weapon. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Spectrum News](#), [WFIE-NBC \(Evansville, IN\)](#), [WDKY-Fox \(Lexington, KY\)](#)

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): **Falkville man accused of Jan. 6 Capitol riot violence tells WAAY 31 he's a good man**, Luke Hajdasz, Josh Rayburn and Nicole Zedeck, August 24, 2022, 8:00 PM

A Falkville man has been arrested in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. WAAY 31 was at his house Wednesday when he returned. Bobby Wayne Russell said his attorney told him not to answer any questions, but he did tell WAAY 31 he believed he was a good man and not a violent criminal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAFF-TV \(Huntsville, AL\)](#), [WZDX-Fox \(Huntsville, AL\)](#)

WMBD-CBS (Peoria, IL): **FBI warns against malware, phishing, cyber attacks**, Maggie Strahan, August 24, 2022, 3:43 PM

The FBI Springfield Field Office held a round table discussion Wednesday to warn about the dangers of cyber threats and attacks. Special Agent in Charge David Nanz, Supervisory Special Agent Regina Burris, and Pearl Technology President Dave Johnson joined members of the media to discuss where cyber attacks come from, how Illinoisans become vulnerable, and the systems in place to keep the state and country safe from bad actors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WHOI-ABC \(Peoria, IL\)](#), [WAND-NBC \(Decatur, IL\)](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WaPo: **Archives asked for records in 2021 after Trump lawyer agreed they should be returned, email says**, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany, August 24, 2022, 6:56 PM

About two dozen boxes of presidential records stored in then-President Donald Trump's White House residence were not returned to the National Archives and Records Administration in the

final days of his term even after Archives officials were told by a Trump lawyer that the documents should be given back, according to an email from the top lawyer at the record-keeping agency.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [NYT](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] The Mar-a-Lago Raid Was Necessary to Protect U.S. Intelligence, Kevin Carroll, August 24, 2022, 6:40 PM

Donald Trump's defenders must be granted two points. First, the U.S. government over classified documents. Anyone in the intelligence community could recall social invitations being sent via work email, lazily emblazoned as top secret by default. I once defended a Marine whistleblower who was accused of mishandling classified information in retaliation by the Marine Corps. I remember the corps' lawyer claiming an old weather-and-illumination report from Afghanistan was secret, as if the Taliban couldn't detect rain or the sun's rising and setting. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Biden says he had 'zero' advance notice of FBI search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, Ella Lee, August 24, 2022, 5:10 PM

President Joe Biden said he had "zero" advance notice before federal agents executed a search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence earlier this month, his first public comments on the search. What he said: "I didn't have any advanced notice none, zero, not one single bit," Biden said Wednesday after making remarks on a newly announced student loan debt relief plan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: FBI Search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago Heads to Court, Alex Leary, Sadie Gurman and Vivian Salama, August 24, 2022, 9:02 AM

More than two weeks after the FBI's unprecedented search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, investigators are still seeking to understand why Mr. Trump sought to hold on to the documents they seized. FBI agents on Aug. 8 removed more than two-dozen boxes from the premises, including 11 sets of classified documents, some marked top secret. Commingled with that highly sensitive information was other material, including the note President Barack Obama left for his successor in the Oval Office and some of Mr. Trump's expired passports, which the Justice Department has since said would be returned to him. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Justice Department expected to file heavily redacted Mar-a-Lago affidavit as judge considers limited release, Alexander Mallin, August 25, 2022, 5:09 AM

The Justice Department on Thursday is expected to file a heavily redacted version of the affidavit used to support a search warrant of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month, as a magistrate judge weighs whether to make portions of it public. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart gave department officials a noon deadline to submit proposed redactions under seal as well as a legal memorandum explaining their justifications for the information that they believe should be kept hidden from public view. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: What's next in the fight over the Mar-a-Lago FBI search affidavit, Tierney Sneed, August 25, 2022, 5:00 AM

The next steps in the legal fight to bring more transparency into the FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home will largely take place in secret. In the coming days, US Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart -- who approved the warrant the FBI used to search Mar-a-Lago earlier this month -- will be considering in private the Justice Department's proposals for redacting parts of the affidavit it filed when seeking the warrant, if the affidavit is to be released at all.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: 'It's not believable' Biden didn't know about FBI raid: Former Supreme Court law clerk, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 9:24 PM

President of Article III Project Mike Davis weighed in on the legality of the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago Wednesday on "Jesse Watters Primetime," calling some of the agency's reasoning "completely bogus." MIKE DAVIS: It's just not believable. This is the same Attorney General Merrick Garland who said that he did not personally approve this raid. He leaked that to "Newsweek." That's not true. They said that President Trump had nuclear documents, which we know is completely bogus. They have been leaking grand jury material illegally leaking grand jury material, they are selectively leaking, improperly leaking from this affidavit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Out of office, Trump has received over \$342,000 in benefits, Kelly O'Donnell, August 24, 2022, 1:35 PM

Since he left office in January 2021, former President Donald Trump has received more than \$342,030.81 in pension benefits. That figure accounts for the time period from his eligibility after his presidency ended through July 2022, according to the General Services Administration which manages benefits for former presidents. Like his predecessors, Trump receives a lifetime federal pension and a range of taxpayer funded benefits under a law originally passed in 1958 and updated through the years, The Former Presidents Act. Trump, his aides and allies have at times responded to the Mar-a-Lago FBI search by blaming the GSA for mishandling his move and, they argue, mistakenly hauling classified materials to Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC: How Trump lawyers put themselves at risk with reported statement to DOJ, Lisa Rubin, August 24, 2022, 6:03 PM

It's been more than two weeks since the FBI executed its search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. And of all the details revealed about how and where Trump retained classified documents, his team's negotiations with the National Archives and the FBI, and progress of the Justice Department's investigation, the one thing I can't stop thinking about is a statement reportedly drafted by one Trump lawyer, Evan Corcoran, and signed by another, Christina Bobb. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Student Debt Relief, Trump Investigation, Ukraine Military Aid, August 25, 2022, 5:48 AM

President Biden announced a plan that would forgive some student debt for millions of borrowers (1:09). The Justice Department has until noon to submit a redacted version of the affidavit for the Mar-a-Lago search to a federal judge (4:56). The Pentagon approved \$3 billion more in military aid to Ukraine (8:45). [[Listen](#)]

NPR: [AUDIO] Deadline looms for DOJ to submit a redacted affidavit on FBI's Mar-a-Lago search, Rachel Martin, Ryan Lucas, August 25, 2022, 5:07 AM

The Justice Department faces a Thursday deadline in federal court in Florida to submit its proposed redactions to the affidavit used to get the warrant for searching ex-President Trump's Florida home. [[Listen](#)]

Newsmax: Was FBI Raid About Trump's Lawsuit Against Deep State Officials?, Larry Bell, August 24, 2022, 3:22 PM

My Aug. 22 column earlier this week presented examples demonstrating that the Washington swamp is feverishly determined to do everything possible to legally disqualify former President

Donald Trump from running again ... the raid for materials in his private Mar-a-Lago residence representing a most recent episode. Substantial conservative media speculation has suggested that the purpose of this unprecedented invasion was a scavenger sweep for any materials that can possibly tie Trump actions to the Jan. 6 Capitol riots ... the goal of ongoing Democrat sham show trials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Venezuelan man indicted in U.S. for money laundering linked to Petropiar oil venture, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 9:46 PM

A Venezuelan man has been indicted for allegedly laundering the proceeds of inflated procurement contracts obtained via millions of dollars in bribes to officials at Venezuelan oil venture Petropiar, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Wednesday. Rixon Moreno, 46, allegedly received benefits including over \$30 million in payments on contracts from Petropiar to accounts in South Florida and paid millions of dollars in bribes to senior Petropiar officials, the agency said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Shelby County woman sentenced to federal prison for embezzling \$1.4 million from HOAs to feed gambling addiction, Carol Robinson, August 24, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Shelby County woman has been sentenced to more than three years in federal prison for stealing more than \$1 million from her employer and the homeowners' associations she managed to feed her gambling additions [sic]. Aimee Louise Statham, 47, of Chelsea was sentenced Tuesday to 40 months for wire fraud. She was charged in March and pleaded guilty to the charge in April, according to a joint statement issued Wednesday by Northern District of Alabama U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona and FBI Special Agent in Charge Johnnie Sharp Jr. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [WBRC-Fox \(Birmingham, AL\)](#), [WVTM-NBC \(Birmingham, AL\)](#)

Columbia Basin Herald (Moses Lake, WA): Wapato man receives 50-year sentence for three homicides, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Wapato man who pleaded guilty earlier this year to three counts of second-degree murder on Yakama tribal land has been sentenced to 50 years in federal prison, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington in Spokane. Clifton Frank Peter, 37, pleaded guilty earlier to killing three people with a shotgun following what the press release called a day spent consuming alcohol and playing video games in his house located inside the boundaries of the Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [KNDU-NBC \(Richland, WA\)](#)

Patch (Greater Hartford, CT): Five Indicted In Stolen Catalytic Converter Ring: Feds, Michael Lemanski, August 24, 2022, 6:56 PM

Five Connecticut men, including two in the greater Hartford area, have been indicted in connection with a stolen catalytic converter trafficking ring, federal authorities said. Vanessa Roberts Avery, U.S. Attorney for the Connecticut, James Ferguson, special agent in charge, ATF Boston Field Division, and Joleen D. Simpson, special agent in charge of IRS Criminal Investigation, Boston division, Wednesday announced the unsealing of a nine-count indictment charging five men with federal offenses related to a stolen catalytic converter trafficking ring. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hartford Courant: **Two Hartford men charged in June robbery of credit union**, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 6:04 PM

Two Hartford men have been charged with robbing a Hartford credit union in June, according to federal authorities. Zaiqwan Fothergill 20, and Hakeem Robison, 27, are each charged with armed bank robbery and with using, carrying and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, according to federal authorities. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Patch \(Greater Hartford, CT\)](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: **Atlanta rapper sentenced for federal gun charge after police chase on Ga. 400**, Caroline Silva, August 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

An Atlanta rapper has been sentenced to federal prison after he fled from police with a gun last year while officers attempted to arrest him in connection with a May 2021 shooting, authorities announced Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WAGA-Fox \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WGCL-CBS \(Atlanta, GA\)](#), [WSB-ABC \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)

San Antonio Express-News: **Former Southside ISD teacher gets 20 years on child pornography charges**, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:27 PM

A former Southside ISD teacher was sentenced to 20 years in prison on child pornography charges, the Department of Justice announced Wednesday. Mark Anthony Rodriguez, 56, was found guilty of one count of distribution of child pornography, one count of receipt of child pornography and three counts of possession of child pornography, according to a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSAT-ABC \(San Antonio, TX\)](#)

Daily Voice (Alexandria, VA): **Repeat Bank Robber From DC Sentenced To 25 Years For His Multiple Crimes**, AJ Goldbloom, August 24, 2022, 3:06 PM

A man from D.C. was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for an armed bank robbery he committed back in 2021, authorities said. Amobi Agu, 37, is no stranger to the law, as he allegedly committed seven other armed bank robberies between 2007 and 2008, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NJ Metro Breaking News: **Belleville Man Sentenced to 11 Years in Prison for Distributing Explicit Images of Minors**, Carly Baldwin, August 24, 2022, 2:35 PM

An Essex County man was sentenced today to 135 months in prison for distributing multiple images and videos of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced. Federal officials said Mauricio Calderon, 51, of Belleville, New Jersey, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Claire C. Cecchi to an information charging him with one count of distribution of explicit images of minors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Goldsboro, NC): **Perth Amboy Man Admits To Leading Heroin, Fentanyl Drug Ring**, Carly Baldwin, August 24, 2022, 2:12 PM

In Newark federal court on Wednesday, a Perth Amboy man admitted to leading a heroin and fentanyl drug trafficking ring, U.S. Attorney Philip Sellinger announced. Luis Cabrera, 37, of Perth Amboy, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSDK-NBC (St. Louis, MO): **Missouri man sentenced 10 years after filming underage boys**, Alli Hebel, August 24, 2022, 8:16 PM

A southern Missouri man has been sentenced to 10 years for filming underage boys in the

bathroom. Michael Stevens, a 43-year-old man from Oran, Missouri, pleaded guilty in May 2022 to coercion and enticement of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMOV-CBS \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

KCEN-NBC (Temple, TX): Two Killeen men sentenced for involvement in string of 2017-2018 robberies, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:24 PM

Two men have been sentenced for their involvement in a series of robberies that took place in Killeen, according to Waco Police Department. From November 2017 to January 2018, 26-year-old Roosevelt Jones IV, and Christopher Teon Fults, 29, robbed five businesses at gunpoint, according to Temple Police. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTBC-Fox \(Austin, TX\)](#), [KWKT-Fox \(Waco, TX\)](#)

KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): Utah man pleads guilty to child exploitation in two states, Larry D. Curtis, August 24, 2022, 6:57 PM

A Utah man has pleaded guilty to two federal child exploitation cases, one in Arkansas and one in his home state. Landon Germaine, 24, of Woods Cross, Utah, pleaded guilty to felony interstate coercion and enticement of a minor in the Utah case. In the case in Arkansas, he entered a guilty plea for attempted sexual exploitation via production of child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KTVX-ABC \(Salt Lake City, UT\)](#)

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): East Longmeadow man charged with trafficking fentanyl, Ashley Shook, August 24, 2022, 6:51 PM

A man from East Longmeadow was indicted Tuesday on fentanyl and firearm charges. According to the Justice Department in Boston, 25-year-old Carlos Gonzalez was indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield on possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking felony. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVE-NBC (El Dorado, AR): Hahnville man sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for drug and firearm offenses, Kevin Dudley, August 24, 2022, 5:42 PM

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced 34-year-old Delon Scott of Hahnville, La. was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison, followed by five years of supervised release for Drug Trafficking and Possession of Firearms. On May 17, 2022, Scott pleaded guilty to a Bill of Information charging him with Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking. According to evidence presented in court, Scott was stopped by Mangham Police on December 8, 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTBS-ABC (Shreveport, LA): SPD officer indicted for wire fraud, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:30 PM

A Shreveport Police Department officer has been indicted by a federal grand jury for claiming overtime for hours that he did not work, U.S. Attorney Brandon Brown said in a news release. The indictment, which was returned today, charges James Cisco, 51, of Shreveport, with six counts of wire fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSLA-CBS \(Shreveport, LA\)](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Federal prosecutors allege man shot woman during carjacking, Matt Woods, August 24, 2022, 5:38 PM

A man was indicted for allegedly shooting a woman multiple times during a carjacking outside a North City Walgreens earlier this month. An indictment alleges 20-year-old Loyse Dozier attempted to steal a woman's Kia Optima at gunpoint at the Walgreens in the 1400 block of North

Grand on August 1. Police said the woman handed over the keys but was shot multiple times. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KTVI-Fox \(St. Louis, MO\)](#)

KOLD-CBS (Tucson, AZ): Tucson man convicted of federal child sex abuse charges, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 5:17 PM

A federal trial jury found a Tucson man guilty last week of multiple child sexual abuse charges. Eric David Marrufo, 43, was found guilty of five counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child and one count of abusive sexual contact with a child. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WVUA (Northport, AL): Tuscaloosa sentenced to 25 years for drug trafficking, Keli Stiglich, August 24, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Tuscaloosa man this week was sentenced to 25 years in prison on federal drug trafficking charges. Clemmie Lee Spencer, 43, was charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and possessing a firearm after a previous drug trafficking conviction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTHR-NBC (Indianapolis, IN): Man sentenced to federal prison in 'grandparent scam', Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 4:33 PM

A New York man was sentenced to eight years in federal prison for mail fraud and money laundering connected to a nationwide grandparent scheme. Jasaun Pope, also known as "Biz," 31, along with alleged co-conspirators Darlens Renard, Princess Elizer, Jennifer Glemeau, and Kareem Brown, targeted and exploited the elderly. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIBQ \(Terre Haute, IN\)](#), [WXIN-Fox \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

WISH-CW (Indianapolis, IN): Indianapolis man faces more prison time for possessing gun while on parole, Daja Stowe, August 24, 2022, 4:27 PM

An Indianapolis man on parole faces prison time after pleading guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm on Tuesday. Parole agents searched the home of Bradford Jensen, 50, in Indianapolis on Oct. 28. Police say they found a loaded handgun. Jensen was arrested and later confessed to investigators that the firearm was in fact his, according to court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCPQ-Fox (Seattle, WA): Seattle man charged with possessing 'ghost gun,' stolen car and drugs, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 4:01 PM

A Seattle man faces federal felony charges of possessing a ghost gun and drugs in a stolen vehicle. Jade B. Irey was charged Wednesday in the Seattle U.S. District Court with unlawful possession of a machine gun, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking and unlawful possession of a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCHS-ABC (Charleston, WV): Huntington man sentenced to prison for role in multi-state drug trafficking organization, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Cabell County man has been sentenced to prison for his role in a multi-state drug trafficking operation. Marvin Jerome Calvin, 41, of Huntington was sentenced to six years and six months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release time for trafficking illegal drugs, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Southern District of West Virginia. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WNCN-CBS (Goldsboro, NC): Rocky Mount Blood Nation gang leader sentenced to more than 27 years for drug conspiracy, Department of Justice says, Kathryn Hubbard, August 24, 2022, 3:55 PM

A Rocky Mount man was sentenced Tuesday to more than 27 years in prison for leading a conspiracy to sell drugs, according [sic] the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. According to court documents, Terrence Brandon Mabry, 32, ran a drug distribution operation out of a residence in Rocky Mount. Law enforcement officers conducted more than one dozen undercover purchases of controlled substances from Mabry and his co-conspirators between Nov. 2015 and Apr. 2018. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNOX-FM (Grand Forks, ND): ND man sentenced on 3 involuntary manslaughter counts, Pat Sweeney, August 24, 2022, 3:27 PM

A 19-year-old St. Michael (ND) man will serve nearly five years in federal prison after pleading guilty to three counts of Involuntary Manslaughter and one count of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. The U-S Attorney's Office says, in August 2021, Winter Skye Bigtrack operated a motor vehicle on the Spirit Lake Reservation that left the road and rolled. Another vehicle was involved in the accident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCTI-ABC (New Bern, NC): Pamlico County man sentenced to more than five years in prison on crack charges, Jordan Honeycutt, August 24, 2022, 3:00 PM

A Bayboro man was sentenced to just under six years in prison for distributing crack. Court documents showed that George Henry Midgette, 62, a.k.a. "Jersey George" pled guilty to charges of distributing 28 grams of crack on multiple occasions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNOX-FM (Grand Forks, ND): Fargo man sentenced to 2-1/2 years on federal firearms charges, Pat Sweeney, August 24, 2022, 2:58 PM

A 31-year-old Fargo man has been sentenced to two-and-a-half years in federal prison for possession of illegal ghost guns and imported suppressors. Authorities say a search of Matthew Kraft's home in 2021 revealed an arsenal of weapons, including short barreled rifles, ghost guns and more than 20 firearm suppressors, most of which were illegally imported from China. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KFGO-AM \(Fargo, ND\)](#)

WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Indiana man sentenced for dealing meth on probation, Matt Adams, August 24, 2022, 12:31 PM

An Indiana man was sentenced to more than a decade in federal prison for dealing meth while on probation. Shane Theisz, 44, of Terre Haute, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. A judge sentenced him to 135 months. Upon his release, he'll be on supervised probation for five years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WISH-CW \(Indianapolis, IN\)](#)

WAGA-Fox (Atlanta, GA): Man sentenced for sending threatening messages to Maryland Asian-American doctor over COVID-19 vaccine, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 11:58 AM

A Texas man has been sentenced to six months in federal prison for sending a threatening message to a Maryland Asian-American medical doctor of who [sic] publicly advocated for the COVID-19 vaccine. According to court documents, Scott Eli Harris, 52, of Aubrey, Texas, sent a threatening message from his phone to a Maryland doctor who had been a vocal proponent of the COVID-19 vaccine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. judge blocks Idaho abortion ban in emergencies; Texas restrictions allowed, Nate Raymond, August 24, 2022, 9:40 PM

A federal judge on Wednesday blocked Idaho from enforcing a ban on abortions when pregnant women require emergency care, a day after a judge in Texas ruled against President Joe Biden's administration on the same issue. The conflicting rulings came in two of the first lawsuits over Biden's attempts to keep abortion legal after the conservative majority U.S. Supreme Court in June overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized the procedure nationwide.

[\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [Axios](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Fox](#), [Idaho Statesman](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Texas Lawyer](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: NC transgender inmate's suit likely to proceed, judge says, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal judge indicated Tuesday that the case of a transgender inmate suing North Carolina for gender affirming medical care may be likely to proceed. Kanautica Zayre-Brown sued North Carolina's Department of Public Safety in April, claiming the prison system has failed to regularly dispense Zayre-Brown's prescribed hormones and has denied her request for surgical procedure to construct a vagina.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Second ex-prison guard convicted in inmate beating death, John O'Connor, August 23, 2022, 5:00 PM

A former Illinois prison guard could face life in prison after a jury convicted him Tuesday of violating the civil rights of a 65-year-old inmate who died after correctional officers beat him in a lockup more than four years ago. The jury of six men and six women deliberated about three hours before returning guilty verdicts on five counts against ex-correctional Lt. Todd Sheffler, 54, of Mendon. Sheffler is the second ex-guard convicted in the death of Larry Earvin in May 2018. A separate jury convicted Alex Banta, 31, of similar charges in April. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Federal judge poised to allow help for disabled Wisconsin voters, Harm Venhuizen, August 24, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal judge in Wisconsin signaled Wednesday that he will allow voters with disabilities to get help returning their ballots this fall, despite a state Supreme Court ruling that cast doubt on such assistance and state law suggesting it is not allowed. U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson said he expects to issue an order by Sept. 2 that will address differences in state and federal law that make it unclear whether voters who are unable to return or mail their own ballot can select someone else to do so for them.[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Use of force 'doesn't seem justified' in video of 3 Arkansas officers beating man: Experts, N'dea Yancey-Bragg, August 24, 2022, 6:34 PM

For about 30 seconds, a bystander records a video as three officers punch, strike and knee a man while struggling to arrest him outside an Arkansas convenience store. The video ends after one of the officers looks up at the camera, points a finger and appears to tell the person to stop filming. For many, the incident is a clear example of excessive force. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: 'It steals our dignity': Houston residents have turned to the federal government to clean up trash dumped in their neighborhood, Nicole Chavez, August 25, 2022, 12:00 AM
Huey German-Wilson has spent six years trying to get rid of piles of tires, mattresses, and other

debris that have marred the streets of her Houston neighborhood. [...] She and others in her neighborhood have sent countless photos of the debris to the city's 311 system but tired of not getting help, they filed a federal complaint in December accusing the city of prejudice and discrimination about its response to illegal dumping complaints in this majority Black and Latino area. Now, the Department of Justice is investigating how city officials respond to those calls and whether their response discriminates against Black and Latino residents across Houston.

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Bloomberg Law: Texas Harvester Settles Allegations of Bias Against US Citizens, Khorri Atkinson, August 24, 2022, 4:56 PM

A Texas-based farm produce distributor agreed to pay more than \$18,000 to settle US Department of Justice allegations that the company unlawfully hired foreign visa holders over two US citizens. A. Olivarez Harvesting LLC will shell out a \$4,250 civil penalty, pay \$14,165 in back pay and interest to the US workers, be subjected to federal oversight for three years, and must publish notices informing workers of their rights under the Immigration and Nationality Act's anti-discrimination provision, as part of a settlement agreement the DOJ announced Wednesday.

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WZTV-Fox (Nashville, TN): NAACP calls on Justice Department to investigate Metro Police body cam cuts, Jordan Whittington, August 24, 2022, 4:00 PM

The Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP is calling for the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate recent action by the Metro Nashville Police Department which entailed editing body camera footage. Last week, Metro Police gave two employees written reprimands for incorrectly editing out curse words from body-worn camera footage. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Nashville Scene](#)

Patch (Farmington, CT): Farmington Schools Disagree With Bullying Accusations, Michael Lemanski, August 24, 2022, 1:28 PM

Local school officials Wednesday confirmed the district is being subjected to a civil rights probe by federal education officials regarding a bullying complaint, a complaint school officials disagree with. According to Hearst Connecticut Media's CT Insider website, the U.S. Department of Education Aug. 10 told a parent it is looking into complaints the school system failed to act on reports of a middle school student being bullied, among other incidents appearing to target the LGBTQ community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Texas Tribune: "It's a living hell": Scorching heat in Texas prisons revives air-conditioning debate, Jolie McCullough, August 24, 2022, 10:08 AM

David Segovia lay on the floor of his Texas prison cell and wondered if this was how he was going to die. The state was experiencing its hottest July in recorded history, and he, like most Texas prisoners, was locked inside a concrete and steel building without air conditioning. It had been months since he last felt cool air on his skin. A heat rash snaked up his arms. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJZ-CBS (Baltimore, MD): Maryland officer indicted by jury for violating civil rights and obstructing justice, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 8:41 PM

A former Fairmount Heights police officer has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of violating a man's civil rights and allegedly obstructing justice, according to Department of Justice officials. Philip Dupree, 38, allegedly used excessive force when he conducted a traffic stop in

the District of Columbia on Aug. 4, 2019, Department of Justice officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WMAR-ABC \(Baltimore, MD\)](#), [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WBUR-FM (Boston, MA): Civil rights group asks for federal review on the impacts of Orange Line shutdown, Chris Lisinski, August 24, 2022, 1:00 PM

Alleging that the MBTA failed to properly examine the impacts of the Orange Line shutdown on communities of color, a civil rights group on Wednesday asked federal authorities to intervene amid what it described as an "illegal and discriminatory" change in service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Biden seeks to bolster legal protection for DACA recipients, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

The Biden administration on Wednesday unveiled a regulation aimed at fending off legal challenges to a decade-old program that shields immigrants from deportation if they arrived as young children. The rule isn't scheduled to take effect until Oct. 31 and its fate is tied to a lawsuit by Texas and other Republican-led states. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has been closed to new registrants since July 2021 while the case winds its way through the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: Cuban Migrants Head to the U.S. in Record Numbers, José de Córdoba, August 24, 2022, 11:00 AM

Cuban migrants are arriving in the U.S. at the highest rate since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959, fleeing political repression and the island's worst economic crisis in more than three decades. More than 175,000 Cuban migrants were apprehended in the U.S. between last October and July, six times as many as in the previous 12-month period, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Border agents thwart American citizen, four Brazilians using jet skis in human smuggling scheme, Brad Matthews, August 24, 2022, 5:00 PM

Customs and Border Protection agents have apprehended an American man trying to smuggle in four Brazilian migrants across the St. Clair River dividing the U.S. from Canada via jet ski. CBP Air and Marine Operations officers initially observed a jet ski on Saturday carrying three people leaving Canadian waters and crossing the border before landing near Port Huron, Michigan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Blogger Cops To Assisting Attys' Alleged Immigration Scam, Pete Brush, August 24, 2022, 2:35 PM

A New York City blogger told a Manhattan federal judge Wednesday that he assisted two lawyers in creating fraudulent asylum applications to submit to U.S. immigration authorities, pleading guilty to a conspiracy count. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Merced Sun-Star (Merced, CA): Arrests of undocumented immigrants by ICE have shrunk in Merced County. Here's the data, Abbie Lauten-Scrivner, August 24, 2022, 8:28 PM

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests of undocumented individuals remained relatively low in Merced County for another year in 2021, according to data presented by law enforcement during Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. Only two undocumented

immigrants were arrested by ICE following their release from the Merced County jail last year, the Sheriff's Office reported. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NY Post: Video shows migrants attacking, taunting Border Patrol agents, Callie Patteson, August 24, 2022, 7:36 PM

US Border Patrol agents were allegedly attacked by two migrants who swam around a Pacific Ocean barrier with an alarming video showing one man taunting and lunging at one of the agents before getting busted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Laredo Morning Times: Woman tried smuggling \$248K, firearms into Mexico, César Rodríguez, August 24, 2022, 4:00 PM

A woman tried smuggling more than \$248,000 and two handguns from Dallas to her hometown in Michoacan, Mexico, according to the Webb County Sheriff's Office. On Aug. 22, a Webb County Sheriff's Office investigator and a sergeant responded to assist U.S. Customs and Border protection officers at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge with a cash and firearms seizure. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAAY-ABC (Huntsville, AL): Candy-looking 'rainbow fentanyl' targeting younger people, concerning for law enforcement, Brittany Harry, August 24, 2022, 11:00 PM

There's growing concern over 'rainbow fentanyl' as large amounts of the colorful pills are being seized. "It's scary, it's really scary," Madison County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Brent Patterson said. Rainbow fentanyl has not made its way to Alabama yet, but law enforcement says it's not a matter of if, but when. [...] U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in Arizona recently seized more than 250,000 fentanyl pills, some of which were different colors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): 5 arrested in Michigan after human smuggling attempts on jet ski from Canada, Faraz Javed, August 24, 2022, 8:10 PM

Four people have been arrested after they allegedly entered the country illegally by crossing the St. Clair River from Canada. A fifth person has also been apprehended in Port Huron for playing a role in the human smuggling incident that took place over the weekend. A five-page court affidavit filed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection tells all about the incident. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WRAL-NBC (Raleigh, NC): Brother charged with murder in shooting death of Wake County deputy Ned Byrd faces gun charge in separate case, Chelsea Donovan, August 24, 2022, 6:13 PM

One of the brothers charged with the murder of Wake County deputy Ned Byrd appeared Wednesday in federal court. Authorities are holding Alder Alfonso Marin-Sotelo in Forsyth County Jail on a federal immigration detainer to allow U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to investigate whether he is in the country legally. He's been detained there since Aug. 16. Marin-Sotelo waived a preliminary hearing and a detention hearing on Wednesday on a charge of possessing a gun illegally while not being a resident of the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Law360: DOJ Wants 'Raw' Google Data To Ensure No Cherry-Picking, Bryan Koenig, August 24, 2022, 7:58 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice battled Google in a D.C. federal court hearing Wednesday over

access to "raw" search data sought to ensure the technology giant did not selectively pick what its expert was looking at when analyzing how consumers use the service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: DOJ Wants To Argue In State-Led Facebook Case At DC Circ., Matthew Perlman, August 24, 2022, 4:46 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice is requesting time during oral arguments at the D.C. Circuit to support a contingent of state-level enforcers accusing Facebook's parent company, Meta Platforms Inc., of monopolizing personal social networking services through acquisitions and developer restrictions on its platform. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: T-Mobile Wants Suit Over \$26B Sprint Merger Sent To NY, Piper Blackburn, August 24, 2022, 2:29 PM

T-Mobile asked an Illinois federal judge to transfer a putative class suit challenging its \$26 billion merger with Sprint Corp. to a New York federal court, where the companies beat a prior merger challenge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: FTC drops Zuckerberg from lawsuit over virtual reality company purchase, Zach Schonfeld, August 24, 2022, 9:28 AM

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) entered an agreement with Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Tuesday to drop him from an ongoing antitrust lawsuit attempting to block the company's purchase of a virtual reality company. A joint court filing stipulates that Zuckerberg will not purchase the company, Within Unlimited, as an individual or through any entity controlled by Zuckerberg in exchange for being removed as a defendant in the suit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

ABC: Man caught carrying reptiles in clothing pleads guilty to smuggling, Teddy Grant, August 24, 2022, 9:06 PM

A California man has pleaded guilty to importing wild animals into the country, federal prosecutors in Los Angeles announced Wednesday. Prosecutors said Jose Manuel Perez, 30, smuggled more than 1,700 wild animals, including 60 reptiles, worth \$739,000 into the U.S. and was arrested at the U.S.-Mexico border in February. Officials found reptiles hidden in his clothing in small bags, prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Gorton's Must Face Scaled-Back Frozen Fish Labeling Suit, Chris Villani, August 24, 2022, 3:43 PM

Gorton's Inc. is not yet off the hook for a suit alleging it falsely labeled its tilapia products as "sustainably sourced," after a Massachusetts federal judge on Wednesday trimmed the claims but declined to toss the case altogether. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Group blames Biden border policies for 'environmental destruction' despite admin's push for enviro justice, Brianna Herlihy, August 24, 2022, 1:01 PM

A group claiming that President Biden's border policies allowing record-breaking mass migrations are negatively impacting the environment is presenting a legal challenge that flips the script on the administration, which has pushed environmental justice as its "top priority." [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

AP: 3 arrested in Washington State in yoga tax fraud case, Larry Neumeister, August 24, 2022, 1:59 PM

Three leaders of a multimillion dollar international yoga network that promoted itself as “Yoga to the People” before closing down amid published reports that it operated like a cult were arrested Wednesday in Washington State for failing to pay federal taxes while they lived lavishly, authorities in New York announced. A complaint unsealed in Manhattan federal court said the donation-based organization generated over \$20 million in revenue for a decade while promising that its classes featured no-ego and no glorified teachers because “yoga is for everyone.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Daily Beast](#), [Law360](#), [NY Daily News](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

Bloomberg: IRS Will Wipe Away \$1.2 Billion in Late Fees From Pandemic, Laura Davison, August 24, 2022, 10:35 AM

The Internal Revenue Service announced Wednesday that it will wipe out late fees for taxpayers who struggled to file their tax returns on time during the pandemic. The IRS estimates that nearly 1.6 million taxpayers will receive more than \$1.2 billion worth of penalty relief. The tax agency will automatically issue the refunds or credits for most of the fees by the end of September. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#), [Politico](#)

The Hill: Senate report blasts IRS for handling of foreign bank registration, Tobias Burns, August 24, 2022, 5:26 PM

A Senate report released Wednesday on a form of tax evasion was highly critical of the IRS for the way it handles foreign bank registration as part of the laws that govern how U.S. citizens and business entities can own foreign assets. The report said that it was “shockingly easy” to obtain a certain kind of registration number from the IRS that signifies its holder to be a valid foreign financial institution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TDPel Media: Florida Woman Gets Prison Sentence for Participating in National Tax Fraud Scheme, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Florida woman who assisted in carrying out a widespread tax fraud plan and made an effort to stop the IRS from retrieving a fraudulent refund she obtained after submitting a bogus tax return was given a one-year and one-day jail term today. Rebecca Cyphers, 65, of Winter Springs, Florida, took part in a widespread tax fraud operation from at least September 2014 to May 2016, according to court records and testimony given in court. Promoters of the scam convinced potential customers that they were eligible for tax refunds because of their mortgages and other obligations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: Chicago gun violence: DOJ announces dozens of charges as part of federal 'strike force' initiative, Audrey Conklin, August 24, 2022, 12:46 PM

The Department of Justice on Tuesday announced that officials have charged and convicted dozens of offenders for gun crimes in Chicago as part of President Biden's 2021 "strike force" initiative. The DOJ also said "a significant number" of guns recovered in Chicago are illegally trafficked from outside the Windy City. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR: The FBI is on the hunt for a Denver bank robber dubbed the 'Empty Promise Bandit', Dustin Jones, August 25, 2022, 5:30 AM

The FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force and local law enforcement are looking for a suspect who's robbed at least three banks in Colorado's Denver metropolitan area. They're calling him the "Empty Promise Bandit." The FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force said the suspect is a 5-foot-9 white male in his 30s, with a slender build and close-cut, light-colored hair. Photos of the suspect show him wearing a hat and a pair of sunglasses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **ATF goes after 'ghost guns' as new rule takes effect**, Maureen Breslin, August 24, 2022, 4:07 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced Wednesday that its new rule going after so-called "ghost guns" has gone into effect. The rule is intended to stop the proliferation of ghost guns — firearms privately made or put together through gun kits that are generally hard to trace. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courthouse News](#), [Newsmax](#)

NY Post: **FBI brass warned agents off Hunter Biden laptop due to 2020 election: whistleblowers**, Emily Crane, August 24, 2022, 7:01 PM

FBI officials told agents not to investigate first son Hunter Biden's infamous laptop for months vowing that the bureau was "not going to change the outcome of the election again," according to whistleblower claims made public Wednesday by Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) "These new allegations provide even more evidence of FBI corruption and renew calls for you to take immediate steps to investigate the FBI's actions regarding the laptop," Johnson wrote in a letter to Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): **US Marshals arrest Columbia man wanted for firing shots at Forest Acres police**, Caitlin Ashworth, August 24, 2022, 5:00 PM

A man wanted for allegedly firing shots at a Forest Acres police officer was arrested by the US Marshals Service at a motel in Birmingham, Ala., after a month-long investigation, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department. The Marshals served the warrant on Aug. 24. The suspect, 19-year-old Labre Smith of Columbia, had barricaded himself in a Tourway Inn motel room, but eventually surrendered and now faces charges of attempted murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime, according to the sheriff's department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Tribune (Chicago, IL): **Glenview man sentenced in federal Firearms Trafficking Task Force case**, Brian L. Cox, August 22, 2022, 4:36 PM

A Glenview man is one of more than 40 people that have been charged or sentenced to federal prison for gun crimes in the wake of a cross-jurisdictional "Firearms Trafficking Strike Force," according to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): **Church near Germantown High School hit by gunfire**, Daniel Wilkerson, August 24, 2022, 10:12 PM

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is investigating after shots were fired near Germantown High School and near a church Wednesday afternoon. When FOX13's crew arrived, police and ATF agents swarmed the scene in the 2400 block of Arthur Road. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): **Large amount of 'rainbow fentanyl' seized in Morgantown**, Madeline Bartos, August 24, 2022, 8:09 PM

Officers said they seized a large amount of "rainbow fentanyl" in Morgantown, a colorful version of the deadly drug that's made to look like candy. U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld said adolescent

overdose deaths have doubled over the past decade, blaming it on fentanyl and the way it's marketed. Ihlenfeld said the multi-colored pills found in Morgantown are "another example of drug cartels being creative in how they produce and sell their product." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WBOY-NBC/ABC \(Clarksburg, WV\)](#), [WCHS-ABC \(Charleston, WV\)](#)

WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): U.S. Marshals release statement after man killed in officer-involved shooting at Nutter Fort funeral home, Alexandra Weaver, August 24, 2022, 8:03 PM

The United States Marshals Service has released the following statement about Wednesday's fatal officer-involved shooting in Nutter Fort. "At approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, members of the U.S. Marshals-led Mountain State Fugitive Task Force and other law enforcement agencies were involved in an officer-involved shooting during a fugitive investigation that resulted in a fatality in Nutter Fort, West Virginia. Preliminary information indicates that during the arrest attempt, the subject produced a firearm. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KABB-Fox (San Antonio, TX): Amber Alert discontinued for 1-year-old girl from Austin, she's safe, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

An AMBER Alert has been stopped for the missing one-year-old girl from Austin earlier Wednesday morning. The Austin Police Department says, "with the assistance and support of the U.S. Marshals Office and the diligent work of APD's Missing Persons Unit, Saylor Elizabeth Tucker has been located and is safe." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KDBC-CBS \(El Paso, TX\)](#)

WGXA-Fox/ABC (Macon, GA): Second suspect arrested in 2020 murder of Macon 15-year-old, Claire Helm, August 24, 2022, 3:00 PM

Another suspect is in custody for the December 2020 shooting of a Macon teen who later died from his injuries. The Bibb County Sheriff's Office said US Marshals arrested 18-year-old David Martin, Jr. in Pulaski County on Wednesday. Martin is the second person to be arrested in connection to the December 6, 2020 shooting of 15-year-old Jamarion Lawrence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WMGT-NBC \(Macon, GA\)](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Star Tribune (Minneapolis, MN): Derek Chauvin to serve time in federal prison in Arizona for killing George Floyd, Paul Walsh and Stephen Montemayor, August 24, 2022, 5:28 PM
Fired Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was taken by U.S. marshals from a state prison and is heading to a federal facility to serve his time for killing George Floyd more than two years ago, a Minnesota corrections spokesman said. Chauvin was picked up by marshals about 8 a.m. at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Oak Park Heights, Department of Corrections (DOC) spokesman Nicholas Kimball said. Marshals Service spokesman Michael Fuller said Chauvin was being flown to a federal prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WBTS-NBC (Nashua, NH): Families of Bulger Victims Have Questions About Former Boston Mob Boss' Death, Brian Burnell, August 24, 2022, 9:00 PM

New details are becoming clear in court on how infamous Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger was killed in a West Virginia prison almost four years ago. During a federal hearing for one of the three men charged with his murder, prosecutors showed evidence that inmates knew Bulger was coming. "The [Federal] Bureau of Prisons has a lot of questions to answer here. Whitey Bulger never even made it to breakfast. He went to bed and never got out of his cell that

day," said Dave Wedge, one of the authors of "Hunting Whitey." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): Almost 50,000 men and women held in solitary confinement in US prisons, report says, Douglas Jones, August 24, 2022, 8:23 PM

A report from Yale Law School that questioned U.S. prison systems found that in the summer of 2021, nearly 50,000 men and women were held in solitary confinement in the U.S. As the Guardian reported, the number was above the minimum standards set by the United Nations, which says that this type of isolation is considered torture [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Law360: [ANALYSIS] What To Watch In Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's First Term, Jimmy Hoover, August 24, 2022, 9:46 PM

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson has spent nearly a decade on the federal bench, but only a short portion of that was as a member of an appellate court. With so many unknowns about her approach to the job, U.S. Supreme Court practitioners tell Law360 what they will be watching for in her debut term beginning in October. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Utah sues Biden over move to restore 2 national monuments, Sam Metz and Brady McCombs, August 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

The state of Utah and two Republican-leaning rural counties sued the Biden administration on Wednesday over the president's decision last year to restore two sprawling national monuments on rugged lands sacred to Native Americans that former President Donald Trump had downsized. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Deseret News](#), [NPR](#)

AP: ACLU SD joins case in support of Indian Child Welfare Act, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 9:00 AM

The American Civil Liberties Union of South Dakota is joining other states in filing an amicus brief in defense of the Indian Child Welfare Act. The 'friend of the court' brief involves the U.S. Supreme Court case Brackeen v. Haaland which challenges the act that establishes federal standards for placement of Native American children in foster or adoptive homes. The act seeks to give the child's family and tribe the opportunity to be involved in decisions that previously may have been excluded from, including placement and services. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Law360: Smoking Ban Suit A No-Go In Tribal Court, 8th Circ. Told, Andrew Westney, August 24, 2022, 7:32 PM

An oil and gas company has asked the Eighth Circuit to reject a bid by the Three Affiliated Tribes to overturn a ruling that their courts can't hear a suit claiming the company's employees violated a contractual smoking ban on the tribe's reservation, saying the company isn't under the tribal court's jurisdiction. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: All Tribes Risk Losing Out On Online Gambling, DC Circ. Told, Caleb Symons, August 24, 2022, 5:38 PM

A week after federal regulators urged the D.C. Circuit to revive a controversial gambling compact

that would give the Seminole Tribe full control over Florida's online sports betting market, the tribe sought to cast the appellate case as a referendum on the future of the entire industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Tribe Not Required To Allow More Trains In BNSF Clash, Joyce Hanson, August 24, 2022, 5:01 PM

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community was not obligated to let BNSF Railway Co. breach an easement agreement that limited how many trains could cross tribal land, a Washington federal judge has ruled, rejecting the railroad's argument that the tribe's opposition to additional trains was arbitrary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Law360: NY Pot Regulators Announce Caps On Retail Licenses, Sam Reisman, August 24, 2022, 4:55 PM

New York state cannabis regulators on Wednesday identified 150 as the number of conditional marijuana retail licenses that it will award in its first round of licensing, with limits placed on regions based on their population size. The announcement was timed one day before the Office of Cannabis Management is set to begin accepting applications on Thursday for the first tranche of conditional adult-use retail dispensary licenses. The per-region license maximums are tied to the area's population. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

Politico: How cities could get around Newsom's injection sites veto, Lara Korte And Camille Von Kaenel, August 24, 2022, 6:15 PM

For some San Francisco city officials, Gov. Gavin Newsom's veto of a state-backed safe drug injection site means it's time to take matters into their own hands. Doing so could get tricky. Senate Bill 57 which the governor vetoed this week, fueling speculation about his broader ambitions would have created pilot programs in Oakland, San Francisco in Los Angeles. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Bloomberg: Biden Says He Had 'Zero' Advance Notice of FBI's Mar-a-Lago Search, Justin Sink, August 24, 2022, 2:36 PM

President Joe Biden said Wednesday he had no prior knowledge of the FBI search at former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. "I didn't have any advance notice," Biden said at the White House following an event to announce student loan relief. "None, zero, not one single bit." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Biden administration crackdown on 'ghost guns' takes effect, Paul Best, August 24, 2022, 10:12 PM

A new federal rule designed to crack down on "ghost guns," or privately assembled firearms, took effect on Wednesday, the Department of Justice announced. "These guns have often been sold as build-your-own kits that contain all or almost all of the parts needed to quickly build an unmarked gun. And anyone could sell or buy these guns without a background check," Attorney

General Merrick Garland said Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NBC: Biden names new Secret Service director amid growing pressure over missing Jan. 6 text messages, Zoë Richards, August 24, 2022, 9:46 PM

President Joe Biden said Wednesday he is appointing Kim Cheatle as the new director of the Secret Service as it faces scrutiny over missing text messages related to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Cheatle will succeed James Murray, who announced his retirement last month before the text message debacle became public. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#)

CONGRESS

Reuters: Twitter whistleblower to meet with Senate panel Sept. 13, Unattributed, August 24, 2022, 7:51 PM

The U.S. Senate Judiciary committee will hold a hearing on Sept. 13 with Twitter Inc's (TWTR.N) former security chief Peiter "Mudge" Zatkó to discuss allegations from his whistleblower complaint that the social media company misled regulators. Zatkó, who accused Twitter of falsely claiming it had a solid security plan and making misleading statements about its defenses against hackers and spam accounts, has already discussed his complaint with staffs of the chair and ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and the staff of the Senate Intelligence Committee, according to a spokesperson for Zatkó. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [CNN](#), [Politico](#)

Reuters: Congressman Perry sues to block U.S. from searching seized cell phone, Sarah N. Lynch, August 24, 2022, 10:00 AM

Republican Congressman Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, a staunch ally of former President Donald Trump, has sued the U.S. Justice Department in a bid to stop investigators from searching the contents of his cell phone after it was seized earlier this month. Perry, who has helped spread Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him through widespread voting fraud, was vacationing with his family in New Jersey on Aug. 9 when three FBI agents approached him with a search warrant to seize his cellphone. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [UPI](#), [WSJ](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 24, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- President Biden announced he's wiping away thousands of dollars of college debt. He also proposed big changes to the repayment programs, offering much-needed relief to 45 million Americans with federal student loan debt. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- At least 22 people were killed and dozens more were injured in a Russian missile strike on a train station in Ukraine. The strike comes six months after the start of the war, as Ukraine marked its independence day. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

A flash flood warning has been issued for parts of Mississippi after torrential rains caused evacuations, closed roadways and forced water rescues across the region. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- After more than three hours of deliberation, a federal jury awarded \$31 million in damages after finding the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments liable for infringing on the constitutional rights of Vanessa Bryant and co-plaintiff Christopher Chester, who each lost a spouse and daughter in the helicopter crash in January 2020. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ahead of the midterms, new evidence suggests that the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade is benefitting Democrats. In the New York primary, Democrat Pat Ryan pulled off an upset win, focusing on abortion rights. However, Democrats are also facing internal duels that have been intensified by redistricting. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Texas school board will be meeting in a closed-door session to decide the fate of Police Chief Pete Arredondo. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- More than 4,000 teachers in Ohio’s largest school district remain on strike for the third day, forcing students back into remote learning. The union wants smaller classes and says teachers are working in dilapidated schools. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A new rule went into effect mandating serial numbers and background checks on “ghost guns” in an effort to crackdown on the otherwise untraceable weapon made with a click of a 3D printer. [[CBS](#)]
- While remote learning protected students from COVID, it didn’t always make it easy to learn. One study found it may take more than five years for some students to catch up. [[CBS](#)]
- First lady Dr. Jill Biden has tested positive for a rebound case of Covid-19, her deputy communications director Kelsey Donohue confirmed. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- “Biden Urged to Act Swiftly on Ukraine Nuclear Plant” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- “How China Could Choke Taiwan With a Blockade” [[NYT](#)]
- “Biden to cancel up to \$20,000 in student loans for many borrowers” [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)]

- “Stock Futures Rise as Investors Await Jackson Hole” [[WSJ](#)]

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WASHINGTON & DOJ SCHEDULE: AUGUST 26, 2022

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11:00 AM: United States Attorney Michael Easley, along with representatives from the Fayetteville Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will hold a press conference to announce the sentence of Reshod Everett, a convicted armed drug trafficker who ran his operation out of his home, which he also operated as a daycare center.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

AP: Trump search redacted affidavit set to be released, Eric Tucker, August 26, 2022, 12:25 AM

The Justice Department is set to release Friday a heavily blacked out document explaining the justification for an FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Florida estate earlier this month, when agents removed top secret government records and other classified documents. The document, expected by noon, is likely to offer at least some new details about an ongoing criminal investigation that has brought fresh legal peril for Trump just as he lays the groundwork for another presidential run. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Reuters](#)

Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept. sued to disclose records on threats to election workers, Mike Scarcella, August 25, 2022, 4:26 PM

The U.S. Justice Department was sued on Thursday by a government watchdog group seeking public records about the task force the agency set up last year to address mounting threats of violence against election workers and state voting administrators. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) filed the complaint in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The lawsuit requests details under the Freedom of Information Act about the number of tips the task force has received and how many cases are open or closed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Justice Dept. provides judge with redacted Trump affidavit, Eric Tucker, August 25, 2022, 12:30 PM

The Justice Department on Thursday submitted to a judge a redacted version of the affidavit it relied on when federal agents searched the Florida estate of former President Donald Trump to look for classified documents. The document was filed under seal and it was not immediately clear when it might be made public, or how much of it will be disclosed. "The United States has filed a submission under seal per the Court's order of Aug. 22," Justice Department spokesman Anthony Coley said in a statement. "The Justice Department respectfully declines further comment as the Court considers the matter." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Bloomberg-2](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [CNN-2](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Insider](#), [Law360](#), [National Desk](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [VOA](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [Washington Times](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: U.S. releases 2019 memo opposing Trump obstruction charges, Sarah N. Lynch, August 25, 2022, 7:16 AM

The Justice Department on Wednesday released under court order all of a 2019 memo in which two top officials advised then-Attorney General William Barr not to charge then-President Donald Trump with obstructing Special Counsel Robert Mueller's inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election. Barr's decision to clear Trump after receiving the memo drew criticism from many Democrats and some former Justice Department lawyers, who accused the top U.S. law enforcement official of protecting his boss. Mueller himself did not exonerate Trump of committing obstruction of justice in trying to impede the probe. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: 2 plead guilty in scheme to sell Biden's daughter's diary, Jennifer Peltz, August 25, 2022, 6:02 PM

Two Florida residents have pleaded guilty in a scheme to peddle a diary and other items stolen

from President Joe Biden's daughter to the conservative group Project Veritas for \$40,000, prosecutors said Thursday. Aimee Harris and Robert Kurlander "sought to profit from their theft of another person's personal property," Manhattan U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said in a statement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [Law360](#), [Miami Herald](#), [Newsmax](#), [NYT](#), [Patch \(Larchmont-Mamaroneck, NY\)](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: Georgia judge skeptical of claims of political bias in 2020 election probe, Matthew Brown, Tom Hamburger and Ann E. Marimow, August 25, 2022, 8:01 PM

The judge presiding over the grand jury investigation into possible election interference by Donald Trump and his allies expressed skepticism Thursday over arguments from Republicans that the prosecution, led by a Democratic district attorney, was politically motivated. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert C.I. McBurney did not immediately rule on a request from Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp (R) to toss a subpoena for his testimony from Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis (D). [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Newly released memo to Barr was just cover for exonerating Trump, Randall D. Eliason, August 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

In response to a court order, the Justice Department has released a 2019 internal memorandum to then-Attorney General William P. Barr concerning whether the evidence gathered by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III would justify charging then-President Donald Trump with obstruction of justice. As Mueller noted in his report, the prospect of charging a president with obstruction raises difficult issues. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Austin Orders Overhaul to Better Protect Civilians During U.S. Combat Operations, Eric Schmitt, Charlie Savage and Azmat Khan, August 25, 2022, 2:30 PM

The Pentagon on Thursday announced sweeping changes aimed at reducing risks to civilians in U.S. military operations by fostering a culture in which those in the field view preventing such harm as a core part of their missions. A 36-page action plan directs broad changes at every level of military planning, doctrine, training and policy in not only counterterrorism drone strikes but also in any future major conflict. It includes emerging war-fighting tactics like attacks on satellites and computer systems. The directive contains 11 major objectives aimed at helping commanders and operators better understand the presence of noncombatants before any operations begin.

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WaPo: Trump's secret papers and the 'myth' of presidential security clearance, Devlin Barrett, Ellen Nakashima and Josh Dawsey, August 25, 2022, 1:00 PM

Prosecutors scrutinizing Donald Trump for possible mishandling of classified information will have to do so without a key legal and factual element that has long been a staple of such cases, according to intelligence experts. That's because, unlike the vast majority of federal workers who access secret information, presidents are not made to sign paperwork on classified documents as part of their joining or leaving the government. Typically, when a person gets access to restricted information, they are "read in" — a process that includes signing documents at the outset, in which they acknowledge the legal requirements to not share information on sensitive programs with unauthorized people or keep classified documents in unauthorized places.

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CNN: US 'actively defending against foreign interference and influence' in midterms,

Cyber Command says, Sean Lyngaas, August 25, 2022, 11:38 PM

US military and intelligence officials are stepping up their efforts to defend the electoral process from foreign hacking and disinformation as the November midterms approach, officials said Thursday. Officials are "actively defending against foreign interference and influence operations in U.S. elections," US Cyber Command and the National Security Agency said in a statement, "specifically by focusing on how adversaries seek to undermine U.S. interests and prosperity, the will to vote of the populace, as well as their belief in the sanctity and security of their elections." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Barr unloads on Mueller: 'He made some very serious errors', Daniel Chaitin, August 26, 2022, 1:10 AM

Former Attorney General William Barr is unleashing heavy criticism of former special counsel Robert Mueller to an unprecedented degree years after his Russia investigation came to an end. "I don't think he was on top of his game. I think he made some very serious errors," Barr said in an interview with former New York Times editor Bari Weiss on her Honestly podcast published Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Ransomware attacks rose 47 percent in July, Ines Kagubare, August 25, 2022, 2:41 PM

Ransomware attacks rose 47 percent from June to July, with the majority of attacks targeting the industrials sector, according to a report released on Thursday by cybersecurity firm NCC Group. Previous reports conducted by the firm indicated that ransomware cases had declined in the spring but soon picked up again, with attacks increasing from 135 in June to 198 in July. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Plain Dealer (Cleveland, OH): Northwest Ohio man charged in connection with Jan. 6 assault on Capitol, Cliff Pinckard, August 26, 2022, 12:43 AM

A Northwest Ohio man was arrested Thursday and is facing multiple federal charges after authorities say he clashed with law-enforcement officers during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Jonathan Joseph Copeland, 28, of Fort Shawnee, which is near Lima, is charged with assaulting, resisting, or impeding law-enforcement officers with a dangerous weapon and interfering with a law-enforcement officer during a civil disorder, both felonies, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WTVG-ABC \(Toledo, OH\)](#)

NY Post: Ex-AG Barr: Trump extorting GOP by backing own slate of midterm candidates, Mark Moore, August 25, 2022, 12:00 PM

Former Attorney General Bill Barr accused former President Donald Trump Thursday of practicing "extortion" on the Republican Party by endorsing his own batch of candidates in "pursuit of a personal agenda" at a time when the GOP should be making huge electoral gains. "This pursuit of a personal agenda and personal power is weakening the Republican Party at a time when it could have a historic victory and make historic progress in 'making America great again,'" Barr said in an interview published on Bari Weiss' "Common Sense" Substack. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVQ-CBS (Billings, MT): East Helena brothers plead guilty to U.S. Capitol Riot charges, John Riley, August 25, 2022, 7:23 PM

Two East Helena men have pleaded guilty to obstruction of an official preceding [sic] at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021 after agreeing to a plea deal. A plea hearing for Joshua and Jerod

Hughes was held Thursday before United States District Court for the District of Columbia Judge Timothy J. Kelly. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGW-NBC (Portland, OR): Newly released video shows Capitol rioters inside Sen. Jeff Merkley's office, Kyle Iboshi, August 25, 2022, 5:08 PM

In the hours after the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley posted a video on Twitter of himself returning to his office to find it ransacked. The video showed wall art that had been torn down and a stamped-out cigarette butt. Newly released video footage shows how the mayhem in Merkley's office unfolded earlier in the day. About 20 rioters can be seen packing into Merkley's private hideaway office in videos KGW obtained from the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSL-NBC (Salt Lake City, UT): Ex-Utah officer convicted in Jan. 6 Capitol riot wants judge to end his probation, Kaitlyn Bancroft, August 25, 2022, 10:23 AM

A former Salt Lake police officer who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor crime for his involvement in the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riots is requesting his probation be terminated early. Michael Lee Hardin, of Kaysville, filed the request last month. The government has filed its opposition to the motion on Aug. 1, and a judge has not yet ruled on the request. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WMTW-ABC (Poland Spring, ME): View evidence presented at Mainer Kyle Fitzsimons' Jan. 6 Capitol Riot trial, Phil Hirsch Korn, August 25, 2022, 1:21 PM

After the end of the Jan. 6 Capitol Riot trial of Kyle Fitzsimons, 38, of Lebanon, Maine, at the request of WMTW, U.S. District Court Judge Rudolph Contreras allowed the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia to publicly release all of the exhibits accepted into evidence during Fitzsimons' four-day trial in Washington federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

USA Today: Trump aides unlikely to face charges on their own in Mar-a-Lago probe, ex prosecutors say, Bart Jansen, August 26, 2022, 5:01 AM

Donald Trump's aides are unlikely to be charged with mishandling government documents recovered in the unprecedented search of his Florida estate unless the former president is charged too, according to legal experts. Potential criminal charges including the Espionage Act cited in the search warrant require willful criminal intent, a legal standard that might not apply to aides who simply packed or moved boxes without knowing what they contained, according to former prosecutors. The Espionage Act doesn't necessarily allege spying, but mishandling documents about national defense. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: [EDITORIAL] Donald Trump Is Not Above the Law, Editorial Board, August 26, 2022, 5:00 AM

Over the course of this summer, the nation has been transfixed by the House select committee's hearings on the events of Jan. 6, 2021, and how or whether Donald Trump might face accountability for what happened that day. The Justice Department remained largely silent about its investigations of the former president until this month, when the F.B.I. searched his home in Palm Beach, Fla., in a case related to his handling of classified documents. The spectacle of a former president facing criminal investigation raises profound questions about American democracy, and these questions demand answers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Trump aides unlikely to face charges on their own in Mar-a-Lago probe, ex prosecutors say, Bart Jansen, August 26, 2022, 5:00 AM

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Fox: [OPINION] Bill Barr says he's 'pretty tired of' the Right's 'constant pandering to outrage' while discussing FBI raid, Joseph A. Wulfsohn, August 26, 2022, 12:07 AM
Former Attorney General Bill Barr knocked the "constant pandering" coming from the Right regarding the outrage towards the FBI following the raid at Mar-a-Lago. Appearing on Thursday's installment of Bari Weiss's "Honestly" podcast, Barr was defensive of the DOJ's handling of its ongoing investigation into former President Trump but said the fallout from the Russia investigation "created the condition" of the public automatically thinking "the worst" in the institution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [ANALYSIS] A tantalizing new deadline in the case over Trump's classified documents haul, Stephen Collinson, August 26, 2022, 12:01 AM
The release by noon Friday of a redacted affidavit could offer a tiny but tantalizing window into Donald Trump's legal plight over his holding of classified documents at his Florida home amid signs he and his allies are privately growing more concerned. The move, ordered by a judge Thursday, is another highly unusual twist in an unprecedented probe into a former commander in chief that has provoked a political uproar and is shaping the political environment ahead of the 2022 midterms and his possible 2024 candidacy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Inside Trump's public bravado and private resistance over Mar-a-Lago documents, Gabby Orr, Kristen Holmes, Evan Perez and Jeremy Herb, August 25, 2022, 4:02 PM

Not long after the National Archives acknowledged in February that it had retrieved 15 boxes of presidential records from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida, Trump began fielding calls from Tom Fitton, a prominent conservative activist. Fitton, the longtime head of the legal activist group Judicial Watch, had a simple message for Trump — it was a mistake to give the records to the Archives, and his team should never have let the Archives "strong-arm" him into returning them, according to three sources familiar with the matter. Those records belonged to Trump, Fitton argued, citing a 2012 court case involving his organization that he said gave the former President authority to do what he wanted with records from his own term in office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Mar-a-Lago Affidavit May Have 'Damning Information' on Trump: Lawyer, Aila Slisco, August 25, 2022, 9:49 PM

The affidavit used to justify the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home could reveal "damning information" about the former president when it is released, according to a prominent legal expert. As part of an investigation into potential violations of multiple federal laws including the Espionage Act, FBI agents recovered multiple boxes of classified documents from Trump's South Florida home during the raid on August 8. Federal Magistrate Judge Bruce

Reinhart on Thursday ordered that the Department of Justice (DOJ) release a redacted version of the affidavit by noon Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Ex-San Francisco official sentenced to 7 years in prison, Olga R. Rodriguez , August 25, 2022, 8:08 PM

San Francisco's former public works director, who pleaded guilty to steering public contracts and taking pricey gifts, was sentenced Thursday to seven years in prison in a corruption case that ensnared several City Hall officials and insiders. Mohammed Nuru in January pleaded guilty to what federal prosecutors described as "a staggering amount of public corruption" during his time leading the city's Department of Public Works. Federal prosecutors said that over a 12-year period, Nuru accepted more than \$1 million in money, international trips, jewelry, restaurant meals and other goods and services from city contractors and developers in exchange for preferential treatment and confidential information about city business. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Texas MS-13 members charged with racketeering, murder of girl, police informant, DOJ says, Louis Casiano, August 25, 2022, 3:09 PM

Ten members of the violent MS-13 street gang in Texas are facing murder and racketeering charges in connection with the deaths of an underage girl and police informant, authorities said Thursday. In total, the indictment includes criminal charges related to seven murders, one attempted murder and one murder conspiracy, the Justice Department announced. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPRC-NBC \(Houston, TX\)](#), [KTRK-ABC \(Houston, TX\)](#), [WOFL-Fox \(Orlando, FL\)](#)

Anchorage Daily News: Palmer man convicted on federal murder charges linked to string of Mat-Su robberies, Zaz Hollander, August 25, 2022, 8:00 PM

A federal jury this week convicted a 36-year-old Palmer man on 10 felony counts, including murder as well as robbery, drug and firearms charges. John Pearl Smith II carried a firearm on three robberies involving people he believed were selling drugs, including one that culminated in the deaths of two people and the shooting of a third at a Meadow Lakes home in June 2016, prosecutors say. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Alaska Public Media](#), [Juneau Empire](#), [KINY \(Juneau, AK\)](#)

Eau Claire Leader-Telegram (Eau Claire, WI): Head of defunct Altoona firm given 7 years prison for fraud, Andrew Dowd, August 25, 2022, 8:00 PM

Michael Shillin's longtime habit of lying, first to his family and then to clients who paid for his financial expertise, was laid bare leading up to his sentencing on federal fraud charges. The only question was how much prison time it would cost him. The former leader of the now-defunct Altoona firm Shillin Wealth Management was given a seven-year prison sentence by Judge James D. Peterson in U.S. District Court for Western Wisconsin during a Thursday morning hearing in Madison, according to online records. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WEAU-NBC \(Eau Claire, WI\)](#)

Detroit Free Press: Flint rapper accused of hiring man to kill Sterling Heights woman, Sarah Raza, August 25, 2022, 7:20 PM

Flint rapper Cliff Mac is accused in federal court of hiring a hitman to murder a Sterling Heights woman for \$10,000, U.S. Attorney Dawn N. Ison announced Thursday. The 31-year-old rapper,

who's full name is Clifton E. Terry III, was indicted Wednesday on charges of conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire resulting in personal injury, murder-for-hire resulting in personal injury and using a firearm during a crime of violence. Another defendant in the case, Andre D. Sims, 25, of Grand Rapids, was indicted on March 16, 2022.. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WNEM-CBS \(Bay City, MI\)](#)

Dallas Morning News: **Fort Worth man gets more than 11 years in federal prison for sex trafficking minor**, Catherine Marfin, August 25, 2022, 6:37 PM

A 36-year-old Fort Worth man who admitted to sex trafficking a 13-year-old girl at an Irving hotel room was sentenced Wednesday to more than 11 years in federal prison. Curtis Vance Mathis pleaded guilty to sex trafficking of children in June 2021. He was sentenced to 135 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkeade. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KLTV](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: **Woman accused of stealing \$1.3 million from state tuition assistance program**, Rosana Hughes, August 25, 2022, 6:30 PM

A former state employee has been accused of forging educational records to create fake students with non-existent disabilities in an elaborate scheme to steal more than \$1.3 million over the course of four years, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Karen C. Lyke, 37, worked as a counselor at the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency in its Norcross office between 2015 and 2019, the same agency that employed another woman who pleaded guilty in April to faking two pregnancies that awarded her more than 200 hours of paid leave. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Times Union (Albany, NY): **Ex-Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons teacher admits to child exploitation**, Robert Gavin, August 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

A former teacher at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School in Schenectady pleaded guilty Thursday in U.S. District Court to sexually exploiting a 15-year-old girl over several months last year. Kristin Blair Hiltunen, 37, of Amsterdam, a married teacher with no prior arrest record, faces at least 15 years in prison at her Jan. 5 sentencing by Chief Judge Glenn Suddaby. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): **10-time convicted felon sentenced to federal prison for gun possession**, Carol Robinson, August 25, 2022, 4:06 PM

A Bessemer man with 10 prior felony convictions has been sentenced to federal prison for illegally possessing a gun. Richard Alexander Coleman, 29, was sentenced this week to more than six years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm on two separate occasions last year, according to a joint announcement Thursday by Northern District of Alabama U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona and ATF Special Agent in Charge Mickey French. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Riverfront Times (St. Louis, MO): **St. Louis Doctor Scammed Patients With Cheap Drugs, Bought Ugly Mansion**, Ryan Krull, August 25, 2022, 3:57 PM

A Town and Country doctor and his wife were sentenced today in federal court after being found guilty of injecting patients with a foreign, non-FDA approved version of a drug to treat arthritis. In April, a jury found Dr. Abdul Naushad, 58, and his wife Wajihah, 47, guilty of one count of conspiracy and one count of health care fraud. Today, Naushad was sentenced to a year in prison and Wajihah given three years probation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hartford Courant: **Bloomfield man sentenced to over six years in federal prison on drug, gun charges**, Mike Mavredakis, August 25, 2022, 1:59 PM

A Bloomfield man has been sentenced to over six years in federal prison after being convicted

on drug and firearm offenses, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. Jaime Holt, 39, of Bloomfield was sentenced to six years and four months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release, on Thursday after pleading guilty to drug distribution and firearm possession charges in April. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Birmingham News (Birmingham, AL): Ex-Gadsden bank branch manager sentenced to prison for embezzling \$184,250, Carol Robinson, August 25, 2022, 1:06 PM

A former Alabama bank branch manager has been sentenced to federal prison for embezzlement. Dorinda Lynn Lumpkin, 48, of Gadsden, was sentenced Thursday to one year and one day in prison, according to a joint announcement by Northern District of Alabama U.S. Attorney Prim Escalona and U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Patrick M. Davis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Philadelphia, PA): Feds Charge 3 With Gun Trafficking In Philadelphia, Max Bennett, August 25, 2022, 12:49 PM

Three people from the south have been federally charged with trafficking guns into Philadelphia, authorities said. United States Attorney Jacqueline C. Romero said Najee Cunningham, 31, and James Cunningham, 27, both of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Rickia Adams, 24, of Marion, South Carolina, were charged with multiple firearms offenses in connection with a scheme to illegally traffic guns across state lines from the southern United States into Philadelphia. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTMF-ABC/Fox (Missoula, MT): Billings man sentenced for possessing child porn, Zoe Buchli, August 25, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Billings man was sentenced in Missoula on Thursday to three years in federal prison for possessing images and videos of child porn. Robert C. Baenziger, 42, pleaded guilty last November to possession of child pornography, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAS-NBC (Fort Worth, TX): School Bus Driver Admits to Child Exploitation Charges, Heads to Federal Prison, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 7:00 PM

A North Texas school bus driver pleads guilty to child exploitation charges and is headed to federal prison after investigators said they found homemade sex videos involving minors on his mobile phone. According to the Department of Justice, 70-year-old Cooke County bus driver David Wayne Woods will spend the next 135 months (11 1/4 years) in federal prison after admitting to coercion and enticement of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTAP-NBC (Parkersburg, WV): Parkersburg woman pleads guilty to drug charge, Phillip Hickman, August 25, 2022, 6:15 PM

A Parkersburg woman is facing 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to drug charges. According to a news release from the United State Attorney's Office 58-year-old, Toni Johnson was arrested after authorities found 82 grams of fentanyl after a search of her home on April 27, 2021. The release says Johnson admitted the drugs were hers and that she was going to distribute them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTN (Trenton, MO): Missouri man sentenced to 3-1/2 years in prison on child enticement charge, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

U.S. District Judge Ronnie L. White on Wednesday sentenced a Crawford County man who

thought he'd arranged to have sex with a 14-year-old to 42 months in prison. In June of 2019, Jeffrey D. Williams, now 49, communicated over Kik Messenger with an individual he believed to be a 14-year-old living in Texas. Williams offered to drive to Texas to pick up the minor and bring her to Missouri to engage in sexual contact. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Tulsa woman, 19, sentenced for robbing two QuikTrips at gunpoint, Jennifer Maupin, August 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Tulsa woman was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for robbing two QuikTrips at gunpoint, according to U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson. Taylor Elise Vaught-Cryslar, 19, was sentenced Thursday after previously pleading guilty to two counts of obstructing, delaying, and affecting commerce by robbery and one count of carrying, using, and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, Johnson said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPVI-NBC (Pocatello, ID): Former Athens mayor pleads guilty to sending obscene materials to minor, Louis Casiano, August 25, 2022, 5:30 PM

The former mayor of Athens has pleaded guilty to federal child obscenity violations. James Monte Montgomery, 64, pleaded guilty on Thursday to sending obscene materials to a minor, according to information released from the U.S. District Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Texas. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KLBK-CBS \(Lubbock, TX\)](#)

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Waller man indicted for ramming FBI gate, DOJ says, Louis Casiano, August 25, 2022, 4:54 PM

A 43-year-old Waller man has been charged with willfully injuring or committing a depredation against property of the United States, the U.S. Attorney Office announced. Authorities took Jesus Jaimes Merlan into custody on Thursday. A federal grand jury returned the indictment July 21. Merlan is charged with allegedly ramming his truck and trailer into the signage entrance to the FBI on May 11, causing damages in excess of \$1,000. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMOV-CBS (St. Louis, MO): Former Maryland Heights officer sentenced to prison, ordered to pay restitution for child porn offenses, Matt Woods, August 25, 2022, 4:51 PM

A former Maryland Heights Police officer was sentenced to four years in prison and ordered to pay restitution after pleading guilty to child pornography charges. Nicholas H. Haglof, 30, admitted in May to viewing hundreds of child pornography images on his laptop and cell phone in 2019 and 2020. He will have to pay \$3,000 to each of the three victims involved in the case and also a \$5,000 special assessment under the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Ghanaian man to pay \$156k restitution for Huntington romance scam, Bailey Brautigan, August 25, 2022, 4:44 PM

A Ghanaian man who pleaded guilty to a romance fraud scheme in March has been sentenced in federal court. According to the Department of Justice, 25-year-old Banabas Ganidekam, of Ghana, will serve three years of federal probation, including eight months of home detention with electronic monitoring. He will also have to pay \$156,073 in restitution for wire fraud. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKYC-NBC (Cleveland, OH): Former Woodmere Mayor sentenced to 33 months in jail for stealing credit card info to buy gas for Amazon deliveries, Ben Axelrod, August 25, 2022, 4:38 PM

The ex-mayor of Woodmere, who also spent two seasons as an MLB pitcher, has been

sentenced to 33 months in jail and ordered to pay more than \$10,000 in restitution after pleading guilty to stealing credit card information to buy gas to fuel his truck that he used to make deliveries for Amazon. U.S. District Judge Christopher A. Boyko sentenced Charles E. Smith, Jr. to 33 months in jail and ordered him to pay \$10,621.23 on Thursday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WOIO-CBS \(Cleveland, OH\)](#)

KGUN-ABC (Tucson, AZ): Tucson man sentenced to three years for dealing firearms without a license, Bivian Contreras, August 25, 2022, 4:11 PM

A Tucson man is facing three years of prison for dealing firearms without a license. The man has been identified as 37-year-old Isaias Delgado. Jennifer G. Zipp, United States District Judge, sentenced Delgado to 36 months in prison for engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXXV-ABC (Waco, TX): Killeen men sentenced 10 to 20 years in prison for armed robberies: Report, O. Gloria Okorie, August 25, 2022, 3:53 PM

Two men were given prison sentences for armed robberies spanning several months in Killeen on Wednesday. The two Killeen residents, 26-year-old Roosevelt Jones IV and 29-year-old Christopher Teon Fults, were sentenced to 20 years and 10 years, respectively, after pleading guilty to five separate robberies of merchants bu [sic] gun point in Killeen between November 2017- January 2018, the Department of Justice reported. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLA-NBC (Tampa, FL): 2 men charged in murder-for-hire scheme: DOJ, Katlyn Brieskorn, August 25, 2022, 3:45 PM

Two men were charged in a murder for hire scheme that resulted in the death of a Fort Myers man, the Department of Justice announced Thursday. According to the indictment, 24-year-old Marvin Harris Jr. paid 25-year-old Latrel Jackon to travel from Illinois to Florida to commit a murder. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): Albany man pleads guilty to drug trafficking charges, Sara Rizzo, August 25, 2022, 3:33 PM

An Albany man has pleaded guilty to four counts of distributing cocaine base. The United States Attorney's Office said Wakeem Ricks, 31, pleaded guilty on August 25. As part of his guilty plea, Ricks admitted that he sold cocaine base to another person on four different occasions in Albany in September 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHTM-ABC (Harrisburg, PA): Lebanon man charged with cocaine, firearm offenses, James Wesser, August 25, 2022, 2:52 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that a man from Lebanon was indicted on Wednesday, Aug. 24. According to a release, 34-year-old Warionex Martinez-Medina was charged with drug trafficking and firearm offenses. the indictment alleges that on March 24, 2022, Martinez-Medina attempted to possess with intent to distribute at least 500 grams of cocaine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOLD-CBS (Tucson, AZ): Former Tucson officer Ryan Remington facing manslaughter charge for shooting armed suspect nine times, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 1:26 PM

The former Tucson police officer who fatally shot an armed suspect in a mobility scooter last year has been indicted on a manslaughter charge. Mike Storie, attorney for Ryan Remington, confirmed his client was charged. Pima County Attorney Laura Conover hosted a 3 p.m. news

conference Thursday to make the announcement. Conover said Remington was served on Thursday and will have an arraignment next week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): Former NYS employee pleads guilty to insurance fraud, Sara Rizzo, August 25, 2022, 12:49 PM

A former New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) employee has pleaded guilty to fraudulently receiving unemployment insurance benefits. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) said Wendell Giles, 52, of Albany, pleaded guilty to mail fraud and aggravated identity theft charges. As part of his guilty plea, Giles admitted that he and another former NYSDOL employee, Carl DiVeglia III, created and approve false unemployment insurance applications in 2020 and 2021, including applications for the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WNYT-NBC \(Albany, NY\)](#)

WFTS-ABC (Tampa, FL): Hernando County man sentenced to life in prison for alleged possession of child pornography, Rebekah Nelson, August 25, 2022, 11:19 AM

A 33-year-old man was sentenced to life in federal prison for alleged production, distribution and possession of child sex abuse material, according to the Department of Justice. Aby Raul Rivera Torres was found guilty on May 23, 2022. The Department of Justice stated that he was an alleged member of a social media group that discussed and shared child sexual abuse material between members. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. judge throws out Texas gun ban for young adults after Supreme Court ruling, Jonathan Allen, August 25, 2022, 9:08 PM

A federal judge in Texas threw out the state's ban on people between 18 and 20 years old from carrying handguns on Thursday in what appears to be the first major judicial decision since a landmark ruling on weapons rights by the U.S. Supreme Court in June. The challenge to the Texas statute that bans young adults not in active military service from having handguns in public was filed in 2021 by the Firearms Policy Coalition, a gun-owners' rights group. The group said the ban violated the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment, which says states can organize militias and that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#)

AP: Florida man convicted of hate crime in roadway altercation, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 11:00 AM

A Florida man has been convicted of a federal hate crime for a 2021 altercation with a Black motorist on a city street. Court documents show a jury in Tampa convicted Jordan Patrick Leahy, 29, on Wednesday of interfering for racially-motivated reasons with the motorist's right to use the street. Leahy faces a maximum 10-year prison sentence and up to \$250,000 in fines. A sentencing date has not yet been set. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Guardian](#), [Patch \(Tampa, FL\)](#), [Tampa Bay Times](#), [WFLA-NBC \(Tampa, FL\)](#)

WaPo: North Dakota judge blocks abortion ban from going into effect Friday, Katie Shepherd, August 25, 2022, 6:16 PM

The day before a near-total abortion ban would have taken effect in North Dakota, a judge put that law on hold Thursday afternoon, pending the conclusion of a legal challenge being mounted by the state's former sole abortion clinic. Burleigh County District Judge Bruce Romanick granted a

preliminary injunction in a legal challenge brought by Red River Women's Clinic, which was North Dakota's only abortion clinic until it moved just across state lines earlier this month. Although the trigger ban has been blocked, the state will have no abortion clinic for the foreseeable future.

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

WaPo: **[OPINION] Finally, some basic justice for my girlfriend, Breonna Taylor**, Kenneth Walker, August 25, 2022, 5:36 PM

Kenneth Walker is a native of Louisville. After nearly two and a half years, a person connected with the Louisville Metro Police Department has finally taken some responsibility for the death of my girlfriend, Breonna Taylor. Since March 13, 2020, I have had to hear lie after lie about what happened that horrible night. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: **Abortion is banned or severely limited in a number of states. Here's where things stand**, Tierney Sneed and Veronica Stracqualursi, August 26, 2022, 3:00 AM

Laws that ban abortion or severely restrict the procedure have gone into effect in about a dozen states after the US Supreme Court ended a constitutional right to abortion on June 24. On July 26, the Supreme Court transmitted its judgment in the case, taking the procedural step that started the process for some states to implement their so-called trigger bans on abortion. In several of these states, abortion rights advocates and providers have taken legal action to challenge abortion restrictions and have seen some success in temporarily blocking bans. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: **Ethics complaint accuses Texas judge of racist slur about illegal immigrant defendants**, Mike Scarcella, August 25, 2022, 4:26 PM

A Texas judge who regularly handles cases against illegal immigrants has been accused of using a racist slur to refer to those defendants. Judge Edgar Allen Amos allegedly said that the Latino defendants are not "your regular wetbacks," according to a July complaint filed by defense attorney Emily Miller to Texas' Commission on Judicial Conduct. [...] In May, the Department of Justice launched an investigation into Operation Lone Star to see if it complied with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

BuzzFeed: **Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Who Are Pregnant And In US Custody Are Being Moved Across State Lines To Access Abortion Services**, Adolfo Flores, August 25, 2022, 10:35 AM

Unaccompanied immigrant children who are in US custody and want to end a pregnancy are being moved to states that don't have newly enacted abortion restrictions while advocates push to guarantee access for detainees across the board. New abortion bans or restrictions across the US have made it nearly impossible for immigrant minors who cross the border alone and end up in government shelters to access the procedure in some states. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Colorado Springs Gazette (Colorado Springs, CO): **Judge declines to intervene in case of ex-child soldier detained in Colorado for 469 days**, Michael Karlik, August 25, 2022, 4:03 PM (EDT)

A federal judge has declined to take immediate action in the case of a man housed at Aurora's privately-run immigrant detention center who claims his 469 days in custody without a bond hearing is constitutionally unreasonable. Attorneys for Abdulai Barrie filed a petition on Aug. 10 alleging the government had not followed its own procedures designed to give mentally-ill detainees an opportunity to be released after six months. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Bowie, MD): MD Police Officer Violated Man's Civil Rights During Traffic Stop:

DOJ, Megan VerHelst, August 25, 2022, 12:33 PM

A former officer with the Fairmount Heights Police Department in Maryland was indicted by a federal grand jury this week after authorities said he pepper-sprayed a man during a traffic stop and lied on a report about why he did. Philip Dupree, 38, was charged with violating the man's civil rights and obstruction of justice following the 2019 incident. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Dupree conducted a traffic stop in Washington, D.C. during the early morning hours of Aug. 4. Authorities said Dupree detained a man, identified only as T.S., and pepper sprayed him in what officials called an "unreasonable use of force." [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: July 4 shooting plot suspect pleads to immigration charge, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 7:30 PM

A Guatemalan immigrant whom police accused of helping to plot a mass shooting in Virginia's capital on July 4 pleaded guilty Thursday to an immigration charge. A federal judge accepted Rolman Balcarcel-Bavagas' plea to a charge of reentering the U.S. after deportation and set sentencing for Nov. 10, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported. Balcarcel-Bavagas, 38, faces up to two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Neither Balcarcel-Bavagas nor a co-defendant, Julio Alvarado-Dubon, have been charged in direct connection with the alleged plot, and a federal prosecutor made no mention of it Thursday, according to the newspaper. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Richmond Times-Dispatch \(Richmond, VA\)](#)

NBC: Biden's rule to preserve DACA is not enough without congressional legislation, immigrant groups say, Carmen Sesin, August 25, 2022, 4:55 PM

Immigration and legal advocacy groups say President Joe Biden's regulation to prevent legal challenges to a program shielding young undocumented immigrants from deportation does not go far enough and are calling on the U.S. Congress to legislate a path to citizenship. The Biden administration unveiled a new rule on Wednesday intended to codify the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA program. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: US Border Patrol officers seize \$390K in fentanyl, Sarah Rumpf, August 25, 2022, 7:15 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized \$390,000 worth of fentanyl from a passenger vehicle attempting to smuggle the opioid into the country. "This is a significant seizure of fentanyl and our officers took appropriate care, utilizing personal protective equipment during the seizure to minimize potential exposure given the high potency and dangerousness of the narcotic," said Port Director Albert Flores in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Arizona CBP agents find 14,000 fentanyl pills hidden in crutches, Adam Sabes, August 25, 2022, 4:23 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in Arizona found 14,000 fentanyl pills inside a pair of crutches that were being used by a pedestrian. Nogales Port of Entry Director Michael Humphries said on Wednesday that the crutches were being used by a pedestrian. During an inspection, according to Humphries, a Customs and Border Protection officer noticed that the crutches were "excessively heavy," adding that a K-9 and X-Ray examination "confirmed suspicions" that drugs

were inside them. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Alliant Calls 'Dreamers' A Loan Risk In Bid To Nix Bias Suit, Alyssa Aquino, August 25, 2022, 6:16 PM

Alliant Credit Union has pressed a California federal court to toss a lawsuit seeking to open up car loans to undocumented immigrants with Obama-era deportation protections, arguing that the uncertain residency status of "Dreamers" presents too high a risk for the five-year loans.

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Law360: 3rd Circ. Says Pa. Stalking Conviction Isn't Deportable, Alyssa Aquino, August 25, 2022, 5:32 PM

The Third Circuit ruled that U.S. Department of Homeland Security couldn't deport an Indian immigrant over a stalking conviction, saying the man was convicted under an overbroad Pennsylvania law that criminalized misconduct that doesn't warrant deportation.

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Washington Examiner: 'No access': Arizona completes shipping container border wall with Mexico, Anna Giaritelli, August 25, 2022, 5:31 PM

Mexican cartels and smugglers who funnel migrants and drugs over the border and into Yuma, Arizona, have begun moving outside of town to areas without a barrier following Gov. Doug Ducey's installation of a shipping container wall this month, according to Arizona officials. "We are definitely seeing a reduction in the areas where the wall has been closed up," Jonathan Lines, Yuma County supervisor, wrote in a message Thursday to the Washington Examiner. "One of the enclosures just down from the dam is where the five-year-old drowned in July. It is having the impact that we desired." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: New bill would punish China for refusing to take back deportees, Stephen Dinan, August 25, 2022, 12:07 PM

Fed up with countries refusing to take back their own citizens the U.S. is trying to deport, a Republican congressman on Thursday announced new legislation that could cut off those countries' ability to travel to the U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, Wisconsin Republican, said he was spurred by China's recent announcement that it would refuse to cooperate with deportations as retaliation for American engagement with Taiwan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Laredo Morning Times: Woman sentenced in bulk cash smuggling case, Cesar Rodriguez, August 25, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Fort Worth woman who tried smuggling over \$65,000 in a box she had decorated with gift wrapping has been sentenced to prison, according to court documents. On Aug. 24, U.S. District Judge Diana Saldaña sentenced Laura Patricia Cruz to five months in prison followed by a supervised release term of three years. Cruz had pleaded guilty to bulk cash smuggling on May 26. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): CBP officers seize pounds of hard narcotics, Melissa Luna, August 25, 2022, 11:14 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine and unreported currency in two separate unrelated incidents. On August 24, CBP officers working at the Paso Del Norte border discovered a load of 2.82 pounds of fentanyl and 7.8 pounds of methamphetamine. The seizure took place when a 24-year-old Mexican male citizen arrived from

Mexico through the vehicle lanes. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Shipping container suppliers abandon merger after U.S. probe, David Shepardson, August 25, 2022, 7:30 PM

Global shipping container suppliers China International Marine Containers and Maersk Container Industry said they have abandoned a merger plan. China International Marine Containers ([000039.SZ](#)) in September had agreed to buy the Danish shipping company's Maersk (MAERSKb.CO) refrigerated containers maker for \$987.3 million. The Justice Department said the merger would have combined two of the four suppliers of refrigerated shipping containers and further concentrated the global cold supply chain. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [International Business Times](#), [Maritime Executive](#), [Sea Trade News](#), [WSJ](#)

MarketWatch: [OPINION] Democrats promised to rein in Big Tech. They have failed, Therese Poletti, August 25, 2022, 2:52 PM

For 20 years, Congress has stood by and failed to regulate technology as tech has changed rapidly and become an integral part of Americans' lives. Democrats promised to change that in the last election cycle. While winning the presidency and both houses of Congress, they promised to crack down on the immense and growing power of Big Tech companies like Apple Inc. AAPL, Alphabet Inc. GOOGL GOOG, Amazon.com Inc. AMZN and Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. META by reshaping antitrust law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Amazon.com Antitrust Suit Revival Sought by DC AG Karl Racine, Dan Papsun, August 25, 2022, 2:43 PM

District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine filed a notice of appeal in his antitrust lawsuit against Amazon.com Inc., five months after a judge dismissed the case. Racine initially filed the suit in 2021 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, accusing the e-commerce giant of using its dominance in online retail to craft stringent contracts and maintain artificially high prices for consumers and sellers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

AP: 'Forever chemicals' pose urgent concern in New Mexico, Susan Montoya Bryan, August 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

New Mexico's top environmental regulator on Thursday warned state lawmakers that taxpayers could be on the hook for groundwater contamination since the U.S. Defense Department continues to challenge the state's authority to force cleanup of "forever chemicals" at two air bases. The plumes of PFAS compounds are projected to move further beyond the boundaries of Cannon Air Force Base, and Environment Secretary James Kenney told a panel of lawmakers during a meeting in Clovis that it's an urgent economic and environmental issue. [...] Work also has been done in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Colorado, and Kenney said that leaves New Mexico as the only state being sued by the federal government over this issue. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: US seeks to invalidate Idaho water rights forfeiture laws, Keith Ridler, August 25, 2022, 3:00 PM

U.S. officials are seeking to invalidate Idaho laws passed over 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 with a state-approved forfeiture procedure. The Idaho Legislature in court documents filed last month is seeking to intervene in the case with statewide ramifications for millions of acres of land in Idaho administered by the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The U.S. Department of Justice in a lawsuit filed in June against Idaho and the Idaho Department of Water Resources contends that the state's forfeiture procedure violates the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Alaska Petrol Drilling Project Risks Climate Harm, Enviros Say, Lauren Berg, August 25, 2022, 10:43 PM

Three environmental groups are fighting to stop the Peregrine exploratory drilling program in Alaska's Western Arctic, saying the Biden administration isn't thinking about the long-term consequences it could have on the climate, according to a lawsuit lodged Thursday in Alaska federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courthouse News: Federal judge extends stay in case over Winchester Dam repairs, Alanna Madden, August 25, 2022, 10:00 PM

Attorneys for Oregon WaterWatch and Winchester Water Control met with U.S. District Judge Karin Immergut on Thursday regarding a lawsuit that could either remove Oregon's Winchester Dam or force owners to make necessary repairs to stop harming endangered Coho salmon. WaterWatch attorneys argued for Judge Immergut to lift the stay of proceedings on the case, which was set to expire on Nov. 1 on the condition that Winchester would acquire necessary permits for dam repairs between July 22 and Sept. 12. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Allows Farming Groups To Join Gray Wolf Appeal, Nate Beck, August 25, 2022, 5:14 PM

A coalition of farming groups won the right from the Ninth Circuit to intervene in a case challenging a California federal judge's decision to revive protections for gray wolves after the government removed them from its list of protected species in 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVZ-NBC (Bend, OR): Idaho Power Co. agrees to pay \$1.5 million in federal civil settlement over 2 Baker County fires, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 12:59 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon announced Thursday that Idaho Power Company, a Boise, Idaho-based utility that serves several states, including Oregon, has agreed to pay \$1.5 million to settle federal allegations related to two Baker County wildfires several years ago. The Powerline Fire ignited on May 31, 2014, and burned about 5 acres of federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Lime Hill Fire ignited on August 5, 2015, and burned approximately 2,592 acres of federal land managed by BLM and 9,337 acres of privately-owned land. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

WSJ: IRS Revenue Boost From Stronger Enforcement Is Scaled Back in CBO Estimate, Richard Rubin, August 25, 2022, 8:03 PM

Income limits on household tax audits and staffing challenges will reduce by \$23 billion what the Internal Revenue Service is projected to collect from its expanded enforcement operations,

according to the Congressional Budget Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [USA Today](#)

NBC: [VIDEO] IRS commissioner ordering safety review after social media threats,

Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

In a letter to IRS employees, Commissioner Charles Rettig, appointed by former President Trump, said he's ordering a "comprehensive review" of safety measures at the agency's facilities nationwide. Rettig wrote that there has been misinformation and some threats on social media directed at the IRS and its employees. The news comes on the heels of the Inflation Reduction Act being passed, which includes \$80 billion in new funding for the IRS. [\[Watch\]](#)

Fox: Yoga to the People owners arrested, accused of tax fraud by federal prosecutors,

Rachel Paik, August 25, 2022, 3:02 PM

Federal agents indicted popular yoga business owners for disguising a lucrative nationwide business as a front for a tax evasion scheme to funnel unreported cash to their pockets. Co-founders of Yoga to the People Gregory Gumucio, 61, Haven Soliman, 33, and Michael Anderson, 51 were arrested and taken into custody by FBI agents in Washington state on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Insider](#)

Law360: Court To Hear NY's \$100K Tax Settlement Proposal, Michael Nunes, August 25, 2022, 6:10 PM

A New York federal court has scheduled a hearing next week regarding a proposed \$100,000 settlement involving an international executive search firm accused by a whistleblower of owing as much as \$40 million [...]. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Justices Urged To Ax Harsher Foreign Account Tax Penalties, Theresa Schielp, August 25, 2022, 4:11 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court should undo a decision that the IRS can assess penalties on each inadvertently undisclosed foreign account rather than taking the more lenient approach of assessing the penalty once annually, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Washington Examiner: Chicago FBI office rocked by security incident, Rachel Schilke, August 25, 2022, 5:17 PM

The Chicago FBI field office was rocked by a security incident on Thursday, the latest scare affecting the bureau amid concerns about increasing threats against federal law enforcement. A person jumped the Chicago office's fence and began throwing rocks at the building, Federal Protective Service spokesperson Robert Sperling confirmed to the Washington Examiner. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KAKE-ABC \(Wichita, KS\)](#), [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#), [WMAQ-NBC \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

WDBJ-CBS (Roanoke, VA): FBI encouraging 'safe cyber hygiene' on mobile phones, Isabella Ledonne, August 25, 2022, 5:12 PM

The FBI is encouraging Virginia residents to practice safe cyber hygiene to help stop hackers from getting into your mobile phone. The FBI says a common scam is through social media and dating apps. You may see hackers use a fake profile and ask for money transfers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFOX-Fox (El Paso, TX): Fort Bliss soldier indicted for manufacturing firearm parts using 3D printer, dealing, Erika Esquivel, August 25, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Fort Bliss soldier was indicted for allegedly manufacturing and dealing in firearms without being a federal firearms licensee. The soldier was identified as 25-year-old Grant Lee Mosley and was indicted Wednesday. [...] Agents from the FBI El Paso Field Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives-El Paso Field Office (ATF), the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID), and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) El Paso Field Office and New Jersey Field Offices, worked collaboratively on a case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KMGH-ABC (Denver, CO): Four arrested in connection with deadly shooting of man at Lakewood car wash, Blair Miller, August 25, 2022, 3:49 PM

Four suspects have been arrested in the deadly shooting of a Denver man on July 31 at a car wash in Lakewood, police announced Thursday. [...] Romero said Lakewood police worked with officers from Denver and Aurora, the DEA, ATF, U.S. Marshals and Department of Corrections in the investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KCYU-Fox (Yakima, WA): Federal agents continue to uncover stash houses of smuggled people in El Paso, Bethany Blankley, August 25, 2022, 7:51 AM

Federal agents continue to uncover stash houses used by cartel operatives who've trafficked people into El Paso, Texas, from Mexico. Homeland Security Investigations special agents found another stash house this week where 29 foreign nationals were being held in dire conditions, the agency said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Chauvin moved to Arizona federal pen in George Floyd killing, Gretchen Ehke, August 25, 2022, 11:00 PM

Derek Chauvin has been moved from a Minnesota state prison where he was often held in solitary confinement to a medium-security federal prison in Arizona, where the former police officer convicted in George Floyd's killing may be held under less restrictive conditions. Chauvin was taken Wednesday from a maximum-security prison in a Minneapolis suburb, where he often spent most of his day in a 10-by-10-foot cell, to the Federal Correctional Institution in Tucson, according to the Bureau of Prisons. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also** [Arizona Republic](#), [CBS](#), [Fox](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NPR, All Things Considered: [AUDIO] Executions resume in Oklahoma as judge deems lethal injection protocol constitutional, Chris Polansky, August 25, 2022, 5:18 PM

Death row inmates failed to convince a federal judge that Oklahoma's lethal injection method is cruel and unusual punishment. It will resume executions at a pace of about one a month through 2024. [\[Listen\]](#)

WBFF-Fox (Baltimore, MD): Federal agents join search for suspect in murder of Baltimore father, Alexa Ashwell, August 25, 2022, 4:00 PM

The US Marshals Service has joined the search for a man accused in the shooting death of a Baltimore father in southeast DC. Avery Miler, 27, of southeast DC is wanted in the murder of Aryeh Wolf, 25, of Baltimore. DC Metro Police were called to the 5100 block of Call Place in southeast DC at approximately 3:41 p.m. on August 10. There, they found Wolf with gunshot

wounds. He was rushed to an area hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVO-ABC/CBS (Kirksville, MO): Locating, apprehending Rongey sole reason U.S. marshals were in Kirksville, John Garlock, August 25, 2022, 3:00 PM

KTVO had heard rumors and speculation that so many U.S. marshals were brought in to help find wanted Adair County murder suspect Jesse Rongey, 38, of Kirksville, because he was possibly part of a meth-trafficking ring. We wanted to know if there was any truth to those rumors, so we asked Supervisory Deputy U.S. Marshal Justin Barlow. He told KTVO the rumors are false. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WFXL-Fox (Albany, GA): More than 300,00 prisoners in state and federal facilities had COVID in 2021-2022, Unattributed, August 25, 2022, 1:00 PM

More than 374,000 persons held in state and federal prisons tested positive for COVID-19 in 2020-2021, says the Office of Justice Programs. State and federal correctional facilities performed 4,816,400 viral tests for COVID-19 on persons in prison from the beginning of March 2020 to the end of February 2021. Of these tests, 396,300 (8.2%) were positive for COVID-19, representing 374,400 unique infected persons in state and federal prisons. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: Prominent U.S. appeals court judge calls Supreme Court term limits 'intriguing', Nate Raymond, August 25, 2022, 1:34 PM

A prominent federal appeals court judge has taken the rare step of speaking up in support of limits on how long members of the judiciary can remain on the bench and called a proposal in Congress to cap U.S. Supreme Court justices' terms at 18 years "intriguing." U.S. Circuit Judge Diane Wood, a member of the Chicago-based 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and one-time U.S. Supreme Court contender, made those remarks in a podcast released this month by Duke Law School's Bolch Judicial Institute. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Next, the Supreme Court Decides How to Punish US Expats, Andreas Kluth, August 26, 2022, 1:41 AM

The US Supreme Court has lately polarized Americans with controversial verdicts on abortion, guns, climate change and more. Another case on its docket, by contrast, will get intense scrutiny mainly from millions of Americans living abroad. *Alexandru Bittner v. United States* is about some of the tax and compliance rules the US slaps on its own expats. These can be so draconian as to amount to criminalizing the sheer act of living outside the US. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Law360: Conn. Judge Gives Biden Latest Judicial Vacancy, James Arkin, August 25, 2022, 3:49 PM

Chief Judge Stefan R. Underhill of the District of Connecticut will take senior status in November, giving President Joe Biden an additional vacancy to fill on the court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Tribe Says Alaska Election Rules Disenfranchise Native Voters, Caleb Symons, August 25, 2022, 8:33 PM

An Alaskan tribe is among several parties pushing state election officials to let voters cure their defective mail-in ballots, claiming in a new lawsuit that thousands of people including a disproportionate number of Native residents were illegally disenfranchised in June because of easily fixed mistakes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Utah Sees 'Abuse' In Biden's Restoration Of Monuments' Land, Andrew Westney, August 25, 2022, 4:56 PM

Utah and two of its counties are hitting President Joe Biden with a suit in federal court claiming he far overstepped his limited authority under federal law when he restored the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments last year.

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MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Bloomberg: What the Top Cannabis Banker at Moelis Sees Growing Out of the Weed Industry Next, Crystal Tse, August 25, 2022, 2:14 PM

In the Weeds- Moelis the go-to bank for Las Vegas casino owners and Middle Eastern royals is tackling a new sector: cannabis. Since 2018, the boutique has built a cannabis practice led by managing director Grant Kassel. The team, comprised of 15 bankers across all levels, has been advising companies in jurisdictions where the substance is legal. The bigger ambition for dealmaking comes in anticipation that weed might become legalized at the federal level.

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Law360: Ark. Pot Group Says Ballot Measure Removal Unconstitutional, Mike Curley, August 25, 2022, 12:35 PM

An advocacy group trying to get a question on the November ballot to legalize recreational cannabis in Arkansas is asking the state's highest court to undo the Board of Elections' decision not to certify the ballot question's title, saying the measure giving the board the power to reject the title goes against the state's constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Senator Hopes To Pass 'Some Key Reforms' On Marijuana This Year, But Says Full Legalization Is A 'Difficult Feat, Kyle Jaeger, August 25, 2022, 2:00 PM

A key U.S. senator is conceding that the votes may not be there to pass a wide-ranging legalization bill he's sponsoring but like his colleagues, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) says he remains hopeful that Congress will enact "some key reforms" on cannabis this session. This has become a consistent talking point since Wyden filed the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act (CAOA) last month, alongside Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ). [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCAX-CBS (Burlington, VT): N.Y. Medical Marijuana Giants Struggle to Break Into Recreational Market, Adam Sullivan, August 25, 2022, 5:32 PM

Vermont's retail cannabis market is moving closer to becoming fully operational later this fall. The industry is expected to pump millions into the local economy, but this week one of the key financial institutions making the marijuana market possible is hitting the brakes. The Vermont State Employees Credit Union, or VSECU, has been in the cannabis market for years, banking on

the medical side of the industry. It's also one of the major players in the new retail space.

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OPIOID CRISIS

Times Union (Albany, NY): **Woodstock dentist gets probation for prescribing herself opioids**, Robert Gavin, August 25, 2022, 1:44 PM

A longtime Woodstock dentist who fell into opioid addiction and illegally prescribed herself oxycodone under the names of her patients was sentenced Thursday to one year of federal probation. Vivian Letizia, 64, of Stone Ridge in Ulster County, pleaded guilty in April to the charge of acquiring and obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, deception, or subterfuge. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CONGRESS

Washington Times: **Senate Judiciary Committee to review alleged security failures at Twitter**, Ryan Lovelace, August 25, 2022, 2:00 PM

The Senate Judiciary Committee plans to probe alleged security failures at Twitter and has subpoenaed a former Twitter executive who claims the social media company was reckless with security. The whistleblower, Peiter "Mudge" Zatkó, has been subpoenaed to testify at a judiciary committee hearing Sept. 13 to address his allegations, according to Sens. Richard Durbin, Illinois Democrat, and Chuck Grassley, Iowa Republican. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 25, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The decision by a Florida federal judge to release a redacted version of the affidavit used in the Mar-a-lago search is a major development in the case against former Pres. Trump, and could provide key details on what led to the historic search. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Five million people are under flood watch as torrential rains move across the Gulf Coast. Flash floods devastated parts of Mississippi yesterday, causing train derailments, washing out roads, and forcing nursing home residents to flee to higher ground. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Families in Uvalde are celebrating the firing of Police Chief Pete Arredondo, the first officer to be held accountable for the delayed response to the school massacre. But some say it didn't go far enough. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Fears are growing over a potential nuclear disaster in Ukraine after Europe's largest nuclear plant temporarily lost power today - for the first time ever - after a fire at a nearby coal

station cut off the plant's last remaining supply lines. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- California Governor Newsom's plan to ban the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035 has been approved as the state tries to reduce carbon emissions. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The first day of school was delayed in Kent, Washington after teachers went on strike over class sizes, mental health staff and higher pay. Meanwhile, a teachers union in Ohio ended its three-day strike after reaching an agreement. [[CBS](#)]
- Schools across the country are facing a teacher shortage crisis. Now, some districts are coming up with unique incentives like a four-day work week and hefty signing bonuses in hopes of retaining teachers and attracting new ones. [[CBS](#)]
- A new study finds Pfizer's COVID pill, Paxlovid, appears to provide little or no benefit for younger adults but did significantly reduce hospitalizations and deaths among seniors. [[CBS](#)]
- Two people have pleaded guilty to stealing and selling the private diary of President Biden's daughter Ashley. They've each been ordered to forfeit the \$4 0,000 they were paid and now face up to five years in prison. [[CBS](#)]
- The United States said Wednesday that although it "does not seek conflict with Iran," it will continue to "defend" its troops against Tehran-backed militias in Syria. [[ABC](#)]
- Some states are triggering even stricter laws on abortion. Tennessee is enacting a near total ban beginning at conception. In Texas, it's now a felony to provide or attempt abortion after fertilization, with the exception of saving the mother's life. [[NBC](#)]
- Republicans and moderate Democrats are very critical of President Biden's decision to forgive some student loan debt, while some progressives wanted him to go further. [[NBC](#)]
- In a letter to IRS employees, Commissioner Charles Rettig, appointed by former President Trump, said he's ordering a "comprehensive review" of safety measures at the agency's facilities nationwide. [[NBC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Release of Redacted Mar-a-Lago Affidavit Is Ordered" [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]

- “Putin Orders a Sharp Expansion of Russia’s Hard-Hit Armed Forces” [[NYT](#)]
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NBC: William Barr's unredacted memo about Trump deserves more outrage, Shan Wu, August 26, 2022, 10:33 PM

A 2019 unredacted Justice Department memo, relied upon by then-Attorney General William Barr to justify his decision not to charge former President Donald Trump with committing obstruction of justice following Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, was released Wednesday. [...] Biden's Justice Department, led by Garland, could have stopped fighting and not continued with an appeal of the trial court's decision. But instead, the current Justice Department stayed the course initially charted by Barr. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KARK-NBC/ MyNetworkTV (Little Rock, AR): Department of Justice opens nominations for 6th annual Distinguished Service in Community Policing awards, Alex Kienlen, August 26, 2022, 4:54 PM (EDT)

The Department of Justice is offering, for the 6th time, the opportunity to honor community law enforcement. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced Wednesday his department is accepting nomination for distinguished service in community policing. The award has categories

for small, medium and large communities, broken down for agencies serving populations of under 50,000, 50,000 to 250,00 and more than 250,000. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

DOJ GRANTS

The Hill: **DOJ grants nearly \$50 million for assault survivor legal services**, Chloe Folmar, August 26, 2022, 6:03 PM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Friday announced nearly \$50 million in grants for assault survivors to obtain legal services. The department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will distribute the money to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking to help cover legal fees and "improve effective coordination of justice systems impacting victim and family safety." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: **Pa. man who attacked police on Jan. 6 gets 46-month sentence**, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 8:26 PM

A Pennsylvania man was sentenced Friday to 46 months in federal prison for attacking a police officer with a Donald Trump flag during the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The newspaper reported that Howard Richardson, 72, of King of Prussia, told the court in Washington "there's no excuse" for his behavior and pleaded for mercy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: **Sept. 11 victims not entitled to seize Afghan central bank assets -U.S. judge**, Jonathan Stempel, August 26, 2022, 7:00 PM

A U.S. judge on Friday recommended that victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks not be allowed to seize billions of dollars of assets belonging to Afghanistan's central bank to satisfy court judgments they obtained against the Taliban. U.S. Magistrate Judge Sarah Netburn in Manhattan said Da Afghanistan Bank was immune from jurisdiction, and that allowing the seizures would effectively acknowledge the Islamist militant group as the Afghan government, something only the U.S. president can do. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: **New Mexico man accused of planning Islamic State training center**, Andrew Hay, August 26, 2022, 6:32 PM

A New Mexico man was charged with attempting to set up a training center for people wishing to fight for Islamic State, the Department of Justice said on Friday. A federal grand jury on Aug. 23 charged Herman Leyvoune Wilson, 45, of Albuquerque, with trying to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization by setting up an "Islamic State Center" in New Mexico, according to a DOJ statement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [UPI](#)

Reuters: **Ex-U.S. intel operatives who worked for UAE barred from arms exports, State Dept says**, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 11:45 AM

Three former U.S. intelligence operatives who worked as cyber spies for the United Arab Emirates and admitted to hacking American networks will be temporarily barred from arms export activities under a deal announced by the State Department on Friday. The operatives - Marc Baier, Ryan Adams and Daniel Gericke - were part of a clandestine unit named Project Raven, first reported by Reuters, that helped the UAE spy on human rights activists, journalists and governments. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): **A 72-year-old Capitol rioter who beat a police officer with a Trump flag has received a nearly 4-year prison sentence**, Katherine Tangalakis-Lippert, August 27, 2022, 2:33 AM

Howard C. Richardson, a 72-year-old from Pennsylvania, was sentenced Friday to nearly four years in prison for beating a police officer with a Trump flag during the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. Richardson, who pleaded guilty in April to a charge of assaulting a law enforcement officer, made his way to restricted areas of the Capitol grounds during the riot that interrupted Congress as members were counting electoral votes related to the 2021 presidential election, according to a statement released by the Department of Justice. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Trump search: What may come next in inquiry with legal peril, Eric Tucker, August 26, 2022, 9:12 AM

A newly released FBI document helps flesh out the contours of an investigation into classified material at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate. But plenty of questions remain, especially because half the affidavit, which spelled out the FBI's rationale for searching the property, was blacked out. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Takeaways from the unsealed Mar-a-Lago search affidavit, Jill Colvin and Nomaan Merchant, August 27, 2022, 2:42 AM

The Justice Department on Friday unsealed the FBI affidavit justifying the unprecedented search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. While the document released is highly redacted, with many of its pages crossed out by black blocks, it includes new details about the sheer volume of sensitive and highly classified information that was stored at the former president's Florida beachfront home, underscoring the government's concerns about its safety. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: FBI: Trump mixed top secret docs with magazines, other items, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 26, 2022, 7:54 PM

Fourteen of the 15 boxes recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate early this year contained classified documents, many of them top secret, mixed in with miscellaneous newspapers, magazines and personal correspondence, according to an FBI affidavit released Friday. No space at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate was authorized for the storage of classified material, according to the court papers, which laid out the FBI's rationale for searching the property this month, including "probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept. says Trump papers included material on intelligence, sources, Sarah N. Lynch, August 26, 2022, 7:38 PM

The U.S. Justice Department on Friday disclosed that it was investigating former President Donald Trump for removing White House records because it believed he illegally held documents including some involving intelligence-gathering and clandestine human sources - among America's most closely held secrets. The department released a heavily redacted affidavit that underpinned the FBI's extraordinary Aug. 8 search of Trump's Florida residence in which agents seized 11 sets of classified records including some labeled "top secret" as documents that could gravely threaten national security if exposed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Reactions to U.S. Justice Department document justifying Trump search, Moira Warburton, August 26, 2022, 4:46 PM

The following are quotes from and reactions to the release on Friday under court order of a U.S. Department of Justice partially redacted affidavit that investigators used to justify the FBI's Aug. 8 search of former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida: AFFIDAVIT: "The government is conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records," the 38-page document began. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. Justice Department releases redacted document that led to Trump search, Sarah N. Lynch and Tim Ahmann, August 26, 2022, 12:29 PM

The U.S. Justice Department on Friday released a redacted version of the affidavit it used to win court approval for the FBI's Aug. 8 search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home, a document that could shed more light on the evidence that led to the unprecedented search. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Possibility of Obstruction Looms Over Trump After Thwarted Efforts to Recover Documents, Charlie Savage, August 27, 2022, 9:40 AM

When the Justice Department proposed redactions to the affidavit underlying the warrant used to search former President Donald J. Trump's residence, prosecutors made clear that they feared the former president and his allies might take any opportunity to intimidate witnesses or otherwise illegally obstruct their investigation. "The government has well-founded concerns that steps may be taken to frustrate or otherwise interfere with this investigation if facts in the affidavit were prematurely disclosed," prosecutors said in the brief. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Documents at Mar-a-Lago Could Compromise Human Intelligence Sources, Affidavit Says, Glenn Thrush, Alan Feuer and Maggie Haberman, August 27, 2022, 12:48 AM

The Justice Department's search of former President Donald J. Trump's Florida home was spurred by the discovery that he had retained a trove of highly classified material that included documents related to the use of "clandestine human sources" in intelligence gathering, according to a redacted version of the affidavit used to obtain the search warrant. The portions of the affidavit made public on Friday describe the Justice Department's monthslong push to recover sensitive materials taken from the White House by a former president who viewed state documents as his private property, and now faces a department investigating the possibility he illegally obstructed those efforts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Trump Says Redacted Affidavit Reinforces Need for Special Master, Erik Larson, August 26, 2022, 11:02 PM

Former President Donald Trump's lawyers said Friday's release of a redacted FBI affidavit underscores the importance of appointing a neutral third party to review documents seized during an FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago estate. The redacted affidavit provides almost no information that would allow Trump to understand why the search occurred or what was taken, the lawyers said in a brief attempting to reinforce the legal basis of his lawsuit seeking the appointment of a so-called special master. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Classified Material on Human Intelligence Sources Helped Trigger Alarm, Julian E. Barnes and Mark Mazzetti, August 26, 2022, 9:30 PM

They risk imprisonment or death stealing the secrets of their own governments. Their identities

are among the most closely protected information inside American intelligence and law enforcement agencies. [...] This helps explain the grave concern within American agencies that information from undercover sources was included in some of the classified documents recently removed from Mar-a-Lago, the Florida home of former President Donald J. Trump raising the prospect that the sources could be identified if the documents got into the wrong hands.

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NYT: Inside the 20-Month Fight to Get Trump to Return Presidential Material, Luke Broadwater, Katie Benner and Maggie Haberman, August 26, 2022, 8:40 PM

The National Archives and the Justice Department tried and failed repeatedly for more than a year and a half to retrieve classified and sensitive documents from former President Donald J. Trump before resorting to a search of his Mar-a-Lago property this month, according to government documents and statements by Mr. Trump's lawyers. The documents, including an unsealed, redacted version of an affidavit from the Justice Department requesting a warrant to conduct the search, make clear the lengths to which the government went before pursuing a law enforcement action to recover the material. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: Mar-a-Lago Affidavit Says FBI Search of Trump Home Prompted by Prior Discovery of Top-Secret Documents, Sadie Gurman, Jan Wolfe, and Alex Leary, August 26, 2022, 8:32 PM

Boxes retrieved from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home early this year contained more than 184 classified documents, including some deemed top secret or derived from clandestine human-intelligence sources, according to a heavily redacted affidavit released Friday laying out the Federal Bureau of Investigation's justification for its extraordinary search of the Florida estate in early August. The document spanning 38 pages, 24 of them fully or partially blacked out, said there was "probable cause to believe that additional documents" containing classified national defense information and presidential records remained on the premises after the handover early this year and "also probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction" would be found there. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Mar-a-Lago Affidavit: Is That All There Is?, Editorial Board, August 26, 2022, 6:51 PM

A federal judge on Friday released a heavily redacted version of the FBI affidavit used to justify the search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, and we can't help but wonder is that it? This is why agents descended on a former President's residence like they would a mob boss? [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Unsecured storage, confidential documents: What Trump search affidavit reveals: Recap, Bart Jansen, Kevin Johnson, Kevin McCoy, Ella Lee, and Erin Mansfield, August 26, 2022, 6:26 PM

The Justice Department on Friday released a redacted version of the affidavit justifying the unprecedented search of Donald Trump's Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago. Some associated documents have also been made public. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: [OPINION] We Knew the Justice Department Case Was Righteous. This Affidavit Confirms It., Andrew Weissmann, August 26, 2022, 6:23 PM

We always knew that whatever the information about the Mar-a-Lago search that would be released by a federal court, it would not help Donald Trump. We know that not just because

Judge Bruce Reinhart already concluded, based on seeing the unredacted affidavit used to obtain the search warrant, that there was probable cause to believe three federal crimes had been committed and that evidence of those crimes was at Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Trump's Florida club-residence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: Unsealed affidavit sheds new light on FBI case for Trump Mar-a-Lago search, Sara D. Wire, August 26, 2022, 6:12 PM (EDT)

The FBI believed that additional classified documents would be found in a search of former President Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago in Florida, according to a heavily redacted affidavit made public Friday, notably asserting in the 38-page document that "there is also probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found." In laying out the case for the search, which was conducted Aug. 8, the affidavit underscores the scope of classified information that had already been recovered from Trump, including information on clandestine human intelligence sources, intercepts under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, signals intelligence, and information designated as not to be shared with foreign countries. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Mar-a-Lago affidavit says many witnesses interviewed, 184 classified files returned in January, Devlin Barrett and Perry Stein, August 26, 2022, 5:56 PM

The FBI searched former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home this month after reviewing 184 classified documents that were kept there since he left the White House, including several with Trump's apparent handwriting on them, and interviewing a "significant number" of witnesses, court filings unsealed Friday say. The details contained in a search-warrant affidavit and related memo crystallize much of what was already known about the criminal probe into whether Trump and his aides took secret government papers and did not return all of the material despite repeated demands from senior officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Trump search affidavit reveals confidential source documents found at Mar-a-Lago, raising new alarms, Kevin Johnson, Kevin McCoy, and Tami Abdollah, August 26, 2022, 5:34 PM

An initial examination of 15 boxes of documents retrieved from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this year yielded a startling discovery that is now raising new alarms throughout the U.S. intelligence community. Among nearly 200 "unique documents bearing classified markings," FBI agents found records marked as "HCS" a reference to clandestine human sources and some of the most guarded information in the government's intelligence arsenal, according to a newly-unsealed affidavit supporting this month's unprecedented search of Trump's Florida property. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Takeaways from the redacted affidavit used for the Mar-a-Lago search, Amber Phillips, August 26, 2022, 4:34 PM

The largest piece of the puzzle about why FBI agents searched former president Donald Trump's residence is out: the affidavit submitted to warrant the search. In its full form, this usually sealed document spells out exactly what FBI agents thought was hidden at Mar-a-Lago and what crimes may have been committed. But the version the Justice Department released to the public Friday is heavily redacted. Here's what we were able to glean about the investigation and still have to learn. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] The Trump affidavit shows the Mar-a-Lago search was hardly capricious, Editorial Board, August 26, 2022, 4:30 PM

The heavily redacted affidavit in which the FBI requested court permission to search Donald Trump's home, released Friday, is more tantalizing than it is revealing. But what is visible, despite pages of blacked-out text, makes the Justice Department appear thoughtful and deliberate and the former president quite the opposite. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] How the redacted FBI affidavit reveals depth of Trump's legal peril,

Jennifer Rubin, August 26, 2022, 3:12 PM

The redacted FBI affidavit released on Friday regarding the Aug. 8 search of the defeated former president's Florida estate reveals many things about Donald Trump's legal peril. It confirmed, for example, that the government is "conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records." To state it more plainly: The defeated former president is being investigated for potential violation of several statutes pertaining to his illegal retention and storage of official documents containing sensitive secrets. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Trump's Return of Top-Secret Files Convinced FBI He Had More, Jack Gillum

August 26, 2022, 2:58 PM

The 15 boxes of documents that former President Donald Trump turned over to the National Archives in January contained intelligence about eavesdropping and other foreign surveillance, prompting the FBI's August search for more loosely stored secrets. The Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated in an affidavit supporting the search released Friday that the records Trump kept at Mar-a-Lago also contained information about clandestine human sources and data collection authorized under a secret body known as the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Biden Mocks Trump's Claim He Declassified Mar-a-Lago Documents, Justin Sink,

August 26, 2022, 2:55 PM

President Joe Biden mocked former President Donald Trump's claim that he declassified documents the FBI seized from his Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month. "I've declassified everything in the world, I'm president, I can do it all?" Biden told reporters, impersonating his predecessor as he departed the White House on Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Trump's Stash at Mar-a-Lago Included Highly Classified Documents, Erik Larson,

Zoe Tillman, and Chris Strohm, August 26, 2022, 2:49 PM

Former President Donald Trump jeopardized some of the nation's most classified defense and intelligence material -- from intercepted foreign communications to intelligence gathered by spies -- by stashing it improperly at his Mar-a-Lago estate, according to an unsealed FBI affidavit. The heavily redacted document, which is 38 pages including attachments, was filed Friday in federal court in West Palm Beach, Florida, after a magistrate judge ruled the public should be allowed to see at least parts of it due to the "historical interest" in the search for classified documents at Trump's home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Five Key Takeaways From the Trump Search-Warrant Affidavit, Tina Davis,

Courtney McBride, and Anthony Lin, August 26, 2022, 1:50 PM

The Justice Department was forced to release a 32-page affidavit and 6 pages of accompanying material that it used to convince a judge to issue a search warrant of Donald Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago. Here's what we learned: [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: The Affidavit for the Search of Trump's Home, Annotated, Charlie Savage, August 26, 2022, 1:10 PM

The government on Friday released a redacted version of a key document related to the F.B.I.'s search of former President Donald J. Trump's Florida residence: the affidavit submitted by an F.B.I. agent in support of the application for the warrant. In asking the judge, Bruce E. Reinhart of the Southern District of Florida, to approve the search, the F.B.I. had to submit an explanation of its investigation and a summary of the facts and evidence it had gathered to make the case that there was probable cause to believe a search of Mar-a-Lago would uncover evidence of a crime. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [NPR](#), [USA Today](#)

Fox: Search warrant affidavit for Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate: Five things to know, Tyler Olson, August 26, 2022, 4:51 PM

The search warrant affidavit for former President Donald Trump's residence unsealed by a federal court in Florida Friday was heavily redacted and included little new information. But the document is at the center of a major investigation into a former president and is drawing major reaction from both sides of the political aisle. Here are the top things to know about what was and wasn't included in the affidavit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] What did not happen with the release of the Mar-a-Lago affidavit?, Jonathan Turley, August 27, 2022, 10:30 AM

With Friday's release of the redacted affidavit from the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago, the largest Rorschach test in history seemed to play out on cable television. Instead of ink blots, pundits and politicians stared at pages of solid black lines and offered strikingly different "ah-ha" observations. For former Mueller top aide Andrew Weissmann, the affidavit meant one thing that "the former president is going to be prosecuted." (Of course, Weissmann once expressed certainty that Donald Trump would pardon himself by his last day in office.) [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Axios: DOJ has "enough evidence" to indict Trump, Alan Dershowitz says, Herb Scribner, August 27, 2022, 10:07 AM

Donald Trump's former attorney Alan Dershowitz said Friday that the Department of Justice has enough evidence to indict the former president but doesn't expect it to happen. The big picture: The Department of Justice released a redacted version of the affidavit connected to the search warrant at Trump's Mar-a-Lago home on Friday. The DOJ said there was "probable cause" to believe that evidence of obstruction could be found at Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NY Post](#)

Newsweek: Trump's Mar-a-Lago Mole Could Be the Secret Service: Karl Rove, Xander Landen, August 27, 2022, 9:58 AM

Veteran Republican political strategist Karl Rove said Friday that the Secret Service could have provided federal investigators with the information that led to the FBI's raid of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago property in Florida earlier this month. The FBI, with the approval of Attorney General Merrick Garland, carried out the raid on August 8, searching for top secret and sensitive compartmentalized information. Newsweek previously reported that the raid was based largely on information from an FBI confidential human source. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Forbes: Unseals Mar-A-Lago Affidavit As Ex-President Pleads For 'Special Master', Alison Durkee, August 27, 2022, 9:00 AM

The legal tussle over the FBI's investigation into whether former President Donald Trump violated

federal law by keeping White House documents at Mar-A-Lago continued this week, as the ex-president went to court in a new effort to stop the DOJ from reviewing some documents and the federal government was ordered in court to be more transparent about its probe. The Justice Department unsealed the affidavit it used to justify its search on Mar-A-Lago on Friday, showing that it believed there was probable cause to suggest government documents were being kept at the estate even after Trump gave some documents back including classified materials that were being stored in unauthorized locations as well as evidence of obstruction. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: **[AUDIO] DOJ Releases Affidavit, The Fed To Raise Interest Rates, U.S. Monkeypox Outlook**, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 7:23 AM

The Justice Department made the document used to get approval for Trump's Mar-a-Lago search public this week, bringing new details to light. (0:52) And, the Federal Reserve plans to raise rates, which could mean hardship for businesses and families. (4:47) Also U.S. health officials are hopeful that monkeypox rates are on a downward trend. (8:35) [[Listen](#)]

Politico: **Trump lawyers renew plea for outside supervision of Mar-a-Lago search trove**, Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, August 26, 2022, 11:13 PM

Donald Trump's attorneys late Friday made a new pitch for an independent review of the materials seized from his Mar-a-Lago estate. In a 12-page filing, they urged a federal judge to appoint a "special master" to prevent the Justice Department from continuing to comb through dozens of boxes taken by FBI agents earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Mueller's 'pit bull': Trump is going to be prosecuted**, Daniel Chaitin, August 26, 2022 5:52 PM

A top prosecutor for special counsel Robert Mueller predicted that former President Donald Trump will be prosecuted over his handling of documents. Andrew Weissmann, a former Justice Department official and FBI general counsel who was known as Mueller's "pit bull," made the "educated" assessment based on the release of court documents Friday underlying the FBI raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Caller: **'No Winners': MSNBC Legal Analyst Frets Release Of Redacted Affidavit Will 'Compromise' Trump Investigation**, Harold Hutchison, August 26, 2022, 5:46 PM

A MSNBC legal analyst fretted Friday that the release of the redacted affidavit that led to the Aug. 8 raid on Mar-a-Lago could "compromise" efforts to indict former President Donald Trump. "There are literally no winners from either side," Charles Coleman Jr. told guest host Yasmin Vossoughian. "If you're someone who believes in justice and believes Donald Trump needs to be not only investigated but also indicted and prosecuted for the things he's done wrong, you need to wait and be patient because releasing these details and this information early on can only compromise Merrick Garland's investigation and make his job that much more difficult." [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Guardian: **Trump search affidavit reveals potential for 'evidence of obstruction' at Mar-a-Lago – as it happened**, Maya Yang and Martin Pengelly in New York and Chris Stein, August 26, 2022, 4:59 PM

The affidavit as released is of course full of redactions, across its 38 pages. But it reveals some interesting nuggets about the search, including that the Department of Justice and FBI had "probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction" would be found at Mar-a-Lago. In another interesting section ... the affidavit says that on 9 February 2022, the DoJ leaned that a

preliminary review of 15 boxes taken to Mar-a-Lago “indicated that they contained ‘newspapers, magazines, printed news articles, photos, miscellaneous print-outs, notes, presidential correspondence, personal and post-presidential records, and ‘a lot of classified records’.

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The Guardian: [OPINION] The FBI’s Mar-a-Lago affidavit paints an unsettling portrait of Trump, Lloyd Green, August 26, 2022, 4:39 PM

Donald Trump is a life-long teetotaler. But at this moment, he may want to re-consider his commitment to sobriety. Early on Friday afternoon, a heavily redacted version of the much-vaunted FBI affidavit went public. It did not paint a flattering portrait of the 45th president or his environs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] The Trump affidavit: Four conclusions on guilt and evidence, Alan M. Dershowitz, August 26, 2022, 4:23 PM

Reading the unredacted portions of the affidavit and appendices which the FBI used to search Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence, leads to some initial conclusions: The affidavit contains sufficient factual basis for Magistrate Judge Reinhardt to find probable cause to issue a search warrant. The standard for issuing a search warrant is very low, and any federal or magistrate judge would have issued a warrant based on the unredacted information contained in the affidavit.

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The Guardian: FBI sought national defense documents at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago, affidavit shows, Hugo Lowell, August 26, 2022, 1:20 PM (EDT)

The FBI searched Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida this month after speaking to a significant number of witnesses and finding probable cause that national defense information and evidence of obstruction existed at the former president’s property, according to newly unsealed court filings on Friday. The details contained in the affidavit used to secure a warrant to search Mar-a-Lago partially redacted to protect the ongoing criminal investigation into Trump’s unauthorized retention of government secrets offered the clearest insight yet into the basis for the FBI’s seeking permission to search the resort. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Former Tennessee police chief sentenced to six years in prison, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 7:53 PM

A former Tennessee police chief has been sentenced to six years in federal prison for using excessive force during arrests, the U.S. Department of Justice said Friday. Prosecutors said Anthony “Tony” Bean punched a handcuffed arrestee in the face in 2014 and punched another arrestee in the face in 2017. Bean was convicted on two counts of using excessive force.

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AP: Ex-US Air Force sergeant gets life in deputy’s killing, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 7:27 PM

A former Air Force sergeant who was linked to an anti-government extremist movement and in 2020 attacked law enforcement officials amid protests over the killing of George Floyd has been sentenced to life in prison without parole in the killing of a Northern California sheriff’s sergeant. Steven Carrillo, 33, pleaded guilty in June to all nine counts, including murder, for the killing of

Santa Cruz County Sheriff Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Accused ringleader in NBA health care fraud pleads guilty, Jonathan Stempel, August 26, 2022, 4:02 PM

The accused ringleader of a scheme involving at least 19 former National Basketball Association players to defraud a league health plan into paying millions of dollars for bogus medical procedures pleaded guilty on Friday over his involvement. Terrence Williams, who played for the New Jersey Nets and three other teams from 2009 to 2013, entered his plea to conspiracy and identity theft charges before U.S. District Judge Valerie Caproni in Manhattan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [NY Daily News](#)

Reuters: Ex-congressman's arrest ended UAE push to get him named U.S. envoy, prosecutors say, Luc Cohen, August 26, 2022, 3:34 PM

An effort by the United Arab Emirates to convince the United States with the help of a wealthy real estate investor to name former congressman Stephen Stockman as U.S. ambassador to that country during Donald Trump's presidency unraveled with the lawmaker's 2017 arrest on fraud charges, prosecutors said. U.S. prosecutors made the statement in a filing late on Thursday in Brooklyn federal court ahead of next month's scheduled criminal trial of Tom Barrack, a billionaire real estate investor and fundraiser for Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Cattle, Pot Scheme Raised \$650 Million, Led to Fraud Verdict, Michael Hirtzer, August 26, 2022, 5:00 PM

An Illinois woman and a Georgia man who raised \$650 million with promises to invest in cattle and marijuana businesses were convicted of fraud for a Ponzi scheme that prosecutors said left clients with tens of millions in losses. Reva Joyce Stachniw, 70, of Galesburg, Illinois, and Ron Throgmartin, 58, of Buford, Georgia, solicited money from 2017 to 2019 for short-term bets in cattle with promises of returns of 10% to 20% in periods as short as a few weeks, the US Department of Justice said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ohio Man Behind \$50M Ponzi Scheme Gets 9 Years, Eric Heisig, August 26, 2022, 5:59 PM

A central Ohio man was sentenced Friday to nine years in federal prison for masterminding a 50\$ million Ponzi scheme that involved the sale of "off the road" tires used in earth-moving and mining equipment. Jason E. Adkins, 46, defrauded more than 50 investors from around the world from 2012 to 2018 through companies he owned such as Landash Corp. and Midwest Coal LLC, according to charging documents and news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Rock Hill Herald (Rock Hill, SC): SC judge says case of Chester man shot by police should be dismissed because he pointed gun, Andrew Dys, August 27, 9:06 AM

A South Carolina magistrate judge has recommended dismissal of a federal lawsuit filed by the family of a Black man shot to death by police in the parking lot of a Chester Walmart. Magistrate Judge Paige Gossett said in her recommendation evidence in the case, including police video, showed the man pointing a gun at officers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Norwood News (New York, NY): Brooklyn Man Pleads Guilty to Murder of Wakefield Man in 2014 During Cannabis Deal, Sile Moloney, August 27, 2022, 2:00 AM

Damian Williams, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced on Friday, Aug.

26, that defendant, Grant Donovan, pled guilty on Friday in Manhattan federal court to participating in the armed robbery of murder victim, Jercar Brooks, in the Wakefield section of The Bronx on Jan. 23, 2014. As part of his guilty plea, Grant admitted that during the robbery, he shot and killed Brooks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Galveston County Daily News (Galveston, TX): 10 accused MS-13 gang members indicted in Galveston court, Jose Mendiola, August 26, 2022, 9:41 PM (EDT)

Ten alleged MS-13 gang members were indicted in federal court in Galveston on charges of murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to murder, among numerous other felonies, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. The indictments alleged the defendants engaged in racketeering conspiracy involving murder, extortion, drug trafficking, robbery and obstruction of justice during a three-year period beginning in 2015, according to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Stamford Advocate (Stamford, CT): DOJ: Bridgeport man pleads guilty to defrauding Amazon of \$210k, Caroline Tien, August 26, 2022, 8:32 PM

A man admitted to defrauding Amazon of roughly \$210,000 on Friday, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Rajhni Yankana, 27, of Bridgeport, waived his right to be indicted and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford to one count of wire fraud related to the scheme, according to the DOJ. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTMJ-ABC/CBS (Milwaukee, WI): Wisconsin man, three others accused of stealing \$800,000+ in federal COVID loans, Shaun Gallagher, August 27, 2022, 5:54 PM (EDT)

A Milwaukee man and three others from out of state are accused of stealing \$874,229 in federal funding meant to benefit small businesses. Aziz Bey of Milwaukee, Letez Bey of Illinois, Divine-Seven El of Maryland and Florida and Minister Zakar were indicted earlier this week for several charges related to a scheme to defraud the Small Business Administration out of funds meant for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KETV-ABC (Omaha, NE): Omaha man gets 17 years in federal prison for meth conspiracy, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 11:14 PM (EDT)

An Omaha man will spend more than 17 years in a federal prison for his role in a meth conspiracy. There's no parole in federal prison. Twenty-three-year-old Jesse Neri and his brother delivered a pound of methamphetamine to an undercover officer at an Omaha business last year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZY-Fox (Charlotte, NC): 40 years in prison for Fayetteville man who led drug trafficking from in-home day care, other areas: DOJ, Ashley Anderson, August 26, 2022, 9:09 PM

On Friday, a man who helped run a day care out of his Fayetteville home, who was arrested in 2018, was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison following an investigation. The investigation also included a seizure of more than half a kilogram of cocaine, 300 pounds of marijuana, an ounce of heroin and 10 firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WALA-Fox (Mobile, AL): Fairhope man pleads guilty to \$1.2 million COVID-19 fraud, Brendan Kirby, August 26, 2022, 3:45 PM (EDT)

A Fairhope man on Friday admitted to filing fraudulent Paycheck Protection Program applications worth more than \$1 million and then using the money to buy cars, real estate and high-end luxuries. Jason Carl Pears, 38, pleaded guilty to money laundering and two counts of wire fraud.

In exchange, prosecutors agreed to seek the dismissal of other charges, including aggravated identity theft. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: At \$249 per day, prison stays leave ex-inmates deep in debt, Pat Eaton-Robb, August 27, 2022, 8:21 AM

Two decades after her release from prison, Teresa Beatty feels she is still being punished. [...] Her lawyers have asked a federal judge to block the state from enforcing the law against anyone, saying it remains unfair even after the amendments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge declines to require hand count of Arizona ballots, Jonathan J. Cooper, August 26, 2022, 8:21 PM

A federal judge refused Friday to require that Arizona officials count ballots by hand in November, dismissing a lawsuit filed by the Republican nominees for governor and secretary of state based on false claims of problems with vote-counting machines. Kari Lake, who is running for governor, and Mark Finchem, a secretary of state candidate, won their GOP primaries after aggressively promoting the narrative that the 2020 election was marred by fraud or widespread irregularities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Federal judge strikes down Texas handgun age restriction, Jake Bleiberg, August 26, 2022, 6:00 PM

A federal judge has struck down one of Texas' few remaining firearm restrictions, finding a law that barred adults under the age of 21 from carrying a handgun was unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman in Fort Worth on Thursday ruled that the state law prohibiting most 18- to 20-year-olds from carrying a handgun outside the home violates the Second Amendment right to bear arms and cannot be enforced. He stayed the ruling from taking effect for 30 days. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. ban on smoking in public housing is upheld, Jonathan Stempel, August 26, 2022, 2:40 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Friday upheld a ban on smoking in federally subsidized public housing. The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals said the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) properly enacted a 2016 rule requiring state and local public housing agencies to ban cigarettes, cigars and pipes inside housing units and indoor common areas, and outside within 25 feet of those spaces. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (Pittsburgh, PA): Critics attack UPMC Children's over transgender care, Hanna Webster, August 27, 2022, 6:00 AM

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has recently been targeted by alt-right figures for providing children with transgender care, such as puberty blockers. This appears to be part of a pattern of online harassment aimed at hospitals nationally that provide such care to youth. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Colorado Springs Gazette (Colorado Springs, CO): 10th Circuit finds judge mistakenly tossed inmate's disability lawsuit, Michael Karlik, August 26, 2022, 6:17 PM (EDT)

A federal judge was wrong to dismiss as frivolous a Colorado inmate's lawsuit alleging prison officials discriminated against him on the basis of his disability, the federal appeals court based in

Denver has ruled. Because the U.S. Supreme Court recognized more than two decades ago that the Americans with Disabilities Act "unambiguously" covers state detainees, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit agreed Charles Williams' allegations against the Colorado Department of Corrections had merit after all. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): NAACP leaders call on Department of Justice to investigate

Atlanta Police Department, Joe Henke, August 26, 2022, 7:12 PM

NAACP leaders during a press conference Friday said they're seeking accountability and believe a federal investigation is needed to reach their goal. They raised concerns about the number of Black men shot by Atlanta Police officers in recent years where the investigations remain open, prosecutors haven't resolved the cases, or the civil rights organizations leaders believe excessive force was used but officers weren't held accountable. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: 3M combat earplug lawsuits to proceed, judge rules, despite bankruptcy case,

Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 8:18 PM

3M Co must face more than 230,000 lawsuits accusing it of selling defective earplugs to the U.S. military, after a U.S. judge on Friday ruled that the bankruptcy of a subsidiary did not stop lawsuits against the non-bankrupt parent company. Companies that file for bankruptcy typically receive an immediate reprieve from lawsuits, and 3M subsidiary Aearo Technologies LLC argued that extending those protections to 3M would buy Aearo time to address its debts and restructuring goals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. court upholds SpaceX satellite deployment plan, David Shepardson, August 26, 2022, 3:24 PM

A U.S. appeals court on Friday upheld the decision of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve a SpaceX plan to deploy some Starlink satellites at a lower Earth orbit than planned as part of its push to offer space-based broadband internet. Elon Musk's SpaceX won FCC approval in 2021 to fly 2,824 satellites at a lower orbit to provide high-speed broadband internet services to people who currently lack access. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Moderna Sues Pfizer and BioNTech for Infringing Patents Central to Moderna's Innovative mRNA Technology Platform, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 12:01 PM

Complaints to be filed in both United States and Germany alleging that Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine Comirnaty® unlawfully infringes patents Moderna filed between 2010 and 2016 Moderna not seeking removal of Comirnaty® from market or injunction against future sales. Company not pursuing monetary damages on sales to the 92 low- and middle-income countries in the GAVI COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC 92) [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#), [NYT](#)

USA Today: Kobe Bryant's widow Vanessa to have jury award reduced by \$1 million after mistake discovered, Brent Schrotenboer, August 27, 2022, 1:41 AM

The \$16 million verdict that Vanessa Bryant was awarded by a federal jury on Wednesday is set to be reduced to \$15 million after a juror discovered an error on the verdict form and informed the court about it. Bryant, the widow of NBA legend Kobe Bryant, prevailed in her civil trial against Los Angeles County Wednesday after the jury of nine unanimously found the county liable for damages to her and her fellow plaintiff Chris Chester, who was awarded \$15 million by the same

jury. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Meta's Facebook Agrees to Settle Cambridge Analytica Suit, Joel Rosenblatt
August 26, 2022, 8:36 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. settled a long-running lawsuit that claimed Facebook illegally shared user data with the research firm Cambridge Analytica. The preliminary settlement, disclosed in a court filing late Friday, follows the revelation last month that Meta Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg would have to sit for as long as six hours of questioning by plaintiffs' lawyers. Terms of the agreement weren't disclosed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Whistleblower Says Contractor Defamed Him Over SEC Award, Sarah Jarvis,
August 26, 2022, 9:49 PM

The founder of investment research service Muddy Waters has filed suit against a former contractor who wants in on a \$14 million whistleblower award from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, arguing the ex-contractor defamed him in the press and is holding up payment of the award... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Dutch Telecom KPN Nets \$31.5M Jury Award For Patent Suit, Adem Lidgett,
August 26, 2022, 7:43 PM

A federal jury in Texas has handed Dutch telecommunications company KPN more than \$31.5 million after finding... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ill. Wedding Venue Can't Shake \$2M Verdict In TM Spat, Daniel Ducassi, August
26, 2022, 6:39 PM

A Virginia federal judge ruled Friday that he won't second-guess a jury verdict that held an Illinois wedding venue liable for \$2 million in damages for trademark infringement. U.S. District Judge Norman K. Moon denied Illinois-based venue Emerson Creek Events Inc.'s motions for judgment as a matter of law, a new trial or to reduce the \$2 million award, calling it "a substantial discount" compared to the \$3.8 million in profits it made while infringing... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 11th Circ. Backs Siblings' Fraud Convictions In Opioid Case, Adem Lignett,
August 26, 2022, 6:25 PM

The Eleventh Circuit refused to undo the convictions of an Alabama doctor and his sister, a nurse, who worked as a clinic run by the doctor, known for giving large amounts of opioid medication to people who didn't need it. A three-judge panel of the appellate court on Thursday affirmed various aspects of a federal jury's convictions of Patrick Ifediba... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Lawton Constitution (Lawton, OK): ICE detainees say they were forced into labor in Georgia, file lawsuit, Lautaro Grinspan, August 26, 2022, 5:07 PM (EDT)

A lawsuit filed against Georgia's largest immigrant jail charges the private prison company that runs it broke federal anti-slavery laws by forcing detainees to work against their will. The detainees were being held at Stewart Detention Center, one of the busiest immigrant prisons in the U.S., operated like many such facilities by CoreCivic, a Nashville-based corrections company. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: Migrants bused to U.S. capital from Texas struggle to secure housing, medical care, Ted Hesson and Alexandra Alper, August 26, 2022, 3:43 PM

Nearly a month after arriving with their 1-year-old daughter on a bus sent by the governor of Texas to Washington, D.C., Colombian couple Noralis Zuniga and Juan Camilo Mendoza are unsure how long they will be allowed to stay in their city-funded hotel room. [...] U.S. Border Patrol has made more than 1.8 million arrests of migrants crossing illegally in fiscal year 2022, which began Oct. 1, 2021 - the highest number on record, though it includes some repeat crossers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Arizona CBP agents seize enough fentanyl to kill 42 million people in latest border drug bust, Adam Sabes, August 26, 2022, 8:42 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents seized an estimated \$4.3 million worth of fentanyl pills on Wednesday evening. [...] CBP agents then searched the vehicle with her consent, and found three bags that contained packages wrapped in black tape, in addition to being coated in axle grease, according to the government agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: USCIS Looks To Duck Immigrants' Suit Over EB-5 Delays, Hayley Fowler, August 26, 2022, 6:46 PM

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services asked a federal judge on Friday to toss a lawsuit over alleged processing delays regarding residency petitions for immigrant investors under the EB-5 program, arguing the... [[Continue Reading](#)]

KQED-NPR/PBS (San Francisco, CA): ICE Overusing Solitary Confinement in California, Lawmakers Worry, Farida Jhabvala Romero, August 26, 2022, 10:36 PM (EDT)

A 41-year-old man woke up in a tiny cell day after day, on a bed that sits just a few feet away from olive-colored walls. [...] Meanwhile, both California U.S. senators questioned ICE's use of solitary confinement as "excessive and seemingly indiscriminate" earlier this month, and have pressed the agency for answers on how it plans to fix the problem. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): 'Thanks, and God bless you': Asylum-seekers allowed to enter US after 'remain in Mexico' ends, Uriel J. García, August 26, 2022, 8:37 PM

Willian woke up before dawn on a recent Tuesday, packed his legal documents into a blue folder and got in a van with other migrants to one of the international bridges that connect El Paso and Ciudad Juárez. At the port of entry, the 46-year-old asylum-seeker from Ecuador was disenrolled from the Migrant Protection Protocols, or MPP. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled the Biden administration had the right to formally end the Trump-era policy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: U.S. Justice Department in early stages of drafting possible antitrust suit against Apple -Politico, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 1:51 PM

The U.S. Justice Department is in the early stages of drafting a potential antitrust complaint against Apple Inc (AAPL.O), Politico reported on Friday, citing a person with direct knowledge of the matter. A Justice Department spokesperson declined to comment. Apple did not immediately respond to Reuters requests for comment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Shipping container suppliers abandon merger after U.S. probe, David Shepardson, August 25, 2022, 7:30 PM

Global shipping container suppliers China International Marine Containers and Maersk Container Industry said they have abandoned a merger plan. China International Marine Containers ([000039.SZ](#)) in September had agreed to buy the Danish shipping company's Maersk (MAERSKb.CO) refrigerated containers maker for \$987.3 million. The Justice Department said the merger would have combined two of the four suppliers of refrigerated shipping containers and further concentrated the global cold supply chain. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [International Business Times](#), [Maritime Executive](#), [Sea Trade News](#)

WSJ: Maersk Drops Sale of Container-Making Unit on Antitrust Issues, Paul Berger, August 25, 2022, 3:32 pm

Danish container shipping line A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S and China International Marine Containers (Group) Co. are dropping plans for the Chinese firm to take over Maersk's refrigerated container-making unit after U.S. regulators questioned the competitive impact of the combination. Justice Department officials said Thursday that Maersk's proposed sale of Maersk Container Industry would have consolidated control of 90% of the world's supply of the cold-storage boxes in Chinese state-controlled hands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: US Department of Justice planned to sue to block move over antitrust concerns as it cracks down on Chinese deals, Stefania Palma, Richard Milne, and James Fontanella-Khan, August 25, 2022, 1:36 PM

China International Marine Containers has abandoned plans to acquire Maersk's \$1bn refrigerated container manufacturer after the parties learned the US Department of Justice was planning to sue to block the deal. The US authorities had planned to take action because the deal would have generated excessive market concentration, potentially leading to higher prices, lower quality and poorer innovation, said those informed about the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Apple faces growing likelihood of DOJ antitrust suit, Josh Sisco, August 26, 2022, 1:11 PM

Justice Department lawyers are in the early stages of drafting a potential antitrust complaint against Apple, according to a person with direct knowledge of the matter a sign that a long-running investigation may be nearing a decision point and a suit could be coming soon. Various groups of prosecutors inside DOJ are assembling the pieces for a potential lawsuit, the individual said, adding that the department's antitrust division hopes to file suit by the end of the year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Judge won't block Idaho wolf trapping, snaring regulations, KEITH RIDLER, August 26, 2022, 8:28 PM

Trappers can continue pursuing wolves under Idaho's current regulations after a federal judge rejected a request by conservation groups to temporarily block the state's expanded wolf trapping and snaring rules. The decision earlier this week by a U.S. magistrate judge isn't on the merits of the case. It instead rejects a request by the groups fighting to halt the trapping and snaring rules until the case plays out and is decided. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Pipeline operators agree to plead guilty in Orange County oil spill and pay nearly

\$13 million, Laura J. Nelson, Hannah Fry, August 26, 2022, 9:18 PM (EDT)

Three Texas companies agreed Friday to plead guilty to federal environmental charges and pay nearly \$13 million in connection with the crude oil spill that fouled Southern California's coastline last fall. Despite hours of signals that their 17.3-mile oil pipeline may have been leaking, Houston-based Amplify Energy Co. and two subsidiaries continued to negligently pump crude oil into the waters off Huntington Beach in violation of the Clean Water Act, prosecutors wrote in court documents filed Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Law360: **Defense Contractor Exec Pleads Guilty To Tax Evasion**, Anna Scott Farrell, August 26, 2022, 3:07 PM

A senior executive for a U.S. Department of Defense contractor pled guilty to tax evasion for failing to report more than \$531,000 in income he received while working at the contractor's... [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: **Secret Service recovers \$286M in stolen pandemic loans**, Fatima Hussein, August 26, 2022, 2:32 PM

The U.S. Secret Service said Friday that it has recovered \$286 million in fraudulently obtained pandemic loans and is returning the money to the Small Business Administration. [...] "This forfeiture effort and those to come are a direct and necessary response to the unprecedented size and scope of pandemic relief fraud," said Kevin Chambers, director for COVID-19 fraud enforcement at the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

WHNT-CBS (Huntsville, AL): **Department of Justice says Limestone Correctional Facility is unsafe**, Archie Snowden, August 27, 2022, 7:27 AM (EDT)

The Department of Justice says the Limestone Correctional Facility is violating the U.S. Constitution by failing to provide safe conditions. This is in response to the story News 19 brought you Wednesday when a mother reached out to the station, seeking medical attention for her son who has been beaten inside the prison multiple times. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

NYT: **Affirmative Action Was Banned at Two Top Universities. They Say They Need It.**, Stephanie Saul, August 26, 2022, 9:02 AM

It has been more than 15 years since two of the country's top public university systems, the University of Michigan and the University of California, were forced to stop using affirmative action in admissions. [...] The Supreme Court is scheduled on Oct. 31 to hear the lawsuits brought by the anti-affirmative action organization Students for Fair Admissions that challenge the race-conscious methods that Harvard and the University of North Carolina use to pick freshman classes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Justices, signaling interest in False Claims Act, are asked to clarify a “knowing” violation, Kalvis Golde, August 26, 2022, 8:18 PM

On Monday, the court asked the government to weigh in on a petition filed earlier this year, about whether it matters that someone accused of “knowingly” defrauding the government under the False Claims Act believes or understands their own conduct was unlawful. Known as a “call for the views of the solicitor general,” or CVSG, this request may indicate that the justices are looking closely at the issue. This week, we highlight cert petitions that ask the court to consider, among other things, the same question under similar circumstances. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

AP: GOP, Dems seek political boost from student loan debt plan, Meg Kinnard, August 26, 2022, 8:09 PM

To Democrats championing the White House’s student loan forgiveness plan, it was the long-awaited delivery of one of President Joe Biden’s campaign promises. To Republicans and even some in the president’s own party it was an ill-advised move that was unfair to those who had diligently paid back their loans or decided not to go to college. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Very few in the U.S. getting full monkeypox vaccine series - CDC chief, Ahmed Aboulenein and Julie Steenhuisen, August 26, 2022, 6:06 PM

Very few people who have gotten monkeypox shots in the United States have received the second dose needed for full protection, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky said on Friday. She told a White House briefing that nearly 97% of the shots administered were first doses, and although many people are eligible for a second dose, “very few” have been given so far. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Ohio’s Ryan breaks from Biden, own votes on student debt aid, Julie Carr Smyth, August 26, 2022, 5:48 PM

When Democratic U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan spoke out against President Joe Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan this week, it marked a departure from both his past statements on the issue and some of his votes. The decision to go against a same-party president comes as Ryan tries to parlay his hometown credentials in Ohio’s working-class Mahoning Valley into the support he needs from Republicans and independents to defeat Republican JD Vance in this fall’s closely watched race for U.S. Senate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: White House says student loan forgiveness plan will cost \$24 bln a year, Costas Pitas, August 26, 2022, 5:06 PM

A U.S. plan announced this week to forgive \$10,000 in student loans for millions of debt-saddled former college students will cost roughly \$24 billion a year assuming that three quarters of those eligible take up the offer, the White House said. The move, announced by President Joe Biden on Wednesday, kept a pledge he made in the 2020 campaign for the White House and could boost support for his fellow Democrats in the November congressional elections. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [USA Today](#)

AP: Biden calls abortion restrictions ‘beyond the pale’, Chris Megerian, August 26, 2022, 4:17 PM

As Republican-led states continue to ban nearly all abortions, President Joe Biden said Friday

that such restrictions were “beyond the pale.” Biden and Democrats are trying to harness outrage over the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion nationwide, in this year’s midterm elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: MAGA Republican actions fit 'definition of fascism,' White House says,

Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 3:36 PM

The actions of some Republicans allied to former President Donald Trump fit the definition of fascism, White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters on Friday, a day after President Joe Biden said they edged toward “semi-fascism.” “I was very clear when laying out and defining what MAGA Republicans have done and you look at the definition of fascism and you think about what they’re doing in attacking our democracy. ... That is what that is. It is very clear,” Jean-Pierre told a press briefing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden’s student loan plan: What we know (and what we don’t), Cora Lewis and Adriana

Morga, August 26, 2022, 3:26 PM

Under a new plan announced by President Joe Biden, many Americans can have up to \$10,000 in federal student loan debt forgiven. That amount increases to \$20,000 if they qualified for Pell grants. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#)

AP: US upgrades Arctic engagement with new ambassadorial post, Unattributed, August

26, 2022, 3:21 PM

The Biden administration said Friday it will upgrade its engagement with the Arctic Council and countries with an interest in a region that’s rapidly changing due to climate change. The State Department said the U.S. will appoint an ambassador-at-large for the Arctic to deal with national security, environmental and development issues in the far North. The U.S. has had an Arctic coordinator for many years, but the upgraded position may bring new energy to the job. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: White House says one-time loan forgiveness is on sound legal and fiscal footing, Alexandra Alper, August 26, 2022, 2:12 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden's decision to forgive a portion of student loan debt for many Americans is on a strong legal and fiscal footing, Bharat Ramamurti, director of the White House National Economic Council, said on Friday. Biden said on Wednesday he would forgive \$20,000 in student loan debt for borrowers who went to college on Pell Grants, and would forgive \$10,000 for those who did not receive Pell Grants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden rallies for Democrats, slams ‘semi-fascism’ in GOP, Zeke Miller and Aamer

Madhani, August 26, 2022, 1:15 PM

President Joe Biden called on Democrats Thursday “to vote to literally save democracy once again” and compared Republican ideology to “semi-fascism” as he led a kickoff rally and a fundraiser in Maryland 75 days out from the midterm elections. Addressing an overflow crowd of thousands at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Biden said: “Your right to choose is on the ballot this year. The Social Security you paid for from the time you had a job is on the ballot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: 'Women's Equality Day' at White House focuses on abortion rights, Alexandra

Alper and Nandita Bose, August 26, 2022, 11:52 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden and White House officials marked Women's Equality Day on Friday by

meeting state and local leaders to discuss ways to safeguard access to abortion, amid a flurry of legal challenges led by Republicans across the United States. Biden, Gender Policy Council co-head Jen Klein, and intergovernmental affairs director Julie Rodriguez met elected officials from Kansas, New York, Maryland, North Carolina and Delaware and a Texas judge at the White House. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biden administration to declare 'forever chemicals' hazardous substances, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 11:45 AM

The Biden administration said on Friday it will propose designating certain "forever chemicals" as hazardous substances under the nation's Superfund program, in a bid to spark cleanup of countless sites that have been found contaminated by the toxic industrial compounds. The proposal would require companies to report leaks of two of the most widely used per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and pay for cleanups, and would also provide public funds for cleanups when the culprits cannot be found. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Up to Justice Dept to determine if national security harmed at Mar-a-Lago, Biden says, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 11:37 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Friday it was up to the Justice Department to determine if national security was compromised at former president Donald Trump's Florida home, where FBI agents recovered classified documents in a raid this month. "We'll let the Justice Department determine that," Biden said at the White House when asked by reporters if national security could have been compromised at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: [OPINION] What Bill Clinton Understood About Big Government That Biden Doesn't, Ramesh Ponnuru, August 27, 2022, 8:00 AM

President Joe Biden's plan to have the federal government pay off hundreds of billions of dollars in student loans has received blistering criticism, all of it deserved. It's a constitutional offense: Congress is supposed to authorize sweeping spending programs, not the president acting on his own. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Colorado Democrats pitch 'ideal candidate' for President Joe Biden's first national monument, Steve Kiggins, August 26, 2022, 8:51 PM

President Joe Biden has not created a national monument since taking office. A group of top Colorado Democrats want that to change. Two senators, a congressman and the governor sent a letter to Biden on Friday, pushing him to declare a ninth national monument in The Centennial State. It would be located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, a preserve centered on Camp Hale near Vail, where the legendary 10th Mountain Division trained for alpine warfare during World War II. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Biden Gave In to Pressure on Student Debt Relief After Months of Doubt, Michael D. Shear, Jim Tankersley and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, August 26, 2022, 8:32 PM

President Biden and Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the majority leader, boarded Air Force One on May 17 in Buffalo after visiting with the families of 10 people gunned down in a supermarket. The emotions from the mass shooting were raw, but Mr. Schumer had something else on his mind, too. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: Does your student loan qualify for forgiveness? The short and long answers, Jon Healy, August 26, 2022, 7:14 PM (EDT)

This week's headlines about student loan debt forgiveness sent many borrowers scrambling to figure out whether they would be eligible for the aid. Under the administration's plan, anyone earning less than \$125,000 (or married couples earning less than \$250,000) will qualify for up to \$10,000 in federal student loan forgiveness. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Biden just used the f-word — and he's correct, Dana Milbank, August 26, 2022, 4:44 PM

President Biden on Thursday offered some harsh words about those of the “extreme MAGA philosophy” currently hacking away at our democracy. “It's not just Trump,” he said at a fundraiser. “It's the entire philosophy that underpins the I'm going to say something: It's like semi-fascism.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: First to USA TODAY: Government website to suspend orders for free COVID tests due to limited supply, Maureen Groppe, August 26, 2022, 3:37 PM

Beginning next week, the Biden administration will suspend taking orders for free at-home COVID-19 tests because of limited supply, USA TODAY has learned. The administration was expected to announce Friday that it needs to preserve tests for a potential rise in infections in the fall, according to a senior administration official. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Axios](#), [The Hill](#)

Bloomberg: New York Fuel Supply Is So Low It Triggered White House Warning, Chunzi Xu August 26, 2022, 2:12 PM

The New York area is running so low on fuel that the Biden administration is warning of government action to address exports and suppliers are resorting to expensive US tankers to restock the region. Inventories of East Coast distillates including diesel are languishing at the seasonal lowest levels ever, while gasoline stockpiles in the New York Harbor area emerged from historic lows only last week. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Affordable Housing Developers Look to the White House for Help, Kriston Capps and Sarah Holder, August 26, 2022, 1:23 PM

Building new affordable housing has always taken a dizzying combination of funding sources to make the budget pencil out. [...] To help meet it, the White House will now allow jurisdictions to use funding from the American Rescue Plan in order to develop, maintain and operate affordable housing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Surprise: Borrowers May Face Up to \$1,100 in State Taxes on Forgiven Student Loans, Laura Davison, August 26, 2022, 12:24 PM

Residents of New York, Virginia and eleven other states could end up with a surprise tax hit of hundreds of dollars next year on forgiven student loans. President Joe Biden's announcement that the government would forgive some student debt for individuals earning less than \$125,000 was welcome news to many carrying large loan balances. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg: Biden Administration Urged to Probe Worker-Monitoring Technology, Josh Eidelson, August 26, 2022, 9:00 AM

The Biden Administration should investigate and regulate how companies use technology to surveil and punish workers, a Democratic senator urged in a letter to the US labor secretary. “The implementation of novel technologies to track, monitor, manage and discipline workers is growing due to an imbalance of power in the workplace and a lack of legal protections or

regulatory restrictions on these behaviors,” US senator Bob Casey wrote Friday to Secretary Marty Walsh. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Biden Allowed to Impose Vaccine Mandate for Some Contractors, Khorri Atkinson, August 26, 2022, 5:58 PM

The Biden administration won a partial victory after a federal appeals court in Atlanta narrowed a nationwide injunction blocking a mandate that federal contractors’ employees be vaccinated against Covid-19. The US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit on Friday agreed with a lower court that the mandate, which applied to roughly a quarter of the US workforce and affected companies that do business with the federal government, is too broad and the administration overreached its statutory authority. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Fox: Biden Justice Department's 'political actions' will be investigated from day one: GOP lawmaker, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 1:06 AM

Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind., joined "The Ingraham Angle" to share how a Republican-led Congress will act to hold the Biden Department of Justice accountable after the Mar-a-Lago raid. JIM BANKS: From day one, when we get the majority back come January, we have a moral responsibility to investigate the actions, the very political actions of the Biden Department of Justice. So you look at this, this Hunter Biden lapsed laptop censorship issue, it's just like the Russian collusion hoax, which was cooked up in the Obama White House, by the way. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 26, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Evening News with Major Garrett

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The DOJ released the 38 page Mar-A-Lago search affidavit which was heavily redacted to protect civilian witnesses from retaliation or intimidation and integrity of the ongoing investigation. The affidavit contained a new tally of what was in the 15 boxes found in January including 184 classified documents, as well as the probable cause or possible crimes behind the FBI search. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled a tough stance on inflation, his remarks sending the markets into a tail-spin with the DOW falling more than a thousand points with all 3 major Indexes off by more than 3%. Powell indicated “Pain” for households and small businesses as the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Louisiana, Nancy Davis is struggling to end a non-viable pregnancy which physicians recommended she terminate due to strict abortion bans. Local medical clinics refuse to perform the procedure due to fears of legal backlash, even as conservative lawmakers

state Davis is within the exception. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Severe weather alerts along the Northeast and South placing 13 million people on alert in 7 states. Storms, gusting winds, brief tornado touchdowns are racing along the Northeast with flood warnings in the Southeast and significant rain continuing through the weekend. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- President Biden honored 13 US soldiers killed one year ago by a suicide bomber during the US withdrawal in Afghanistan. Biden stated he is praying for the families and loved ones who lost a piece of their soul. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- As fires rage near the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, the head of Ukraine's nuclear agency warned of growing threats of a possible nuclear disaster. The plant went offline briefly for the first time in its history after a transmission line caught fire, Officials stating they used diesel generators to keep the plant from becoming a disaster zone. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- NASA's Artemis mission is on the launch pad preparing for a historic moon mission. NASA stated they wish to plant an exploratory moon base for testing and exploration. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- The DOJ signaled the federal investigation is far from over with the FBI stating they have a number of possible criminal targets but they are looking for "more." There is concern the highly classified documents may have been transported to other locations compromising National Security with the entire intelligence committee working on a damage assessment. [[ABC](#)]
- Moderna is suing Pfizer and BioNTech claiming Pfizer copied the technology behind the COVID vaccines. Pfizer and BioNTech rebuffed the accusations stating they based their vaccines on their own proprietary developments in mRNA technology. [[ABC](#)]
- New concerns about the Polio virus and signs of community spread. Water treatment records show a spread in the NY waste system, with one man having shown symptoms at this time. [[ABC](#)]
- Homeschooling numbers have more than doubled since COVID started for reasons ranging from ease of teaching to safety. Studies show children can receive better teaching at home than in current school systems, due to more one on one approaches and more accommodation for special needs. [[CBS](#)]
- Matt Araiza, NFL rookie on the Buffalo Bills team is accused of taking part in a gang rape at San Diego State University last year. Araiza reportedly gave the young woman a alcoholic drink with intoxicating substances, before he and his team raped her. [[NBC](#)]

- Tens of thousands of eligible people are still trapped in Afghanistan under Taliban threat, many having to constantly be on the move. Many report their children are starving, family members murdered, captured, or tortured. [[NBC](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- “Possibility of Obstruction Looms Over Trump, Affidavit Suggests” [[NYT](#)]
- “Truth Social faces financial peril as worry about Trump’s future grows” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Tether Says Audit Is Still Months Away as Crypto Falters” [[WSJ](#)]
- “Can Rick Caruso regain steam in L.A. mayoral race as Karen Bass’ lead mounts?” [[LAT](#)]

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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

WaPo: Mar-a-Lago affidavit says many witnesses interviewed, 184 classified files returned in January, Devlin Barrett and Perry Stein, August 26, 2022, 5:56 PM

The FBI searched former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home this month after reviewing 184 classified documents that were kept there since he left the White House, including several with Trump's apparent handwriting on them, and interviewing a "significant number" of witnesses, court filings unsealed Friday say. The details contained in a search-warrant affidavit and related memo crystallize much of what was already known about the criminal probe into whether Trump and his aides took secret government papers and did not return all of the material — despite repeated demands from senior officials. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] The Trump affidavit shows the Mar-a-Lago search was hardly capricious, Editorial Board, August 26, 2022, 4:30 PM

The heavily redacted affidavit in which the FBI requested court permission to search Donald Trump's home, released Friday, is more tantalizing than it is revealing. But what is visible, despite pages of blacked-out text, makes the Justice Department appear thoughtful and deliberate — and the former president quite the opposite. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] How the redacted FBI affidavit reveals depth of Trump's legal peril, Jennifer Rubin, August 26, 2022, 3:12 PM

The redacted FBI affidavit released on Friday regarding the Aug. 8 search of the defeated former president's Florida estate reveals many things about Donald Trump's legal peril. It confirmed, for example, that the government is "conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records." To state it more plainly: The defeated former president is being investigated for potential violation of several statutes pertaining to his illegal retention and storage of official documents containing sensitive secrets. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Takeaways from the redacted affidavit used for the Mar-a-Lago search, Amber Phillips,

August 26, 2022, 4:34 PM

The largest piece of the puzzle about why FBI agents searched former president Donald Trump's residence is out: the affidavit submitted to warrant the search. In its full form, this usually sealed document spells out exactly what FBI agents thought was hidden at Mar-a-Lago and what crimes may have been committed. But the version the Justice Department released to the public Friday is heavily redacted. Here's what we were able to glean about the investigation — and still have to learn. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Documents at Mar-a-Lago Could Compromise Human Intelligence Sources, Affidavit Says, Glenn Thrush, Alan Feuer and Maggie Haberman, August 27, 2022, 12:48 AM

The Justice Department's search of former President Donald J. Trump's Florida home was spurred by the discovery that he had retained a trove of highly classified material that included documents related to the use of "clandestine human sources" in intelligence gathering, according to a redacted version of the affidavit used to obtain the search warrant. The portions of the affidavit made public on Friday describe the Justice Department's monthslong push to recover sensitive materials taken from the White House by a former president who viewed state documents as his private property, and now faces a department investigating the possibility he illegally obstructed those efforts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Classified Material on Human Intelligence Sources Helped Trigger Alarm, Julian E. Barnes and Mark Mazzetti, August 26, 2022, 9:30 PM

They risk imprisonment or death stealing the secrets of their own governments. Their identities are among the most closely protected information inside American intelligence and law enforcement agencies. [...] This helps explain the grave concern within American agencies that information from undercover sources was included in some of the classified documents recently removed from Mar-a-Lago, the Florida home of former President Donald J. Trump — raising the prospect that the sources could be identified if the documents got into the wrong hands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Inside the 20-Month Fight to Get Trump to Return Presidential Material, Luke Broadwater, Katie Benner and Maggie Haberman, August 26, 2022, 8:40 PM

The National Archives and the Justice Department tried and failed repeatedly for more than a year and a half to retrieve classified and sensitive documents from former President Donald J. Trump before resorting to a search of his Mar-a-Lago property this month, according to government documents and statements by Mr. Trump's lawyers. The documents, including an unsealed, redacted version of an affidavit from the Justice Department requesting a warrant to conduct the search, make clear the lengths to which the government went before pursuing a law enforcement action to recover the material. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Possibility of Obstruction Looms Over Trump After Thwarted Efforts to Recover Documents, Charlie Savage, August 27, 2022, 9:40 AM

When the Justice Department proposed redactions to the affidavit underlying the warrant used to search former President Donald J. Trump's residence, prosecutors made clear that they feared the former president and his allies might take any opportunity to intimidate witnesses or otherwise illegally obstruct their investigation. "The government has well-founded concerns that steps may be taken to frustrate or otherwise interfere with this investigation if facts in the affidavit were prematurely disclosed," prosecutors said in the brief. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [OPINION] We Knew the Justice Department Case Was Righteous. This Affidavit Confirms It., Andrew Weissmann, August 26, 2022, 6:23 PM

We always knew that whatever the information about the Mar-a-Lago search that would be released by a federal court, it would not help Donald Trump. We know that not just because Judge Bruce Reinhart already concluded, based on seeing the unredacted affidavit used to obtain the search warrant, that

there was probable cause to believe three federal crimes had been committed and that evidence of those crimes was at Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Trump's Florida club-residence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: FBI: Trump mixed top secret docs with magazines, other items, Eric Tucker and Michael Balsamo, August 26, 2022, 7:54 PM

Fourteen of the 15 boxes recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate early this year contained classified documents, many of them top secret, mixed in with miscellaneous newspapers, magazines and personal correspondence, according to an FBI affidavit released Friday. No space at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate was authorized for the storage of classified material, according to the court papers, which laid out the FBI's rationale for searching the property this month, including "probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found." [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Trump search: What may come next in inquiry with legal peril, Eric Tucker, August 26, 2022, 9:12 AM

A newly released FBI document helps flesh out the contours of an investigation into classified material at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate. But plenty of questions remain, especially because half the affidavit, which spelled out the FBI's rationale for searching the property, was blacked out. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Takeaways from the unsealed Mar-a-Lago search affidavit, Jill Colvin and Nomaan Merchant, August 27, 2022, 2:42 AM

The Justice Department on Friday unsealed the FBI affidavit justifying the unprecedented search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. While the document released is highly redacted, with many of its pages crossed out by black blocks, it includes new details about the sheer volume of sensitive and highly classified information that was stored at the former president's Florida beachfront home, underscoring the government's concerns about its safety. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Trump search affidavit reveals confidential source documents found at Mar-a-Lago, raising new alarms, Kevin Johnson, Kevin McCoy, and Tami Abdollah, August 26, 2022, 5:34 PM

An initial examination of 15 boxes of documents retrieved from Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this year yielded a startling discovery that is now raising new alarms throughout the U.S. intelligence community. Among nearly 200 "unique documents bearing classified markings," FBI agents found records marked as "HCS" – a reference to clandestine human sources and some of the most guarded information in the government's intelligence arsenal, according to a newly-unsealed affidavit supporting this month's unprecedented search of Trump's Florida property. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Mar-a-Lago Affidavit Says FBI Search of Trump Home Prompted by Prior Discovery of Top-Secret Documents, Sadie Gurman, Jan Wolfe, and Alex Leary, August 26, 2022, 8:32 PM

Boxes retrieved from former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home early this year contained more than 184 classified documents, including some deemed top secret or derived from clandestine human-intelligence sources, according to a heavily redacted affidavit released Friday laying out the Federal Bureau of Investigation's justification for its extraordinary search of the Florida estate in early August. The document spanning 38 pages, 24 of them fully or partially blacked out, said there was "probable cause to believe that additional documents" containing classified national defense information and presidential records remained on the premises after the handover early this year and "also probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction" would be found there. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Mar-a-Lago Affidavit: Is That All There Is?, Editorial Board, August 26, 2022, 6:51 PM

A federal judge on Friday released a heavily redacted version of the FBI affidavit used to justify the search of Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home, and we can't help but wonder is that it? This is why agents descended on a former President's residence like they would a mob boss? [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Reactions to U.S. Justice Department document justifying Trump search, Moira Warburton, August 26, 2022, 4:46 PM

The following are quotes from and reactions to the release on Friday under court order of a U.S. Department of Justice partially redacted affidavit that investigators used to justify the FBI's Aug. 8 search of former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida: AFFIDAVIT:

"The government is conducting a criminal investigation concerning the improper removal and storage of classified information in unauthorized spaces, as well as the unlawful concealment or removal of government records," the 38-page document began. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Unsealed affidavit sheds new light on FBI case for Trump Mar-a-Lago search, Sara D. Wire, August 26, 2022, 6:12 PM (EDT)

The FBI believed that additional classified documents would be found in a search of former President Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago in Florida, according to a heavily redacted affidavit made public Friday, notably asserting in the 38-page document that "there is also probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction will be found." In laying out the case for the search, which was conducted Aug. 8, the affidavit underscores the scope of classified information that had already been recovered from Trump, including information on clandestine human intelligence sources, intercepts under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, signals intelligence, and information designated as not to be shared with foreign countries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Trump's Stash at Mar-a-Lago Included Highly Classified Documents, Erik Larson, Zoe Tillman, and Chris Strohm, August 26, 2022, 2:49 PM

Former President Donald Trump jeopardized some of the nation's most classified defense and intelligence material -- from intercepted foreign communications to intelligence gathered by spies -- by stashing it improperly at his Mar-a-Lago estate, according to an unsealed FBI affidavit. The heavily redacted document, which is 38 pages including attachments, was filed Friday in federal court in West Palm Beach, Florida, after a magistrate judge ruled the public should be allowed to see at least parts of it due to the "historical interest" in the search for classified documents at Trump's home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Search warrant affidavit for Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate: Five things to know, Tyler Olson, August 26, 2022, 4:51 PM

The search warrant affidavit for former President Donald Trump's residence unsealed by a federal court in Florida Friday was heavily redacted and included little new information. But the document is at the center of a major investigation into a former president and is drawing major reaction from both sides of the political aisle. Here are the top things to know about what was -- and wasn't -- included in the affidavit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Trump's Mar-a-Lago Mole Could Be the Secret Service: Karl Rove, Xander Landen, August 27, 2022, 9:58 AM

Veteran Republican political strategist Karl Rove said Friday that the Secret Service could have provided federal investigators with the information that led to the FBI's raid of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago property in Florida earlier this month. The FBI, with the approval of Attorney General Merrick Garland, carried out the raid on August 8, searching for top secret and sensitive compartmentalized information. Newsweek previously reported that the raid was based largely on information from an FBI confidential human source. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Trump lawyers renew plea for outside supervision of Mar-a-Lago search trove, Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein, August 26, 2022, 11:13 PM

Donald Trump's attorneys late Friday made a new pitch for an independent review of the materials seized from his Mar-a-Lago estate. In a 12-page filing, they urged a federal judge to appoint a "special

master” to prevent the Justice Department from continuing to comb through dozens of boxes taken by FBI agents earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Trump Says Redacted Affidavit Reinforces Need for Special Master, Erik Larson, August 26, 2022, 11:02 PM

Former President Donald Trump’s lawyers said Friday’s release of a redacted FBI affidavit underscores the importance of appointing a neutral third party to review documents seized during an FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago estate. The redacted affidavit provides almost no information that would allow Trump to understand why the search occurred or what was taken, the lawyers said in a brief attempting to reinforce the legal basis of his lawsuit seeking the appointment of a so-called special master. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Mueller’s ‘pit bull’: Trump is going to be prosecuted, Daniel Chaitin, August 26, 2022 5:52 PM

A top prosecutor for special counsel Robert Mueller predicted that former President Donald Trump will be prosecuted over his handling of documents. Andrew Weissmann, a former Justice Department official and FBI general counsel who was known as Mueller’s “pit bull,” made the “educated” assessment based on the release of court documents Friday underlying the FBI raid of Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida earlier this month. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] What did not happen with the release of the Mar-a-Lago affidavit?, Jonathan Turley, August 27, 2022, 10:30 AM

With Friday’s release of the redacted affidavit from the FBI’s search of Mar-a-Lago, the largest Rorschach test in history seemed to play out on cable television. Instead of ink blots, pundits and politicians stared at pages of solid black lines and offered strikingly different “ah-ha” observations. For former Mueller top aide Andrew Weissmann, the affidavit meant one thing — that “the former president is going to be prosecuted.” (Of course, Weissmann once expressed certainty that Donald Trump would pardon himself by his last day in office.) [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] The Trump affidavit: Four conclusions on guilt and evidence, Alan M. Dershowitz, August 26, 2022, 4:23 PM

Reading the unredacted portions of the affidavit and appendices which the FBI used to search Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence, leads to some initial conclusions: The affidavit contains sufficient factual basis for Magistrate Judge Reinhardt to find probable cause to issue a search warrant. The standard for issuing a search warrant is very low, and any federal or magistrate judge would have issued a warrant based on the unredacted information contained in the affidavit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Mocks Trump’s Claim He Declassified Mar-a-Lago Documents, Justin Sink, August 26, 2022, 2:55 PM

President Joe Biden mocked former President Donald Trump’s claim that he declassified documents the FBI seized from his Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month. “I’ve declassified everything in the world, I’m president, I can do it all?” Biden told reporters, impersonating his predecessor as he departed the White House on Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Up to Justice Dept to determine if national security harmed at Mar-a-Lago, Biden says, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 11:37 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Friday it was up to the Justice Department to determine if national security was compromised at former president Donald Trump’s Florida home, where FBI agents recovered classified documents in a raid this month. “We’ll let the Justice Department determine that,” Biden said at the White House when asked by reporters if national security could have been compromised at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: **Sept. 11 victims not entitled to seize Afghan central bank assets -U.S. judge**, Jonathan Stempel, August 26, 2022, 7:00 PM

A U.S. judge on Friday recommended that victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks not be allowed to seize billions of dollars of assets belonging to Afghanistan's central bank to satisfy court judgments they obtained against the Taliban. U.S. Magistrate Judge Sarah Netburn in Manhattan said Da Afghanistan Bank was immune from jurisdiction, and that allowing the seizures would effectively acknowledge the Islamist militant group as the Afghan government, something only the U.S. president can do. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: **New Mexico man accused of planning Islamic State training center**, Andrew Hay, August 26, 2022, 6:32 PM

A New Mexico man was charged with attempting to set up a training center for people wishing to fight for Islamic State, the Department of Justice said on Friday. A federal grand jury on Aug. 23 charged Herman Leyvouné Wilson, 45, of Albuquerque, with trying to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization by setting up an "Islamic State Center" in New Mexico, according to a DOJ statement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

AP: **Pa. man who attacked police on Jan. 6 gets 46-month sentence**, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 8:26 PM

A Pennsylvania man was sentenced Friday to 46 months in federal prison for attacking a police officer with a Donald Trump flag during the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The newspaper reported that Howard Richardson, 72, of King of Prussia, told the court in Washington "there's no excuse" for his behavior and pleaded for mercy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: **Former Tennessee police chief sentenced to six years in prison**, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 7:53 PM

A former Tennessee police chief has been sentenced to six years in federal prison for using excessive force during arrests, the U.S. Department of Justice said Friday. Prosecutors said Anthony "Tony" Bean punched a handcuffed arrestee in the face in 2014 and punched another arrestee in the face in 2017. Bean was convicted on two counts of using excessive force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: **Ex-congressman's arrest ended UAE push to get him named U.S. envoy, prosecutors say**, Luc Cohen, August 26, 2022, 3:34 PM

An effort by the United Arab Emirates to convince the United States with the help of a wealthy real estate investor to name former congressman Stephen Stockman as U.S. ambassador to that country during Donald Trump's presidency unraveled with the lawmaker's 2017 arrest on fraud charges, prosecutors said. U.S. prosecutors made the statement in a filing late on Thursday in Brooklyn federal court ahead of next month's scheduled criminal trial of Tom Barrack, a billionaire real estate investor and fundraiser for Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: **Cattle, Pot Scheme Raised \$650 Million, Led to Fraud Verdict**, Michael Hirtzer, August 26, 2022, 5:00 PM

An Illinois woman and a Georgia man who raised \$650 million with promises to invest in cattle and marijuana businesses were convicted of fraud for a Ponzi scheme that prosecutors said left clients with tens of millions in losses. Reva Joyce Stachniw, 70, of Galesburg, Illinois, and Ron Throgmartin, 58, of Buford, Georgia, solicited money from 2017 to 2019 for short-term bets in cattle with promises of

returns of 10% to 20% in periods as short as a few weeks, the US Department of Justice said in a press release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Ohio Man Behind \$50M Ponzi Scheme Gets 9 Years, Eric Heisig, August 26, 2022, 5:59 PM
A central Ohio man was sentenced Friday to nine years in federal prison for masterminding a 50\$ million Ponzi scheme that involved the sale of “off the road” tires used in earth-moving and mining equipment. Jason E. Adkins, 46, defrauded more than 50 investors from around the world from 2012 to 2018 through companies he owned such as Landash Corp. and Midwest Coal LLC, according to charging documents and news release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Ohio. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Galveston County Daily News (Galveston, TX): 10 accused MS-13 gang members indicted in Galveston court, Jose Mendiola, August 26, 2022, 9:41 PM (EDT)
Ten alleged MS-13 gang members were indicted in federal court in Galveston on charges of murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to murder, among numerous other felonies, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. The indictments alleged the defendants engaged in racketeering conspiracy involving murder, extortion, drug trafficking, robbery and obstruction of justice during a three-year period beginning in 2015, according to the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZY-Fox (Charlotte, NC): 40 years in prison for Fayetteville man who led drug trafficking from in-home day care, other areas: DOJ, Ashley Anderson, August 26, 2022, 9:09 PM
On Friday, a man who helped run a day care out of his Fayetteville home, who was arrested in 2018, was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison following an investigation. The investigation also included a seizure of more than half a kilogram of cocaine, 300 pounds of marijuana, an ounce of heroin and 10 firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: At \$249 per day, prison stays leave ex-inmates deep in debt, Pat Eaton-Robb, August 27, 2022, 8:21 AM
Two decades after her release from prison, Teresa Beatty feels she is still being punished. [...] Her lawyers have asked a federal judge to block the state from enforcing the law against anyone, saying it remains unfair even after the amendments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge declines to require hand count of Arizona ballots, Jonathan J. Cooper, August 26, 2022, 8:21 PM
A federal judge refused Friday to require that Arizona officials count ballots by hand in November, dismissing a lawsuit filed by the Republican nominees for governor and secretary of state based on false claims of problems with vote-counting machines. Kari Lake, who is running for governor, and Mark Finchem, a secretary of state candidate, won their GOP primaries after aggressively promoting the narrative that the 2020 election was marred by fraud or widespread irregularities. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. ban on smoking in public housing is upheld, Jonathan Stempel, August 26, 2022, 2:40 PM
A U.S. appeals court on Friday upheld a ban on smoking in federally subsidized public housing. The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals said the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) properly enacted a 2016 rule requiring state and local public housing agencies to ban cigarettes, cigars and pipes inside housing units and indoor common areas, and outside within 25 feet of those spaces. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXIA-NBC (Atlanta, GA): NAACP leaders call on Department of Justice to investigate Atlanta Police Department, Joe Henke, August 26, 2022, 7:12 PM

NAACP leaders during a press conference Friday said they're seeking accountability and believe a federal investigation is needed to reach their goal. They raised concerns about the number of Black men shot by Atlanta Police officers in recent years where the investigations remain open, prosecutors haven't resolved the cases, or the civil rights organizations leaders believe excessive force was used but officers weren't held accountable. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: **Migrants bused to U.S. capital from Texas struggle to secure housing, medical care**, Ted Hesson and Alexandra Alper, August 26, 2022, 3:43 PM

Nearly a month after arriving with their 1-year-old daughter on a bus sent by the governor of Texas to Washington, D.C., Colombian couple Noralis Zuniga and Juan Camilo Mendoza are unsure how long they will be allowed to stay in their city-funded hotel room. [...] U.S. Border Patrol has made more than 1.8 million arrests of migrants crossing illegally in fiscal year 2022, which began Oct. 1, 2021 - the highest number on record, though it includes some repeat crossers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: **Arizona CBP agents seize enough fentanyl to kill 42 million people in latest border drug bust**, Adam Sabes, August 26, 2022, 8:42 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents seized an estimated \$4.3 million worth of fentanyl pills on Wednesday evening. [...] CBP agents then searched the vehicle with her consent, and found three bags that contained packages wrapped in black tape, in addition to being coated in axle grease, according to the government agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KQED-NPR/PBS (San Francisco, CA): **ICE Overusing Solitary Confinement in California, Lawmakers Worry**, Farida Jhabvala Romero, August 26, 2022, 10:36 PM (EDT)

A 41-year-old man woke up in a tiny cell day after day, on a bed that sits just a few feet away from olive-colored walls. [...] Meanwhile, both California U.S. senators questioned ICE's use of solitary confinement as "excessive and seemingly indiscriminate" earlier this month, and have pressed the agency for answers on how it plans to fix the problem. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): **'Thanks, and God bless you': Asylum-seekers allowed to enter US after 'remain in Mexico' ends**, Uriel J. García, August 26, 2022, 8:37 PM

William woke up before dawn on a recent Tuesday, packed his legal documents into a blue folder and got in a van with other migrants to one of the international bridges that connect El Paso and Ciudad Juárez. At the port of entry, the 46-year-old asylum-seeker from Ecuador was disenrolled from the Migrant Protection Protocols, or MPP. The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled the Biden administration had the right to formally end the Trump-era policy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Politico: **Apple faces growing likelihood of DOJ antitrust suit**, Josh Sisco, August 26, 2022, 1:11 PM

Justice Department lawyers are in the early stages of drafting a potential antitrust complaint against Apple, according to a person with direct knowledge of the matter — a sign that a long-running investigation may be nearing a decision point and a suit could be coming soon. Various groups of prosecutors inside DOJ are assembling the pieces for a potential lawsuit, the individual said, adding that the department's antitrust division hopes to file suit by the end of the year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: **US Department of Justice planned to sue to block move over antitrust concerns as it cracks down on Chinese deals**, Stefania Palma, Richard Milne, and James Fontanella-Khan, August 25, 2022, 1:36 PM

China International Marine Containers has abandoned plans to acquire Maersk's \$1bn refrigerated

container manufacturer after the parties learned the US Department of Justice was planning to sue to block the deal. The US authorities had planned to take action because the deal would have generated excessive market concentration, potentially leading to higher prices, lower quality and poorer innovation, said those informed about the matter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Maersk Drops Sale of Container-Making Unit on Antitrust Issues, Paul Berger, August 25, 2022, 3:32 pm

Danish container shipping line A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S and China International Marine Containers (Group) Co. are dropping plans for the Chinese firm to take over Maersk's refrigerated container-making unit after U.S. regulators questioned the competitive impact of the combination. Justice Department officials said Thursday that Maersk's proposed sale of Maersk Container Industry would have consolidated control of 90% of the world's supply of the cold-storage boxes in Chinese state-controlled hands. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: Secret Service recovers \$286M in stolen pandemic loans, Fatima Hussein, August 26, 2022, 2:32 PM

The U.S. Secret Service said Friday that it has recovered \$286 million in fraudulently obtained pandemic loans and is returning the money to the Small Business Administration. [...] "This forfeiture effort and those to come are a direct and necessary response to the unprecedented size and scope of pandemic relief fraud," said Kevin Chambers, director for COVID-19 fraud enforcement at the Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

DOJ GRANTS & AWARDS

The Hill: DOJ grants nearly \$50 million for assault survivor legal services, Chloe Folmar, August 26, 2022, 6:03 PM

The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Friday announced nearly \$50 million in grants for assault survivors to obtain legal services. The department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will distribute the money to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking to help cover legal fees and "improve effective coordination of justice systems impacting victim and family safety." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KARK-NBC/ MyNetworkTV (Little Rock, AR): Department of Justice opens nominations for 6th annual Distinguished Service in Community Policing awards, Alex Kienlen, August 26, 2022, 4:54 PM (EDT)

The Department of Justice is offering, for the 6th time, the opportunity to honor community law enforcement. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced Wednesday his department is accepting nomination for distinguished service in community policing. The award has categories for small, medium and large communities, broken down for agencies serving populations of under 50,000, 50,000 to 250,00 and more than 250,000. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

NYT: Affirmative Action Was Banned at Two Top Universities. They Say They Need It., Stephanie Saul, August 26, 2022, 9:02 AM

It has been more than 15 years since two of the country's top public university systems, the University of Michigan and the University of California, were forced to stop using affirmative action in admissions. [...] The Supreme Court is scheduled on Oct. 31 to hear the lawsuits brought by the anti-affirmative action organization Students for Fair Admissions that challenge the race-conscious methods that Harvard and the University of North Carolina use to pick freshman classes. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Justices, signaling interest in False Claims Act, are asked to clarify a “knowing” violation, Kalvis Golde, August 26, 2022, 8:18 PM

On Monday, the court asked the government to weigh in on a petition filed earlier this year, about whether it matters that someone accused of “knowingly” defrauding the government under the False Claims Act believes or understands their own conduct was unlawful. Known as a “call for the views of the solicitor general,” or CVSG, this request may indicate that the justices are looking closely at the issue. This week, we highlight cert petitions that ask the court to consider, among other things, the same question under similar circumstances. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

AP: GOP, Dems seek political boost from student loan debt plan, Meg Kinnard, August 26, 2022, 8:09 PM

To Democrats championing the White House’s student loan forgiveness plan, it was the long-awaited delivery of one of President Joe Biden’s campaign promises. To Republicans — and even some in the president’s own party — it was an ill-advised move that was unfair to those who had diligently paid back their loans or decided not to go to college. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: White House says student loan forgiveness plan will cost \$24 bln a year, Costas Pitas, August 26, 2022, 5:06 PM

A U.S. plan announced this week to forgive \$10,000 in student loans for millions of debt-saddled former college students will cost roughly \$24 billion a year assuming that three quarters of those eligible take up the offer, the White House said. The move, announced by President Joe Biden on Wednesday, kept a pledge he made in the 2020 campaign for the White House and could boost support for his fellow Democrats in the November congressional elections. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [USA Today](#)

AP: Biden calls abortion restrictions ‘beyond the pale’, Chris Megerian, August 26, 2022, 4:17 PM

As Republican-led states continue to ban nearly all abortions, President Joe Biden said Friday that such restrictions were “beyond the pale.” Biden and Democrats are trying to harness outrage over the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion nationwide, in this year’s midterm elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: MAGA Republican actions fit 'definition of fascism,' White House says, Unattributed, August 26, 2022, 3:36 PM

The actions of some Republicans allied to former President Donald Trump fit the definition of fascism, White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters on Friday, a day after President Joe Biden said they edged toward “semi-fascism.” “I was very clear when laying out and defining what MAGA Republicans have done and you look at the definition of fascism and you think about what they’re doing in attacking our democracy. ... That is what that is. It is very clear,” Jean-Pierre told a press briefing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: White House says one-time loan forgiveness is on sound legal and fiscal footing, Alexandra Alper, August 26, 2022, 2:12 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden’s decision to forgive a portion of student loan debt for many Americans is on a strong legal and fiscal footing, Bharat Ramamurti, director of the White House National Economic Council, said on Friday. Biden said on Wednesday he would forgive \$20,000 in student loan debt for borrowers who went to college on Pell Grants, and would forgive \$10,000 for those who did not receive Pell Grants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden rallies for Democrats, slams ‘semi-fascism’ in GOP, Zeke Miller and Aamer Madhani, August 26, 2022, 1:15 PM

President Joe Biden called on Democrats Thursday “to vote to literally save democracy once again” — and compared Republican ideology to “semi-fascism” — as he led a kickoff rally and a fundraiser in Maryland 75 days out from the midterm elections. Addressing an overflow crowd of thousands at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Biden said: “Your right to choose is on the ballot this year. The Social Security you paid for from the time you had a job is on the ballot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: 'Women's Equality Day' at White House focuses on abortion rights, Alexandra Alper and Nandita Bose, August 26, 2022, 11:52 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden and White House officials marked Women's Equality Day on Friday by meeting state and local leaders to discuss ways to safeguard access to abortion, amid a flurry of legal challenges led by Republicans across the United States. Biden, Gender Policy Council co-head Jen Klein, and intergovernmental affairs director Julie Rodriguez met elected officials from Kansas, New York, Maryland, North Carolina and Delaware and a Texas judge at the White House. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Fox: Biden Justice Department's 'political actions' will be investigated from day one: GOP lawmaker, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 1:06 AM

Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind., joined "The Ingraham Angle" to share how a Republican-led Congress will act to hold the Biden Department of Justice accountable after the Mar-a-Lago raid. JIM BANKS: From day one, when we get the majority back come January, we have a moral responsibility to investigate the actions, the very political actions of the Biden Department of Justice. So you look at this, this Hunter Biden lapsed laptop censorship issue, it's just like the Russian collusion hoax, which was cooked up in the Obama White House, by the way. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 26, 2022

- The DOJ released the 38 page Mar-A-Lago search affidavit which was heavily redacted to protect civilian witnesses from retaliation or intimidation and integrity of the ongoing investigation. The affidavit contained a new tally of what was in the 15 boxes found in January including 184 classified documents, as well as the probable cause or possible crimes behind the FBI search. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The DOJ signaled the federal investigation is far from over with the FBI stating they have a number of possible criminal targets but they are looking for “more.” There is concern the highly classified documents may have been transported to other locations compromising National Security with the entire intelligence committee working on a damage assessment. [[ABC](#)]
- Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled a tough stance on inflation, his remarks sending the markets into a tail-spin with the DOW falling more than a thousand points with all 3 major Indexes off by more than 3%. Powell indicated “Pain” for households and small businesses as the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- In Louisiana, Nancy Davis is struggling to end a non-viable pregnancy which physicians recommended she terminate due to strict abortion bans. Local medical clinics refuse to perform the procedure due to fears of legal backlash, even as conservative lawmakers state Davis is within the exception. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden honored 13 US soldiers killed one year ago by a suicide bomber during the US withdrawal in Afghanistan. Biden stated he is praying for the families and loved ones who lost a piece of their soul. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- As fires rage near the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, the head of Ukraine’s nuclear agency warned of growing threats of a possible nuclear disaster. The plant went offline briefly for the first time in its history after a transmission line caught fire, Officials stating they used diesel generators to keep

the plant from becoming a disaster zone. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]

- Moderna is suing Pfizer and BioNTech claiming Pfizer copied the technology behind the COVID vaccines. Pfizer and BioNTech rebuffed the accusations stating they based their vaccines on their own proprietary developments in mRNA technology. [[ABC](#)]
- Tens of thousands of eligible people are still trapped in Afghanistan under Taliban threat, many having to constantly be on the move. Many report their children are starving, family members murdered, captured, or tortured. [[NBC](#)]

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NATIONAL SECURITY

Axios: New Mexico man accused of trying to create ISIS "safe haven", Herb Scribner, August 27, 2022, 3:37 PM

A New Mexico man has been indicted for attempting to provide material support to ISIS, the Department of Justice said. Driving the news: The man was arrested for allegedly trying to "provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization" and attempting to "obstruct, influence and impede at least one official proceeding," DOJ said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)
See also: [Epoch Time](#), [Los Alamos Daily Post \(Los Alamos, NM\)](#)

KOLR-CBS (Springfield, MO): Arkansas man sentenced to prison for supporting a terrorist organization, Alex Kienlen, August 27, 2022, 9:20 PM

Helping a terrorist group in the western Asian country of Yemen ended with prison for a man from east Arkansas. The United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas announced Tuesday that Bilal Al-Rayanni, a 31-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Helena-West Helena, was sentenced to federal prison for providing material support to a terrorist organization. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

Reuters: Defense of Trump is 'hypocrisy' by Republicans, Congressman Kinzinger says, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 12:21 PM

U.S. Representative Adam Kinzinger, one of two Republicans joining Congress's probe of the assault on the Capitol by Donald Trump supporters, accused members of his party of "hypocrisy" for defending the former president's handling of classified documents. "The hypocrisy of folks in my party that spent years chanting 'lock her up' about Hillary Clinton because of some deleted

emails or quote unquote wiping a server are now out there defending a man who very clearly did not take the national security of the United States to heart," Kinzinger said during an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Judge plans to appoint special master in Trump records case, Eric Tucker, August 27, 2022, 7:10 PM

A federal judge in Florida told the Justice Department on Saturday to provide her with more specific information about the classified records removed from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate and said it was her "preliminary intent" to appoint a special master in the case. The two-page order from U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon signals that she's inclined to grant a request from Trump's lawyers, who this week asked for the appointment of an independent special master to oversee the review the records taken from Mar-a-Lago and identify any that may be protected by executive privilege, and to ensure the return of any documents outside the scope of the search warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#),

AP: Trump search: What may come next in inquiry with legal peril, Eric Tucker, August 27, 2022, 6:10 PM

A newly released FBI document helps flesh out the contours of an investigation into classified material at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate. But plenty of questions remain, especially because half the affidavit, which spelled out the FBI's rationale for searching the property, was blacked out. That document, which the FBI submitted so it could get a warrant to search Trump's winter home, provides new details about the volume and top secret nature of what was retrieved from Mar-a-Lago in January. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Reuters: U.S. intelligence to conduct risk assessment of recovered Mar-a-Lago materials, David Shepardson, August 27, 2022, 6:01 PM

The U.S. intelligence community will assess the potential risk to national security of disclosure of materials recovered during the Aug. 8 search of former President Donald Trump's Florida residence, according to a letter seen by Reuters. The letter dated Friday from National Intelligence Director (DNI) Avril Haines to House Intelligence Committee chair Adam Schiff and Oversight Committee chair Carolyn Maloney also said the Justice Department and DNI "are working together to facilitate a classification review" of materials including those recovered during the search. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [The Independent](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

WaPo: Inside Trump's war on the National Archives, Jacqueline Alemany, Isaac Amsdorf and Josh Dawsey, August 27, 2022, 4:31 PM

In the nearly three weeks since the FBI searched former president Donald Trump's Florida home to recover classified documents, the National Archives and Records Administration has become the target of a rash of threats and vitriol, according to people familiar with the situation. Civil servants tasked by law with preserving and securing the U.S. government's records were rattled. On Wednesday, the agency's head sent an email to the staff. Though academic and suffused with legal references, the message from acting archivist Debra Steidel Wall was simple: Stay above the fray and stick to the mission. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ABC: [VIDEO] Federal judge may grant Trump's request for 'special master', Unattributed,

August 28, 2022, 10:10 AM

Trump's legal team asked for an impartial party to oversee the documents recovered during the execution of an FBI search warrant at Mar-a-Lago. [\[Watch\]](#)

CNN: [OPINION] Opinion: Trump supporters who clamored for the release of the affidavit should be careful what they wish for, Norman Eisen and Shan Wu, August 27, 2022, 9:00 PM
Be careful what you wish for, you may just get it. So the saying goes, and it certainly applies to former President Donald Trump and his many GOP enablers who clamored for the affidavit underlying the Mar-a-Lago search warrant that was executed by the FBI on August 8. The Justice Department released a redacted version of the affidavit on Friday and even with its heavy redactions, it worsens the former President's circumstances in multiple regards. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

HuffPost: Kash Patel Says His Life's In Danger Because He's In FBI Affidavit, Mary Papenfuss, August 28, 2022, 12:05 AM

Fierce Donald Trump ally Kash Patel is claiming his life is now in danger because his name appears in the heavily redacted affidavit released Friday supporting the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago earlier this month. "Brown Lives Matter," a clearly furious Patel said in a statement late Friday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Unsealed Mar-a-Lago search warrant affidavit reveals the government has no case against Trump, Kevin R. Brock, August 28, 2022, 11:45 AM
When two dozen or more FBI agents searched former President Donald Trump's residence three weeks ago, most Americans initially were left wondering what in the world must Trump have done. After all, a prodigious FBI search logically indicates an equally prodigious violation of some federal statute; therefore, it must be really serious. One former Department of Justice (DOJ) official told Politico that the evidence sought "was likely so pulverizing in its force" that it would "eviscerate" the possibility of the optics for such an invasive law enforcement action not being good. Well, it's now pretty official: The optics aren't good. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: GOP governor on redacted Trump affidavit: 'What's the point?', Brad Dress, August 28, 2022, 11:26 AM

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) on Sunday said he is "disappointed" by the heavily redacted FBI affidavit that was used to justify a search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, arguing that reviewing it was pointless because the document was "almost all redacted." Sununu told CNN's Dana Bash on "State of the Union" that he had been "pretty excited to see what might be in this affidavit" until it was released. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Newsweek: Trump Lawyer's Claim About FBI Raid Rejected By Fellow Attorneys: 'False', Thomas Kika, August 27, 2022, 6:14 PM

Legal professionals have spoken out with corrections following claims made by Donald Trump's attorney on Saturday. Alina Habba, a New Jersey attorney currently working on behalf of the former president, appeared on the conservative new station, Newsmax TV, on Saturday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Examiner: Team Trump says there are 'more questions than answers' after affidavit release, Ryan King, August 27, 2022, 5:32 PM

Lawyers for former President Donald Trump harped on the recently released affidavit for the Mar-

a-Lago raid, arguing it bolsters their case for relief in the Justice Department's inquiry on Trump's handling of documents. Shaming the DOJ for redacting large swaths of the affidavit that laid out the legal justifications for the Aug. 8 search and seizure, the lawyers argued that the affidavit raised "more questions than answers" in a supplemental motion for their request for a special master to supervise the DOJ review of the Mar-a-Lago material. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Making their case: What could happen next in the DOJ's Donald Trump investigation, Ryan King, August 27, 2022, 2:42 PM

With the release of a heavily redacted affidavit for the Mar-a-Lago raid, the public is learning more about the Department of Justice's investigation into the former president, but the matter is far from settled. Multiple investigations and legal proceedings into the matter are underway, the outcomes of which have the potential to upend the 2024 election. Going forward, as the DOJ continues its sweeping inquiry, former President Donald Trump is hoping to block the department from combing through the trove of evidence collected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Washington Examiner: DC's Tinder Swindler: Maryland man charged with money laundering in romance scam, Jenny Goldsberry, August 27, 2022, 6:49 PM

A Maryland man has been charged with federal money laundering charges after allegedly running an illegal money service business. Charles K. Egunjobi, 48, appeared in U.S. District Court on Friday in Greenbelt, Maryland, before ultimately being released under supervision in his current residence in Waldorf, Maryland. Egunjobi, a financial auditor for the government of Washington, D.C., faces allegations of running a romance scheme involving as many as 20 people. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Independent: Florida man convicted of federal hate crime for trying to run Black driver and family off the road, Rachel Sharp, August 27, 2022, 5:11 PM

A Florida man has been convicted of a federal hate crime after he tried to run a Black man driving with his family off the road in a racist attack. Jordan Patrick Leahy, 29, was found guilty of interfering with the victim's federally protected right to drive on the street in federal court in Tampa on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Modesto Bee (Modesto, CA): Feds: Stanislaus real estate agents used fake documents, buyers in \$10 million fraud, John Holland, August 28, 2022, 9:00 AM (EDT)

A federal grand jury has indicted a Modesto father and son over roughly \$10 million in alleged mortgage fraud. Real estate agents German Antonio Lopez-Velasquez, 55, and Marko Antonio Lopez, 27, are accused along with loan officer Lisa Marie Santos, 48, of Long Beach. The three were indicted Thursday in U.S. District Court in Fresno. They are accused of obtaining about 30 loans by falsifying pay stubs and other documents, and creating fictional companies and people. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Sierra Sun Times \(Mariposa, CA\)](#)

Herald Democrat (Sherman, TX): Sherman fed court sentences Collin County man for coercion, enticing of a minor, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 7:42 AM (EDT)

A Lake Kiowa man has been sentenced to federal prison for child exploitation violations in the Eastern District of Texas. David Wayne Woods, 70, pleaded guilty on March 22 to coercion and enticement of a minor and was sentenced to 135 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Amos L. Mazzant. According to information presented in court, in July 2019, HSI Dallas agents

encountered Woods at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as he was returning from a trip to the Philippines. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The St. Louis American (St. Louis, MO): **Former St. Louis aldermen Reed, Boyd plead guilty to federal bribery charges**, Kelsi Anderson, Holden Kurwicki, and Mark Maxwell, August 28, 2022, 6:48 AM (EDT)

Former Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed and former Ward 22 Alderman Jeffrey Boyd have pleaded guilty in connection with a federal bribery investigation. The pair changed their pleas to guilty in federal court Friday, days after former Ward 21 Alderman John Collins-Muhammad also pleaded guilty in the bribery investigation. All three former aldermen, accused of accepting cash bribes in exchange for supporting property tax abatements, previously pleaded not guilty to the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Little Rock, AR): **Yell County woman who helped white supremacist escape jail is sent to drug rehab by federal judge**, Dale Ellis, August 28, 2022, 3:59 AM (EDT)

A Yell County woman sentenced to time served last year in connection with the 2019 jailbreak of New Aryan Empire leader Wesley Gullett -- who is serving 35 years on a federal racketeering violation -- was ordered to enter inpatient rehab and warned that further violations of her supervised release will likely result in a two-year prison sentence. Kennan Gililand, 29, of Ola was sentenced in July 2021 to time served and placed on two years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge James M. Moody Jr., who ordered her to work with the federal probation office to seek inpatient drug treatment for her role in the escape. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Missoulian (Missoula, MT): **Suspect dead in shooting by Missoula smokejumper center**, Zoe Buchli, August 27, 2022, 6:55 PM (EDT)

A robbery suspect died Saturday morning following a shooting encounter with Missoula law enforcement near the Missoula Smokejumper Center. According to Missoula Police Department spokesperson Lydia Arnold, the incident was an "officer-involved shooting," but there was no clarification about who fired the fatal shot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KPAX-CBS/CW+](#)

San Francisco News (San Francisco, CA): **Mohammed Nuru Sentenced To Seven Years For Fraud**, Christianne, August 27, 2022, 6:55 PM (EDT)

On Thursday, August 25, Former San Francisco City Hall public official Mohammed Colin Nuru, was sentenced to 7 years in prison for honest services wire fraud. This case involved multiple government officials. In January of 2020, Nuru, 59, was first arrested after a criminal complaint was filed against him. The complaint alleged that during Nuru's tenure with Department of Public Works he ran a scheme of bribes and received kickbacks from multiple agencies. At the time, Nuru was the Director of the San Francisco DPW. In that same month another complaint was filed against him for allegedly lying to an FBI agent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Yonkers Times (Yonkers, NY): **4,000 ABUSED BEAGLES LOOKING FOR A HOME: SPCA WESTCHESTER OPENS DOORS TO SOME**, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 4:25 PM

SPCA Westchester welcomed nearly a dozen beagles to its Animal Rescue Center in Briarcliff Manor, NY as part of the group of beagles to be removed from a mass-breeding facility riddled with animal welfare concerns. [...] The transfer plan was submitted by the Department of Justice and Envigo RMS LLC, with the agreement of the Humane Society of the United States to assume the responsibility of coordinating placement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Concord Monitor (Concord, NH): **Woman sues Vermont over assisted suicide restriction,** Wilson Ring, August 27, 2022, 8:27 PM

A Connecticut woman with cancer sued Vermont on Thursday for allowing only its own residents to take advantage of a state law that lets people who are terminally ill end their own lives. Lynda Bluestein, 75, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who has terminal fallopian tube cancer, and Dr. Diana Barnard, of Middlebury, Vermont, argue in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Burlington that Vermont's residency requirement violates the U.S. Constitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Lawton Constitution (Lawton, OK): **Mississippi Jim Crow-era voting law upheld by appeals court,** Joseph Wilkinson, August 27, 2022, 6:03 PM (EDT)

A U.S. appeals court upheld Mississippi's Jim Crow-era voting law that was written to stop Black people from voting. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday voted 10-7 against two men who sued after they were disenfranchised on forgery and embezzlement convictions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

WaPo: **[OPINION] Project Veritas, Ashley Biden and the First Amendment,** Erik Wemple, August 27, 2022, 4:39 PM

In November 2021, FBI agents conducted an early-morning search at the home of Project Veritas founder James O'Keefe as part of an investigation into Ashley Biden's stolen diary. In the intervening months, O'Keefe and his lawyers have criticized the FBI and the Justice Department for allegedly heavy-handed investigative measures. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CBS: **U.S. donating COVID-19 vaccines to Mexico as domestic demand drops,** Manuel Bojorquez, August 27, 2022, 7:04 PM

Not far from the U.S. border, hundreds of men, women and children waited in an hours-long line in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, for a chance to get a COVID-19 vaccine. [...] So the team, with the approval of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, devised a way to bring people to a secure spot along the port of entry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: **ICE arrests illegal immigrant with child sex crime conviction, multiple deportations,** Adam Shaw, August 27, 2022, 3:07 PM

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced this week that its officers arrested a Mexican illegal immigrant with a prior conviction for indecency with a child and who had been deported multiple times. ICE said that its Enforcement and Removal Operations officers, working with officials in Webb County, Texas, arrested Miguel Angel Ponce Mejia earlier this month. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: **Texas has bused nearly 9,000 migrants to NYC and DC as an affront to Biden's immigration policies,** Zenebou Sylla, August 27, 2022, 2:22 PM

Texas has bused nearly 9,000 asylum seekers to New York City and Washington, DC in recent months, as part of Gov. Greg Abbott's effort to highlight his criticism of the Biden administration's immigration policies. [...] "The busing mission is providing much-needed relief to our overwhelmed border communities," the statement said. "Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps left by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **U.S. Customs seizes ancient Egyptian artifact in Memphis**, Brad Matthews, August 27, 2022, 2:27 PM

An ancient Egyptian artifact that could be up to 3,000 years old is now in the custody of top men after being seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials on Aug. 17. The shipment was between a European dealer and a private American customer. The seizure occurred at the port in Memphis, Tennessee, a city itself named after an ancient Egyptian capital. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Albuquerque Journal (Albuquerque, NM): **Immigrant from Brazil dies in ICE custody in NM**, Matthew Reisen, August 27, 2022, 7:58 PM (EDT)

Immigration officials say a Brazilian man died recently after being found unresponsive while in custody at the Tarrant County Detention Facility in what immigration rights advocates are saying was a suicide attempt after months in "abhorrent conditions." U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in a news release said 23-year-old Kesley Vial died Aug. 24 at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marin Independent Journal (San Rafael, CA): **[OPINION] California Voice: Prison-to-detention pipeline for migrants must end**, Alisa Bierria and Lee Ann S. Wang, August 27, 2022, 5:56 PM (EDT)

Californians have passed important reforms to stop the growth of a punitive legal system that often perpetuates violence against those most vulnerable. However, these reforms have not extended to California's migrant communities, including immigrant survivors of sexual, domestic and reproductive violence. Many incarcerated immigrants and refugees are immediately transferred to federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention after release from state prisons. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ): **Final suspect apprehended at border in connection with murder of teen**, Haleigh Kochanski, August 27, 2022, 9:15 PM (EDT)

The Pima County Sheriff's Department says United States Customs and Border Protection officers apprehended Zachary Connor, the sixth and final suspect linked to the murder of a 16-year-old boy, on Saturday at the Nogales Port of Entry. Deputies responded to the 3500 block of Silver Buckle Place in Catalina at 11:30 p.m. June 21 after receiving a call from someone claiming his friend had been shot at a park. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIRO-CBS/Telemundo (Seattle, WA): **Feds seize meth worth \$2.4M at Texas-Mexico crossing**, Kelli Dugan, August 27, 2022, 5:02 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection recently seized liquid methamphetamine worth an estimated \$2.4 million at the Progreso International Bridge in Texas. "Our frontline CBP officers continue to remain dedicated to carrying out CBP's border security mission, and this significant seizure of liquid methamphetamine perfectly exemplifies that commitment," Albert Flores, director of the Laredo Port of Entry, stated in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WPXI-NBC](#)

[\(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): **90 pounds of bologna seized and destroyed, CBP says**, Fernie Ortiz, August 27, 2022, 4:33 PM

Border officers had to destroy 90 pounds of pork bologna that they seized along with a shipment of tramadol. Neither the lunch meat nor the pills had been declared when a 34-year-old female U.S. citizen attempted to enter the U.S. through the Santa Teresa Port Entry on Thursday in Southern New Mexico. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): **Biden ‘catch-and-release’ policies fomenting illegal immigration, former DHS boss says**, Julian Resendiz, August 27, 2022, 2:26 PM

Joe Biden is killing the incentive for people to legally migrate to the United States and in process sinking the morale of agents charged with protecting the nation’s borders by failing to address the illegal immigration crisis, a former top Trump administration official says. “There’s no reason to talk about legal visa programs: No reason to talk about H-2A programs or H-2B programs and how you vet individuals, how you get them to apply if you can simply walk across the border in the middle of the desert and be allowed to stay in the United States,” said former acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **LIV Golf joins antitrust lawsuit against PGA Tour**, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 6:15 PM

LIV Golf has joined a handful of its players in their antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour, according to an amended complaint that showed four golfers have now removed their names. Phil Mickelson and 10 other golfers sued the PGA Tour in early August over its decision to suspend them for playing on the new Saudi Arabia-backed LIV Golf circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

KABC-ABC (Los Angeles, CA): **Energy companies reach \$13 million deal to resolve criminal charges over OC oil spill**, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 4:21 AM (EDT)

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 – has agreed to pay nearly \$13 million to resolve a federal criminal indictment over the spill, prosecutors announced Friday. As part of the agreement, Amplify Energy Corp. and two of its subsidiaries will plead guilty to violating the federal Clean Water Act, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. In conjunction with the plea, Amplify and subsidiaries Beta Operating Co. and San Pedro Bay Pipeline Co. will pay a \$7.1 million fine and pay \$5.8 million to reimburse various federal programs impacted by the October 2021 spill. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Sierra Sun Times \(Mariposa, CA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: **Texas woman arrested for hate crime against Indians in viral video**, Kanishka Singh, August 28, 2022, 10:12 AM

Police in Texas arrested a woman who they said shouted racial abuse at four Indian women in a viral video, telling them to "Go back to India," in an incident brought to the attention of federal authorities. [...] "This incident may also be a hate crime based on federal law, and we are working closely with the FBI and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division on this case." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Off-duty FBI police officer involved in shooting on I-295 in Northeast D.C., Katie Mettler and Moriah Balingit, August 27, 2022, 5:45 PM

An off-duty FBI police officer was involved in a shooting Saturday afternoon in Northeast D.C., local and federal law enforcement officials said. [...] An FBI spokesperson said the officer's involvement in the shooting is being investigated by the agency's Inspection Division. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [WRC-NBC \(Washington, D.C.\)](#)

Idaho Statesman (Boise, ID): Ex-Caldwell cop called FBI investigation a 'witch hunt,' wiped laptop, court record says, Alex Brizee, August 28, 2022, 4:00 AM

In 2017, while three officers including Lt. Joey Hoadley searched a Caldwell home after smelling marijuana, one officer decided to stay outside. He believed Hoadley's search was "unlawful," according to a new court record obtained by the Idaho Statesman. [...] That resident arrested was identified as B.H. the Caldwell man who was allegedly struck by Hoadley, and who later became a focal point of an FBI investigation into Hoadley's reported use of excessive force. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSAV- NBC/CW Plus/MyNetworkTV (Savannah, GA): Kaitlin Armstrong had \$6K plastic surgery receipt from Costa Rica and sister's passport, search reveals, Abigail Jones, August 27, 2022, 6:00 PM

Kaitlin Armstrong fled the country in May just days after pro-cyclist Moriah Wilson was found dead. Court documents obtained by Nexstar's KXAN reveal new details on how she was able to evade authorities for over a month after being accused of shooting and killing Wilson. [...] When she was arrested, U.S. Marshals noted Armstrong's appearance had changed, including a difference in how her nose looked. There was also bruising under her eyes. She told authorities the change was from a "surfing accident," U.S. Marshals said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

The Hill: [OPINION] The abortion emergency in the federal courts, Andrew Koppelman, August 28, 2022, 1:00 PM

It is now notorious that the criminalization of abortion, in the wake of the Supreme Court's overruling of Roe v. Wade, doesn't do much to lower the abortion rate but has had devastating effects on the ability of doctors to treat pregnancies that go wrong. [...] The Supreme Court indicated in Dobbs v. Women's Health Center that it wanted to stay away from the abortion issue. Yet it is certainly coming back there, and soon, because of a new division between two lower federal courts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Fox: DAY FIVE: White House refuses to say who will pay for Biden \$500,000,000,000 student loan handout, Haris Alic, August 28, 2022 9:58 AM

The White House remains mum on how it plans to pay for President Biden's decision to cancel between \$10,000 to \$20,000 in student debt for some Americans or if future tax hikes will be needed to cover the proposal which, by some estimates, costs more than \$500 billion. Despite unveiling the policy earlier this week, administration officials have yet to clarify how the proposal will be paid for in the long term. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: [OPINION] Biden's botched Afghanistan withdrawal: We need a serious investigation on what happened and why, Rep. Michael Waltz, August 28, 2022, 7:00 AM
Last July, the calls from trapped American citizens, Afghan friends, and fellow veterans I served alongside poured in with greater frequency and desperation. The Taliban was quickly advancing toward Kabul, Afghan security forces were in retreat, and the Biden administration was providing minimal air support to halt the Taliban's gains across the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: DNC chair avoids criticizing Biden calling GOP philosophy 'semi-fascist', Olafimihan Oshin, August 28, 2022, 12:46 PM

Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Jaime Harrison avoided criticizing President Biden for his remarks in which he referred to the Republican party's philosophy as "semi-fascist." During an appearance on CBS's "Face The Nation," guest moderator Major Garrett asked Harrison whether he embraced the president's assessment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Tim Ryan says he'll join Biden at upcoming Ohio stop, Olafimihan Oshin, August 28, 2022, 12:37 PM

Democratic Ohio Senate nominee Tim Ryan said on Sunday that he plans to join President Biden at an upcoming event in the Buckeye State. "Yes, I will. This is a huge opportunity," Ryan, who's currently serving in the House of Representatives, told host Dana Bash on CNN's "State of the Union." [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: GOP governor says Biden 'owes an apology' to Republicans after 'semi-fascist' comment, Brad Dress, August 28, 2022, 11:45 AM

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) on Sunday called for President Biden to issue an apology after the president compared the "Make America Great Again," otherwise known as MAGA, wing of the Republican Party to "semi-fascism" last week. Sununu told CNN's Dana Bash on "State of the Union" that the president's comments were "horribly insulting." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Axios: Sanders pans GOP response to Biden canceling some student loans, Ivana Saric, August 28, 2022, 10:20 AM

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) praised President Biden's decision to cancel some student loans during an appearance on ABC's "This Week" Sunday, saying the move would benefit working families and low-income people. Driving the news: The Biden administration announced earlier this week that will cancel up to \$20,000 in student debt for Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 for individual borrowers who make under \$125,000 per year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: GOP senator says Biden's student loan forgiveness plan 'monumentally unfair', Olafimihan Oshin, August 28, 2022, 10:09 AM

Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) said on Sunday that the Biden administration's plan to forgive some student loans is "monumentally unfair" to people who didn't attend college or have already paid back their debt and therefore wouldn't benefit. During an appearance on ABC's "This Week,"

Blunt told anchor George Stephanopoulos that while “education is important” the loan forgiveness plan is “just bad economics.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): How Biden outdid Trump, Obama and George W. Bush in confirming federal judges by this point in office, a feat overshadowed by war and inflation, Kayla Gallagher, August 28, 2022, 9:13 AM

In his whirlwind summer of accomplishments, one of President Joe Biden's most important may have been overshadowed by news of war, inflation, fights over abortion rights, and the FBI search of Mar-A-Lago. Biden has appointed more judges to federal courts at this point in his tenure than any other president since John F. Kennedy. As of August 8, 2022, exactly 566 days into Biden's tenure, the Senate had confirmed a record-setting 75 judges nominated by Biden to federal courts, according to a tally from the Pew Research Center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: White House effort to stave off fall COVID surge with new boosters faces uphill battle, Nathaniel Weixel, August 28, 2022, 8:00 AM

The White House is rushing ahead to roll out a new COVID-19 booster shot campaign in early September, but is facing an uphill battle to ensure it is successful. The vaccines being used in the campaign are the first ones that have been manufactured to specifically target the sub variants of omicron that are currently causing the most infections, and administration officials have indicated they're preparing to start offering the shots shortly after Labor Day. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: White House faces legal questions with student loan forgiveness plan, Morgan Chalfant and Brett Samuels, August 28, 2022, 6:00 AM

The White House has stepped into tricky legal territory with a plan to erase \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for millions of borrowers. The plan is expected to face legal challenges, which would cause uncertainty for borrowers who stand to benefit from the new policy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Fears over Afghanistan threat simmer, despite White House assurances, Ellen Mitchell, August 28, 2022, 6:00 AM

When the United States pulled its troops from Afghanistan in a chaotic dash, the Biden administration and its critics traded fire over whether America could keep its borders safe from terrorist threats without boots on the ground. A year later, that debate is still raging. While the Biden administration has pointed to key wins from afar — in particular a Kabul drone strike earlier this month that killed longtime al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri — former and current defense officials and experts harbor doubts that the U.S. is safe from future threats with its troops gone from the region. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: August 27, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Weekend News with Errol Barnett

NBC: Nightly News did not air due to PGA Tour Golf

- The growing threat of a Nuclear disaster as fires burn near the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, Europe's largest nuclear plant, even as Russia renewed shelling near the reactor. This comes as a radiation disaster was averted as Ukrainians used backup diesel generators to

power the plant. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)

- A redacted version of the affidavit used to justify the search in Mar-a-lago stated that 15 boxes retrieved from Mar-a-lago in Jan. contained highly classified National defense information including some from clandestine human sources, with reason to believe more sensitive documents remained in Mar-a-lago. Redactions were necessary to protect the safety and privacy of civilian witnesses and protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- Three lightning strikes hit the towers surrounding NASA's next generation spaceship which is sitting on the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center The Artemis Mission will pave the way for humans to return to the moon for the first time in fifty years. [\[ABC, CBS\]](#)
- Former President Trump released statements calling the investigation a witch hunt while insisting he did nothing wrong. People close to Trump are concerned about the legal jeopardy he faces and urged him to bring in a heavy hitting criminal defense team but attorneys contacted have turned them down or refused to return phone calls. [\[ABC\]](#)
- The DOJ has signaled the federal investigation is far from over as "the FBI has not identified all potential criminal confederates nor located all evidence related to its investigation." The FBI is concerned classified documents may have been taken to other locations, not just Mar-a-lago. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Extreme weather continues in the Northeast with severe thunderstorms and heavy winds and rains. The South continues to be on the alert for flash flood while tropical storms in the Caribbean may develop into a threat. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Federal Chief Jerome Powell signals more rate hikes are ahead with "pain" ahead in the fight against inflation. Data on consumer prices and personal consumption show little easing of prices with grocery and housing costs continuing to rise. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Moderna is suing Pfizer and its German partner for copying the mRNA technology behind the vaccines. Pfizer denies the claim and states it will vigorously defend itself against the allegations. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Concerns about the Polio virus, as New York State officials stating they are seeing signs of spread. At this time officials are encouraging people to be vaccinated even as only one confirmed unvaccinated patient has been diagnosed with polio. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Louisiana's strict ban on abortion has prevented Nancy Davis from terminating her 14 week

non-viable pregnancy. Providers have refused to perform the abortion due to possible violation of the law and the risk of facing legal consequences. [\[ABC\]](#)

- One year ago, 13 US Service members were killed by a suicide bomber during the chaotic US withdrawal from Afghanistan. President Biden stated he is praying for loved ones and those who lost a piece of their soul. [\[ABC\]](#)
- Parents from the Uvalde School shooting rallied with activists outside the Governor's mansion in Austin, Texas. Demands for raising the minimum age of purchasing AR-15 Style rifles from 18y/o to 21y/o. The AR-15 was the type of weapon used to kill 19 children and 2 teachers in Uvalde. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Residents of low lying areas in Jackson, Mississippi are being urged to get out now as a week of record rainfall has swollen the Pearl River putting the City at risk for a flooding disaster. The river is expected to crest at 26 feet by Sunday night. [\[CBS\]](#)
- California accelerated moves to ban the sale of gas powered vehicles by 2035, mandating that by 2026, 35% of new vehicles sold be emission free. Roadblocks to the mandate include the price of electric vehicles, infrastructure issues, and supply chain issues. [\[CBS\]](#)
- Canadian police are investigating the theft of an iconic Winston Churchill portrait, "The Roaring Lion" from the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. Investigators determined the theft happened about eight months ago and believe this could be an inside job. [\[CBS\]](#)

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- The week, the Mar-A-Lago affidavit and its signs of obstruction of justice; financial relief as President Biden forgives student debt; 1 year after fleeing the Taliban a family finds new hope in America. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The affidavit for the Mar-A-Lago search is the newest in a long line of legal issues for Trump; Pierre Thomas States this shows every sign of being a historic FBI investigation as they launch a damage assessment; The Mar-A-Lago affidavit reveals the FBI's origins for the search and potentially extraordinary national security issues, showing also the investigation is far from over; Civilian witnesses blacked out from the affidavit to protect them from harassment or intimidation, as some may hold critical information about how the documents arrived on Mar-A-Lago and how had access to them; Prosecutors have identified several possible criminal targets and is looking for more; Concern highly classified documents may have been transported off the Mar-A-Lago estate; Some of the

classified documents came from Human intelligence, spies, electronic eavesdropping, and secrets from allies; Some documents concerning national security; Trump's advisors have been advising him to bring in a heavy hitting attorney. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Dan Abrams states he does not believe, from the information he has seen, former President Trump should be indicted from the current recovered evidence or if he will be; Stating the most important part is the obstruction of justice; Saying the question comes back to level of intentionality of Trump's actions, but whether Trump will actually be indicted is different than if he could be. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Mary McCord states Trump very well could be indicted for his actions, even just based off assumed intentionality; Stating the investigation is still ongoing and being this is a former president it does make the situation more volatile and politically far reaching, even if it does not appear so to the people; It is also significant there is a national security concern on top of the standing issues already in play; Declassification of the documents has been an ongoing debate but no records of such actions have surfaced; But it is a moot point due to being a concern of national security due to the possible range of damage the contained information could cause; Pointing out the classified documents were stored all over the place without concern for security. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Roy Blunt (R-MO) States he believes we need to know more before judgment can be passed; Saying if there was a national security problem they should have been informed by now; Pointing out classified or national security documents should be handled with great care, but this is not the first time a major political player has notably mishandled security documents; Saying further Trump should have turned these documents over long ago but refused to even up to nearly 2 years after he left office; Saying it is good a Special Master is going to be looking over the documents; Stating he feels it is highly unfair to students both past, present, and future, that student loans have been forgiven in such vast swaths; Pointing out the money forgiven from student debts will be spent elsewhere which will just fuel inflation further. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Bernie Sanders (D-VT) states Republicans stay quiet while billionaires get tax breaks, but when the working class gets a tax break the Republicans have heart attacks; stating he believes colleges need to be tuition free to be competitive in the world market; Saying he believes the answer is to make the rich pay their dues and raise the minimum wage to a living wage; Saying further we need to take on the drug companies; Making the point the government needs to work for the people; Stating the overthrow of Roe V Wade will drastically swing the elections in Democratic favor to allow them to further help the American people; Stating lastly Trump's leaving sensitive documents readily available to the public is incomprehensible to him. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Major Garrett

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Face the Nation began with a review of the legal and national security implications of the release of the redacted affidavit justifying the FBI's retrieval of classified documents stored at former President Trump's Mar-a-lago residence; potential legal perils Trump faces; political ramifications of Trump facing legal problems; possible appointment of a special master or neutral party; sloppiness in the handling of classified documents; vulnerability of the documents to compromise; and whether there is a formalized process for a President to declassifying information. [\[Watch\]](#)

- Republicans are still leading the race to control of the US House of Representatives, but Democrats are gaining ground. Abortion, the economy, Biden's low approval ratings, the Trump factor and the enthusiasm of voters affecting the midterm elections. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- This morning on NBC Meet the Press, abortion continued to be a pivot point in the upcoming election, along with the Mar-A-Lago affidavit. Next to the war in Ukraine with the stalemate at the front, and return to the moon. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Republicans cheer the nearly 50 year push that finally overturned Roe V Wade, and a number of states already banning abortion. Democrats are pushing to turn the matter into a main pivot point during this year's elections.
- Rich Lowry stated Republicans can't "run and hide" from the abortion issue of the elections, Kimberly Acton in turn saying Republicans are starting to realize they are not doctors as they come abutt with real life situations. Amna Nawaz stated Republicans were unprepared for the bulk of situations requiring exceptions to anti abortion and the backlash this caused, Peter Alexander Push further to point out some Republicans haven't addressed the issue at all in their political campaigns and instead focusing on gas prices while others say abortion is a matter of freedom. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Lowry comments Republicans need to focus more on actually understanding what the law actually says and helping other people understand as well, Nawaz tagging in to point out some of these issues have been long standing but largely unnoticed, especially among the black community where death from pregnancy related issues is 3 times as high. Alexander states the real strong messages come from the real life examples such as Nancy Davis and not from the politicians, Acton stepping in to say Politicians don't even know what's in these laws, resulting in the DOJ having to step in to enforce federal laws and regulations to protect people. Lowry states in parting the supreme court should interpret the constitution faithfully regardless of political results. [\[Watch\]](#)
- The search of Mar-A-Lago uncovered 67 confidential documents, 92 secret documents, and 25 top secret documents. The affidavit also states "...probable cause to believe that

evidence of obstruction of justice will be found..." [\[Watch\]](#)

- Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) of the Jan 6 committee states he would agree the DOJ would have enough evidence to indict Trump just from the search alone, but also states he is unsure what documents the committee will be able to get access to and related subpoenas. Kinzinger further states he thinks it likely the DOJ is not pressing the obvious charges and are likely looking to drop far worse charges on the former president, while at the same time the Jan 6 committee will have significant depth of understanding to contribute to the people once September comes around. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Kinzinger states he does not agree with Rich Lowry's assessment of Trump's political attacks as well as the ability of American laws to handle Trump's actions, and recommends we never again "elect someone who does not respect the constitution of the united states, does not respect the voters, and who abuses people by lying to them." He further points out even Republicans have historically been pro-exceptions in their anti-abortion stances yet they have lately been pushing for a total ban on abortions to win their primary races. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Kinzinger states the biggest threat to our country is democracy due to the political infighting and how so many politicians have no interest in helping the American people and instead care solely about money and power. He further states this country cannot survive such power struggles and the only people who should be voted into power are those who truly believe in democracy and honest voting, regardless of their stance on a given political subject. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Jennifer Griffin

- President Biden returned to the campaign trail today trying to ride a wave of positivity into the midterms, even as he faces questions about comparing Republicans to semi-fascists; wiping out billions of dollars in student loans; the search of Mir-a-lago; inflation remaining at a 40 year high; and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's plans to continue raising interest rates. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Senior adviser to President Biden and the DNC, former Congressman Cedric Richmond (D-LA) discussed Biden attacking MAGA Republican's philosophy as semi-fascism; Biden's previous calls "to stop treating our opponents as our enemies"; Student loan forgiveness and the rising costs of college education; and Biden fulfilling his campaign promises. [\[Watch\]](#)

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Retailers Face Uneasy Shoppers as Inventory Piles Up" [\[WSJ, NYT\]](#)

- “This Teen Was Prescribed 10 Psychiatric Drugs. She Was Far From Alone.” [[NYT](#)]
- “Inside Trump’s war on the National Archives” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Foreign businesses want out of China. But breaking up may be tougher than ever” [[LAT](#)]

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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: Judge plans to appoint special master in Trump records case, Eric Tucker, August 27, 2022, 7:10 PM

A federal judge in Florida told the Justice Department on Saturday to provide her with more specific information about the classified records removed from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate and said it was her "preliminary intent" to appoint a special master in the case. The two-page order from U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon signals that she's inclined to grant a request from Trump's lawyers, who this week asked for the appointment of an independent special master to oversee the review the records taken from Mar-a-Lago and identify any that may be protected by executive privilege, and to ensure the return of any documents outside the scope of the search warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#),

Reuters: U.S. intelligence to conduct risk assessment of recovered Mar-a-Lago materials, David Shepardson, August 27, 2022, 6:01 PM

The U.S. intelligence community will assess the potential risk to national security of disclosure of materials recovered during the Aug. 8 search of former President Donald Trump's Florida residence, according to a letter seen by Reuters. The letter dated Friday from National Intelligence Director (DNI) Avril Haines to House Intelligence Committee chair Adam Schiff and Oversight Committee chair Carolyn Maloney also said the Justice Department and DNI "are working together to facilitate a classification review" of materials including those recovered during the search. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Forbes](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [HuffPost](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [The Independent](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [Washington Times](#)

WaPo: Inside Trump's war on the National Archives, Jacqueline Alemany, Isaac Arnsdorf and Josh Dawsey, August 27, 2022, 4:31 PM

In the nearly three weeks since the FBI searched former president Donald Trump's Florida home to recover classified documents, the National Archives and Records Administration has become the target of a rash of threats and vitriol, according to people familiar with the situation. Civil servants tasked by law with preserving and securing the U.S. government's records were rattled. On Wednesday, the

agency's head sent an email to the staff. Though academic and suffused with legal references, the message from acting archivist Debra Steidel Wall was simple: Stay above the fray and stick to the mission. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Defense of Trump is 'hypocrisy' by Republicans, Congressman Kinzinger says, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 12:21 PM

U.S. Representative Adam Kinzinger, one of two Republicans joining Congress's probe of the assault on the Capitol by Donald Trump supporters, accused members of his party of "hypocrisy" for defending the former president's handling of classified documents. "The hypocrisy of folks in my party that spent years chanting 'lock her up' about Hillary Clinton because of some deleted emails or quote unquote wiping a server are now out there defending a man who very clearly did not take the national security of the United States to heart," Kinzinger said during an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press." [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Trump search: What may come next in inquiry with legal peril, Eric Tucker, August 27, 2022, 6:10 PM

A newly released FBI document helps flesh out the contours of an investigation into classified material at former President Donald Trump's Florida estate. But plenty of questions remain, especially because half the affidavit, which spelled out the FBI's rationale for searching the property, was blacked out. That document, which the FBI submitted so it could get a warrant to search Trump's winter home, provides new details about the volume and top secret nature of what was retrieved from Mar-a-Lago in January. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

CNN: [OPINION]: Trump supporters who clamored for the release of the affidavit should be careful what they wish for, Norman Eisen and Shan Wu, August 27, 2022, 9:00 PM

Be careful what you wish for, you may just get it. So the saying goes, and it certainly applies to former President Donald Trump and his many GOP enablers who clamored for the affidavit underlying the Mar-a-Lago search warrant that was executed by the FBI on August 8. The Justice Department released a redacted version of the affidavit on Friday and even with its heavy redactions, it worsens the former President's circumstances in multiple regards. [[Continue Reading](#)]

HuffPost: Kash Patel Says His Life's In Danger Because He's In FBI Affidavit, Mary Papenfuss, August 28, 2022, 12:05 AM

Fierce Donald Trump ally Kash Patel is claiming his life is now in danger because his name appears in the heavily redacted affidavit released Friday supporting the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago earlier this month. "Brown Lives Matter," a clearly furious Patel said in a statement late Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: GOP governor on redacted Trump affidavit: 'What's the point?', Brad Dress, August 28, 2022, 11:26 AM

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) on Sunday said he is "disappointed" by the heavily redacted FBI affidavit that was used to justify a search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, arguing that reviewing it was pointless because the document was "almost all redacted." Sununu told CNN's Dana Bash on "State of the Union" that he had been "pretty excited to see what might be in this affidavit" until it was released. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: Trump Lawyer's Claim About FBI Raid Rejected By Fellow Attorneys: 'False', Thomas Kika, August 27, 2022, 6:14 PM

Legal professionals have spoken out with corrections following claims made by Donald Trump's attorney on Saturday. Alina Habba, a New Jersey attorney currently working on behalf of the former president, appeared on the conservative new station, Newsmax TV, on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Team Trump says there are 'more questions than answers' after affidavit

release, Ryan King, August 27, 2022, 5:32 PM

Lawyers for former President Donald Trump harped on the recently released affidavit for the Mar-a-Lago raid, arguing it bolsters their case for relief in the Justice Department's inquiry on Trump's handling of documents. Shaming the DOJ for redacting large swaths of the affidavit that laid out the legal justifications for the Aug. 8 search and seizure, the lawyers argued that the affidavit raised "more questions than answers" in a supplemental motion for their request for a special master to supervise the DOJ review of the Mar-a-Lago material. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: **Making their case: What could happen next in the DOJ's Donald Trump investigation**, Ryan King, August 27, 2022, 2:42 PM

With the release of a heavily redacted affidavit for the Mar-a-Lago raid, the public is learning more about the Department of Justice's investigation into the former president, but the matter is far from settled. Multiple investigations and legal proceedings into the matter are underway, the outcomes of which have the potential to upend the 2024 election. Going forward, as the DOJ continues its sweeping inquiry, former President Donald Trump is hoping to block the department from combing through the trove of evidence collected. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

Axios: **New Mexico man accused of trying to create ISIS "safe haven"**, Herb Scribner, August 27, 2022, 3:37 PM

A New Mexico man has been indicted for attempting to provide material support to ISIS, the Department of Justice said. Driving the news: The man was arrested for allegedly trying to "provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization" and attempting to "obstruct, influence and impede at least one official proceeding," DOJ said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Epoch Time](#), [Los Alamos Daily Post \(Los Alamos, NM\)](#)

KOLR-CBS (Springfield, MO): **Arkansas man sentenced to prison for supporting a terrorist organization**, Alex Kienlen, August 27, 2022, 9:20 PM

Helping a terrorist group in the western Asian country of Yemen ended with prison for a man from east Arkansas. The United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas announced Tuesday that Bilal Al-Rayanni, a 31-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen from Helena-West Helena, was sentenced to federal prison for providing material support to a terrorist organization. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

The Independent: **Florida man convicted of federal hate crime for trying to run Black driver and family off the road**, Rachel Sharp, August 27, 2022, 5:11 PM

A Florida man has been convicted of a federal hate crime after he tried to run a Black man driving with his family off the road in a racist attack. Jordan Patrick Leahy, 29, was found guilty of interfering with the victim's federally protected right to drive on the street in federal court in Tampa on Wednesday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The St. Louis American (St. Louis, MO): **Former St. Louis aldermen Reed, Boyd plead guilty to federal bribery charges**, Kelsi Anderson, Holden Kurwicki, and Mark Maxwell, August 28, 2022, 6:48 AM (EDT)

Former Board of Aldermen President Lewis Reed and former Ward 22 Alderman Jeffrey Boyd have pleaded guilty in connection with a federal bribery investigation. The pair changed their pleas to guilty in federal court Friday, days after former Ward 21 Alderman John Collins-Muhammad also pleaded guilty in the bribery investigation. All three former aldermen, accused of accepting cash bribes in exchange for supporting property tax abatements, previously pleaded not guilty to the charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Little Rock, AR): **Yell County woman who helped white supremacist escape jail is sent to drug rehab by federal judge**, Dale Ellis, August 28, 2022, 3:59 AM (EDT)
A Yell County woman sentenced to time served last year in connection with the 2019 jailbreak of New Aryan Empire leader Wesley Gullett -- who is serving 35 years on a federal racketeering violation -- was ordered to enter inpatient rehab and warned that further violations of her supervised release will likely result in a two-year prison sentence. Kennan Gililand, 29, of Ola was sentenced in July 2021 to time served and placed on two years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge James M. Moody Jr., who ordered her to work with the federal probation office to seek inpatient drug treatment for her role in the escape. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Yonkers Times (Yonkers, NY): **4,000 ABUSED BEAGLES LOOKING FOR A HOME: SPCA WESTCHESTER OPENS DOORS TO SOME**, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 4:25 PM
SPCA Westchester welcomed nearly a dozen beagles to its Animal Rescue Center in Briarcliff Manor, NY as part of the group of beagles to be removed from a mass-breeding facility riddled with animal welfare concerns. [...] The transfer plan was submitted by the Department of Justice and Envigo RMS LLC, with the agreement of the Humane Society of the United States to assume the responsibility of coordinating placement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: **[OPINION] Project Veritas, Ashley Biden and the First Amendment**, Erik Wemple, August 27, 2022, 4:39 PM
In November 2021, FBI agents conducted an early-morning search at the home of Project Veritas founder James O'Keefe as part of an investigation into Ashley Biden's stolen diary. In the intervening months, O'Keefe and his lawyers have criticized the FBI and the Justice Department for allegedly heavy-handed investigative measures. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

CNN: **Texas has bused nearly 9,000 migrants to NYC and DC as an affront to Biden's immigration policies**, Zenebou Sylla, August 27, 2022, 2:22 PM
Texas has bused nearly 9,000 asylum seekers to New York City and Washington, DC in recent months, as part of Gov. Greg Abbott's effort to highlight his criticism of the Biden administration's immigration policies. [...] "The busing mission is providing much-needed relief to our overwhelmed border communities," the statement said. "Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps left by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Arizona Republic (Phoenix, AZ): **Final suspect apprehended at border in connection with murder of teen**, Haleigh Kochanski, August 27, 2022, 9:15 PM (EDT)
The Pima County Sheriff's Department says United States Customs and Border Protection officers apprehended Zachary Connor, the sixth and final suspect linked to the murder of a 16-year-old boy, on Saturday at the Nogales Port of Entry. Deputies responded to the 3500 block of Silver Buckle Place in Catalina at 11:30 p.m. June 21 after receiving a call from someone claiming his friend had been shot at a park. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: **LIV Golf joins antitrust lawsuit against PGA Tour**, Unattributed, August 27, 2022, 6:15 PM
LIV Golf has joined a handful of its players in their antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour, according to an amended complaint that showed four golfers have now removed their names. Phil Mickelson and 10 other golfers sued the PGA Tour in early August over its decision to suspend them for playing on the new Saudi Arabia-backed LIV Golf circuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

KABC-ABC (Los Angeles, CA): Energy companies reach \$13 million deal to resolve criminal charges over OC oil spill, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 4:21 AM (EDT)

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 -- has agreed to pay nearly \$13 million to resolve a federal criminal indictment over the spill, prosecutors announced Friday. As part of the agreement, Amplify Energy Corp. and two of its subsidiaries will plead guilty to violating the federal Clean Water Act, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. In conjunction with the plea, Amplify and subsidiaries Beta Operating Co. and San Pedro Bay Pipeline Co. will pay a \$7.1 million fine and pay \$5.8 million to reimburse various federal programs impacted by the October 2021 spill. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Sierra Sun Times \(Mariposa, CA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Reuters: Texas woman arrested for hate crime against Indians in viral video, Kanishka Singh, August 28, 2022, 10:12 AM

Police in Texas arrested a woman who they said shouted racial abuse at four Indian women in a viral video, telling them to "Go back to India," in an incident brought to the attention of federal authorities. [...] "This incident may also be a hate crime based on federal law, and we are working closely with the FBI and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division on this case." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Off-duty FBI police officer involved in shooting on I-295 in Northeast D.C., Katie Mettler and Moriah Balingit, August 27, 2022, 5:45 PM

An off-duty FBI police officer was involved in a shooting Saturday afternoon in Northeast D.C., local and federal law enforcement officials said. [...] An FBI spokesperson said the officer's involvement in the shooting is being investigated by the agency's Inspection Division. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox, WRC-NBC \(Washington, D.C.\)](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Insider (New York, NY): How Biden outdid Trump, Obama and George W. Bush in confirming federal judges by this point in office, a feat overshadowed by war and inflation, Kayla Gallagher, August 28, 2022, 9:13 AM

In his whirlwind summer of accomplishments, one of President Joe Biden's most important may have been overshadowed by news of war, inflation, fights over abortion rights, and the FBI search of Mar-A-Lago. Biden has appointed more judges to federal courts at this point in his tenure than any other president since John F. Kennedy. As of August 8, 2022, exactly 566 days into Biden's tenure, the Senate had confirmed a record-setting 75 judges nominated by Biden to federal courts, according to a tally from the Pew Research Center. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: White House effort to stave off fall COVID surge with new boosters faces uphill battle, Nathaniel Weixel, August 28, 2022, 8:00 AM

The White House is rushing ahead to roll out a new COVID-19 booster shot campaign in early September, but is facing an uphill battle to ensure it is successful. The vaccines being used in the campaign are the first ones that have been manufactured to specifically target the sub variants of omicron that are currently causing the most infections, and administration officials have indicated they're preparing to start offering the shots shortly after Labor Day. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Biden's botched Afghanistan withdrawal: We need a serious investigation on what happened and why, Rep. Michael Waltz, August 28, 2022, 7:00 AM

Last July, the calls from trapped American citizens, Afghan friends, and fellow veterans I served alongside poured in with greater frequency and desperation. The Taliban was quickly advancing toward

Kabul, Afghan security forces were in retreat, and the Biden administration was providing minimal air support to halt the Taliban's gains across the country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: DNC chair avoids criticizing Biden calling GOP philosophy 'semi-fascist', Olafimihan Oshin, August 28, 2022, 12:46 PM

Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Jaime Harrison avoided criticizing President Biden for his remarks in which he referred to the Republican party's philosophy as "semi-fascist." During an appearance on CBS's "Face The Nation," guest moderator Major Garrett asked Harrison whether he embraced the president's assessment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: GOP governor says Biden 'owes an apology' to Republicans after 'semi-fascist' comment, Brad Dress, August 28, 2022, 11:45 AM

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) on Sunday called for President Biden to issue an apology after the president compared the "Make America Great Again," otherwise known as MAGA, wing of the Republican Party to "semi-fascism" last week. Sununu told CNN's Dana Bash on "State of the Union" that the president's comments were "horribly insulting." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: August 27, 2022

- The growing threat of a nuclear disaster as fires burn near the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, Europe's largest nuclear plant, even as Russia renewed shelling near the reactor. This comes as a radiation disaster was averted as Ukrainians used backup diesel generators to power the plant. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- A redacted version of the affidavit used to justify the search in Mar-a-lago stated that 15 boxes retrieved from Mar-a-lago in Jan. contained highly classified National defense information including some from clandestine human sources, with reason to believe more sensitive documents remained in Mar-a-lago. Redactions were necessary to protect the safety and privacy of civilian witnesses and protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Former President Trump released statements calling the investigation a witch hunt while insisting he did nothing wrong. People close to Trump are concerned about the legal jeopardy he faces and urged him to bring in a heavy hitting criminal defense team but attorneys contacted have turned them down or refused to return phone calls. [[ABC](#)]
- The DOJ has signaled the federal investigation is far from over as "the FBI has not identified all potential criminal confederates nor located all evidence related to its investigation." The FBI is concerned classified documents may have been taken to other locations, not just Mar-a-lago. [[ABC](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos

- The affidavit for the Mar-A-Lago search is the newest in a long line of legal issues for Trump; Pierre Thomas states this shows every sign of being a historic FBI investigation as they launch a damage assessment; The Mar-A-Lago affidavit reveals the FBI's origins for the search and potentially extraordinary national security issues; Civilian witnesses blacked out from the affidavit to protect them from harassment or intimidation, as some may hold critical information about how the documents arrived on Mar-A-Lago and who had access to them; Prosecutors have identified several possible criminal targets and is looking for more; Some of the classified documents came from human intelligence, spies, electronic eavesdropping, and secrets from allies; Trump's advisors have been advising him to bring in a heavy hitting attorney. [[Watch](#)]
- Dan Abrams states he does not believe, from the information he has seen, former President Trump should be indicted from the current recovered evidence or if he will be; Stating the most important

- part is the obstruction of justice; Saying the question comes back to level of intentionality of Trump's actions, but whether Trump will actually be indicted is different than if he could be. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Mary McCord states Trump very well could be indicted for his actions, even just based off assumed intentionality; Stating the investigation is still ongoing and being this is a former president it does make the situation more volatile and politically far reaching, even if it does not appear so to the people; It is also significant there is a national security concern on top of the standing issues already in play; Declassification of the documents has been an ongoing debate but no records of such actions have surfaced; Pointing out the classified documents were stored all over the place without concern for security. [\[Watch\]](#)
 - Roy Blunt (R-MO) states he believes we need to know more before judgment can be passed; Saying if there was a national security problem they should have been informed by now; Pointing out classified or national security documents should be handled with great care, but this is not the first time a major political player has notably mishandled security documents; Saying further Trump should have turned these documents over long ago but refused to even up to nearly 2 years after he left office; Saying it is good a Special Master is going to be looking over the documents; [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Major Garrett

- Face the Nation began with a review of the legal and national security implications of the release of the redacted affidavit justifying the FBI's retrieval of classified documents stored at former President Trump's Mar-a-lago residence; potential legal perils Trump faces; political ramifications of Trump facing legal problems; possible appointment of a special master or neutral party; sloppiness in the handling of classified documents; vulnerability of the documents to compromise; and whether there is a formalized process for a President to declassifying information. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Republicans are still leading the race to control of the US House of Representatives, but Democrats are gaining ground. Abortion, the economy, Biden's low approval ratings, the Trump factor and the enthusiasm of voters affecting the midterm elections. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- The search of Mar-A-Lago uncovered 67 confidential documents, 92 secret documents, and 25 top secret documents. The affidavit also states "...probable cause to believe that evidence of obstruction of justice will be found..." [\[Watch\]](#)
- Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) of the Jan 6 committee states he would agree the DOJ would have enough evidence to indict Trump just from the search alone, but also states he is unsure what documents the committee will be able to get access to and related subpoenas. Kinzinger further states he thinks it likely the DOJ is not pressing the obvious charges and are likely looking to drop far worse charges on the former president, while at the same time the Jan 6 committee will have significant depth of understanding to contribute to the people once September comes around. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Jennifer Griffin

- President Biden returned to the campaign trail today trying to ride a wave of positivity into the midterms, even as he faces questions about comparing Republicans to semi-fascists; wiping out billions of dollars in student loans; the search of Mar-a-lago; inflation remaining at a 40 year high; and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's plans to continue raising interest rates. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Senior adviser to President Biden and the DNC, former Congressman Cedric Richmond (D-LA) discussed Biden attacking MAGA Republican's philosophy as semi-fascism; Biden's previous calls "to stop treating our opponents as our enemies"; Student loan forgiveness and the rising costs of college education; and Biden fulfilling his campaign promises. [\[Watch\]](#)

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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

NYT: Document Inquiry Poses Unparalleled Test for Justice Dept., Katie Benner, August 29, 2022, 3:00 AM

As Justice Department officials haggled for months this year with former President Donald J. Trump's lawyers and aides over the return of government documents at his Florida home, federal prosecutors became convinced that they were not being told the whole truth. That conclusion helped set in motion a decision that would amount to an unparalleled test of the Justice Department's credibility in a deeply polarized political environment: to seek a search warrant to enter Mar-a-Lago and retrieve what prosecutors suspected would be highly classified materials, beyond the hundreds of pages that Mr. Trump had already returned. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Trump's Legal Team Scrambles to Find an Argument, Maggie Haberman and Glenn Thrush
August 28, 2022, 7:23 PM

On May 25, one of former President Donald J. Trump's lawyers sent a letter to a top Justice Department official, laying out the argument that his client had done nothing illegal by holding onto a trove of government materials when he left the White House. The letter, from M. Evan Corcoran, a former federal prosecutor, represented Mr. Trump's initial defense against the investigation into the presence of highly classified documents in unsecured locations at his members-only club and residence, Mar-a-Lago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Naming of special master could complicate Mar-a-Lago documents case, David Nakamura and Amy B Wang, August 28, 2022, 7:39 PM

A federal judge's indication that she is prepared to appoint a special master to review materials seized from Mar-a-Lago by federal agents could present new complications and unresolved legal questions in the federal government's high-stakes quest to wrest control of the documents from former president Donald Trump. U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon's two-page order issued on Saturday appeared unusual in that the judge has not yet heard arguments from the Justice Department, said former federal prosecutors and legal analysts on Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT, The Daily: **[AUDIO] A Consequential Trump Investigation?**, August 29, 2022, 6:00 AM

Since he left office, former President Donald J. Trump has been facing several investigations. They include the congressional inquiry into the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol and the F.B.I.'s search of Mar-a-Lago, his club and Florida residence, as part of an investigation into his handling of classified material. [\[Audio\]](#)

USA Today: **Laws cited in Trump search warrant rarely lead to charges. In Trump's case, experts say they might**, Bart Jansen, August 28, 2022, 12:05 PM

Criminal statutes cited by the Justice Department in the search of Donald Trump's Florida estate for mishandled documents are rarely prosecuted, but legal experts say investigators may still be building a criminal case rather than simply retrieving classified records. The FBI recovered 11 sets of "secret" and "top secret" records from Mar-a-Lago during the unprecedented search of the former president's property. Authorities sought evidence of potential violations for mishandling defense documents, obstruction of justice and the Espionage Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider: **Former FBI official says Russian, Chinese, and Iranian spies could have tried to infiltrate Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence**, Cheryl Teh, Mabinty Quarshie, August 29, 2022, 4:00 AM

A former FBI agent said it is likely that foreign agents from Russia and China may have tried to infiltrate former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, considering the top-secret documents that were being kept there. Peter Strzok, who was once deputy director of the FBI's counterintelligence division before he was fired for sending anti-Trump text messages on his work phone, made the observation while speaking to MSNBC host Katie Phang on Sunday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: **[ANALYSIS] Republicans seize on affidavit to accuse DOJ of midterm political hit on Trump**, Stephen Collinson, August 29, 2022, 12:01 AM

Reverberations over the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago will escalate this week as Donald Trump challenges the Justice Department in court and US intelligence agencies assess whether his retention of classified documents harmed national security. Republicans are, meanwhile, demanding more transparency over the unprecedented search of an ex-president's home, seizing on a heavily redacted affidavit unsealed on Friday to raise suspicions of a politically motivated hit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: **[EDITORIAL] The Comey-Clinton Document Standard and Trump**, Editorial Board, August 28, 2022, 5:16 PM

When Jim Comey held his July 2016 press briefing on Hillary Clinton's emails, his conclusion was this: "Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: **The Department of Justice owes the American people more than 38 pages of 'redacted nothingness:' Trey Gowdy**, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 8:44 PM

"Sunday Night in America" host Trey Gowdy echoed calls for transparency in his opening monologue over the weekend, where he discussed the Justice Department's redacted version of the affidavit, which he said, raises more questions than answers about the FBI's intentions for the raid on former President Trump's Florida home. **TREY GOWDY:** Many Americans still have questions. These questions are not political. They are factual and legal. If you are contemplating indicting a former president, I think we're entitled to more than 38 pages of black lines and DOJ leaks... clearly, the department is talking to liberal reporters. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: **Graham predicts 'riots in the streets' if Trump prosecuted over classified docs**, Julia Mueller, August 28, 2022, 10:09 PM

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Sunday warned of "riots in the streets" if former President Trump is prosecuted for his handling of classified materials found when the FBI searched his Mar-a-Lago home.

"If there's a prosecution of Donald Trump for mishandling classified information, after the Clinton debacle... there'll be riots in the streets," Graham told former South Carolina congressman Trey Gowdy, who now hosts Fox News' "Sunday Night in America." [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Washington Examiner](#)

Newsmax: Rep. Turner: Affidavit Didn't Show National Security Demanded Trump Raid, Sandy Fitzgerald, August 28, 2022, 4:47 PM

The heavily redacted affidavit released on Friday for the warrant for former President Donald Trump's house, "even absent the redactions," does not show that there was an imminent national security threat that justified raiding his home, Rep. Mike Turner said Sunday. "The former president's home was raided in the most invasive manner in which the FBI could have gone about this," the Ohio Republican said on Fox News's "Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Unsealed Mar-a-Lago search warrant affidavit reveals the government has no case against Trump, Kevin R. Brock, August 28, 2022, 11:45 AM

When two dozen or more FBI agents searched former President Trump's residence three weeks ago, most Americans initially were left wondering what in the world must Trump have done. After all, a prodigious FBI search logically indicates an equally prodigious violation of some federal statute; therefore, it must be really serious. One former Department of Justice (DOJ) official told Politico that the evidence sought "was likely so pulverizing in its force" that it would "eviscerate" the possibility of the optics for such an invasive law enforcement action not being good. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Washington Times: FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: What's known and what's unknown, Jeff Mordock, August 28, 2022, 11:00 AM

The FBI's unprecedented raid on former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club has split the nation, with Democrats calling to "lock him up" and Republicans railing that it's more political harassment of Mr. Trump by a partisan Justice Department. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

NYT: QAnon Accounts Found a Home, and Trump's Support, on Truth Social, Tiffany Hsu, August 29, 2022, 12:01 AM

Dozens of QAnon-boosting accounts decamped to Truth Social this year after they were banned by other social networks and have found support from the platform's creator, former President Donald J. Trump, according to a report released on Monday. NewsGuard, a media watchdog that analyzes the credibility of news outlets, found 88 users promoting the QAnon conspiracy theory on Truth Social, each to more than 10,000 followers. Of those accounts, 32 were previously banned by Twitter. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: [OPINION] American Real Estate Was a Money Launderer's Dream. That's Changing., Farah Stockman, Aug. 29, 2022

When a young man from Florida barely old enough to enter a bar began buying up office buildings in downtown Cleveland, many in the real estate industry here were eager to do business with him. Even though Chaim Schochet wasn't forthcoming about who his financial backers were or the particulars of his employer, Optima, he had deep pockets, and his company apparently was able to pay in cash....But things that seem too good to be true often are. In 2019, a Ukrainian bank filed a lawsuit in Delaware alleging that Optima was a front for two Ukrainian oligarchs who used it to launder hundreds of millions of dollars of stolen money. The Federal Bureau of Investigation raided Optima's offices the following year. In 2021, the State Department issued sanctions against one of the oligarchs, Ihor Kolomoisky. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NY Daily News: Former Air Force sergeant tied to Boogaloo movement sentenced to life in prison for murder of California officer, Kate Feldman, August 28, 2022, 4:19 PM

A former Air Force sergeant already serving 41 years in prison for the murder of a government employee and attempted murder of another was sentenced Sunday to life in prison without parole for killing a California sheriff's sergeant. Steven Carrillo, 34, previously pleaded guilty to the murder of Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller during an ambush in Ben Lomond in June 2020. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6

NBC: Jan. 6 committee will dig in on the money behind the riot, Kinzinger says, Mirna Alsharif, August 28, 2022, 11:42 AM

The House committee investigating Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol will dig in on the financing behind the riot and present its findings in future public hearings or in its final report, Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said Sunday. Asked on NBC News' "Meet the Press" to detail some of the "missing pieces" that would be revealed in September, the lawmaker told host Chuck Todd, "I think one of the more intriguing things is going to be some of the financing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Kansas City Star: 'This is an atrocity.' Donors give thousands to KC Proud Boys charged in Capitol riot, Judy Thomas, August 29, 2022, 5:00 AM

Fundraising campaigns for two Kansas City-area Proud Boys charged with multiple felonies in connection with the Capitol riot have taken in nearly \$70,000 from more than 1,100 donors. Though donations continue to come in, the totals are more than \$700,000 short of the goals set by their families. Family members of William Chrestman and Christopher Kuehne, both of Olathe, said they created the sites to help pay for legal fees and other expenses as the men's cases wind their way through federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

WSJ: As Online Gambling Grows, So Does the Financial Crime Risk, Richard Vanderford, August 29, 2022, 5:30 AM

Online gambling is booming across the U.S. and compliance experts caution that it creates opportunities for criminals to launder money or take part in other financial crimes. The U.S. has seen states pile into legal online gambling with fervor, eager for potential tax revenue. Since 2018, when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a ban on sports wagering, online sports betting has undergone a sharp increase. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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SUPREME COURT

The New Yorker: Justice Alito's Crusade Against a Secular America Isn't Over, Margaret Talbot, Aug. 28, 2022

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FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

KTAL-NBC (Shreveport, LA): BCPD sergeant, police union president arrested in federal

investigation, Carolyn Roy, August 28, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Bossier City police officer is in custody following his arrest Sunday as part of an ongoing federal investigation into the police union, according to the Bossier City Police Department. According to a statement released by BCPD early Sunday evening, Sergeant Harold "BJ" Sanford was arrested Sunday afternoon by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSLA-CBS \(Shreveport, LA\)](#), [KTBS-ABC \(Shreveport, LA\)](#)

WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): Detroit police take alleged gunman into custody after 3 people 'randomly' killed on Sunday, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 6:26 PM

Detroit police confirm they took the alleged gunman who killed three people and injured another into custody Sunday afternoon. [...] "We got him. The Detroit Police Department showed again today why it's as fine as any in America. With the help of critical information from the community and strong support from the FBI, ATF, and Michigan State Police, Detroit police officers took the suspect into custody today without incident," said Mayor Mike Duggan. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDIV-NBC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WHIO-AM (Dayton, OH): Operation Triple Beam Honey Badger: Wisconsin violent crime sting nets 268 arrests, 80+ guns, drugs, Kelli Dugan, August 28, 2022, 5:09 PM

A recent violent crime dragnet, spearheaded by the U.S. Marshals Service, resulted in 268 arrests, the confiscation of more than 80 firearms and the seizure of about \$1 million in illegal drugs across the greater Milwaukee area. According to a news release, the U.S. Marshals of the Eastern District of Wisconsin worked in partnership with federal, state and local law enforcement partners to execute the two-month "Operation Triple Beam Honey Badger." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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NY Post: [OPINION] FBI put the Hunter Biden story right in Facebook's lap, Miranda Devine, August 28, 2022, 10:23 PM

In his eagerness to ingratiate himself with mega-podcaster Joe Rogan, Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg inadvertently revealed that the FBI had been more explicit than previously known in its private warning about Russian disinformation shortly before The Post published the Hunter Biden laptop story, which the social media company suppressed before the 2020 election. While Facebook won't say exactly what the FBI told them, it has told The Post that Hunter Biden was not mentioned. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

WaPo: People in jail sued over covid safety. The oversight didn't last., Katie Mettler and Emily Davies, August 29, 2022, 6:00 AM

Christmas was days away, omicron cases of coronavirus were surging and the attorneys who had been fighting to protect people in jail were running out of options. After a nearly two year court fight, Civil Rights Corps lawyers had reached a settlement agreement with officials in Prince George's County, Md., to help those incarcerated at the jail there. The settlement imposed mandatory testing, isolation and vaccine protocols at a facility where people had complained of conditions so bad they said they didn't even have enough soap. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFDX-NBC (Wichita Falls, TX): Texas death row inmate, Stephen Barbee, has new execution date

set, Larry Statser, August 28, 2022, 2:09 PM

After two stays of execution since 2019, a death row inmate convicted of murdering a pregnant Wichita Falls woman and her 7-year-old son now has a third execution date set. Stephen Barbee, 55, has been on death row since February 2006 awaiting execution for the February 2005 suffocation murders of 34-year-old Rider graduate Lisa Underwood and her son Jayden in their Fort Worth home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 28, 2022

- The Nation's top intelligence officials are assessing the possible repercussions of the classified documents retrieved from Mar-a-Lago. Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines told Congress she'd lead the review of "the potential risk to national security" from the disclosure. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- NASA will launch the Artemis I mission from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida using the Space Launch System moon rocket, which sends an uncrewed astronaut capsule on a six-week test flight around the moon and back. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

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NATIONAL SECURITY

NYT: QAnon Accounts Found a Home, and Trump's Support, on Truth Social, Tiffany Hsu, August 29, 2022, 12:01 AM

Dozens of QAnon-boosting accounts decamped to Truth Social this year after they were banned by other social networks and have found support from the platform's creator, former President Donald J. Trump, according to a report released on Monday. NewsGuard, a media watchdog that analyzes the credibility of news outlets, found 88 users promoting the QAnon conspiracy theory on Truth Social, each to more than 10,000 followers. Of those accounts, 32 were previously banned by Twitter. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Comey-Clinton Document Standard and Trump, Editorial Board, August 28, 2022, 5:16 PM

When Jim Comey held his July 2016 press briefing on Hillary Clinton's emails, his conclusion was this: "Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

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Insider: Former FBI official says Russian, Chinese, and Iranian spies could have tried to infiltrate Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, Cheryl Teh, Mabinty Quarshie, August 29, 2022, 4:00 AM

A former FBI agent said it is likely that foreign agents from Russia and China may have tried to infiltrate former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence, considering the top-secret documents that were being kept there. Peter Strzok, who was once deputy director of the FBI's counterintelligence division before he was fired for sending anti-Trump text messages on his work phone, made the observation while speaking to MSNBC host Katie Phang on Sunday.

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Kansas City Star: 'This is an atrocity.' Donors give thousands to KC Proud Boys charged in Capitol riot, Judy Thomas, August 29, 2022, 5:00 AM

Fundraising campaigns for two Kansas City-area Proud Boys charged with multiple felonies in connection with the Capitol riot have taken in nearly \$70,000 from more than 1,100 donors. Though donations continue to come in, the totals are more than \$700,000 short of the goals set by their families. Family members of William Chrestman and Christopher Kuehne, both of Olathe, said they created the sites to help pay for legal fees and other expenses as the men's cases wind their way through federal court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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WJXT-CW (Jacksonville, FL): Former local corrections officer gets 3 months probation after entering Capitol twice during Jan. 6 riot, Bart Jansen, August 28, 2022, 11:04 AM

A former corrections officer at Union Correctional Institution in Raiford who pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges related to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol has been sentenced to three months of probation. Prosecutors were asking for three months in prison for Jonathan Carlton. An attorney for Carlton submitted a sentencing memorandum earlier this year to the federal court in Washington, D.C., arguing that Carlton accepts responsibility but was one of the many "manipulated and used by Mr. Trump for his own selfish purposes." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] A Consequential Trump Investigation?, August 29, 2022, 6:00 AM

Since he left office, former President Donald J. Trump has been facing several investigations.

They include the congressional inquiry into the Jan. 6 attack at the Capitol and the F.B.I.'s search of Mar-a-Lago, his club and Florida residence, as part of an investigation into his handling of classified material. [\[Audio\]](#)

NYT: Document Inquiry Poses Unparalleled Test for Justice Dept., Katie Benner, August 29, 2022, 3:00 AM

As Justice Department officials haggled for months this year with former President Donald J. Trump's lawyers and aides over the return of government documents at his Florida home, federal prosecutors became convinced that they were not being told the whole truth. That conclusion helped set in motion a decision that would amount to an unparalleled test of the Justice Department's credibility in a deeply polarized political environment: to seek a search warrant to enter Mar-a-Lago and retrieve what prosecutors suspected would be highly classified materials, beyond the hundreds of pages that Mr. Trump had already returned. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Naming of special master could complicate Mar-a-Lago documents case, David Nakamura and Amy B Wang, August 28, 2022, 7:39 PM

A federal judge's indication that she is prepared to appoint a special master to review materials seized from Mar-a-Lago by federal agents could present new complications and unresolved legal questions in the federal government's high-stakes quest to wrest control of the documents from former president Donald Trump. U.S. District Judge Aileen M. Cannon's two-page order issued on Saturday appeared unusual in that the judge has not yet heard arguments from the Justice Department, said former federal prosecutors and legal analysts on Sunday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Trump's Legal Team Scrambles to Find an Argument, Maggie Haberman and Glenn Thrush August 28, 2022, 7:23 PM

On May 25, one of former President Donald J. Trump's lawyers sent a letter to a top Justice Department official, laying out the argument that his client had done nothing illegal by holding onto a trove of government materials when he left the White House. The letter, from M. Evan Corcoran, a former federal prosecutor, represented Mr. Trump's initial defense against the investigation into the presence of highly classified documents in unsecured locations at his members-only club and residence, Mar-a-Lago. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

USA Today: Laws cited in Trump search warrant rarely lead to charges. In Trump's case, experts say they might, Bart Jansen, August 28, 2022, 12:05 PM

Criminal statutes cited by the Justice Department in the search of Donald Trump's Florida estate for mishandled documents are rarely prosecuted, but legal experts say investigators may still be building a criminal case rather than simply retrieving classified records. The FBI recovered 11 sets of "secret" and "top secret" records from Mar-a-Lago during the unprecedented search of the former president's property. Authorities sought evidence of potential violations for mishandling defense documents, obstruction of justice and the Espionage Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: Classified Documents Seized at Trump's Home Undergoing Security-Risk Assessment, Warren P. Strobel, Siobhan Hughes and Sadie Gurman, August 29, 2022, 11:41 AM

U.S. intelligence agencies are conducting a damage assessment of classified documents recovered from the Florida residence of former President Donald Trump, according to Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines. Separately, a federal judge in Florida on Saturday signaled she

intends to appoint a special master to review documents seized at Mar-a-Lago at the request of Mr. Trump's lawyers. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [ANALYSIS] Republicans seize on affidavit to accuse DOJ of midterm political hit on Trump, Stephen Collinson, August 29, 2022, 12:01 AM

Reverberations over the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago will escalate this week as Donald Trump challenges the Justice Department in court and US intelligence agencies assess whether his retention of classified documents harmed national security. Republicans are, meanwhile, demanding more transparency over the unprecedented search of an ex-president's home, seizing on a heavily redacted affidavit unsealed on Friday to raise suspicions of a politically motivated hit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: The Department of Justice owes the American people more than 38 pages of 'redacted nothingness:' Trey Gowdy, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 8:44 PM

"Sunday Night in America" host Trey Gowdy echoed calls for transparency in his opening monologue over the weekend, where he discussed the Justice Department's redacted version of the affidavit, which he said, raises more questions than answers about the FBI's intentions for the raid on former President Trump's Florida home. TREY GOWDY: Many Americans still have questions. These questions are not political. They are factual and legal. If you are contemplating indicting a former president, I think we're entitled to more than 38 pages of black lines and DOJ leaks... clearly, the department is talking to liberal reporters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Moon Rocket Launch, Floods in Pakistan, Trump's Top Secret Documents, August 29, 2022, 7:00 AM

A rocket designed to take people to the moon is ready for launch at Florida's Kennedy space center (1:14). Months of devastating flooding in Pakistan have left more than 1,000 dead (5:06). US Intelligence officials assess whether top secret documents kept at Mar-a-Lago pose a national security risk (9:10). [[Listen](#)]

HuffPost: National Archives Now Targeted By Threats After Trump Attacks: Report, Mary Papenfuss, August 28, 2022, 9:06 PM

The National Archives and Records Administration has become yet another target of threats in the wake of attacks by former President Donald Trump after the FBI seized government documents from his Mar-a-Lago residence, sources have told The Washington Post. After Trump unleashed a torrent of invective against an agency widely viewed as librarian-like and apolitical, police increased patrols around the National Archives building in Washington, D.C., due to a troubling "spike in online chatter" about the facility, sources told the Post. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: [AUDIO] The latest on the Trump Mar-a-Lago investigation, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 5:13 PM

NPR's Don Gonyea speaks with former Acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal about the FBI's investigation into classified material at former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate. [[Listen](#)]

The Hill: [OPINION] Unsealed Mar-a-Lago search warrant affidavit reveals the government has no case against Trump, Kevin R. Brock, August 28, 2022, 11:45 AM

When two dozen or more FBI agents searched former President Trump's residence three weeks ago, most Americans initially were left wondering what in the world must Trump have done. After all, a prodigious FBI search logically indicates an equally prodigious violation of some federal

statute; therefore, it must be really serious. One former Department of Justice (DOJ) official told Politico that the evidence sought “was likely so pulverizing in its force” that it would “eviscerate” the possibility of the optics for such an invasive law enforcement action not being good. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago: What’s known and what’s unknown**, Jeff Mordock, August 28, 2022, 11:00 AM

The FBI’s unprecedented raid on former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago club has split the nation, with Democrats calling to “lock him up” and Republicans railing that it’s more political harassment of Mr. Trump by a partisan Justice Department. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIMT-CBS (Mason City, IA): **FBI's Mar-A-Lago redacted affidavit reveals classified documents were mixed in with 'magazines and personal notes'**, Alek LaShomb, August 29, 2022, 1:00 AM

The U.S Department of Justice released a heavily redacted version of the FBI's Mar-A-Lago affidavit on Friday. The affidavit did not reveal what type of documents federal agents recovered during its search of Mar-A-Lago but did reveal three things. The first is that federal agents knew months in advance former President Donald Trump was in possession of classified material. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGN (Chicago, IL): **Trump: FBI probe an ‘attack on our country’**, J.J. Bullock, Tom Palmer, August 28, 2022, 4:54 PM

Breaking news update: A federal judge Saturday announced “preliminary intent” to appoint a special master to oversee the handling of the FBI’s search of former President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate. The Justice Department on Friday made public a heavily redacted version of the affidavit used to obtain the search warrant for former President Donald Trump’s Florida estate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

NBC: **Jan. 6 committee will dig in on the money behind the riot, Kinzinger says**, Mirna Alsharif, August 28, 2022, 11:42 AM

The House committee investigating Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol will dig in on the financing behind the riot and present its findings in future public hearings or in its final report, Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said Sunday. Asked on NBC News' "Meet the Press" to detail some of the "missing pieces" that would be revealed in September, the lawmaker told host Chuck Todd, “I think one of the more intriguing things is going to be some of the financing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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NY Daily News: Former Air Force sergeant tied to Boogaloo movement sentenced to life in prison for murder of California officer, Kate Feldman, August 28, 2022, 4:19 PM

A former Air Force sergeant already serving 41 years in prison for the murder of a government employee and attempted murder of another was sentenced Sunday to life in prison without parole for killing a California sheriff's sergeant. Steven Carrillo, 34, previously pleaded guilty to the murder of Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller during an ambush in Ben Lomond in June 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGAI-AM (Athens, GA): Athens man awaits sentencing after a shooting during car repo, Tim Bryant, August 29, 2022, 5:30 AM

There is a guilty plea from an Athens man who led Athens-Clarke County Police are on a chase after an attempt to repossess a car: 30 year-old Ceddrick Mercery pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges. Court documents say two people were attempting to repossess a car on Loblolly Road in Athens in September 2020 when they were nearly hit by the same vehicle as Mercery sped away from them while driving the car. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KDVR- Fox (Denver, CO): Aurora brothers sentenced for drug trafficking, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 10:25 PM

Two brothers from Aurora were sentenced to several years in prison for their involvement in distributing illegal drugs. Jesus Ortiz-Gonzalez, 37, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 400 grams of fentanyl and 50 grams of methamphetamine, and his 26-year-old brother, Sergio Guadalupe Ortiz-Gonzalez, pleaded guilty to distribution and possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of meth. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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KCBS-CBS (Los Angeles, CA): Downey man faces charges for 17-year-old girl's fentanyl death, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 2:01 PM

A Downey man is in federal custody on charges of selling counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl to a 17-year-old Downey girl who suffered a fatal overdose from the synthetic opioid. Jonathan Limas-Reyes, 26, was arrested Tuesday afternoon by special agents with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, federal officials said Friday. A federal grand jury charged Limas-Reyes in a two-count indictment Aug. 19 that accuses him of distributing fentanyl resulting in death and distributing fentanyl to a person under 21. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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The Hill: [OPINION] The abortion emergency in the federal courts, Andrew Koppelman, August 28, 2022, 1:00 PM

It is now notorious that the criminalization of abortion, in the wake of the Supreme Court's overruling of Roe v. Wade, doesn't do much to lower the abortion rate but has had devastating effects on the ability of doctors to treat pregnancies that go wrong. Horror stories accumulate. Opponents of abortion have claimed that the press has exaggerated the danger. Yet two recent lawsuits have made clear that this harm is very real. Efforts to preserve women's health are being resisted, with some success, even in cases where the fetus is doomed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: Federal jury awards \$100M in stun gun fall paralysis lawsuit, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal jury in Atlanta has awarded \$100 million to a panhandler who fell and broke his neck after a police officer shocked him with a stun gun during a foot chase, news agencies report. Jerry Blasingame now needs round-the-clock care costing \$1 million a year, and has \$14 million in medical bills so far, attorney Ven Johnson told jurors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): 'Anything you can imagine': Border Patrol officers discover new methods of drug smuggling, Chase Golightly, August 29, 2022, 1:00 AM (EDT)

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ANTITRUST

WaPo: LIV Golf joins its players in lawsuit, intensifying feud with PGA Tour, Rick Maese, August 28, 2022, 1:01PM

As the PGA Tour season winds down and the LIV Golf Invitational Series prepares for its fourth event this week, golf's dueling heavyweights are positioned to battle head-to-head in the courtroom. The Saudi-funded LIV Golf start-up has joined the federal antitrust lawsuit launched by a handful of its players, claiming the PGA Tour has illegally tried to stifle competition. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: [TRANSCRIPTION] US watchdogs take on private equity, Marc Filippino, August 29, 2022, 12:00 AM

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ENVIRONMENT

AP: EPA waives fuel rule in 4 states after Indiana refinery fire, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 1:00 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency temporarily lifted a federal rule for fuel sales in four states in response to a fire last week at an Indiana oil refinery that could affect prices and supply. The emergency waiver was granted Saturday for Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, EPA Administrator Michael Regan said. In a letter to state officials, Regan said the agency determined the waiver is necessary "to minimize or prevent disruption of an adequate supply of gasoline to consumers." [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

USA Today: Fact check: Pictures show IRS interactive college simulation, not training of agents, Hannah Hudhall, August 28, 2022, 7:34 PM

President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law on Aug. 16. One of the law's aims is to increase enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service. Many social media users have falsely claimed the law will enable the IRS to hire "87,000 armed agents," which various independent fact-checkers have debunked, since only a small portion of the new hires will be enforcement agents that carry guns. Now, social media users are sharing photos and videos they say show incoming IRS agents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The IRS Wants to Sell You on Its 'Service', Editorial Board, August 28, 2022, 5:16 PM

It's said that your heart lies where your treasure is, but the Biden Administration won't admit that its heart is set on tax enforcement. Officials are suggesting that the revamp of the Internal Revenue Service will be tilted toward customer service. All the evidence, including the legislation's text, says otherwise. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

NY Post: **[OPINION] FBI put the Hunter Biden story right in Facebook's lap**, Miranda Devine, August 28, 2022, 10:23 PM

In his eagerness to ingratiate himself with mega-podcaster Joe Rogan, Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg inadvertently revealed that the FBI had been more explicit than previously known in its private warning about Russian disinformation shortly before The Post published the Hunter Biden laptop story, which the social media company suppressed before the 2020 election. While Facebook won't say exactly what the FBI told them, it has told The Post that Hunter Biden was not mentioned. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTAL-NBC (Shreveport, LA): **BCPD sergeant, police union president arrested in federal investigation**, Carolyn Roy, August 28, 2022, 8:57 PM

A Bossier City police officer is in custody following his arrest Sunday as part of an ongoing federal investigation into the police union, according to the Bossier City Police Department. According to a statement released by BCPD early Sunday evening, Sergeant Harold "BJ" Sanford was arrested Sunday afternoon by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KSLA-CBS \(Shreveport, LA\)](#), [KTBS-ABC \(Shreveport, LA\)](#)

WITN-NBC (Washington, NC): **Federal fugitive arrested in Pitt County after chase**, Carolyn Roy, August 28, 2022, 6:50 PM

A fugitive wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Service was arrested by the Pitt County Sheriff's Office after trying to run away from deputies at a traffic stop. The Sheriff's Office says it happened around 1:00 Friday morning near Airport and Old River Roads. Detectives with the special operations unit, the patrol division, and the K9 unit were performing the traffic stop when a man ran from his car. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): **Detroit police take alleged gunman into custody after 3 people 'randomly' killed on Sunday**, Unattributed, August 28, 2022, 6:26 PM

Detroit police confirm they took the alleged gunman who killed three people and injured another into custody Sunday afternoon. [...] "We got him. The Detroit Police Department showed again today why it's as fine as any in America. With the help of critical information from the community and strong support from the FBI, ATF, and Michigan State Police, Detroit police officers took the suspect into custody today without incident," said Mayor Mike Duggan. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDIV-NBC \(Detroit, MI\)](#)

WHIO-AM (Dayton, OH): **Operation Triple Beam Honey Badger: Wisconsin violent crime sting nets 268 arrests, 80+ guns, drugs**, Kelli Dugan, August 28, 2022, 5:09 PM

A recent violent crime dragnet, spearheaded by the U.S. Marshals Service, resulted in 268 arrests, the confiscation of more than 80 firearms and the seizure of about \$1 million in illegal drugs across the greater Milwaukee area. According to a news release, the U.S. Marshals of the Eastern District of Wisconsin worked in partnership with federal, state and local law enforcement partners to execute the two-month "Operation Triple Beam Honey Badger." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXTV-ABC (Sacramento, CA): **57-year-old killed in Stockton shooting**, Gabriel Porras, August 28, 2022, 1:45 PM

Officials with the Stockton Police Department are investigating after a 57-year-old man was

allegedly shot and killed near Stockton's downtown district Sunday morning. [...] In an interview with ABC10 in March, Stockton City Manager Harry Black said the Stockton Police Department is trying to prevent more deaths by working more on intelligence gathering and cooperating with federal partners such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the U.S. Marshall's Service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

WaPo: **People in jail sued over covid safety. The oversight didn't last.**, Katie Mettler and Emily Davies, August 29, 2022, 6:00 AM

Christmas was days away, omicron cases of coronavirus were surging and the attorneys who had been fighting to protect people in jail were running out of options. After a nearly two year court fight, Civil Rights Corps lawyers had reached a settlement agreement with officials in Prince George's County, Md., to help those incarcerated at the jail there. The settlement imposed mandatory testing, isolation and vaccine protocols at a facility where people had complained of conditions so bad they said they didn't even have enough soap. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFDX-NBC (Wichita Falls, TX): **Texas death row inmate, Stephen Barbee, has new execution date set**, Larry Statser, August 28, 2022, 2:09 PM

After two stays of execution since 2019, a death row inmate convicted of murdering a pregnant Wichita Falls woman and her 7-year-old son now has a third execution date set. Stephen Barbee, 55, has been on death row since February 2006 awaiting execution for the February 2005 suffocation murders of 34-year-old Rider graduate Lisa Underwood and her son Jayden in their Fort Worth home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Insider: **How Biden outdid Trump, Obama and George W. Bush in confirming federal judges by this point in office, a feat overshadowed by war and inflation**, Kayla Gallagher, August 28, 2022, 9:00 AM

In his whirlwind summer of accomplishments, one of President Joe Biden's most important may have been overshadowed by news of war, inflation, fights over abortion rights, and the FBI search of Mar-A-Lago. Biden has appointed more judges to federal courts at this point in his tenure than any other president since John F. Kennedy. As of August 8, 2022, exactly 566 days into Biden's tenure, the Senate had confirmed a record-setting 75 judges nominated by Biden to federal courts, according to a tally from the Pew Research Center. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Oklahoman: **[OPINION] True retribution for Native Americans is overwhelming, uncomfortable**, Esha Venkataraman, August 28, 2022, 8:00 AM

McGirt v. Oklahoma and succeeding court cases have recently brought up conversations of retribution and even decolonization. Yet when the term "retribution" comes up, most speak of monetary reparation and general tribal expansion through labeling fragments of land as Native American. The world often lacks a clear definition of retribution, though a concurrent understanding of the word would take us miles further in the fight for justice for the tribes.

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CONGRESS

USA Today: Will Republican calls to 'defund the FBI' boost Democrats in midterm races?,

Joey Garrison and Mabinty Quarshie, August 29, 2022, 5:00 AM

Don Bolduc, the frontrunner to win the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in New Hampshire, said he's open to eliminating the FBI, prompting loud cheers during a GOP primary debate last week. Bruce Fenton, another contender, was more unequivocal: "We should abolish the FBI and replace it with nothing." The third Republican on stage, Kevin Smith, town manager of Londonderry, N.H., took a more tempered approach, calling for an investigation but praising rank-and-file agents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Graham predicts 'riots in the streets' if Trump prosecuted over classified docs,

Julia Mueller, August 28, 2022, 10:09 PM

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Sunday warned of "riots in the streets" if former President Trump is prosecuted for his handling of classified materials found when the FBI searched his Mar-a-Lago home. "If there's a prosecution of Donald Trump for mishandling classified information, after the Clinton debacle... there'll be riots in the streets," Graham told former South Carolina congressman Trey Gowdy, who now hosts Fox News' "Sunday Night in America."

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

Newsmax: Rep. Turner: Affidavit Didn't Show National Security Demanded Trump Raid,

Sandy Fitzgerald, August 28, 2022, 4:47 PM

The heavily redacted affidavit released on Friday for the warrant for former President Donald Trump's house, "even absent the redactions," does not show that there was an imminent national security threat that justified raiding his home, Rep. Mike Turner said Sunday. "The former president's home was raided in the most invasive manner in which the FBI could have gone about this," the Ohio Republican said on Fox News's "Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo."

[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: GOP governor on redacted Trump affidavit: 'What's the point?', Brad Dress,

August 28, 2022, 11:26 AM

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu (R) on Sunday said he is "disappointed" by the heavily redacted FBI affidavit that was used to justify a search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, arguing that reviewing it was pointless because the document was "almost all redacted." Sununu told CNN's Dana Bash on "State of the Union" that he had been "pretty excited to see what might be in this affidavit" until it was released. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

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NASA will launch the Artemis I mission from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida using the

Space Launch System moon rocket, which sends an uncrewed astronaut capsule on a six-week test flight around the moon and back. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The Nation's top intelligence officials are assessing the possible repercussions of the classified documents retrieved from Mar-a-Lago. Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines told Congress she'd lead the review of "the potential risk to national security" from the disclosure. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Mississippi's governor issued a state of emergency to residents as they brace for more flood waters. The Pearl River is expected to crest at 35 and a half feet overnight near downtown Jackson. The flooding is adding to the water still on the ground in Mississippi after days of excessive rainfall. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Officials in Zaporizhzhia are reviewing evacuation plans and doling out iodine tablets for nearby residents to take if radiation leaks from the nuclear plant. The head of Zaporizhzhia's regional government says if disaster strikes, Ukrainians in Russia-controlled areas would be taken to central and west Ukraine. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Limited body camera footage shows the moments before Utah resident Nykon Brandon died after police responded to a 911 call. [[ABC](#)]
- Matt Araiza faces sexual abuse allegations from his time at SDSU, along with two other former students. The Bills said, "Our culture here is more important to us than winning football games." [[ABC](#)]
- Smoke from wildfires in Northern California and Oregon prompted the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to extend an air quality advisory through Monday for the San Francisco Bay Area. [[CBS](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Stock Futures Point to Further Losses on Rate Concerns" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Analysis: Trump Document Inquiry Poses Unparalleled Test for Justice Dept." [[NYT](#)]
- "Inside Trump's war on the National Archives" [[WaPo](#)]
- "I want to leave more than ever': A year after U.S. pullout, Kabul is a city in despair" [[LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

LAT: Justice Department ordered to release more details of warrant in Burr stock trades investigation, Sarah D. Wire, August 30, 2022, 2:37 PM

A federal judge has ordered the Department of Justice to publicly release a significantly less-redacted version of the 2020 search warrant executed to seize North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr's cellphone as part of an investigation into the Republican lawmaker's stock trades at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Los Angeles Times, which sought the release of the document in court, had pushed for more information after the department released a heavily redacted search warrant and accompanying affidavit in June by order of the court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: Jim Jordan leads investigation into Justice Department inspector general, Daniel Chaitin, August 29, 2022, 11:13 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](#)]

Washington Examiner: Court grants DOJ request for lengthy rebuttal to Trump special master request, Ryan King, August 29, 2022, 6:45 PM

A judge granted the Department of Justice's request for an extended response to Donald Trump's petition for a special master to review materials seized by federal officials from the former president's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. The decision came shortly after DOJ officials wrote in a filing Monday, "The government seeks to file a response up to forty pages in length in order to adequately address the legal and factual issues raised by Plaintiff's Motion and Supplement and the Court's August 27 Order requiring a response from the government." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: DOJ ordered to release more warrant details in Burr stock trading investigation, Kate Scanlon, August 29, 2022, 4:26 PM

The Justice Department must publicly release a more detailed version of a 2020 search warrant executed to seize a cellphone belonging to Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) as part of its investigation into stock trades he made as the coronavirus pandemic began, a federal judge ordered Monday. Burr and Sens. James Inhofe (R-OK) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and former Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) faced scrutiny after reports that they sold certain stocks shortly after a January 2020 Senate briefing on the emerging pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: Rioter who encountered senator gets over 4 years in prison, Michael Kunzelman, August 29, 2022, 12:13 PM

A Maryland man affiliated with the far-right Proud Boys extremist group was sentenced on Monday to more than four years in prison for storming the U.S. Capitol, where he encountered Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer as his armed security detail led the New York Democrat to safety. Joshua Pruitt, 40, was one of the few Capitol rioters to come face-to-face

with a member of Congress during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack by a mob of Donald Trump supporters, according to federal prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Voice \(Fairfax County, VA\)](#), [Forbes](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WSJ: Secret Service Official Who Figured in Jan. 6 Probe Retires, Jan Wolfe, August 29, 2022, 9:01 PM

Secret Service official Tony Ornato announced his retirement on Monday, two months after a former White House aide testified that he had told her then-President Donald Trump lashed out in anger when agents refused to drive him to the Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot by his supporters. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WaPo: Iran sends first shipment of drones to Russia for use in Ukraine, Ellen Nakashima, August 29, 2022, 5:31 PM

Russian cargo planes have quietly picked up the first of scores of Iranian-made combat drones for use against Ukraine, U.S. officials said, in a move that underscores deepening ties between Moscow and Tehran while also highlighting Russia's struggles to supply its overstretched military. Transport planes departed Iran on Aug. 19 hauling at least two types of unmanned aerial vehicles, both capable of carrying munitions for attacks on radars, artillery and other military targets, according to intelligence gathered by U.S. and other spy agencies. But while the weapons could provide a significant boost for Russia's war effort against Ukraine, the transfer has been marred by technical problems, security officials from the United States and an allied government said in interviews. In early tests by the Russians, the Iranian drones experienced numerous failures, the officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Georgia judge rejects Gov. Brian Kemp's effort to quash subpoena in election interference probe, Kevin Johnson, August 29, 2022, 1:29 PM

A Georgia judge has rejected Gov. Brian Kemp's attempt to nullify a subpoena for his testimony before a special grand jury investigating interference in the 2020 election by former President Donald Trump and his allies. But Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney delayed Kemp's testimony until after the November election as Kemp is in the midst of a reelection campaign against Democrat Stacey Abrams. Kemp had argued that he was being pursued by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, who is leading the criminal inquiry, for "improper political purposes." The governor's attorneys asserted that local prosecutors had "engineered the governor's interaction with the investigation to reach a crescendo in the middle of an election cycle." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

NBC: Ex-NYPD cop who attacked D.C. officer cites PTSD as he seeks to avoid longest Jan. 6 sentence yet, Courtney Copenhagen, Jonathan Dienst and Ryan J. Reilly, August 29, 2022, 5:11 PM

An ex-NYPD officer convicted of attacking police at the Capitol on Jan. 6 says he in part blames his actions on "flashbacks" from his past years working as a cop in the Bronx. Thomas Webster, 56, was found guilty in May after a jury didn't buy his story that he was acting in self-defense and attempting to help an officer "see my hands" when he grabbed the officer's face mask after he swung a flag at the officer and then charged through a police barricade and tackled the officer to the ground. Video shows Webster, in a bright red jacket, charging officers, including DC Metropolitan Police officer Noah Rathbun, on the lower West Terrace of the US Capitol. [[Continue](#)

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Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): FBI agent called ‘puppet monkey’ at hearing for men charged in Gov. Whitmer kidnap plot, Gus Burns, August 29, 2022, 1:37 PM

Five men accused of plotting to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2020 are in court this week for a preliminary examination to determine if their cases will move to a possible trial. Shawn Fix, 40, of Belleville; Eric Molitor, 38, of Cadillac; Brian Higgins, 53, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; and twin brothers Michael and William Null, 40, of Plainwell and Shelbyville, respectively, are each charged with providing material support for terrorism, punishable by up to 20 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Detroit Free Press](#)

WSYR-ABC (Syracuse, NY): FBI issues warning over alarming increase in cyber security attacks, Adrienne Smith, August 29, 2022, 6:17 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued a warning over the record increase in cyber attacks, according to its 2021 Internet Crime Report. Samantha Baltzersen is an FBI Supervisory Special Agent in charge of a cyber squad in Albany. The FBI cyber squads are helping victims of attacks and holding the attackers accountable. Cyber attacks can compromise businesses and you at home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOAT-ABC (Albuquerque, NM): Albuquerque man arrested for attempting to support terrorist organization, ISIS, Nick Catlin, August 29, 2022, 2:07 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 Leyvoune 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's home search unearths material possibly covered by attorney-client privilege, prosecutors say, Sarah N. Lynch, August 30, 2022, 12:19 AM

The U.S. Justice Department's search of former President Donald Trump's home this month turned up a "limited" number of documents potentially subject to attorney-client privilege, federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Monday. The new disclosure by the Justice Department could bolster a request by Trump's legal team to appoint a special master to conduct a privilege review of the items the FBI seized from Trump's Florida estate during its unprecedented Aug. 8 search. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: White House: Biden has not been briefed on classified materials recovered from Trump's home, Trevor Hunnicutt and Nandita Bose, August 29, 2022, 10:30 PM

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said President Joe Biden has not been briefed on classified materials recovered from former President Donald Trump's home. The U.S. Justice Department's search of Trump's home this month turned up a "limited" number of documents potentially subject to attorney-client privilege, federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Trump legal team advances broad view of presidential powers, Eric Tucker, August 29, 2022, 10:30 PM

A newly unsealed FBI document about the investigation at Mar-a-Lago not only offers new details about the probe but also reveals clues about the arguments former President Donald Trump's legal team intends to make. A May 25 letter from one of his lawyers, attached as an exhibit to the search affidavit, advances a broad view of presidential power, asserting that the commander-in-chief has absolute authority to declassify whatever he wants and also that the "primary" law governing the handling of U.S. classified information simply doesn't apply to the president himself. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: White House: Intelligence review of Trump document risk is 'appropriate', Trevor Hunnicutt, August 29, 2022, 1:32 PM

The White House on Monday said it is "appropriate" that the U.S. intelligence community is reviewing potential national security risks if former President Donald Trump took ultra-sensitive material to his residence after his term ended. The White House is not involved in that probe of materials recovered during a search of Trump's Florida residence, the Biden administration said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#)

AP: US says it's reviewed documents seized in Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker, August 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Justice Department has completed its review of potentially privileged documents seized from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate this month and has identified "a limited set of materials that potentially contain attorney-client privileged information," according to a court filing Monday. The filing from the department follows a judge's weekend order indicating that she was inclined to grant the Trump legal team's request for a special master who would oversee the review of documents taken during the Aug. 8 search of the Mar-a-Lago estate and ensure that any that might be protected by claims of legal privilege be set aside. In revealing that the department had completed its review of potentially privileged communications, law enforcement officials appeared to be suggesting that the appointment of a third-party special master might now be moot. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Epoch Times](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [WSJ-2](#)

NYT: Trump Request for Special Master Could Open Door for Delays to Investigation, Charlie Savage, Glenn Thrush and Alan Feuer, August 29, 2022, 8:54 PM

As president, Donald J. Trump employed a consistent and largely successful strategy for fending off congressional oversight investigations: stonewall until the fight reached the courts. Even if judges eventually rejected his legal claims, he could use the slow pace of litigation to run out the clock. Facing a criminal investigation into the failure to return government documents which the National Archives had repeatedly asked him for since May 2021, and the Justice Department had subpoenaed this past May the former president is now putting forward another potential source of delay. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Politico](#), [Today](#)

Fox: [OPINION] Legal basis for FBI raid has been 'blown apart': Former Supreme Court law clerk, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 11:47 PM

Mike Davis joined "The Ingraham Angle" to discuss the FBI and their recent raid on former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. MIKE DAVIS: So, the Biden Justice Department and the FBI has a pretty bad track record as it relates to President Trump. We've seen that they have weaponized and politicized law enforcement repeatedly to get Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Former U.S. Attorney says the DOJ is not providing enough transparency in regards to the Trump raid, Joe Silverstein, August 29, 2022, 9:34 PM

A former U.S. attorney derided the Department of Justice for not providing enough transparency on the controversial raid of former President Trump's home. John P. Fishwick Jr, former U.S. Attorney for the Western district of Virginia, appeared on "CNN Newsroom With Poppy Harlow and Jim Sciutto" and said the DOJ has not been transparent enough with the American people regarding its investigation into Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Here's what a 'special master' is and what it means for the Mar-a-Lago investigation, Paul LeBlanc, August 29, 2022, 8:12 PM

Former President Donald Trump's push for a special master to oversee the Department of Justice's review of the evidence gathered at Mar-a-Lago is entering a critical week. A federal judge has signaled a "preliminary intent" to grant the request, which could bring new complications to the DOJ's closely watched investigation into the White House documents Trump took to his Florida residence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Mar-a-Lago raid still requires 'judicial intervention' despite DOJ announcement, Trump attorney says, Charles Creitz, August 29, 2022, 7:04 PM

One of President Trump's attorneys handling the FBI Mar-a-Lago raid case told Fox News the Justice Department appears to be suddenly "efficient" at processing cases, after they claimed to have already filtered the documents they procured when the former president called for a "special master" to sort them out. James Trusty, who previously served in the DOJ and as a federal prosecutor in Greenbelt, Maryland, said every step of this case requires judicial intervention given the irresponsible and questionable way the feds have executed it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

HuffPost: Rachel Maddow Explains What Trump And His Attorneys Are Really Trying To Pull, Ed Mazza, August 30, 2022, 5:22 AM

Rachel Maddow said on Monday that former President Donald Trump and his attorneys have just one goal in mind: Slow down everything. Trump's legal team has called for a special master to review the highly-sensitive government documents that the FBI seized when agents executed a search warrant at his Mar-a-Lago home. But Maddow said the purpose of the tactic was "to delay the Justice Department in its ability to use the documents that they took from Mar-a-Lago as part of their ongoing criminal investigation. They're trying to delay it and make it more complicated." [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Rachel Maddow Show: [VIDEO] Intelligence Officials Assess Fallout Of Trump Mishandling Of U.S. Secrets, August 29, 2022, 9:00 PM

Mary McCord, former acting assistant attorney general for national security at the DOJ and current executive director of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection and a professor at Georgetown Law, talks with Rachel Maddow about what it means that intelligence officials are conducting a "classification review" and "damage assessment" in the wake of Donald Trump's mishandling of national secrets. [[Watch](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Justice Department weighs whether or not to prosecute Trump, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 5:00 PM

New York Times Justice Department Reporter Katie Benner and former U.S. attorney Harry Litman discuss how the inquiry into Trump's handling of classified document poses an

unparalleled test for DOJ [\[Watch\]](#)

The Hill: National Archives head says anti-Trump accusations not 'accurate or welcome', Zach Schonfeld, August 29, 2022, 3:59 PM

The acting head of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) pushed back on accusations that the agency is corrupt or conspiring against former President Trump in its actions taken over his presidential records. "The National Archives has been the focus of intense scrutiny for months, this week especially, with many people ascribing political motivation to our actions," Debra Steidel Wall, the acting archivist, wrote in a memo sent to employees on Wednesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Newsmax: Dershowitz to Newsmax: DOJ 'Can't Be Trusted' to Look Over Mar-a-Lago Files, Luca Cacciatore, August 29, 2022, 8:54 PM

Alan Dershowitz told Newsmax on Monday that the Department of Justice "can't be trusted" with an internal review of the Mar-a-Lago files, calling for an independent investigation instead. On "Spicer & Co.," the law expert took former President Donald Trump's side in questioning the Justice Department's assertion that it found only a "limited set" of documents that are potentially protected by attorney-client privilege. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Justice Department Weighs Whether Or Not To Prosecute Trump, August 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

New York Times Justice Department Reporter Katie Benner and former U.S. attorney Harry Litman discuss how the inquiry into Trump's handling of classified document poses an unparalleled test for DOJ. [\[Watch\]](#) **See also:** [Raw Story](#)

WHNT-CBS (Huntsville, AL): [OPINION] Former U.S. Attorney: Search warrant for Trump's home signals DOJ likely to seek indictment, Brian Lawson, August 29, 2022, 11:28 PM

The investigation continues into former President Donald Trump's apparent possession of multiple classified documents and the U.S. Department of Justice argued in court Monday that it has reviewed documents seized from Trump's home and determined a small number contain attorney-client privilege related materials. The FBI's unprecedented search of the former president's Florida residence Mar-a-Lago took place on Aug. 8 and the political and legal fallout is still unfolding. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: New Jersey man sentenced for Tom Brady Super Bowl ring fraud, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 8:00 PM

A New Jersey man who posed as a former New England Patriots player in order to buy and sell Super Bowl rings that he claimed were gifts to Tom Brady's family was sentenced Monday to three years in federal prison. Scott V. Spina Jr., 25, of Roseland was sentenced by a judge in Southern California's Orange County. In 2017, Spina bought a Patriots' 2016 Super Bowl championship ring from a Patriots player who then left the team. Prosecutors said Spina paid the player identified only as T.J. with at least one bad check and sold the ring for \$63,000 to an Orange County broker of championship rings. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [LA Magazine](#), [NY Post](#), [Reuters](#)

New Haven Register: Wethersfield man sentenced to four years in prison for fentanyl

trafficking in Hartford area, Caroline Tien, August 29, 2022, 9:00 PM

A Wethersfield man has been sentenced to four years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for fentanyl trafficking, according to the Department of Justice. Fabio Vargas-Gonzalez, a citizen of the Dominican Republic and lawful permanent resident of the U.S., 47, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey A. Meyer in New Haven Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Hartford Courant](#), [Patch \(Wethersfield, CT\)](#)

Rockford Register Star (Rockford, IL): Illinois man gets 55 years for killing Special Deputy U.S. Marshal at Rockford hotel, Corina Curry, August 29, 2022, 8:41 PM

A Springfield man will spend the next 55 years of his life in a federal prison for the 2019 shooting death of Special Deputy U.S. Marshal Jacob Keltner in the parking lot of the Extended Stay America hotel in Rockford. U.S. District Judge Matthew F. Kennelly issued the sentence Monday to Floyd E. Brown, 43. A jury found Brown guilty of second-degree murder of a federal officer, attempting to kill additional federal officers, assault of federal officers and multiple firearm offenses in April. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#), [WIFR-CBS \(Rockford, IL\)](#)

Connecticut Post: DOJ: Man admits role in murder, attempted murder of rival gang members, Caroline Tien, August 29, 2022, 8:32 PM

A city man pleaded guilty in federal court Monday to a conspiracy to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity charge resulting from his involvement with a local street gang, authorities said. Trevon Jones, also known as "Buda" or "Budda," 20, of Bridgeport, is affiliated with the East End gang, which has been implicated in crimes such as drug dealing and murder, according to the Department of Justice. Members frequently publicized their criminal actions on social media platforms such as Facebook and YouTube, the DOJ said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Houston Chronicle \(Houston, TX\)](#)

Boston Herald: Boston man charged with 4 bank robberies in Allston, Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Rick Sobey, August 29, 2022, 8:06 PM

A 31-year-old Boston man has been indicted by a federal grand jury in connection with four bank robberies in Massachusetts, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Jacob Pimentel was indicted on four counts of bank robbery in Allston, Brighton, Brookline and Cambridge, U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins and FBI Boston Special Agent in Charge Joseph Bonavolonta announced on Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Daily Voice \(Suffolk County, MA\)](#), [Patch \(Brookline, MA\)](#)

Atlanta Journal-Constitution: Paulding postal worker gets 30-year sentence for child molestation, Henri Hollis, August 29, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Paulding County man who worked for the U.S. Postal Service was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to sexually abusing an underage girl, producing child pornography and stealing mail. Stacy Keith Wisener, 60, pleaded guilty in April to federal charges of child exploitation and possession of stolen mail, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia Ryan Buchanan said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WDEF-CBS \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#)

Daily Voice (Fairfax County, VA): DC Man Admits To Sexually Abusing His Sisters, Infant For Years: Feds, AJ Goldbloom, August 29, 2022, 3:54 PM

A DC man pleaded guilty to charges related to his sexual abuse of children for six years, officials said. Law enforcement's investigations revealed that Matthew Stitt-Johnson, 31, sexually abused

three children, an 8-year-old, a 5-year-old, and an 8-month-old, between 2015 and 2020, according to the US Attorney's Office. [[Continue Reading](#)]

City News Service: North County Man Arrested For Alleged Pump-And-Dump Stock Scheme, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 3:48 PM (EDT)

A Carlsbad man has been arrested for allegedly taking part in a "pump-and-dump" scheme, in which prosecutors say he sold shares to investors at artificially inflated prices, netting him millions in illegal profits, the U.S. Attorney's Office said Monday. Joseph A. Padilla, 53, was arrested last week at San Diego International Airport and is expected to appear in a federal courtroom in Boston on one count of securities fraud. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Prince George's County, MD): Registered Sex Offender Admits To Exploiting Two Minors To Produce Child Porn In Maryland: DOJ, Zak Failla, August 29, 2022, 2:04 PM

A registered sex offender in Maryland is facing decades in prison after admitting to the sexual exploitation of two young girls to produce child pornography, federal officials said. Rocky Ridge resident Dennis James Harrison, 40, pleaded guilty to sexual exploitation of a child to produce child pornography, related to the sexual exploitation of two minors who were between the ages of 10 and 12 at the time of the abuse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Ocala-News: Ocala man sentenced to over 38 years in federal prison for drug trafficking, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 2:00 PM

A 33-year-old Ocala man has been sentenced to over 38 years in prison for his role in a drug trafficking network. Jonathan Jermain Thomas was sentenced this morning by U.S. Middle District of Florida Judge John Antoon II to spend 38 years and 4 months in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTTV-Fox (Los Angeles, CA): Redondo Beach man pleads guilty to exploiting underage girls, telling them to harm themselves, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 9:12 PM

A former Redondo Beach resident pleaded guilty Monday to sexually exploiting underage girls, asking them to send him photos of them harming themselves for his own sexual gratification, according to federal authorities. Matthew Christian Locher, 31, pleaded guilty to one count of sexual exploitation of a child, according to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Central District of California. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVUE-ABC (Austin, TX): Former Johnson City employee sentenced to more than three years in embezzlement case, Drew Knight, August 29, 2022, 8:59 PM

A former Johnson City employee last week was sentenced to 37 months in prison and ordered to pay \$1,175,866.91 in restitution, the same amount he was accused of embezzling from his employer, in a years-long embezzlement investigation. Court documents state that while employed by the City of Johnson City, Anthony Michael Holland was embezzling from City accounts dating back to 2015 and continuing into September 2020. Officials said he concealed the embezzlement by falsifying financial records and other documents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): Woonsocket 'drug runner' to serve 5 years in prison, Allison Shinsky, August 29, 2022, 8:11 PM

A Woonsocket man who admitted to being a "drug runner" for a man who took steps to disguise his involvement will spend the next five years behind bars, according to U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha. Michael Fernandes, 36, pleaded guilty earlier this year to three counts of distribution of 28

grams or more of cocaine and conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTXL-Fox (Sacramento, CA): Stockton woman sentenced for sex trafficking children, Megan Camponovo, August 29, 2022, 8:37 PM

On Monday, a Stockton woman was sentenced for sex trafficking minors throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon between September 2018 and May 2019. According to a news release from the Department of Justice, Dawniel Santangelo, 44, was sentenced to more than 17 years in prison for “conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking of a child, three counts of sex trafficking a child, and transporting a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity” [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBOY-NBC/ABC (Clarksburg, WV): Buckhannon pair get federal sentences for meth, fake cash, Aaron Williams, August 29, 2022, 7:58 PM

Chief U.S. District Judge Thomas Kleeh sentenced a man and a woman, both from Upshur County, to federal prison terms, Monday, on drug and counterfeit charges. Kleeh sentenced Johnna Courtney, 41 of Buckhannon to 10 years in prison and Garry Moran, 42 also of Buckhannon, to seven years behind bars, United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOWK-CBS (Huntington, WV): Convicted West Virginia sex offender sentenced for illegal move to Ohio, Jessica Patterson, August 29, 2022, 6:59 PM

A Logan County man has been sentenced for failing to update his sex offender registration. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, James Robert McKinney, 37, of Logan will spend the next year and nine months in prison, which will be followed by five years of supervised release. McKinney was convicted in September 2012 of three counts of third-degree sexual assault in Doddridge County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWLP-NBC/CW (Springfield, MA): Leeds VA Medical Center employee indicted on child porn charges, Ashley Shook, August 29, 2022, 6:58 PM

A man from Royalston that works at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leeds was indicted on child pornography charges. According to the Justice Department in Boston, 51-year-old Kevin Divoll of Royalston was indicted by a federal grand jury in Springfield with possession of child pornography. He was arrested and charged on August 4th. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDEF-CBS (Chattanooga, TN): Ex-lawyer gets 10 years on latest child exploitation conviction, Collins Parker, August 29, 2022, 6:00 PM

A former lawyer has been sentenced for child exploitation in East Tennessee. 67 year old Kent Lowery Booher is a disbarred criminal defense attorney from Harriman. He was already a convicted sex offender when he was convicted last year after being caught in a sting involving an underage girl. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTUL-ABC (Tulsa, OK): Man sentenced for neglecting child with special needs, Savannah Sinclair, August 29, 2022, 6:00 PM

Victor Manuel Castro Huerta, age 37, was sentenced in federal court Monday, August 29 for repeatedly neglecting to adequately care for a child with mental and physical special needs. Castro Huerta was sentenced to 14 months in prison after ordering that he receive credit for the 70 months he served for his state conviction for the crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSET-ABC (Lynchburg, VA): Staunton man sentenced to nearly 5 years for high-speed chase, assault of federal officer, Caitlyn Frolo, August 29, 2022, 4:00 PM

A Staunton, Virginia man, who attempted to run over law enforcement officers serving arrest warrants, was sentenced last week to nearly five years (57 months) in federal prison. Richard Lee Knight, 39, pled guilty in June 2022 to one count of assault on a federal officer, the U.S. Attorney of the Western District of Virginia said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): Canton man indicted on illegal gambling at cafe, Justin Dennis, August 29, 2022, 2:03 PM

A man who allegedly ran illegal slot machines out of a Harrisburg Road cafe for five years is now facing federal charges. Steven Saris, 47, of Canton, was indicted on a charge of operating an illegal gambling business at Café 62 between 2013 and 2018, court records show. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJZY-Fox (Charlotte, NC): Chiropractor sentenced to 4 years for \$20 million health care fraud scheme, Ciara Lankford, August 29, 2022, 12:52 PM

A Florida chiropractor has been sentenced to four years in federal prison for conspiracy to commit health care fraud, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Jonathan Michael Rouffe, 49, was ordered to forfeit assets from several bank accounts, which are traceable to proceeds of the offense, authorities said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WVLT-CBS (Knoxville, TN): Roane Co. man sentenced to life plus 120 months for child exploitation charges, Wileidy Pande, August 29, 2022, 12:18 PM

A Roane County man convicted of child exploitation charges was sentenced to life plus 120 months in federal prison, according to the United States Department of Justice. Kent Lowery Booher, 67, of Harriman, Tennessee, was found guilty of child exploitation crimes by a federal jury in April 2021. On Aug. 24, the DOJ stated that Honorable Thomas A. Varlan sentenced the disbarred criminal defense attorney and prior sex offender. He was also ordered to pay restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WATE-ABC \(Knoxville, TN\)](#)

WZTV-Fox (Nashville, TN): Nashville man sentenced to 13 years in federal prison for pharmacy, bank robberies, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 12:00 PM

A Nashville man convicted of robbing both a pharmacy and a bank two years ago has been sentenced to federal prison. Federal prosecutors say David Powell will spend 13 years behind bars for robbing the Walgreens on Nolensville Pike and for robbing Fifth-Third Bank on Old Hickory Boulevard. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WKRN-ABC \(Nashville, TN\)](#), [WSMV-NBC \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

WESH-NBC (Orlando, FL): Brevard County man indicted on identity theft, fraud charges, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 11:33 AM

The U.S. Department of Justice says a man from Brevard County has been indicted in connection to identity theft and fraud charges. A 32-year-old Titusville man, Carmel Linot, faces charges for mail fraud, bank fraud, two counts of aggravated identity theft and two counts of false representation of a Social Security number, court officials say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Federal jury awards \$100M to man paralyzed in fall after Atlanta officer shocked him

with stun gun, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 6:34 AM

A federal jury in Atlanta has awarded \$100 million to a panhandler who fell and broke his neck after a police officer shocked him with a stun gun during a foot chase, news agencies report. Jerry Blasingame now needs round-the-clock care costing \$1 million a year, and has \$14 million in medical bills so far, attorney Ven Johnson told jurors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Parents ask federal judge to block Florida schools from carrying out 'Don't Say Gay' law, Andrew Atterbury, August 29, 2022, 6:01 PM

A group of parents, students and advocacy organizations is asking a federal judge to halt Florida school districts from enforcing the state's contentious new law restricting how lessons on sexual identity and gender orientation are taught. In a court filing Friday, the group requested a preliminary injunction, arguing that policies in Florida's "Parental Rights in Education" law branded by opponents as "Don't Say Gay" violate its First Amendment, due-process and equal-protection rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Federal court asked to block Michigan enforcement of gender identity care rules at Christian clinic, Mark Kellner, August 29, 2022, 5:00 PM

A faith-based Michigan health care operation filed suit Monday to block new state-mandated rules on transgender care that the nonprofit organization says would force its staff and caregivers to violate their religious beliefs. In the suit filed in Michigan's Western District federal court, Christian Healthcare Centers said recent rulings reinterpreting state civil rights law "to include sexual orientation and gender identity" mean the group would have to hire people who do not share the organization's values. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Racial justice activists say Biden abandons them with latest crime plan, Jeff Mordock, August 29, 2022, 4:00 PM

President Biden's plan to crack down on soaring crime rates by spending \$13 billion to hire 100,000 police officers is drawing sharp criticism from some of his biggest allies, who say he is repeating the mistakes of his 1994 crime bill. Mr. Biden is scheduled to outline his plan Tuesday during a trip to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The plan to fight crime was supposed to be announced last month, but the event was delayed after Mr. Biden twice tested positive for COVID-19 and then went on a two-week vacation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Black voters say NYC's immigrant voting plan is racially motivated attempt to shift power, Stephen Dinan, August 29, 2022, 3:00 PM

Black residents in New York filed a lawsuit Monday arguing that the city's attempt to allow noncitizens to vote in municipal elections is unconstitutional because it was a "racially motivated" move to siphon political power from Black residents to other racial or ethnic minorities. The lawsuit, filed by the Public Interest Legal Foundation on behalf of four residents, said city council members who wrote the law last year made explicit racial appeals, saying they wanted to change "the color of the skin" of people who were voting in elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Time: Officer's Guilty Plea in Breonna Taylor Case Raises Questions About Possible Cooperation With Feds, Josiah Bates, August 29, 2022, 4:57 PM

A guilty plea last week by a former Louisville Metro Police (LMPD) detective involved in the botched raid that led to Breonna Taylor's death opens the door to her possibly cooperating with prosecutors, according to experts something that is very rare in investigations of law enforcement officers. The Justice Department charged Kelly Goodlett with helping to falsify the

affidavit for the search warrant that authorized the “no-knock” entry into Taylor’s apartment in March 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYT-CBS/CW (Lexington, KY): Former Ky. correctional officer pleads guilty to assaulting restrained inmate, Justin Dennis, August 29, 2022, 9:55 PM

According to the Department of Justice, a former eastern Kentucky correctional officer pleaded guilty to one count of depriving an inmate of his civil rights. Jeffery T. Havens, 27, a former officer at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Center, pleaded guilty on Monday. According to his plea agreement, Havens admitted that on July 24, 2018, he and another EKCC correctional officer assaulted an inmate who had been taken to an isolated shower cell. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Bankrupt Infowars parent company will face second Sandy Hook defamation trial, Dietrich Knauth, August 29, 2022, 1:59 PM

The parent company of far-right website Infowars agreed on Monday to face a second U.S. defamation trial stemming from the company's false claims the deadly 2012 Sandy Hook elementary school shooting was a hoax. Free Speech Systems' attorneys told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez in Houston the company would no longer oppose a trial in Connecticut next month, even though the company's bankruptcy would normally shield it from lawsuits.

[[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Courthouse News](#)

Law360: Greece's Suit Over Faulty Cameras Too Late, US Says, Jennifer Doherty, August 29, 2022, 7:21 PM

The U.S. government has pushed to quash a suit from the Greek military over a \$23 million surveillance camera sale that went bust, telling the U.S. Court of Federal Claims that Athens is too late. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Containers are no hindrance for migrants on Arizona border, Elliot Spagat, August 29, 2022, 1:00 AM

Hours before Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey declared “a major step forward to secure our border” with the installation of 130 double-stacked shipping containers, hundreds of migrants found their way around them, belying his claim. They walked through tribal lands to the edge of a towering wall built during Donald Trump’s presidency to surrender to border agents waiting outside the reservation, expecting to be released in the U.S. to pursue asylum. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Customs and Border Protection officers in Arizona seize thousands of 'rainbow fentanyl' pills over weekend, Louis Casiano, August 29, 2022, 4:53 PM

Customs and Border Protection officers in Arizona found thousands of rainbow-colored fentanyl pills smugglers tried to sneak into the United States from Mexico over the weekend. Officers in Nogales, which borders Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, seized 625,000 pills from five separate inspections, Michael Humphries, the port director for the Nogales port of entry for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, tweeted Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KVOA-NBC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#)

Law360: USCIS Chief Talks Backlogs, DACA Amid UCLA Law Protests, Dorothy Atkins,

August 29, 2022, 10:16 PM

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' chief defended its efforts to reduce enormous visa backlogs during a talk at UCLA School of Law on Monday after students walked out in protest, and said the agency "will be ready" if the U.S. Supreme Court scraps the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Iranian Diversity Visa Applicants Say They Were Skipped Over, Bonnie Eslinger, August 29, 2022, 9:22 PM

Two California chapters of a national Muslim civil liberties group and 159 Iranian diversity visa applicants have sued the Biden administration in federal court, claiming they have been "skipped over" and "unreasonably delayed" in the processing of their applications "for no explicable reason." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 9th Circ. Rules Ariz. Drug Convictions Trigger Deportations, Katie Buehler, August 29, 2022, 8:50 PM

A Ninth Circuit panel on Monday ruled that Arizona's drug possession laws can support federal immigration removal orders despite banning a broader list of substances than the federal drug schedule because the Grand Canyon State requires juries to determine the specific drug type involved in each conviction. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: NYC establishing 'welcome center' for migrants arriving on buses from border, Anna Giaritelli, August 29, 2022, 5:04 PM

The Democratic mayor of New York City said the Big Apple is moving forward on plans to establish a "welcome center" for migrants dropped off in Manhattan on buses from Texas. Mayor Eric Adams defended the delay in opening up a center that can serve as a one-stop shop for migrants seeking temporary housing, food, and other assistance. Adams told reporters at a press conference Tuesday afternoon that the city was trying to "get it right." [...] Around 7,600 migrants who took state-funded buses from the southern border to New York City are in the city's shelter program. Adams described migrants dropped off in Manhattan as "asylum-seekers." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

Laredo Morning Times: Colombia-Solidarity Bridge CBP officers seize hard narcotics worth over \$11.8M, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 5:00 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations officers seized cocaine in one enforcement action over the weekend that totaled over \$11,800,000 in street value. "Officers assigned to CBP cargo facilities ensure effective border security by preventing and countering the flow of suspected narcotics entering the country," said Port Director Alberto Flores, Laredo Port of Entry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Brownsville Herald (Brownsville, TX): Brownsville woman admits to harboring undocumented immigrants, Laura B. Martinez, August 29, 2022, 3:49 PM

Failure to stop at a traffic light led to the arrest of a 36-year-old Brownsville woman for harboring undocumented immigrants at a home for financial gain, according to a federal criminal complaint. Esmeralda Garcia appeared Monday before U.S. District Judge Fernando Rodriguez Jr., who sentenced her to 18 months in the federal bureau of prisons to be followed by two years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXXV-ABC (Waco, TX): CBP: Woman with outstanding warrant for fiance's murder

arrested at border crossing, Khadeeja Umana, August 29, 2022, 10:05 PM

A woman with an outstanding warrant for the alleged murder of her fiance, whose skeletal remains were found in Kentucky, was found and arrested at an El Paso border crossing. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers at the El Paso Del Norte border crossing apprehended 41-year-old Gloria Villa Avila, who "arrived from Mexico via the pedestrian lanes." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Nearly 500 migrants apprehended in Rio Grande Valley, Sandra Sanchez, August 29, 2022, 8:34 PM

Border Patrol agents in South Texas encountered three large groups of migrants this weekend totaling nearly 500 people, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials said Monday. Border agents came across 373 migrants in two groups in Starr County, including 130 unaccompanied children, CBP said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVEO-NBC (Brownsville, TX): \$11.8M worth of cocaine seized at U.S-Mexico border, Steven Masso, August 29, 2022, 6:24 PM

Officers with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized over \$11.8 million worth of cocaine over the weekend. The seizure occurred on Friday, Aug. 26 at the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge in Laredo, according to a press release from CBP. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KIRO-CBS \(Seattle, WA\)](#), [KSAT-ABC \(San Antonio, TX\)](#)

WPLG-ABC (Miami, FL): Federal agents responding to ‘multiple’ migrant landings in Key West, official says, Chris Gothner, August 29, 2022, 11:52 AM

Federal agents responded to “multiple” migrant landings in Key West Monday morning, a top official with the U.S. Border Patrol said. Chief Patrol Agent Walter N. Slosar, who heads the agency’s Miami sector, tweeted that officials took 27 Cuban migrants into custody over the weekend after making landfall in the Florida Keys. Officials took an additional 33 Cuban migrants into custody Monday morning. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

NYT: F.T.C. sues over tracking data that could expose visits to abortion clinics, Natasha Singer, August 29, 2022, 7:00 PM

Smartphone location tracking, a multibillion-dollar business in the United States, can reveal intimate details about Americans’ daily routines including where they go for medical treatments, religious services or mental health counseling. Now the Federal Trade Commission is suing Kochava, a major location data broker, saying the company’s sale of geolocation information on tens of millions of smartphones could expose people’s private visits to places like abortion clinics and domestic violence shelters. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [MarketWatch](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Verge](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Lina Khan’s Merger Metaverse, Editorial Board, August 29, 2022, 6:40 PM

Give Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan props for legal invention. Her agency’s lawsuit to block Facebook-parent Meta from acquiring Within Unlimited, the virtual-reality app developer, creates an antitrust metaverse worthy of Doctor Strange. CEO Mark Zuckerberg has sought to expand in the burgeoning virtual reality (VR) market as Facebook’s user growth has slowed. The

company now boasts the best-selling VR headset and some of the most popular apps, many of which it has acquired. While most VR users are video-gamers, Meta wants to broaden the market with fitness workouts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Judge Trims Some State Law Antitrust Claims From Lye Suit, Piper Blackburn, August 29, 2022, 8:33 PM

A New York federal judge has tossed out some state law claims from indirect buyers in a suit accusing lye makers of working together to inflate the price of their caustic soda product.

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Law360: Oil Co. Claims BIA Transferred Drilling Rights To Competitors, Parker Quinlan, August 29, 2022, 7:45 PM

An oil and gas developer is asking a North Dakota federal court to reverse the Bureau of Indian Affairs' transfer of drilling rights on the Fort Berthold Reservation to a pair of competitors, claiming that because of failed attempts to resolve the dispute at the BIA, suing all three entities became necessary. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Meta Blasts FTC Deal Challenge And Chair's 'Agenda', Matthew Perlman, August 29, 2022, 7:26 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. told a California federal court that its planned purchase of virtual reality fitness app developer Within Unlimited Inc. will be good for competition and consumers, arguing that the Federal Trade Commission's challenge is based on the chair's preconceived notions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Realtor Antitrust Suit Partly Paused For 2nd Appeal, Grace Dixon, August 29, 2022, 5:21 PM

A Missouri federal judge paused some unnamed class members' claims in a realtor antitrust class action while broker franchisers appeal the court's second refusal to push those members into arbitration, despite home sellers' claims last week that the appeal is "frivolous." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 11th Circ. Revives Google Antitrust Suit From Ad Co., Matthew Perlman, August 29, 2022, 4:59 PM

An Eleventh Circuit panel revived and remanded a digital media advertising company's antitrust case against Google, finding that a lower court that dismissed the case was wrong to deem a revamped version of the suit a "quintessential shotgun pleading." [[Continue Reading](#)]

ESPN: MLBPA sends out union authorization cards in first step toward unionizing minor leaguers, Natasha Singer, August 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Major League Baseball Players Association took an initial step toward unionizing the minor leagues Sunday night, sending out authorization cards that will allow minor league players to vote for an election that could make them MLBPA members. "Minor leaguers represent our game's future and deserve wages and working conditions that befit elite athletes who entertain millions of baseball fans nationwide," players' association executive director Tony Clark said Monday in a statement. "They're an important part of our fraternity and we want to help them achieve their goals both on and off the field." [...] Minor league players, whose compensation and benefits are not collectively bargained, continue to argue for higher salaries, which for a vast majority range from around \$5,000 to \$14,000 annually. Furthermore, the Senate Judiciary Committee has

suggested it will call a hearing to explore MLB's antitrust exemption and its treatment of minor leaguers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Law360](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Feds Seek Early Win In Enviro Suit Over Calif. Project Permit, Brent Godwin, August 29, 2022, 7:19 PM

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers asked a federal judge to rule that they did not violate regulations, as environmental groups AquAlliance and the Center for Biological Diversity claim, when they approved permits for a large California real estate development. In a summary judgment motion filed Friday, the two government entities said they used the best science and data available in analyzing the environmental impact of the 400-home Stonegate project, finding the development would not have an adverse impact on ecosystems and wildlife in the area, including the giant garter snake. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Federal government dives into climate fight, but California still leads, Zack Budryk, August 29, 2022, 4:19 PM

The Biden administration is ramping up federal climate action after this month's watershed legislation, but California is showing no signs of surrendering its position leading on the issue. Two months ago, the Biden administration's efforts to pass a sweeping climate bill seemed doomed to failure, and much of the momentum was relegated to the state level, fueling presidential chatter about Gov. Gavin Newsom (D). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: [ANALYSIS] Biden's Enviro Justice Push Dips Into Uncharted Waters, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 29, 2022, 4:10 PM

President Joe Biden's administration is using its authority more broadly and aggressively than previous administrations to protect communities that suffer from environmental justice issues, with federal agencies creating new gray areas that are unsettling clients and local regulators. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: EPA tells 15 states they missed air pollution plan deadline, Zack Budryk, August 29, 2022, 2:16 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued notices to 15 states for failure to submit plans for air pollution reduction, four months after a lawsuit on the matter from a coalition of environmental groups. In the lawsuit, originally filed in April, four organizations charged that the EPA had neglected to enforce the Clean Air Act's Regional Haze rule by failing to notify states that had missed the deadline to submit an air pollution reduction plan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

USA Today: Fact check: False claim that Congress voted to exempt itself from tax audits, Bayliss Wagner, August 29, 2022, 3:55 PM

The recently signed climate and health care spending bill includes a provision to help the Internal Revenue Service increase enforcement and process a years-long audit backlog. Soon after the bill was passed, some social media users shared claims that the same House and Senate voted to spare themselves from IRS audits. "In order to safeguard democracy, Congress has voted to exempt itself and its members from upcoming IRS audits," reads text in an Aug. 17 Facebook

post that more than 140 users shared. "#unbelievable." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Romanian Government to Receive \$1.2 Million In Tax Fraud Case,

Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 7:28 AM

More than \$1.2 million will be returned to the Romanian government as a result of an international tax fraud and money laundering case, the Department of Justice announced. Washington property owned by Radu and Diana Nemes, a Romanian couple who were extradited back to the country at the request of the Romanian government, was sold for \$1,225,465 as part of the forfeiture process, the department said Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCPQ-Fox \(Seattle, WA\)](#), [Law360](#)

Statesboro Herald: Britt sentenced to 33 months in prison, Jim Healey, August 29, 2022, 7:29 PM

Former Statesboro City Councilman Will Britt was sentenced Monday to 33 months in federal prison and to pay restitution of \$352,404 following a guilty plea to felony tax evasion in April. In pronouncing the sentence, Chief Judge Randal Hall of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia agreed with the Department of Justice's recommendation of the prison term and turned down the request from Britt for supervisory probation plus restitution, but no incarceration. As part of his plea agreement, Britt cannot appeal the sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSAV-NBC/CW \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

LAT: Suspicious object that spurred evacuation in downtown L.A. is 'rendered safe',

Gregory Yee, Libor Jany, August 29, 2022, 10:53 PM

Evacuations along South Figueroa Street in downtown Los Angeles were lifted Monday night after authorities "rendered safe" a suspicious object found in the area. A call about the object came in around 2:33 p.m., said Capt. Kelly Muniz, a Los Angeles Police Department spokesperson. LAPD's bomb squad and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives responded, Muniz said. "ATF and LAPD took extra precautions in dealing with the object," ATF spokesperson Ginger Colbrun said, but she did not elaborate. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Investigators are still working to determine the motive of the shooter who killed 2 people at an Oregon Safeway. Here's what we know, Elizabeth Wolfe, August 30, 2022,

1:56 AM

As shoppers at a Safeway grocery store in Bend, Oregon, meandered down aisles and pondered their produce choices Sunday night, a 20-year-old shooter burst into the building and began firing, killing two people and injuring at least two others. Police responded to the Forum Shopping Center where the Safeway is located at around 7 p.m., authorities said. As they rushed into the store, they could hear gunshots but then discovered the gunman dead at the scene from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. [...] Police are working with the ATF to determine if he possessed the firearms legally. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: FBI agent accused of political bias, suppressing Hunter Biden laptop leaves the bureau, Bradford Betz, David Spunt, August 29, 2022, 8:56 PM

An FBI agent who was accused of bias in handling the investigation into Hunter Biden's laptop has resigned. FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Timothy Thibault is no longer with the bureau, Fox News has learned. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Newsmax](#), [USA Herald](#)

CBS: FBI agent suffers minor injuries after weapon discharged outside Philadelphia government building, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 1:26 PM

An investigation is underway after a firearm was discharged in the loading dock of William J. Green Jr. Federal Building in Center City on Monday morning. Sources tell Eyewitness News a FBI special agent accidentally shot himself and suffered minor injuries. The agent is receiving medical attention and is expected to be treated and released. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Caller: Oregon Shooting Victim May Have Saved Lives By Fighting With Gunman, Police Say, Nicole Silverio, August 29, 2022, 8:50 PM

A victim of a shooting inside a Safeway grocery store in Bend, Oregon, may have saved lives by fighting the gunman, a spokeswoman for the Bend Police Department announced Monday. [...] The department has partnered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to determine how Miller accessed the firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Fairfax, VA): US Marshals Nab DC Murder Suspect In Florida: Police, Cecilia Levine, August 29, 2022, 6:54 PM

A man wanted for killing a Washington DC mom of five last month was nabbed by US Marshals agents in Florida, authorities said. Wonell A. Jones, Jr., 34, had been wanted for killing 33-year-old Audora Williams on the 2900 block of Knox Place, Southeast Tuesday, July 19, DC Metro Police Chief Robert J. Contee II said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): Marine on most-wanted list for murder of Phoenix woman arrested, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 11:06 PM

A Marine who was among the most wanted fugitives in the nation for the murder of a Phoenix woman has been arrested. Raymond Samuel McLeod Jr. was placed on the US Marshals 15 Most Wanted list last year for allegedly killing his girlfriend. Krystal Mitchell, 30, was from Phoenix but was found dead inside an apartment in San Diego in June of 2016. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): FBI testimony: Militia members had plan to shoot Whitmer in head, Charlie Langton and David Komer, August 29, 2022, 8:25 PM

A preliminary exam got underway for five members of the Wolverine Watchmen militia group accused of plotting to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in Antrim County District Court in Traverse City Monday. The judge went through the entire day with five defense attorneys, each one representing a defendant accused in the plot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRTV-CBS (Great Falls, MT): Reward offered in connection with gun store burglary in Great Falls, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 8:11 PM

[...] The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in conjunction with the Great Falls Police Department and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever was responsible for the theft of firearms from Groves Taxidermy & Firearms. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KECI-NBC \(Missoula, MT\)](#)

KHOU-CBS (Houston, TX): [VIDEO] 'One pill can kill' | Local leaders warn of spike in fentanyl overdose deaths since 2019, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 7:10 PM

The Montgomery County coroner said he's seen a big increase in fentanyl overdose deaths since 2019. DEA agents said the uptick can be seen across the nation. [[Watch](#)]

WFTV-ABC (Orlando, FL): 'This is an attack on HBCUs': Bomb threats continue as FBI investigation hits six months, Kirstin Garriss, August 29, 2022, 7:08 PM

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are on high alert again as police investigate more bomb threats targeting these institutions. During the first week of school, Howard University students got alerts for not one, but two bomb threats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPHO-CBS (Phoenix, AZ): ATF responding after 3 dead, 2 police officers injured in shoot-out, Nicole Silverio, August 29, 2022, 6:34 PM

Two Phoenix police officers are injured and three people, including the alleged gunman, were killed during a shooting in north Phoenix Sunday night. Phoenix police say that the shooting happened near 26th Ave and Deer Valley after officers responded to reports of a shooting at the Days Inn around 8:45 p.m., just west of Interstate 17. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJW-Fox (Cleveland, OH): US Marshals hunting fugitive in Akron homicide, Justin Dennis, August 29, 2022, 3:22 PM

The Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force is offering a reward for its Fugitive of the Week, a man accused of striking a man with a vehicle and then shooting him to death. Alexander Quarterman, 48, is wanted by the Akron Police Department for the fatal shooting of Derrick Patterson on July 17, 2022, in a parking lot near the 900 block of Copley Road, according to a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHP-CBS (Harrisburg, PA): Overdose lifesaving drug Naloxone can now be mailed to you, Nick Volturo, August 29, 2022, 3:00 PM

Minutes matter and every second count when it comes to saving a life. Naloxone's credited for reversing the effect of an overdose almost immediately. People now looking for the lifesaving drug can access it with just a couple of clicks of a button. Naloxone can typically be picked up at pharmacies and clinics, but now people looking to get their hands on the drug can have it delivered right to their mailbox free of charge. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): Detroit shooting spree suspect was arrested after tip from 'somebody close' to assailant, police say, Jessica Dupnack and Jack Nissen, August 29, 2022, 1:11 PM

The Detroit mayor said it was an individual close to the shooter that was allegedly targeting victims randomly on Sunday that helped police arrest him and end threats of an active shooter on the city's west side. [...] The investigation involved both federal agencies from the ATF and FBI, as well as Michigan State Police. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPTM-Fox (Omaha, NE): U.S. Marshals and OPD need public assistance to find man accused of murder and robbery, McKenzy Parsons, August 29, 2022, 1:00 PM

U.S. Marshals Metro Fugitive Task Force in Omaha is in need of the public's assistance in finding a man accused of murder and robbery, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice. Romeo Chambers, 25, is accused of a homicide in Kearney, NE and a robbery in Omaha, NE. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTRF-CBS/ABC (Wheeling, WV): Ohio person dead after homemade bomb explosion, Bailey Brautigan, August 29, 2022, 9:22 AM

A person is dead after an explosion in the Scipio Township area of Meigs County. The Meigs

County Sheriff's Office says that they began investigating the explosion of a homemade explosive device on Friday. They say that a person died from injuries sustained in the explosion. They say that they are working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and that they executed a search warrant on Kingbury Road. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Alabama man's execution was botched, advocacy group alleges, Kim Chandler, August 30, 2022, 1:00 AM

Alabama corrections officials apparently botched an inmate's execution last month, an anti-death penalty group alleges, citing the length of time that passed before the prisoner received the lethal injection and a private autopsy indicating his arm may have been cut to find a vein. Joe Nathan James Jr. was put to death July 28 at an Alabama prison for the 1994 shooting death of his former girlfriend. The execution was carried out more than three hours after the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request for a stay. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Sotomayor denies NYPD detective's plea to block vax mandate, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 8:00 PM

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Monday denied an appeal from a New York Police Department detective who asked for an emergency injunction to keep the city from firing him over its mandate that municipal employees be vaccinated against the coronavirus. Detective Anthony Marciano has a lawsuit pending against the city in a federal appeals court, and his attorneys last week had petitioned Sotomayor, who oversees emergency appeals from New York and some other states, for the injunction while the case is being resolved. [[Continue Reading](#)]

See also: [Bloomberg](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

AP: Supreme Court fencing removed, but building remains closed, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 1:00 PM

The large fencing that has encircled the U.S. Supreme Court for months has now been removed. The non-scalable fencing was gone Monday morning, leaving only small barricades blocking off the plaza and steps in front of the high court. Court spokeswoman Patricia McCabe would say only that the fence came down sometime during the weekend. "The Court as a matter of policy does not discuss security arrangements," McCabe said in an email. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: From the archives | The hidden power behind the Supreme Court: Justices give pivotal role to novice lawyers, Tony Mauro, August 30, 2022, 5:01 AM

They are the most powerful, least known young lawyers in America. They are the law clerks of the Supreme Court. For an intoxicating year, 36 young men and women quietly screen most of the cases that come to the nation's highest court and write most of the words that come out. When citizens or companies take a case "all the way to the Supreme Court," their petitions almost always are looked at first by the law clerks and disposed of without any justice actually reading the briefs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Biden administration urges Supreme Court not to take citizenship case, Robert Barnes, August 29, 2022, 8:32 PM

The Biden administration told the Supreme Court Monday that it should not take up a case about citizenship rights for American Samoa even though advocates say it would give justices a chance to upend a series of century-old precedents that have been roundly denounced as racist. Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar told the Supreme Court in a brief filed Monday that an appeals court had been right to find that Congress should make citizenship decisions about those born in territories, and the case in question, *Fitisemanu v. U.S.*, would make a poor vehicle for reexamining a series of rulings called the Insular Cases. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#), [UPI](#)

CNN: Supreme Court fences come down two months after Dobbs decision, Ariane de Vogue, August 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

The massive security fences that had been guarding the perimeter of the Supreme Court were removed over the weekend, even though the building is still closed to the public. A Supreme Court spokesperson declined to comment on security arrangements. Security around the building was fortified last spring after the unprecedented leak to the press of a draft opinion striking down *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

SCOTUSblog: Security fencing around court is removed, but building remains closed to public, Amy Howe, August 29, 2022, 4:23 PM

An eight-foot-tall fence erected around the Supreme Court in the spring has come down, replaced by a network of much smaller barriers. The court put up the taller fence, described at the time by police officers as “nonscalable,” in early May, in response to protests that followed the leak of a draft opinion indicating that the justices were poised to overturn their landmark rulings recognizing a constitutional right to an abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

LAT: Latinos don’t see themselves fully reflected in Biden’s judicial picks, David Savage, August 30, 2022, 6:00 AM (EDT)

Two-thirds of President Biden’s nominees to federal courts have been people of color; 70% are women and 8% identify as LGBTQ.

His first choice for the Supreme Court, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, is the first Black woman to serve there. But when it comes to Latinos, Biden’s record in expanding the diversity of the U.S. judicial system is falling well short of the community’s size and growth, advocacy groups say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Law360: Tribal Group Asks 9th Circ. To Speed Ariz. Mine Review, Caleb Symons, August 29, 2022, 7:17 PM

A nonprofit organization representing the San Carlos Apache tribe asked the Ninth Circuit on Friday to speed up its reconsideration of a decision earlier this year that upheld plans for a massive copper mine in Arizona, saying a delay could allow the developer to raze a sacred Apache site on that land. The group, Apache Stronghold, asked the appeals court to decide by Oct. 4 whether to rehear the case, involving a proposed land swap in which the company Resolution Copper would receive from the federal government close to 2,500 acres within the

Tonto National Forest. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Okla. Wants Regulatory Control Over Mining On Native Land, Caleb Symons, August 29, 2022, 5:54 PM

Oklahoma continues to push for authority to regulate coal extraction and other so-called surface mining on Native American land, while accusing federal officials of overstepping their jurisdiction and violating federalist principles in seeking full control over those activities. Responding Friday to the federal government's bid for summary judgment in the regulatory dispute, which carries huge implications for tribal sovereignty, state authorities said federal law clearly allows them to supervise surface mining and restore land damaged by mining-related work. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Navajo Nation Asks Judge Not To Trim Land Trust Suit, Joyce Hanson, August 29, 2022, 5:50 PM

The Navajo Nation has urged an Arizona federal judge not to trim its lawsuit against the U. S. Department of the Interior over a land trust set up for a nearby Hopi Tribe, saying the DOI hampered its ability to access a casino road easement. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Tulsa World: Man at center of tribal jurisdictional issue sentenced in federal court, Kurtis Killman, August 29, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge signed off on a shortened prison term Monday for a man at the center of a jurisdictional fight in Oklahoma's Indian Country. U.S. District Judge Claire Eagan ordered Victor Manuel Castro-Huerta to serve a 14-month federal term for child neglect after noting that the state of Oklahoma has yet to reinstate his 35-year state prison term for the same crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

East Idaho News: Man sentenced to federal prison for violently beating woman for hours, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 1:30 PM

A Fort Hall man was sentenced to 38 months in federal prison for assault resulting in serious bodily injury. According to court records and evidence presented at trial, on Jan. 7, Evaristo Antonio Aguilar, 28, and the victim went to his residence on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. Once inside the house, Aguilar, who had been using heroin, barricaded the door so the victim could not leave the residence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KU Today (Kansas): Tribal law expert available to discuss imminent Indian Child Welfare Act case heard by Supreme Court, Jon Niccum, August 29, 2022, 9:00 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court will soon hear the case of Brackeen v. Haaland, which will consider the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Sarah Deer, University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies and the School of Public Affairs & Administration at the University of Kansas, has filed an amicus brief with the court. She is available to discuss this significant event with media. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Axios: Fetterman calls on Biden to decriminalize marijuana, Sophia Cai, August 29, 2022, 4:00 PM

Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor and Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate John Fetterman is calling on President Biden to deschedule marijuana before his scheduled visit to Pennsylvania

next week. Why it matters: Biden is slated to visit Pittsburgh on Labor Day, and the Fetterman campaign says the Democratic nominee will speak with Biden about decriminalizing cannabis even though he won't appear at another event in northeastern Pennsylvania with Biden on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Marijuana Moment: White House Says 'We Don't Have Anything' To Report On Biden's Marijuana Campaign Promises As Senate Candidate Presses For Action, Kyle Jaeger, August 29, 2022, 4:00 PM

The White House said again that while President Joe Biden supports modest marijuana reforms like federal decriminalization, the administration's [sic] doesn't have "anything to announce today at this point" about whether or when he will follow through on his cannabis campaign pledges. The latest comments came in a briefing on Monday at which White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre was asked about the statement from Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. John Fetterman (D), the Democratic nominee for a U.S. Senate seat, that his campaign released hours earlier, calling on Biden to fulfill his pledge to decriminalize cannabis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: Top Canadian Official Talks Drug Decriminalization And Psychedelics Reform On U.S. Tour That Involved Oregon Governor Meeting, Kyle Jaeger, August 29, 2022, 2:00 PM

A top Canadian health official who heads up the country's efforts to combat addiction visited Colorado, Oregon and Washington State last week to learn about their experiences implementing drug policy reform like broad decriminalization and harm reduction meeting with the governor of Oregon and psychedelics activists, among others, on a week-long tour. Liberal MP Carolyn Bennett, who serves as Canada's minister of mental health and addictions, met with top state officials, activists, harm reduction professionals and law enforcement to discuss how jurisdictions on the other side of the border are addressing drug policy and working to mitigate the overdose crisis. [[Continue Reading](#)]

OPIOID CRISIS

KDKA-CBS (Pittsburgh, PA): Opposition voiced on proposed fracking waste injection well in Plum, Jessica Guay, August 29, 2022, 8:01 PM

The Environmental Protection Agency will hear the public's input before deciding whether to approve a permit for a new fracking disposal injection well in Plum Borough. The well would be the second oil and gas wastewater injection well at Penneco Environmental Solutions' location on Old Leechburg Road. If the EPA approves it, then the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will have to give approval as well. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

NYT: Graham Predicts 'Riots in the Streets' if Trump Is Prosecuted, Jonathan Weisman, August 29, 2022, 7:00 PM

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Bradford Betz, Editorial Board, August 29, 2022, 2:57 PM

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The Hill: House conservatives prep plans to impeach Biden, Mike Lillis, August 30, 2022, 6:00 AM

Republicans hoping to seize control of the House in November are already setting their sights on what is, for many of them, a top priority next year: impeaching President Biden. A number of rank-and-file conservatives have already introduced impeachment articles in the current Congress against the president. They accuse Biden of committing "high crimes" in his approach to a range of issues touching on border enforcement, the coronavirus pandemic and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 29, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- Officials are beginning to assess whether intelligence was compromised as they review the material seized from former Pres. Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. This comes as a federal judge is indicating she is open to appointing a "special master" to review the documents. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- Severe weather remains in the forecast across the south, with Mississippi expecting more possible flooding. The governor has declared a state of emergency and the mayor of Jackson is urging residents to remain vigilant. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- An 84-year-old man was killed Sunday night along with a 66-year-old worker in a deadly shooting at a Safeway supermarket in Bend, Oregon. Police say the worker tried to disarm the gunman and may have saved lives. The gunman apparently took his own life as police arrived. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- NFL Rookie Matt Araiza was cut from the Buffalo Bills over the weekend following

accusations of sexual assault. Now, the accuser, who just turned 18, is speaking out. [[ABC](#) ,[CBS](#)]

- With help from the west, Ukraine is pushing to take back territory in the south that was captured by Russia. But as the war rages into its seventh month, there are fears that fighting near Europe's largest nuclear power plant could lead to a disaster. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- NASA's latest mission to the moon will have to wait at least a few more days after today's historic Artemis One launch was postponed due to engine problems. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- While inflation has begun to cool, food prices remain high, making it difficult for many families to afford even basic groceries. Food banks across the country are feeling the impact of high prices, with long lines and new faces as more families struggle to make ends meet. [[CBS](#)]
- An influential Shiite cleric announced Monday that he would resign from Iraqi politics, prompting hundreds of his angry followers to storm the government palace and sparking clashes with security forces. At least 15 protesters were killed. [[ABC](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "Drone Attack on Syria Base Came From Iraqi Militants, U.S. Officials Say" [[WSJ](#), [LAT](#)]
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MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH

AP: US says it's reviewed documents seized in Mar-a-Lago search, Eric Tucker, August 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Justice Department has completed its review of potentially privileged documents seized from former President Donald Trump's Florida estate this month and has identified "a limited set of materials that potentially contain attorney-client privileged information," according to a court filing Monday. The filing from the department follows a [judge's weekend order](#) indicating that she was inclined to grant the Trump legal team's request for a special master who would oversee the review of documents taken during the Aug. 8 search of the Mar-a-Lago estate and ensure that any that might be protected by claims of legal privilege be set aside. In revealing that the department had completed its review of potentially privileged communications, law enforcement officials appeared to be suggesting that the appointment of a third-party special master might now be moot. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Financial Times](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [NPR](#), [NY Post](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [USA Today](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [WSJ-2](#)

NYT: Trump Request for Special Master Could Open Door for Delays to Investigation, Charlie Savage, Glenn Thrush and Alan Feuer, August 29, 2022, 8:54 PM

As president, Donald J. Trump employed a consistent and largely successful strategy for fending off congressional oversight investigations: stonewall until the fight reached the courts. Even if judges eventually rejected his legal claims, he could use the slow pace of litigation to run out the clock. Facing a criminal investigation into the failure to return government documents — which the National Archives had repeatedly asked him for since May 2021, and the Justice Department had subpoenaed this past May — the former president is now putting forward another potential source of delay. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [Politico](#), [Today](#)

AP: Trump legal team advances broad view of presidential powers, Eric Tucker, August 29, 2022, 10:30 PM

A newly unsealed FBI document about the investigation at Mar-a-Lago not only offers new details about the probe but also reveals clues about the arguments former President Donald Trump's legal team

intends to make. A May 25 letter from one of his lawyers, attached as an exhibit to the search affidavit, advances a broad view of presidential power, asserting that the commander-in-chief has absolute authority to declassify whatever he wants — and also that the “primary” law governing the handling of U.S. classified information simply doesn’t apply to the president himself. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: White House: Intelligence review of Trump document risk is 'appropriate', Trevor Hunnicuttt, August 29, 2022, 1:32 PM

The White House on Monday said it is "appropriate" that the U.S. intelligence community is reviewing potential national security risks if former President Donald Trump took ultra-sensitive material to his residence after his term ended. The White House is not involved in that probe of materials recovered during a search of Trump's Florida residence, the Biden administration said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [CNN](#), [The Hill](#)

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Fox: [OPINION] Legal basis for FBI raid has been 'blown apart': Former Supreme Court law clerk, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 11:47 PM

Mike Davis joined "The Ingraham Angle" to discuss the FBI and their recent raid on former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence. MIKE DAVIS: So, the Biden Justice Department and the FBI has a pretty bad track record as it relates to President Trump. We've seen that they have weaponized and politicized law enforcement repeatedly to get Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Former U.S. Attorney says the DOJ is not providing enough transparency in regards to the Trump raid, Joe Silverstein, August 29, 2022, 9:34 PM

A former U.S. attorney derided the Department of Justice for not providing enough transparency on the controversial raid of former President Trump's home. John P. Fishwick Jr, former U.S. Attorney for the Western district of Virginia, appeared on "CNN Newsroom With Poppy Harlow and Jim Sciutto" and said the DOJ has not been transparent enough with the American people regarding its investigation into Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Mar-a-Lago raid still requires 'judicial intervention' despite DOJ announcement, Trump attorney says, Charles Creitz, August 29, 2022, 7:04 PM

One of President Trump's attorneys handling the FBI Mar-a-Lago raid case told Fox News the Justice Department appears to be suddenly "efficient" at processing cases, after they claimed to have already

filtered the documents they procured when the former president called for a "special master" to sort them out. James Trusty, who previously served in the DOJ and as a federal prosecutor in Greenbelt, Maryland, said every step of this case requires judicial intervention given the irresponsible and questionable way the feds have executed it. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MSNBC, Rachel Maddow Show: [VIDEO] Intelligence Officials Assess Fallout Of Trump Mishandling Of U.S. Secrets, August 29, 2022, 9:00 PM

Mary McCord, former acting assistant attorney general for national security at the DOJ and current executive director of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection and a professor at Georgetown Law, talks with Rachel Maddow about what it means that intelligence officials are conducting a "classification review" and "damage assessment" in the wake of Donald Trump's mishandling of national secrets. [[Watch](#)]

MSNBC: [VIDEO] Justice Department weighs whether or not to prosecute Trump, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 5:00 PM

New York Times Justice Department Reporter Katie Benner and former U.S. attorney Harry Litman discuss how the inquiry into Trump's handling of classified document poses an unparalleled test for DOJ [[Watch](#)]

Newsmax: Dershowitz to Newsmax: DOJ 'Can't Be Trusted' to Look Over Mar-a-Lago Files, Luca Cacciatore, August 29, 2022, 8:54 PM

Alan Dershowitz told Newsmax on Monday that the Department of Justice "can't be trusted" with an internal review of the Mar-a-Lago files, calling for an independent investigation instead. On "Spicer & Co.," the law expert took former President Donald Trump's side in questioning the Justice Department's assertion that it found only a "limited set" of documents that are potentially protected by attorney-client privilege. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

WaPo: Iran sends first shipment of drones to Russia for use in Ukraine, Ellen Nakashima, August 29, 2022, 5:31 PM

Russian cargo planes have quietly picked up the first of scores of Iranian-made combat drones for use against Ukraine, U.S. officials said, in a move that underscores deepening ties between Moscow and Tehran while also highlighting Russia's struggles to supply its overstretched military. Transport planes departed Iran on Aug. 19 hauling at least two types of unmanned aerial vehicles, both capable of carrying munitions for attacks on radars, artillery and other military targets, according to intelligence gathered by U.S. and other spy agencies. But while the weapons could provide a significant boost for Russia's war effort against Ukraine, the transfer has been marred by technical problems, security officials from the United States and an allied government said in interviews. In early tests by the Russians, the Iranian drones experienced numerous failures, the officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Booth Newspapers (Grand Rapids, MI): FBI agent called 'puppet monkey' at hearing for men charged in Gov. Whitmer kidnap plot, Gus Burns, August 29, 2022, 1:37 PM

Five men accused of plotting to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2020 are in court this week for a preliminary examination to determine if their cases will move to a possible trial. Shawn Fix, 40, of Belleville; Eric Molitor, 38, of Cadillac; Brian Higgins, 53, of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; and twin brothers Michael and William Null, 40, of Plainwell and Shelbyville, respectively, are each charged with providing material support for terrorism, punishable by up to 20 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Detroit Free Press](#)

JAN. 6

AP: Rioter who encountered senator gets over 4 years in prison, Michael Kunzelman, August 29, 2022, 12:13 PM

A Maryland man affiliated with the far-right Proud Boys extremist group was sentenced on Monday to more than four years in prison for storming the U.S. Capitol, where he encountered Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer as his armed security detail led the New York Democrat to safety. Joshua Pruitt, 40, was one of the few Capitol rioters to come face-to-face with a member of Congress during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack by a mob of Donald Trump supporters, according to federal prosecutors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Voice \(Fairfax County, VA\)](#), [Forbes](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#), [WUSA-CBS \(Washington, DC\)](#)

NBC: Ex-NYPD cop who attacked D.C. officer cites PTSD as he seeks to avoid longest Jan. 6 sentence yet, Courtney Copenhagen, Jonathan Dienst and Ryan J. Reilly, August 29, 2022, 5:11 PM
An ex-NYPD officer convicted of attacking police at the Capitol on Jan. 6 says he in part blames his actions on “flashbacks” from his past years working as a cop in the Bronx. Thomas Webster, 56, was found guilty in May after a jury didn't buy his story that he was acting in self-defense and attempting to help an officer “see my hands” when he grabbed the officer's face mask after he swung a flag at the officer and then charged through a police barricade and tackled the officer to the ground. Video shows Webster, in a bright red jacket, charging officers, including DC Metropolitan Police officer Noah Rathbun, on the lower West Terrace of the US Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Secret Service Official Who Figured in Jan. 6 Probe Retires, Jan Wolfe, August 29, 2022, 9:01 PM

Secret Service official Tony Ornato announced his retirement on Monday, two months after a former White House aide testified that he had told her then-President Donald Trump lashed out in anger when agents refused to drive him to the Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot by his supporters. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Washington Examiner: Jim Jordan leads investigation into Justice Department inspector general, Daniel Chaitin, August 29, 2022, 11:13 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](#)]

USA Today: Georgia judge rejects Gov. Brian Kemp's effort to quash subpoena in election interference probe, Kevin Johnson, August 29, 2022, 1:29 PM

A Georgia judge has rejected Gov. Brian Kemp's attempt to nullify a subpoena for his testimony before a special grand jury investigating interference in the 2020 election by former President Donald Trump and his allies. But Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney delayed Kemp's testimony until after the November election as Kemp is in the midst of a reelection campaign against Democrat Stacey Abrams. Kemp had argued that he was being pursued by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, who is leading the criminal inquiry, for “improper political purposes.” The governor's attorneys asserted that local prosecutors had “engineered the governor's interaction with the investigation to reach a crescendo in the middle of an election cycle.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Rockford Register Star (Rockford, IL): Illinois man gets 55 years for killing Special Deputy U.S. Marshal at Rockford hotel, Corina Curry, August 29, 2022, 8:41 PM

A Springfield man will spend the next 55 years of his life in a federal prison for the 2019 shooting death

of Special Deputy U.S. Marshal Jacob Keltner in the parking lot of the Extended Stay America hotel in Rockford. U.S. District Judge Matthew F. Kennelly issued the sentence Monday to Floyd E. Brown, 43. A jury found Brown guilty of second-degree murder of a federal officer, attempting to kill additional federal officers, assault of federal officers and multiple firearm offenses in April. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#), [WIFR-CBS \(Rockford, IL\)](#)

AP: New Jersey man sentenced for Tom Brady Super Bowl ring fraud, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 8:00 PM

A New Jersey man who posed as a former New England Patriots player in order to buy and sell Super Bowl rings that he claimed were gifts to Tom Brady's family was sentenced Monday to three years in federal prison. Scott V. Spina Jr., 25, of Roseland was sentenced by a judge in Southern California's Orange County. In 2017, Spina bought a Patriots' 2016 Super Bowl championship ring from a Patriots player who then left the team. Prosecutors said Spina paid the player — identified only as T.J. — with at least one bad check and sold the ring for \$63,000 to an Orange County broker of championship rings. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [LA Magazine](#), [NY Post](#), [Reuters](#)

New Haven Register: Wethersfield man sentenced to four years in prison for fentanyl trafficking in Hartford area, Caroline Tien, August 29, 2022, 9:00 PM

A Wethersfield man has been sentenced to four years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for fentanyl trafficking, according to the Department of Justice. Fabio Vargas-Gonzalez, a citizen of the Dominican Republic and lawful permanent resident of the U.S., 47, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Jeffrey A. Meyer in New Haven Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Hartford Courant](#), [Patch \(Wethersfield, CT\)](#)

Connecticut Post: DOJ: Man admits role in murder, attempted murder of rival gang members, Caroline Tien, August 29, 2022, 8:32 PM

A city man pleaded guilty in federal court Monday to a conspiracy to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity charge resulting from his involvement with a local street gang, authorities said. Trevon Jones, also known as "Buda" or "Budda," 20, of Bridgeport, is affiliated with the East End gang, which has been implicated in crimes such as drug dealing and murder, according to the Department of Justice. Members frequently publicized their criminal actions on social media platforms such as Facebook and YouTube, the DOJ said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Houston Chronicle \(Houston, TX\)](#)

Ocala-News: Ocala man sentenced to over 38 years in federal prison for drug trafficking, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 2:00 PM

A 33-year-old Ocala man has been sentenced to over 38 years in prison for his role in a drug trafficking network. Jonathan Jermain Thomas was sentenced this morning by U.S. Middle District of Florida Judge John Antoon II to spend 38 years and 4 months in federal prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Federal jury awards \$100M to man paralyzed in fall after Atlanta officer shocked him with stun gun, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 6:34 AM

A federal jury in Atlanta has awarded \$100 million to a panhandler who fell and broke his neck after a police officer shocked him with a stun gun during a foot chase, news agencies report. Jerry Blasingame now needs round-the-clock care costing \$1 million a year, and has \$14 million in medical bills so far, attorney Ven Johnson told jurors. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: Parents ask federal judge to block Florida schools from carrying out 'Don't Say Gay' law, Andrew Atterbury, August 29, 2022, 6:01 PM

A group of parents, students and advocacy organizations is asking a federal judge to halt Florida school

districts from enforcing the state's contentious new law restricting how lessons on sexual identity and gender orientation are taught. In a court filing Friday, the group requested a preliminary injunction, arguing that policies in Florida's "Parental Rights in Education" law — branded by opponents as "Don't Say Gay" — violate its First Amendment, due-process and equal-protection rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Federal court asked to block Michigan enforcement of gender identity care rules at Christian clinic, Mark Kellner, August 29, 2022, 5:00 PM

A faith-based Michigan health care operation filed suit Monday to block new state-mandated rules on transgender care that the nonprofit organization says would force its staff and caregivers to violate their religious beliefs. In the suit filed in Michigan's Western District federal court, Christian Healthcare Centers said recent rulings reinterpreting state civil rights law "to include sexual orientation and gender identity" mean the group would have to hire people who do not share the organization's values. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Black voters say NYC's immigrant voting plan is racially motivated attempt to shift power, Stephen Dinan, August 29, 2022, 3:00 PM

Black residents in New York filed a lawsuit Monday arguing that the city's attempt to allow noncitizens to vote in municipal elections is unconstitutional because it was a "racially motivated" move to siphon political power from Black residents to other racial or ethnic minorities. The lawsuit, filed by the Public Interest Legal Foundation on behalf of four residents, said city council members who wrote the law last year made explicit racial appeals, saying they wanted to change "the color of the skin" of people who were voting in elections. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Time: Officer's Guilty Plea in Breonna Taylor Case Raises Questions About Possible Cooperation With Feds, Josiah Bates, August 29, 2022, 4:57 PM

A guilty plea last week by a former Louisville Metro Police (LMPD) detective involved in the botched raid that led to Breonna Taylor's death opens the door to her possibly cooperating with prosecutors, according to experts—something that is very rare in investigations of law enforcement officers. The Justice Department charged Kelly Goodlett with helping to falsify the affidavit for the search warrant that authorized the "no-knock" entry into Taylor's apartment in March 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WKYT-CBS/CW (Lexington, KY): Former Ky. correctional officer pleads guilty to assaulting restrained inmate, Justin Dennis, August 29, 2022, 9:55 PM

According to the Department of Justice, a former eastern Kentucky correctional officer pleaded guilty to one count of depriving an inmate of his civil rights. Jeffery T. Havens, 27, a former officer at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Center, pleaded guilty on Monday. According to his plea agreement, Havens admitted that on July 24, 2018, he and another EKCC correctional officer assaulted an inmate who had been taken to an isolated shower cell. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Bankrupt Infowars parent company will face second Sandy Hook defamation trial, Dietrich Knauth, August 29, 2022, 1:59 PM

The parent company of far-right website Infowars agreed on Monday to face a second U.S. defamation trial stemming from the company's false claims the deadly 2012 Sandy Hook elementary school shooting was a hoax. Free Speech Systems' attorneys told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez in Houston the company would no longer oppose a trial in Connecticut next month, even though the company's bankruptcy would normally shield it from lawsuits. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [Courthouse News](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Containers are no hindrance for migrants on Arizona border, Elliot Spagat, August 29, 2022, 1:00 AM

Hours before Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey declared “a major step forward to secure our border” with the installation of 130 double-stacked shipping containers, hundreds of migrants found their way around them, belying his claim. They walked through tribal lands to the edge of a towering wall built during Donald Trump’s presidency to surrender to border agents waiting outside the reservation, expecting to be released in the U.S. to pursue asylum. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Customs and Border Protection officers in Arizona seize thousands of 'rainbow fentanyl' pills over weekend, Louis Casiano, August 29, 2022, 4:53 PM

Customs and Border Protection officers in Arizona found thousands of rainbow-colored fentanyl pills smugglers tried to sneak into the United States from Mexico over the weekend. Officers in Nogales, which borders Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, seized 625,000 pills from five separate inspections, Michael Humphries, the port director for the Nogales port of entry for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, tweeted Monday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KVOA-NBC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#)

Washington Examiner: NYC establishing 'welcome center' for migrants arriving on buses from border, Anna Giaritelli, August 29, 2022, 5:04 PM

The Democratic mayor of New York City said the Big Apple is moving forward on plans to establish a “welcome center” for migrants dropped off in Manhattan on buses from Texas. Mayor Eric Adams defended the delay in opening up a center that can serve as a one-stop shop for migrants seeking temporary housing, food, and other assistance. Adams told reporters at a press conference Tuesday afternoon that the city was trying to “get it right.” [...] Around 7,600 migrants who took state-funded buses from the southern border to New York City are in the city’s shelter program. Adams described migrants dropped off in Manhattan as “asylum-seekers.” [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

Laredo Morning Times: Colombia-Solidarity Bridge CBP officers seize hard narcotics worth over \$11.8M, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 5:00 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations officers seized cocaine in one enforcement action over the weekend that totaled over \$11,800,000 in street value. “Officers assigned to CBP cargo facilities ensure effective border security by preventing and countering the flow of suspected narcotics entering the country,” said Port Director Alberto Flores, Laredo Port of Entry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAN-NBC (Austin, TX): Nearly 500 migrants apprehended in Rio Grande Valley, Sandra Sanchez, August 29, 2022, 8:34 PM

Border Patrol agents in South Texas encountered three large groups of migrants this weekend totaling nearly 500 people, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials said Monday. Border agents came across 373 migrants in two groups in Starr County, including 130 unaccompanied children, CBP said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

NYT: F.T.C. sues over tracking data that could expose visits to abortion clinics, Natasha Singer, August 29, 2022, 7:00 PM

Smartphone location tracking, a multibillion-dollar business in the United States, can reveal intimate details about Americans’ daily routines — including where they go for medical treatments, religious services or mental health counseling. Now the Federal Trade Commission is suing Kochava, a major location data broker, saying the company’s sale of geolocation information on tens of millions of smartphones could expose people’s private visits to places like abortion clinics and domestic violence shelters. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Bloomberg](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#),

[CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Law360](#), [MarketWatch](#), [NBC](#), [Newsweek](#), [Verge](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Lina Khan's Merger Metaverse, Editorial Board, August 29, 2022, 6:40 PM
Give Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan props for legal invention. Her agency's lawsuit to block Facebook-parent Meta from acquiring Within Unlimited, the virtual-reality app developer, creates an antitrust metaverse worthy of Doctor Strange. CEO Mark Zuckerberg has sought to expand in the burgeoning virtual reality (VR) market as Facebook's user growth has slowed. The company now boasts the best-selling VR headset and some of the most popular apps, many of which it has acquired. While most VR users are video-gamers, Meta wants to broaden the market with fitness workouts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ESPN: MLBPA sends out union authorization cards in first step toward unionizing minor leaguers, Natasha Singer, August 29, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Major League Baseball Players Association took an initial step toward unionizing the minor leagues Sunday night, sending out authorization cards that will allow minor league players to vote for an election that could make them MLBPA members. "Minor leaguers represent our game's future and deserve wages and working conditions that befit elite athletes who entertain millions of baseball fans nationwide," players' association executive director Tony Clark said Monday in a statement. "They're an important part of our fraternity and we want to help them achieve their goals both on and off the field." [...] Minor league players, whose compensation and benefits are not collectively bargained, continue to argue for higher salaries, which for a vast majority range from around \$5,000 to \$14,000 annually. Furthermore, the Senate Judiciary Committee has suggested it will call a hearing to explore MLB's antitrust exemption and its treatment of minor leaguers. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Law360: Feds Seek Early Win In Enviro Suit Over Calif. Project Permit, Brent Godwin, August 29, 2022, 7:19 PM

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers asked a federal judge to rule that they did not violate regulations, as environmental groups AquAlliance and the Center for Biological Diversity claim, when they approved permits for a large California real estate development. In a summary judgment motion filed Friday, the two government entities said they used the best science and data available in analyzing the environmental impact of the 400-home Stonegate project, finding the development would not have an adverse impact on ecosystems and wildlife in the area, including the giant garter snake. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: [ANALYSIS] Biden's Enviro Justice Push Dips Into Uncharted Waters, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, August 29, 2022, 4:10 PM

President Joe Biden's administration is using its authority more broadly and aggressively than previous administrations to protect communities that suffer from environmental justice issues, with federal agencies creating new gray areas that are unsettling clients and local regulators. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

Statesboro Herald: Britt sentenced to 33 months in prison, Jim Healey, August 29, 2022, 7:29 PM
Former Statesboro City Councilman Will Britt was sentenced Monday to 33 months in federal prison and to pay restitution of \$352,404 following a guilty plea to felony tax evasion in April. In pronouncing the sentence, Chief Judge Randal Hall of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia agreed with the Department of Justice's recommendation of the prison term and turned down the request from Britt for supervisory probation plus restitution, but no incarceration. As part of his plea agreement, Britt cannot appeal the sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSAV-NBC/CW \(Savannah, GA\)](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: FBI agent accused of political bias, suppressing Hunter Biden laptop leaves the bureau, Bradford Betz, David Spunt, August 29, 2022, 8:56 PM

An FBI agent who was accused of bias in handling the investigation into Hunter Biden's laptop has resigned. FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Timothy Thibault is no longer with the bureau, Fox News has learned. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Newsmax](#)

KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): Marine on most-wanted list for murder of Phoenix woman arrested, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 11:06 PM

A Marine who was among the most wanted fugitives in the nation for the murder of a Phoenix woman has been arrested. Raymond Samuel McLeod Jr. was placed on the US Marshals 15 Most Wanted list last year for allegedly killing his girlfriend. Krystal Mitchell, 30, was from Phoenix but was found dead inside an apartment in San Diego in June of 2016. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KHOU-CBS (Houston, TX): [VIDEO] 'One pill can kill' | Local leaders warn of spike in fentanyl overdose deaths since 2019, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 7:10 PM

The Montgomery County coroner said he's seen a big increase in fentanyl overdose deaths since 2019. DEA agents said the uptick can be seen across the nation. [[Watch](#)]

WFTV-ABC (Orlando, FL): 'This is an attack on HBCUs': Bomb threats continue as FBI investigation hits six months, Kirstin Garriss, August 29, 2022, 7:08 PM

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are on high alert again as police investigate more bomb threats targeting these institutions. During the first week of school, Howard University students got alerts for not one, but two bomb threats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJBK-Fox (Detroit, MI): Detroit shooting spree suspect was arrested after tip from 'somebody close' to assailant, police say, Jessica Dupnack and Jack Nissen, August 29, 2022, 1:11 PM

The Detroit mayor said it was an individual close to the shooter that was allegedly targeting victims randomly on Sunday that helped police arrest him and end threats of an active shooter on the city's west side. [...] The investigation involved both federal agencies from the ATF and FBI, as well as Michigan State Police. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSYR-ABC (Syracuse, NY): FBI issues warning over alarming increase in cyber security attacks, Adrienne Smith, August 29, 2022, 6:17 PM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued a warning over the record increase in cyber attacks, according to its 2021 Internet Crime Report. Samantha Baltzersen is an FBI Supervisory Special Agent in charge of a cyber squad in Albany. The FBI cyber squads are helping victims of attacks and holding the attackers accountable. Cyber attacks can compromise businesses and you at home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Alabama man's execution was botched, advocacy group alleges, Kim Chandler, August 30, 2022, 1:00 AM

Alabama corrections officials apparently botched an inmate's execution last month, an anti-death penalty group alleges, citing the length of time that passed before the prisoner received the lethal injection and a private autopsy indicating his arm may have been cut to find a vein. Joe Nathan James Jr. was put to death July 28 at an Alabama prison for the 1994 shooting death of his former girlfriend. The execution was carried out more than three hours after the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request for a stay.

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US SUPREME COURT

AP: Sotomayor denies NYPD detective's plea to block vax mandate, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 8:00 PM

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Monday denied an appeal from a New York Police Department detective who asked for an emergency injunction to keep the city from firing him over its mandate that municipal employees be vaccinated against the coronavirus. Detective Anthony Marciano has a lawsuit pending against the city in a federal appeals court, and his attorneys last week had petitioned Sotomayor, who oversees emergency appeals from New York and some other states, for the injunction while the case is being resolved. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

AP: Supreme Court fencing removed, but building remains closed, Unattributed, August 29, 2022, 1:00 PM

The large fencing that has encircled the U.S. Supreme Court for months has now been removed. The non-scalable fencing was gone Monday morning, leaving only small barricades blocking off the plaza and steps in front of the high court. Court spokeswoman Patricia McCabe would say only that the fence came down sometime during the weekend. "The Court as a matter of policy does not discuss security arrangements," McCabe said in an email. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Biden administration urges Supreme Court not to take citizenship case, Robert Barnes, August 29, 2022, 8:32 PM

The Biden administration told the Supreme Court Monday that it should not take up a case about citizenship rights for American Samoa even though advocates say it would give justices a chance to upend a series of century-old precedents that have been roundly denounced as racist. Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar told the Supreme Court in a brief filed Monday that an appeals court had been right to find that Congress should make citizenship decisions about those born in territories, and the case in question, *Fitisemanu v. U.S.*, would make a poor vehicle for reexamining a series of rulings called the Insular Cases. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

LAT: Latinos don't see themselves fully reflected in Biden's judicial picks, David Savage, August 30, 2022, 6:00 AM (EDT)

Two-thirds of President Biden's nominees to federal courts have been people of color; 70% are women and 8% identify as LGBTQ. His first choice for the Supreme Court, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, is the first Black woman to serve there. But when it comes to Latinos, Biden's record in expanding the diversity of the U.S. judicial system is falling well short of the community's size and growth, advocacy groups say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Axios: Fetterman calls on Biden to decriminalize marijuana, Sophia Cai, August 29, 2022, 4:00 PM

Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor and Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate John Fetterman is calling on President Biden to deschedule marijuana before his scheduled visit to Pennsylvania next week. Why it matters: Biden is slated to visit Pittsburgh on Labor Day, and the Fetterman campaign says the Democratic nominee will speak with Biden about decriminalizing cannabis even though he won't appear at another event in northeastern Pennsylvania with Biden on Tuesday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

ADMINISTRATION

NYT: Biden to Focus on ‘Battle for the Soul of the Nation’ in Prime-Time Speech, Zolan Kanno-Youngs, August 29, 2022

President Biden will travel to Pennsylvania on Thursday to deliver a rare prime-time speech on what the White House called the “battle for the soul of the nation,” returning to the theme of democracy in peril that he used in the 2020 presidential campaign as his party fights to hold onto control of Congress in the looming midterm elections. Mr. Biden’s speech outside Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia will describe how democracy itself in America is at stake while most likely taking aim at a Republican Party he has increasingly criticized in recent weeks, according to a White House official. It is also expected to emphasize the reputation of the United States on the global stage. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: Racial justice activists say Biden abandons them with latest crime plan, Jeff Mordock, August 29, 2022, 4:00 PM

President Biden’s plan to crack down on soaring crime rates by spending \$13 billion to hire 100,000 police officers is drawing sharp criticism from some of his biggest allies, who say he is repeating the mistakes of his 1994 crime bill. Mr. Biden is scheduled to outline his plan Tuesday during a trip to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The plan to fight crime was supposed to be announced last month, but the event was delayed after Mr. Biden twice tested positive for COVID-19 and then went on a two-week vacation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

WSJ: Hunter Biden, Border Crossings and Covid Policies Face New Scrutiny if GOP Wins House, Siobhan Hughes, Tarini Parti, August 29, 5:30 AM

House Republicans are preparing across-the-board investigations of the Biden administration if they take control next year, with an ascendant pro-Trump wing pushing GOP leadership to take an aggressive approach when the new Congress convenes. Lawmakers say planned probes would focus on the southern border, where agents by mid-August had made a record 1.82 million arrests since the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1; the foreign business dealings of President Biden’s son, Hunter; and the origins of the Covid-19 virus and pandemic policies that shut down workplaces—all hot-button issues for many conservatives. Also on the list are the Justice Department’s operations under Attorney General Merrick Garland, who infuriated many GOP lawmakers when he authorized the application for a warrant to seize records with more than 700 pages of classified material that former President Trump took to his home in Florida. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: Justice Department ordered to release more details of warrant in Burr stock trades investigation, Sarah D. Wire, August 30, 2022, 2:37 PM

A federal judge has ordered the Department of Justice to publicly release a significantly less-redacted version of the 2020 search warrant executed to seize North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr’s cellphone as part of an investigation into the Republican lawmaker’s stock trades at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Los Angeles Times, which sought the release of the document in court, had pushed for more information after the department released a heavily redacted search warrant and accompanying affidavit in June by order of the court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: DOJ ordered to release more warrant details in Burr stock trading investigation, Kate Scanlon, August 29, 2022, 4:26 PM

The Justice Department must publicly release a more detailed version of a 2020 search warrant executed to seize a cellphone belonging to Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) as part of its investigation into stock trades he made as the coronavirus pandemic began, a federal judge ordered Monday. Burr and Sens. James Inhofe (R-OK) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and former Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) faced scrutiny after reports that they sold certain stocks shortly after a January 2020 Senate briefing on the emerging pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: House conservatives prep plans to impeach Biden, Mike Lillis, August 30, 2022, 6:00 AM

Republicans hoping to seize control of the House in November are already setting their sights on what is, for many of them, a top priority next year: impeaching President Biden. A number of rank-and-file conservatives have already introduced impeachment articles in the current Congress against the president. They accuse Biden of committing “high crimes” in his approach to a range of issues touching on border enforcement, the coronavirus pandemic and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: AUGUST 29, 2022

- Officials are beginning to assess whether intelligence was compromised as they review the material seized from former Pres. Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. This comes as a federal judge is indicating she is open to appointing a “special master” to review the documents. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- An 84-year-old man was killed Sunday night along with a 66-year-old worker in a deadly shooting at a Safeway supermarket in Bend, Oregon. Police say the worker tried to disarm the gunman and may have saved lives. The gunman apparently took his own life as police arrived. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- With help from the west, Ukraine is pushing to take back territory in the south that was captured by Russia. But as the war rages into its seventh month, there are fears that fighting near Europe's largest nuclear power plant could lead to a disaster. [\[ABC, CBS, NBC\]](#)
- While inflation has begun to cool, food prices remain high, making it difficult for many families to afford even basic groceries. Food banks across the country are feeling the impact of high prices, with long lines and new faces as more families struggle to make ends meet. [\[CBS\]](#)
- An influential Shiite cleric announced Monday that he would resign from Iraqi politics, prompting hundreds of his angry followers to storm the government palace and sparking clashes with security forces. At least 15 protesters were killed. [\[ABC\]](#)